

**A BIBLE PARADOX
OR
SEEMING CONTRADICTION**

TEXT:

A paradox is often the very highest expression of truth. The seeming contradiction in terms is only apparent because we do not realize the inner meaning of what is said.

1 Corinthians 2:14: But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

There are many statements in the Bible that sound ridiculous, yet are true facts. This is what we call a paradox, or Para-parallel.

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For example:

James 4:10: Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up.

1 Peter 5:6: Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time:

1. GOD'S way up is down.

Matthew 23:12: And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted.

To the natural man, this is absurd and ridiculous. Worldly thinking says, "Assert yourself to get ahead." God says HUMBLE yourself. We are often the highest when we feel the lowest. The spiritual person gets down to get up. If he refuses to go down, he is way down already. When he is down, he is on his way up.

When a man lifts himself up in pride, he is destroying himself.

Proverbs 16:18: Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

2 Chronicles 26:16: But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction: for he transgressed against the LORD his God, and went into the Temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense.

2 Chronicles 32:25: But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem.

These strange contradictions embrace our most cherished beliefs.

**2. Intelligent people cannot understand
what the ignorant readily perceive in Bible truth.**

We are told why . . .

Matthew 11:25: At that time Jesus answered and said, "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes."

Jesus said: Mark 8:35: For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it.

**3. When I am weak (full) (laugh),
then I am strong (hunger) (mourn and weep).**

2 Corinthians 12:10: Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

Luke 6:25:

Woe unto you that are full! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

**4. We can be naked
while clothed.**

Revelation 3:17-18:

¹⁷ Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

¹⁸ I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Genesis 3:7: And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. [Adam and Eve]

Isaiah 30:1: Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of Me; and that cover with a covering, but not of My spirit, that they may add sin to sin:

Matthew 22:11-12:

¹¹ And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

¹² And he saith unto him, "Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment?" And he was speechless.

**5. God gives beauty for ashes,
a garment of praise for a spirit of heaviness.**

Isaiah 61:4: And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

**6. Jesus walked on earth
while seated in Heaven.**

John 1:18: No man hath seen God at any time, the only Begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.

John 3:13: And no man hath ascended up to Heaven, but He that came down from Heaven, even the Son of Man Who is in Heaven.

**7. The first (now) are last
and the last (then) are first.**

Matthew 19:30: But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first.

8. Although we are born here on earth,
yet after we are *born again* we are home here.

Hebrews 11:13: *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*

1 Peter 2:11: *Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;*

9. There is a stone you can fall on that will break you.
If, however, this stone falls on you it will grind you to a powder.

Matthew 21:44: *And whosoever shall fall on this Stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder.*

10. We see
the invisible.

Hebrews 11:27: *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him Who is invisible.*

2 Kings 6:17: *And Elisha prayed, and said, "Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see." And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.*

11. The majority loses,
and the minority wins.

Judges 7:7: *And the Lord said unto Gideon, "By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the other people go every man unto his place."*



12. You want rest,
“take My burden and yoke upon you.”

Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

13. “I [Jesus] am crucified, nevertheless,
I live.”

Galatians 2:20: I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, Who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

14. For if One (Jesus) died for all,
then were all dead.

We, in Christ, are dead, and alive at the same time.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15:

¹⁴ For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if One died for all, then were all dead:

¹⁵ And that He died for all, that they which live [in Christ] should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and [He, Jesus] rose again.

Dead to the law, alive to God.

Romans 7:4: Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the Law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him Who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.



Galatians 2:19: For I through the Law am dead to the Law, that I might live unto God.

Dead to sin; alive unto God, live unto righteousness through Christ.

Romans 6:2: God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

Romans 6:11: Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Peter 2:24: Who His Own Self bare our sins in His Own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by Whose stripes ye were healed.

15. She that liveth in pleasure is dead while alive.

1 Timothy 5:6: But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth

16. To live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Philippians 1:21: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

17. He that saveth his life shall lose it, and

He that loseth his life for My sake (and the Gospel's) shall save it.

Mark 8:35: For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for My sake and the Gospel's, the same shall save it.



**Corn of wheat dies, but
it bringeth forth fruit.**

John 12:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

**Loveth his live
shall loose it**

**He that hateth his live
shall have life eternal.**

John 12:25: He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto Life Eternal.

**18. He has the most
who gives the most away, and**

**He has the least
who keeps the most.**

Luke 6:38: 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.

Proverbs 11:24: There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

19. Though Jesus is rich, for our sakes

He became poor,
that we, through His poverty
might be made rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9: For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

Does that make sense? Of course not! Yet, it is certainly true.

20. Become a fool (To give away) to be wise (To gain).

1 Corinthians 3:18: 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.

We give away,
and gain

We keep or hold onto,
and lose.

Proverbs 11:24: There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.

We forsake all,
to gain all.

Luke 14:33: So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be My disciple.

Matthew 19:27, 29:

²⁷ Then answered Peter and said unto Him, "Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee; what shall we have therefore?"

28 And Jesus said unto them, “Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man shall sit in the Throne of His Glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My Name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit Everlasting Life.”

21. We can do most standing still, doing nothing.

**We can go farthest
standing still.**

Exodus 14:13: And Moses said unto the people, “Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will shew to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever.”

2 Chronicles 20:17: Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

22. Sleeping while awake.

Sleeping is described here as a condition of the heart (spiritually).

Matthew 25:5: While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.

1 Corinthians 11:30: For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

Isaiah 29:10: For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath He covered.

**23. We fear,
and yet we are told not to be afraid.**

Proverbs 14:26-27:

²⁶ In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and His children shall have a place of refuge.

²⁷ The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.

Proverbs 8:13: The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.

Proverbs 29:25: The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Matthew 10:26: Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

Romans 11:20: Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:

Ephesians 6:5: Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

Philippians 2:12: Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

1 Timothy 5:20: Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.

Hebrews 4:1: Let us therefore fear, lest, a Promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Hebrews 11:7: By Faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the Righteousness which is by Faith.



1 John 4:18: There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

1 Peter 1:17: And if ye call on the Father, Who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

1 Peter 2:15-17:

¹⁵ For so is the Will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men:

¹⁶ As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.

¹⁷ Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

We FEAR GOD.

Revelation 14:7: Saying with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Glory to Him; for the hour of His Judgment is come: and worship Him that made Heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters."

Revelation 15:4: Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and Glorify Thy Name? for Thou only art Holy: for all nations shall come and worship before Thee; for Thy Judgments are made manifest.

Revelation 19:5: And a voice came out of the Throne, saying, "Praise our God, all ye His servants, and ye that fear Him, both small and great."

Matthew 10:28: And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear Him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Luke 1:74: That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear,

And yet are told not to FEAR.

Revelation 1:17: And when I saw Him, I fell at His Feet as dead. And He laid His right Hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the First and the Last:

24. We WEEP INSIDE, but ACT as if WE DIDN'T.

1 Corinthians 7:30: And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

25. We REJOICE INSIDE, but ACT like we DIDN'T.

1 Corinthians 7:30: And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not;

26. We BUY THINGS, but ACT as if WE DIDN'T HAVE THEM.

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27. We BELIEVE we are SAVED, yet look at OUR SALVATION as yet FUTURE.

Ephesians 2:5, 8:

⁵ Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ;

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:



1 Corinthians 1:18: For the preaching of the Cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 15:2: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

2 Timothy 1:9: Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His Own purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Titus 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;

Salvation yet FUTURE

Matthew 10:22: And ye shall be hated of all men for My Name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

1 Peter 1:5, 9:

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

⁹ Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

Having NOTHING, yet POSSESSING EVERYTHING.

2 Corinthians 6:10: As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.



PAST:

1 Thessalonians 1:10: And to wait for His Son from Heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

2 Timothy 1:9: Who hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His Own purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

Titus 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;

1 Peter 3:20: Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the Ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Jude 5: I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.



PRESENT

Luke 13:23: Then said one unto Him, "Lord, are there few that be saved?"

Acts 27:31: Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, "Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved."

1 Corinthians 1:18: For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 15:2: By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

2 Corinthians 2:15: For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish:

Ephesians 2:8-9:

⁸ For by Grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Philippians 2:12-15:

¹² Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

¹³ For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and disputings:

¹⁵ That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

1 Peter 1:23: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1 Peter 4:18: And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

2 Corinthians 6:10: As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

FUTURE

Matthew 10:22: And ye shall be hated of all men for My Name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 24:22: And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

Matthew 16:16: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

Acts 15:11: But we believe that through the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

Romans 5:9-10:

⁹ Much more then, being now justified by His Blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.



Romans 8:24: For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

1 Corinthians 5:5: To deliver such an one unto satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

1 Corinthians 3:15: If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

1 Thessalonians 2:13: For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the Word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in Truth, the Word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.



Hebrews 3:6: But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.

Hebrews 4:3: For we which have believed do enter into rest, as He said, As I have sworn in My wrath, if they shall enter into My rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

James 1:21: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

1 Peter 1:5, 9:

⁵ Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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28. GOD is INVISIBLE,

and yet is VISIBLE, having PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS and SHAPE.

John 5:37: And the Father Himself, which hath sent Me, hath borne witness of Me. Ye have neither heard His Voice at any time, nor seen His shape.

Colossians 1:15: Who is the image of the invisible God, the Firstborn of every creature:

1 Timothy 1:17: Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Hebrews 11:27: By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing Him Who is invisible.

1 John 3:6: Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.

1 John 4:20: If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?

HE is SEE-ABLE.

Exodus 3:6: Moreover He said, "I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God.

Exodus 24:10: And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under His Feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of Heaven in His clearness.

Exodus 33:11: And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tabernacle.

Exodus 33:20: And He [God] said, “Thou canst not see My Face: for there shall no man see Me, and live.”

Exodus 33:23: And I will take away Mine Hand, and thou shalt see My back parts: but My Face shall not be seen.

Isaiah 6:5: Then said I, “Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of Hosts.”

Ezekiel 1:26: And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was the likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it.

Daniel 7:9: I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His Head like the pure wool: His Throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire.

Daniel 7:13: I saw in the night visions, and, behold, One like the Son of man came with the clouds of Heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought him near before Him. [Jesus]



Habakkuk 3:3-4:

³ God came from Teman, and the Holy One from mount Paran. Selah. His Glory covered the Heavens, and the earth was full of His praise.

⁴ And His brightness was as the light; He had horns coming out of His Hand: and there was the hiding of His power.

Revelation 4:2-3:

² And immediately I was in the Spirit: and, behold, a Throne was set in Heaven, and One sat on the Throne.

³ And He that sat was to look upon like a jasper and a sardine stone: and there was a rainbow round about the Throne, in sight like unto an emerald.

Revelation 5:1: And I saw in the Right Hand of Him That sat on the Throne a Book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

Revelation 5:6: And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.

Matthew 5:8: Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. [Jesus]

**29. WE are to WORK,
and yet are NOT SUPPOSED to WORK.**

Titus 3:5: Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Titus 3:8: This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

Titus 3:14: And let our's also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

To WORK

Matthew 5:16: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

Matthew 16:27: *For the Son of Man shall come in the Glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.*

John 6:28: *Then said they unto Him, "What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?"*

Acts 15:38: *But Paul thought not good to take him with them, who departed from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them to the work.*

1 Corinthians 3:13-15:

13 *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*



14 *If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.*

15 *If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.*

1 Corinthians 15:58: *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*

1 Corinthians 16:10: *Now if Timotheus come, see that he may be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do.*

Philippians 2:12: *Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

Colossians 1:10: *That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;*

2 Thessalonians 2:17: Comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.

James 1:25: But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

DON'T WORK

Romans 3:27: Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.

Romans 4:5-6:

⁵ But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

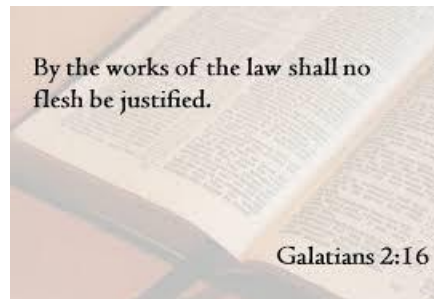
⁶ Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works,

Romans 9:11: (For the children being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him That calleth;)

Romans 9:32: Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;

Romans 11:6: And if by Grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise Grace is no more Grace. But if it be of works, then it is no more Grace: otherwise work is no more work.

Galatians 2:16: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.



Galatians 3:2: This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Galatians 3:10: For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

Ephesians 2:9: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

2 Timothy 1:9: Who hath saved us, and called us with an Holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His Own purpose and Grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

**30. There are those who have EVERYTHING,
yet have NOTHING.**

**There are those who have NOTHING,
yet possess EVERYTHING.**

2 Corinthians 6:10: As sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

**31. JESUS was the REJECTED LAMB SACRIFICE,
and yet ACCEPTED at the same time by High Priest
Caiaphas.**

John 11:50: Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.

John 12:33: This He said, signifying what death He should die.

John 18:14: Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

32. JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE,

John 6:48: I am that Bread of Life.

began HIS MINISTRY HUNGRY.

Matthew 4:2: And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungered.

33. JESUS, the WATER of LIFE.

John 4:14: But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into Everlasting Life.



ended HIS MINISTRY THIRSTING

John 19:28: After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, saith, "I thirst".

34. JESUS, the REST GIVER

Matthew 11:28: Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



**was WEARY and
TIRED**

John 4:6: Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with His journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour.

35. JESUS, THE CREATOR of the WORLD

John 1:3: All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made.

had NO PLACE to LAY HIS HEAD

Matthew 8:20: And Jesus saith unto him, “The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay His head.”

Colossians 1:17: And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.

36. JESUS, the WEALTHIEST MAN ever to LIVE on EARTH, became the POOREST – that THROUGH HIS POVERTY we might BE MADE RICH.

2 Corinthians 8:9: For ye know the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

37. JESUS PRAYED, yet HE HEARS and ANSWERS.

Luke 5:16: And He withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed.

Luke 6:12: And it came to pass in those days, that He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.



Luke 9:18: And it came to pass, as He was alone praying, His disciples were with Him: and He asked them, saying, “Whom say the people that I am?”

38. JESUS WEPT,

John 11:35: Jesus wept.

yet HE DRIES our TEARS.

Revelation 7:17: For the Lamb Which is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

39. JESUS' HEART was TROUBLED,

John 12:27: Now is My soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

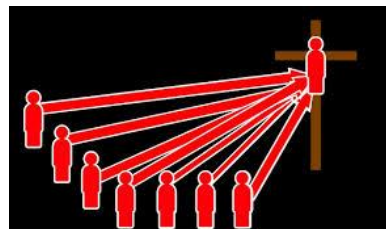
John 13:21: When Jesus had thus said, He was troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me."

yet HE tells us - "LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED".

John 14:1: Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in Me.

40. JESUS DIED,

1 Corinthians 15:3: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;



yet by DYING, HE DESTROYS DEATH.

Hebrews 2:14: Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him [satan] that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

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