

PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE

TEXT: 1 John 3:16: *Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

In His life, Christ prepared the path in which we are to walk. He left us an example that we should follow in His steps.

How can we act like this? Our life, in its sinfulness, is selfish. We could never act accordingly . . . in our backslidings and faultfindings. That old nature must be purged, sanctified wholly to Jesus. He, through the Spirit, offered Himself to God without spot.

SO THROUGH THE SPIRIT

Have you felt afraid or unworthy to make such a surrender? Have you longed for a full and completely satisfied life in Christ?

It comes by death to carnal nature.

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.

Oh, that the life of Jesus would be manifest in our body.

In the New Testament, we are taught by Jesus that the Altar sanctifieth the gift.

CHRIST IS OUR ALTAR

Note:

John 15:4: Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch [the believer] cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the Vine [Jesus]; no more can ye, except ye abide in Me.

John 15:10: 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.

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Philippians 2:5: Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

There is many a person wanting eternal life in Heaven from Christ, who also doesn't want that life, here on earth, which Christ lived. Jesus came to do the Will of His Father.

Hebrews 10:7: Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me,) to do Thy Will, O God.

John 4:34: My meat is to do the Will of Him that sent Me, and to finish His work.

Did Jesus EVER displease His FATHER?

John 8:29b: for I do always those things that please Him.

Matthew 17:5: This is My Beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.

Jesus laid down His life for us. Are we prepared to do anything like this?

WHAT GOD IS, WE MUST BE.

Psalms 99:

1 The LORD reigneth; let the people tremble: He sitteth between the cherubims; let the earth be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Zion; and He is high above all the people.

3 Let them praise Thy great and terrible Name; for it is Holy.

4 The King's strength also loveth judgment; Thou dost establish equity, Thou executest judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at His footstool; for He is Holy.

6 Moses and Aaron among His Priests, and Samuel among them that call upon His Name; they called upon the LORD, and He answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept His testimonies, and the ordinance that He gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, "O LORD our God: Thou wast a God that forgavest them, though Thou tookest vengeance of their inventions.

9 Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is Holy.

YE SHALL BE HOLY

1 Corinthians 3:17: If any man defile the Temple of God, Him shall God destroy; for the Temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are.

Leviticus 19:2: Speak unto all the congregation of the Children of Israel, and say unto them, "Ye shall be holy: for I the Lord your God am Holy."

Leviticus 20:7: Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God.

Deuteronomy 4:31: (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the Covenant of thy fathers which He swore unto them.

Deuteronomy 32:1: Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the Words of My Mouth.

Nehemiah 9:31: Nevertheless for Thy great mercies' sake Thou didst not utterly consume them, nor forsake them; for Thou art a gracious and merciful God.

MERCIFUL TRUTH

Isaiah 65:16: That he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of Truth; and he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of Truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from Mine eyes.



GOD of KNOWLEDGE

1 Samuel 2:3: *Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by His actions are weighed.*

KINDNESS of GOD

2 Samuel 9:3: *And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet.*

NO RESPECTER of PERSONS WITH GOD

2 Samuel 14:14: *For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that His banished be not expelled from Him.*

RIGHTEOUS GOD

Psalms 7:9: *Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.*

GOD MY REFUGE

Psalms 62:8: *Trust in Him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.*

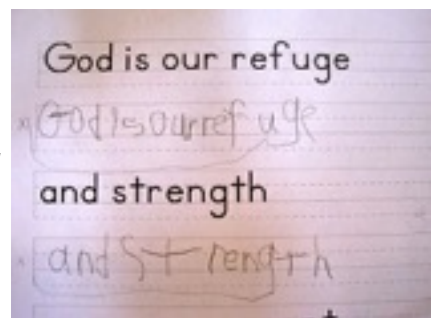
GOD MY STRENGTH

Psalms 18:2: *The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my Deliverer; my God, my strength, in Whom I will trust; my Buckler, and the Horn of my salvation, and my High Tower.*

Psalm 46:1: *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

Psalms 52:7: *Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.*

Psalms 81:1: *Sing aloud unto God our strength: make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.*



LOVINGKINDNESS of GOD

Psalms 36:7: How excellent is Thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings.

Psalms 48:9: We have thought of Thy lovingkindness, O God, in the midst of Thy temple.

GOD - MY EXCEEDING JOY

Psalms 43:4: Then will I go unto the Altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise Thee, O God my God.



GOD - MY SALVATION

Psalms 51:11: Cast me not away from Thy Presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

MY SAVIOUR

Psalms 60:7: Gilead is Mine, and Manasseh is Mine; Ephraim also is the strength of Mine head; Judah is My lawgiver;

Psalms 106:21: They forgot God their Saviour, which had done great things in Egypt;

Isaiah 12:2: Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; He also is become my salvation.

GOD OUR SHIELD

Psalms 84:9: Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thine anointed.

Psalms 84:11: For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.



GRACIOUS and FULL of COMPASSION

Psalms 111:4: He hath made His wonderful works to be remembered: the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

Psalms 86:15: But Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

2 Samuel 12:22: And he said, "While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, 'Who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live?'"

2 Chronicles 30:9: For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land: for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away His face from you, if ye return unto Him.

Jonah 4:2: And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, "I pray Thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that Thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest Thee of the evil.



Malachi 1:9: And now, I pray you, beseech God that He will be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will He regard your persons? saith the LORD of Hosts.

Psalm 116:5: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

GOODNESS of GOD

Romans 2:4: Or despisest thou the riches of His goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

FORBEARANCE of GOD

Romans 3:25: *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His Blood, to declare His Righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.*

LOVE of GOD



Romans 5:5: *And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Romans 5:8: *But God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Titus 3:4: *But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,*

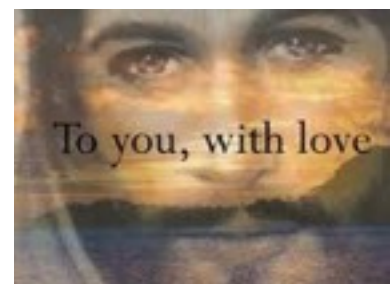
1 John 4:7: *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

1 John 4:9: *In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.*

1 John 4:16: *And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is Love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.*

GRACE of GOD

Romans 5:15: *But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the Grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by One Man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many.*



GOD of PEACE

Romans 16:20: *And the God of Peace shall bruise satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.*

Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:9: Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of Peace shall be with you.

Colossians 3:15: And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

1 Thessalonians 5:23: And the very God of Peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the Coming [the return] of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:33: Now the God of Peace be with you all. Amen.

EVERLASTING GOD

Romans 16:26: But now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the Everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

GOD is FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 1:9: God is faithful, by Whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 10:13: There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, Who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

WISDOM of GOD

1 Corinthians 1:21: For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

POWER of GOD

1 Corinthians 1:24: But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

LONGSUFFERING of GOD

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.



GOD is LIGHT

1 John 1:5: This then is the message which we have heard of Him, and declare unto you, that God is Light, and in Him is no darkness at all.

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