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The word “knowledge” in the verse above is the Greek “epignosis,” and it means exact or precise knowledge; full knowledge with intimacy. It means full comprehension, recognition, or perception; to become fully acquainted with God. This is the knowledge He seeks for us to have of Him. Our opening verse says, we’ve been called to glory and virtue; that means a life of glory, honour, dignity and excellence; but notice how this life works: it’s through the knowledge—“epignosis” of Him.

The Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, shows us how to get this knowledge of God in His prayer for the Church: “That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened...” (Ephesians 1:17-18). What does this mean?

He’s saying that as you get to know God through this kind of special relationship or acquaintance, He’ll grant you insight into reality. Yes, God has appointed you to a life of honour, dignity, and excellence, but as you learn about Him, as you meditate on the Word,
secrets about this life, and how to walk in the reality of it are unveiled to you.

It reminds of yet another powerful truth in 2 Peter 1:2: “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.” Again, the word translated knowledge here is “epignosis.” So, in addition to a life of honour, dignity, and excellence, grace and peace can be multiplied in your life as you meditate on the Word of God.

**Prayer**

Through fellowship with the Word, I’m brought into an esoteric knowledge of God, and of the Lord Jesus. I have full discernment and understanding of divine realities because the eyes of my spirit have been flooded with light, to know the hope of my calling and the glory of God’s inheritance in the saints, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**F U R T H E R  S T U D Y:**

2 Peter 3:18; Philemon 1:5-6

**1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:**

1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Proverbs 8-9

**2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:**

Luke 20:9-18

1 Samuel 20
Inspired by his love for the Lord, David wished to build Him a magnificent temple. However, the Lord didn’t let him build the temple, because he (David) was a man of war; rather, it was his son, Solomon, who eventually built the temple. Nonetheless, David made elaborate plans and detailed arrangements for the building of the temple: he laid aside lots of gold and silver to be used in building “God’s house.” Why? The answer is what we read in our opening verse: “strength and beauty are in His temple.”

Howbeit, Luke’s account of Stephen’s defence of the Gospel before the high priest in Acts 7:48 reveals a striking thought. It says, “...the most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands....” 1 Corinthians 6:19 says, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?” You’re the temple of the Holy Spirit; and if strength and beauty are in His temple, then strength and beauty are in you! Praise God!

This is why it’s so important for us to keep winning souls, because every human being that is won to Christ becomes His temple. Beyond that, every individual...
Christian—everyone that has come to Christ—is a part of the great temple of God; the mystical body of Christ: “Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular” (1 Corinthians 12:27). As members of that body, we’re being built by the Word into a magnificent temple, Jesus Christ Himself, being the chief corner stone (Ephesians 2:20).

Prayer

Dear Father, thank you for making me an effective soul winner, building lives with your Word into a magnificent temple, where your glory, majesty and honour can be displayed for the world to see, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:19-22

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The story Jesus told in Luke 15:11-27 about the man who had two sons, gives us a better understanding of the difference between relationship and fellowship. Even though the young lad left home, and ended up in abject penury, he was still his father’s son! The father-and-son relationship wasn’t destroyed; however, there was no fellowship. When he finally came to himself, and decided to return home, his father welcomed him back gladly (read Luke 15:11-27).

That’s just the way of some Christians: they have a relationship with God because they came to the Father in the Name of the Lord Jesus, received salvation, and became God’s children. However, they’re not in fellowship with Him. They have no time to pray, study, and meditate on the Word; they’re not “walking with God.” It’s like having a child: you give birth to the child once, and that child becomes your son or daughter; that relationship is established once; but fellowship is built overtime.

There’re blessings that are based on a relationship, and there’re blessings that are based on fellowship. For example, Romans 12:3 tells us that God has given
to every man the measure of faith. Each one of us was blessed with the required seed of faith when we received salvation. Nevertheless, for that faith to grow; for you to function in the greater levels of faith, there’s got to be fellowship. The more you fellowship with the Word and the Holy Spirit, and put your faith to work, the greater your faith grows, and the more experience you’d have in the things of God.

**Prayer**  
Dear Father, I thank you for bringing me into oneness with you. I’m glad that not only am I in relationship with you, being born of you, I’m also in a blessed fellowship with you, and my faith is growing from strength to strength in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**Further Study:**

1 John 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:9

**1 Year Bible Reading Plan:**  
2 Corinthians 1-2:1-4  
Proverbs 12-13

**2 Year Bible Reading Plan:**  
1 Samuel 22
When men don’t understand the Word of God, it’s because there’s a veil covering their hearts. It’s like what happened with the Law of Moses, in the Old Testament: the children of Israel couldn’t see the glory beyond the veil. Our opening verse tells us that even until this day, when “Moses,” that is, “the Law,” is read, that veil is still present; it’s only taken away in Christ. In other words, when you received salvation in accordance with Romans 10:9, the Lordship of Jesus destroyed the power of darkness over your life and took away the veil from your heart.

At the New Birth, you were catapulted into the Kingdom of Light; the Kingdom of God’s dear Son. Colossians 1:12-13 says, “Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”

The Holy Spirit accomplished this in your life when...
He baptized you into Christ: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body..." (1 Corinthians 12:13); that body is Christ. Christ is "Light"; so upon the New Birth, the Holy Spirit baptized you into the "Light," and you became awakened to the Fatherhood of God. Thus was the veil removed from your heart to walk in the light of God, and understand spiritual realities.

**Prayer**

Dear Father, I thank you for making me a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light! I pray for the salvation of souls all over the world today; I rebuke the prince of the power of the air, and break his dominion over men’s lives, so that the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ might shine in their hearts, bringing them salvation, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
Everyone is the expression of what he or she believes. Your daily life is the loudest voice that gives expression to your belief. As a Christian, therefore, it’s easy for you to review what you truly believe, and determine whether or not you’re living the authentic Christian life by examining your own life. “What kind of life am I living?” “What have I been like?” “How is the love of God expressed through me?” “How has the Word affected my communication, to manifest the Kingdom of God in humility and in righteousness?”

Have you been putting the Word to work, so the Word can keep producing results in you? Have you surrendered your will and emotions to the Lordship of the Word? Are you a man or woman of your words? Ponder on these thoughts from time to time as you evaluate your life with the sole purpose of improving the excellence of your character.

There’re people who don’t realize the importance of being a man or woman of their words; their words don’t mean anything to them. That’s unfortunate, because the greatest gift given to man, in his natural...
life, is the gift of words; the ability to express himself in words. Your inner personality, the excellence and integrity of your character, are revealed through your words; hence, your words should be your bond.

The Lord Jesus said, ‘by your words you shall be justified and by your words you shall be condemned’ (Matthew 12:37). One of the ways the world around you can see Jesus in you is through your character, which is often expressed in your words; therefore, maintain godly communication every time and everywhere.

**Prayer**

I thank you, Father, for giving me your Word, which gives me the right mind-set and excellent character. My life is the reflection of your grace, love, truth, and righteousness, as I live to your glory, in the Lordship of your Word, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**FURTHER STUDY:**

Acts 24:16; Matthew 12:36-37

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For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith... (Romans 1:16-17).

From our opening verse we observe that first, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that is, the Word of God concerning Jesus Christ, and the salvation that He brought, is the power of God to save men. His power, to bring those who believe out of sin, into the life of righteousness, is encapsulated in the Gospel of His grace. Secondly, His righteousness is also revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Meaning that, there’s no other way to learn about, receive or understand the righteousness of God outside the Gospel.

Then in 2 Timothy 1:10, the Apostle Paul shares another beautiful thought: through the Gospel, life and immortality have been brought to light. What kind of life is he referring to? It’s the God-type of life; the life that makes men sons of God: “...and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life” (1 John 5:11-12).

This is the overcoming life that makes us superior to Satan, darkness, disease, sickness, failure, defeat, and death; it’s a life that’s not subject to poverty. This transcendent life, along with the gift of righteousness,
Confession
The transcendent life of God and the supernatural effect of His righteousness are working vitally in my spirit, soul, and body! I experience growth, development, progress, deliverance, prosperity, and health because I’m walking in the reality of who I am in Christ, taking full advantage of His grace and awesome presence in my life. Glory to God!

F U R T H E R  S T U D Y:
2 Timothy 1:10; Proverbs 4:20-22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:
Proverbs 18-19 1 Samuel 25
Being born again, you have the nature and life of God; righteousness has become the character of your spirit. The ability to be right, and to do right—the ability to perform righteousness—is inherent in your spirit. You’re now required to live that life of righteousness from inside out; you’re to live out that character; the nature of rightness that God has given you! He wants it formed in you, and evident on the outside.

It’s like when a child is born; that child is characteristically human; but he starts building and developing his innate human characteristics through knowledge and information. In the same way, as a child of God, though you’re the righteousness of God, you need to grow and mature in the knowledge of God. You need to become skilful in the doctrine of righteousness. Hebrews 5:13 says, “For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.” A child who is not taught to walk, may never walk; not because he doesn’t have the ability to walk, but because he was never taught.

Likewise, for you to become thoroughly established...
in the doctrine of righteousness, you must be taught the Word. You must be a committed member in a local Church. In Church, apart from fellowship and all the other beautiful things that take place, you’re taught how to live the life of righteousness, which you’ve received in Christ Jesus. You’re instructed, through the Scriptures, how to live out the righteousness of God that’s in your spirit.

As you live out that righteousness, many will witness the perfection and inner-beauty of divinity in you; God’s nature of rightness, excellence, and perfection will be manifested in you.

Prayer

Dear Father, I thank you for the life of righteousness which you’ve given me in Christ Jesus; that righteousness has brought perfection and excellence into my life, enabling me to live and do right, to the glory of Christ who lives in me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 5:17; Romans 3:21-22

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:
Proverbs 20-21 1 Samuel 26
The annual Believers’ LoveWorld International Pastors’ and Partners’ Conference (IPPC), which comes up this November in Lagos, Nigeria, promises to be an extraordinary time of impartation, inspiration and reappraisal of vision for all delegates—ministers, church leaders and ministry partners from around the world. They’ll be refreshed and energized by God’s Spirit and through the anointed teaching of the Word—be more effective in their ministry work.

The weeklong conference will culminate in the prestigious LoveWorld Awards Night, during which, distinguished ministry partners around the world will be recognized for their outstanding contributions towards the ministry’s vision of world evangelization.

Begin preparations now for the International Pastors’ And Partners’ Conference 2013. For more information on registration, visit www.ippconline.org.

Kindly note that registration is required to attend.
Our theme verse highlights wisdom, understanding, and knowledge as three vital ingredients needed for building a successful life. It says with wisdom, a “house” is built; that house could be likened to your life, business, career, or family. It goes further to say that the “house,” once built, is established by understanding; and then by knowledge, you bring riches into it.

Often, you find people whose lives are, as it were, out of joint; they’re frustrated and unhappy, for the simple reason that they lack wisdom. Some others have things going on well with them, perhaps, in their job or career, but they’re unfulfilled because their families are disorientated. Why? Because they lack understanding; it’s with understanding that a family is established and made strong. They had enough wisdom to start the family, but lacked the understanding to establish it.

Some others have enough wisdom and understanding to organize their families or businesses aright, but lack the requisite knowledge of how to make consistent progress from glory to glory. Wisdom, understanding, and knowledge must go together;
they’re needed for a life of all-round success, prosperity, and fulfilment. Proverbs 4:7 tells us that wisdom is the principal thing; it’s your capital: “Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.” Notice it didn’t stop at enjoining us to embrace wisdom; it goes further to say, “…with all thy getting get understanding,” letting you know that understanding is just as important.

Then in Proverbs 15:5, we’re cautioned not to despise knowledge; it says, the one who ignores knowledge is a fool. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding come to you through the Word: “For the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:6). You need all three to be effective, and to live the extraordinary life of success, dominion, victory, and excellence that God has ordained for you.

**Prayer**

I thank you, dear heavenly Father, for granting me the Spirit of wisdom, understanding, and knowledge, which enables me to deal excellently in the affairs of life. I’m living the God-life to the full, growing in grace, and increasing in wisdom and understanding, by the Spirit, and through the knowledge of your Word, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**Further Study:**

Proverbs 8:1-14

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To take advantage of God’s extraordinary power in overcoming life’s adversities, you must learn to express your faith. Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world. However, faith, not expressed, will not prevail. Faith without corresponding action is of no effect: “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:17 & 26).

You express your faith in words and actions. An example of this is seen in Mark 10:46-52, where the story is told of a blind man, named Bartimaeus, who repeatedly cried out to Jesus to have mercy on him. Naturally, you would have expected the Lord Jesus to approach him and heal him of his blindness right away; but that’s not what He did! Rather, when He came face-to-face with the blind man, He asked him, “What do you want me to do for you?”

Didn’t the Lord see that he was blind? Yes, but at the same time, He wasn’t going to assume anything. When you study the ministry of Jesus, you’ll discover He always wanted people to express their faith. Even though it was obvious Bartimaeus was blind, Jesus still wanted him to express his faith as the point of contact.
for his miracle. In response, the blind man said, “I want to receive my sight.” Having said that, the Lord went ahead and healed him.

Don’t cry or complain to God about your situation; express your faith! Jesus said, if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you can tell a mountain to move, and it’ll obey you. In other words, you’re supposed to do something with your faith; if you express your faith, nothing shall be impossible unto you (Matthew 17:20).

Act on the Word today, for faith is action added to the Word. Each time you pray, rejoice like someone that has received. Some rejoice, so they’ll receive; that’s not faith. Faith rejoices, knowing it has received! Express your faith by believing God’s Word, and then talk and act accordingly.

**Confession**

My faith is growing and prevailing, producing greater results as I put it to work. The forces of righteousness, success, divine health, victory, and prosperity are activated in my life as I live in God’s Word, guided and inspired by divine wisdom to fulfil God’s perfect will for me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**Further Study:**

Mark 11:22-24; James 2:16-17

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...Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace: For I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city (Acts 18:9-10).

There’re millions of people in different countries around the world who have never heard the Gospel. This is mainly because, in many of these countries, the authorities have used the weapon of fear, persecution and intimidation to suppress and prevent the preaching of the Gospel. Acts 4:12 tells us, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” We must therefore continue to preach the Gospel without fear, knowing that there’s no alternative to salvation.

No amount of intimidation in this world should shake and prevent you from preaching the Gospel once your faith is firmly rooted in the Word. Our God is the God of the universe; He owns the whole world and has all power. He’s your defence; therefore, no power or authority in this world can hurt or harm you for preaching the Gospel.

Moses fearlessly confronted Pharaoh with God’s message, yet Pharaoh couldn’t kill him, even though he had the “political might” to have ordered Moses’ execution. Why couldn’t he? Moses was on a mission
from the Lord, and his understanding of the importance of that mission, made him fearless. The Lord protects you as a soul winner. Recall what we read in our opening verse. The Lord is comforting you today with the same words, urging you on, and to remain unflinching in the propagation of the Gospel.

Don’t let the fear of man or of any government hold you back from believing and preaching the Gospel as you should. The Gospel must be taken to the unreached everywhere in the world. In achieving this, we must remain fearless, knowing that we’re functioning under the mandate of Him whose Name is greater than any institution, authority, rulership, or power.

**Prayer**

Dear Father, I thank you for your Spirit who causes me to walk in your perfect will, and in the consciousness of my responsibility as a minister of reconciliation. I pray for many around the world today, living in regions with hostile legislation to the Gospel, that the dominion of your Spirit will be stirred in them to affirm your Word fearlessly, and in faith, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**FURTHER STUDY:**

Isaiah 43:5; Isaiah 54:16-17; Ephesians 1:3

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According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue (2 Peter 1:3).

This is one of those “shouting verses” in the Bible; you couldn’t read this and not be exuberant with praise to God. Think about it: there’s nothing He hasn’t made available to you in Christ Jesus. Everything you need to live triumphantly—in dominion, excellence, and righteousness—has already been given to you in Christ Jesus. The question then is, have you accepted what He has given you?

It’s one thing for God to give you all things, but it’s another thing for you to accept what He’s already given you, and act accordingly. Having heard that His divine power has given you all things that pertain to life and godliness, you ought to talk and live as one who knows he’s got all things. God didn’t make a promise to give you all things; He already gave you all things. So talk like you own the world, for you do. 1 Corinthians 3:21 says, “...all things are yours...”; have that consciousness; refuse to let anyone or circumstances make you think, talk or act otherwise.

Study the Word to know all that God has given you. For example, 1 John 5:11-12 tells us, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life,
and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” This means God has given us His type of life: the victorious life that’s not subject to Satan, disease, sickness, failure or defeat!

No wonder in the very next verse the Apostle John exclaimed: “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:13). Philemon 1:6 teaches that the communication of your faith becomes effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing, which is in you in Christ Jesus. Therefore, be bold to affirm, proclaim and rejoice about all that God has given to you in Christ Jesus: sing, dance, and shout about it!

**Confession**

I’m who God says I am, and I have what He says I have. I’m an heir of the Sovereign, and I’m reigning as a king in life. Eternal life is my present-hour possession! Yes! the victorious life is mine; I live above sickness, disease, poverty, failure, and death, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**Further Study:**

Hebrews 11:6; 1 Corinthians 3:21-23; Ephesians 1:3

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In the verse above, the Apostle Paul wasn’t questioning whether Christ was in the brethren in Rome; rather, he stirred their minds to an important reality: He wanted them to know that the Healer lived within them. He said if Christ (the Healer) is in you, though your body may be weak and sickly, He’ll vitalize it; therefore, refuse to be sick.

Paul’s conclusion, upon meditating on our transcendent life in Christ, is that when you have the Holy Spirit, you shouldn’t be sick, because your body is vitalized by the same Spirit. “Now if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken (vitalize, make alive) your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you” (Romans 8:11). The work of the Holy Spirit in vitalizing your physical body is in the “now”; it’s not something that’ll happen when we get to Heaven; He’s working in you now! Glory to God!

The Spirit that lives in you is where the power is: His presence in you has settled the matter of sickness and weakness forever, for He “perambulates” in you, to “fix” any anomalies in your physical body. If sickness “attacks” your body, you have nothing to fear or worry...
about; the Holy Spirit—the Healer—lives in you! His life in you makes you unconquerable. He’s the One who made Jesus the Healer, and had enough power to raise Him back to life; and now, He lives in you.

Perhaps, you’ve been a Christian, and your physical body has been so ravaged, messed up, destroyed, or battered by sickness or disease; what you need is the consciousness of the indwelling Healer—the Spirit of God in you. Christ in you, is your hope of healing and health. Halleluiah.

Confession
The Holy Spirit—the Healer—lives in me, therefore, I’m not susceptible to infirmity. The life of God in me makes every fibre of my being: my cells, tissues, organs, and systems, impregnable to disease and sickness, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:
1 John 5:11-12; 1 Peter 2:24; Luke 10:19

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:
Ecclesiastes 1-2 1 Samuel 31
For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16).

When you were born again, it wasn’t your physical body that was born again; it was your spirit—the inward man. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; that new creation is the inward man. The divine nature—the God life—is in your human spirit. Therefore, you’re to live from inside out; function from your inward man. The way to do this is to keep your focus on the Word of God, refusing to be moved by the dictates of your physical senses.

For example, the doctors may have diagnosed some ailment in your physical body; but your body is not you; it’s your domicile; the house where the “real you,” your spirit, lives. Your real person is the recreated human spirit, and he’s fashioned after the image of Christ. Therefore, there’s no sickness, weakness, limitation, imperfection, or barrenness of any kind in your spirit.

The life of faith to which we’ve been called is a call to live from inside out. 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 says, “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; While we look not at the things which
Confession
I rejoice to know that by keeping my focus on the Word, and functioning from my spirit, I can bring forth prosperity, health, victory, and excellence and live by the guidance and direction given to my spirit from the Lord. Glory to God!

Further Study:

2 Corinthians 5:7 (AMP)

1 Year Bible Reading Plan:
2 Corinthians 12:1-21
Ecclesiastes 3-5

2 Year Bible Reading Plan:
2 Samuel 1
The greatest thing that could ever happen to any human person is to know and have Jesus Christ in his life; He’s the solution to all problems, and answer to all questions. A man’s problems are “excusable” only if he doesn’t have Christ living in him; only then can his complaints and frustrations be “justified.” If Christ is in you, you have no reason for failure in life; you have no excuse for defeat.

Christ in you is not some imagination or fable; it’s a reality. 1 Corinthians 3:16 says, “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?” The Spirit of God, who is the conveyor of the blessings of God, and of all that’s been given to us in Christ Jesus, lives in you. Become conscious of this truth, and proclaim it all the time.

Romans 8:10 gives us an idea of the supernatural impact of Christ in you: “And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin but the spirit is life because of righteousness.” This is awesome! It means that as one in whom Christ dwells, no sickness, disease, or infirmity can ravage your body. Besides, even if your body has been so bruised, broken, or paralyzed by

To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).
sickness, the Spirit will give it life—revitalize it—because of righteousness. This brings to mind what Peter did when he encountered a certain man named Aeneas, who had been paralyzed for eight long years.

In that condition of paralysis, Aeneas received the Gospel and believed in Jesus Christ. Peter looked at him, and all he said was, “Aeneas, Jesus Christ makes you well; get up”; and that was it! Aeneas was healed instantly by the power of God (Acts 9:33-34). Peter didn’t pray for him; why? He realized that Christ was all Aeneas needed. Christ in you, is your hope of health, success, strength, prosperity, progress, and excellence. Christ in you means glory in your life! Blessed be God!

Prayer
Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the grace and ability you’ve given me in Christ Jesus. I declare that by the ability of the Spirit that’s at work in me, I can do all things and walk in victory over unpleasant circumstances, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:
1 John 4:4; Philippians 4:13

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It was a night many will remember for a very long time: a night of praise, worship, and prophecies. The event was the first “International Music Concert with Pastor Chris” which held in the month of June 2013 at the prestigious LoveWorld Convocation Arena, and was beamed live to a global audience.

As the musical performances went on, the glory of God filled the atmosphere in all the venues, and attendees were literally transported to higher realms of glory.

Now Available On DVD

The International Music Concert with Pastor Chris, featuring LoveWorld Music Ministers, is now available on DVD, meaning that you can relive the electrifying moments anytime you wish! You can place an order by sending an email to imc@loveworld360.com.

Next Edition!

The second edition of the International Musical Concert holds in November 2013, as part of the activities to round off this years’ International Pastors’ and Partners’ Conference (IPPC). Start making preparations now to attend.
B eing born again, you’ve been brought into a life of success, prosperity, and health. It’s however your responsibility to work out your victorious life in Christ; “...work out your own salvation...” (Philippians 2:12); in other words, make the salvation you’ve received effective. Some Christians don’t realize this, hence they’re hoping, expecting, and praying that God will do something more that’ll better their lives.

There’s nothing more the Lord needs to do than He already did for you in Christ. He’s already done everything necessary to ensure your healing, well-being, deliverance, and prosperity; He’s done everything for you to live a balanced life of righteousness, dominion, and power. If, for example, you were praying, “O God, give me peace,” that would be praying incorrectly, because He already gave you peace. He said in John 14:27, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you....”

What you need today is how to take possession of the blessings of God in your life; take advantage of what He’s already done. He’s given you all things free to enjoy. 1 Corinthians 3:21 says “...all things are yours...”; but how are you going to enjoy them? 2 Peter 1:2-3 gives us the answer; it says, “Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of

*That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus* (Philemon 1:6).
God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

Grace, peace, promotion, blessings, and prosperity will be multiplied in your life through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus, our Lord. As important as prayer and fasting are to your spiritual growth, you should notice that the scripture didn’t say, “through fasting and prayers, grace and peace are multiplied to you.” Rather, it directs your attention to revelation knowledge through the Word. Such specialized knowledge comes to you through diligent study and meditation on the Word.

Through this special knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, not only are you acquainted with your rights, privileges, and inheritance in Christ, you’re catapulted to the realm where you walk in the reality of the eternal deposits of God’s blessings in you.

Prayer
Dear Father, thank you for granting me an excellent spirit that’s full of the eternal deposits of your goodness, graces, perfections, and beauty. My understanding is enlightened to have precise knowledge of the great riches of your glorious inheritance in me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:
2 Peter 1:2-3; 2 Timothy 2:15

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN: 2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:
Ecclesiastes 9-12 2 Samuel 3-4
The Lord Jesus, while He walked this earth, lived such an exemplary life of faith. His confidence and apparent mastery over life’s circumstances is awe-inspiring. He dazzled everyone by His extraordinary life of dominion. On a certain occasion, His disciples couldn’t help but ask out loud, in utter amazement: “...What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him” (Luke 8:25).

Luke 8:23-24 records for us the occasion that prompted this question from the disciples: “But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm.” Observe closely what the Master did: He rebuked the wind and the raging waves; that means He spoke words. He actually said, “...peace, be still” (Mark 4:39), and there was a great calm.

This gives us an insight into how He prevailed over circumstances. He ruled negative circumstances with faith-filled words. He spoke words, and blind eyes

...And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith (1 John 5:4).
opened up, maimed limbs were restored, and deaf ears were unstopped. He spoke and Lazarus, who was already dead and buried for four days, came back to life. He did all these to show that we can do the same; for as He is, so are we in this world (1 John 4:17).

No wonder He said in John 14:12, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do....” Rise up today and proclaim victory over that unpleasant situation. Proclaim victory in your health, family, finances, business, academics, job, etc. Declare that greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world. Rule and frame your world with faith-filled words, and watch your life move from one degree of glory to another.

Confession
I know who I am. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me! The world is mine, because I’m a joint-heir with Christ. Greater is He that’s in me, than he that’s in the world. I live the life of excellence, victory, and dominion over Satan; I reign triumphantly in all circumstances, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.
TODAY'S HOPE, TOMORROW'S FUTURE
SEEDING THE NEXT GENERATION WITH GOD’S WORD

GET READY! BE A PART OF UPCOMING REACHOUT CAMPAIGNS WITH RHAPSODY OF REALITIES

RHAPSODY OF REALITIES FREE DISTRIBUTION IN PAKISTAN
The influence of God’s Word is significant in the lives of children, as it prepares them for a glorious future in Christ. Psalms 67:2 says, “That your way may be known on the earth, your salvation among all nations” (NASV). Every child reached with the Gospel is a gain to society today, and it’s hope for the future. This is why every opportunity to influence the lives of children with God’s Word counts.

In Nigeria, the Children’s Day Celebration is commemorated on May 27 each year. This year’s Children’s Day Celebration was exceptional as several free copies of Rhapsody of Realities for Kids, Rhapsody of Realities for Early Readers and ROR TeeVo were distributed in over 2,000 Primary and Secondary Schools across the 36 states in the country. In addition, two new books by Pastor Chris namely,
Now that You Are Born Again for Teens and My Faith Confessions were also freely distributed alongside the devotionals.

During this epoch-making event, the Word of God came alive to the children through these books and devotionals, and many of them gloriously gave their hearts to Christ. Everywhere the partners distributed free copies of the materials—in homes, schools, orphanages, hospitals, parks, and public places—the children were awed and joyfully received the colourful materials. So much impact was recorded from this timely distribution of God’s Word to tomorrow’s leaders.

**BLESS THE KIDS WHEREVER YOU ARE!**

Wherever you are in the world, you can organize a Children’s Day Celebration in your country, as well as other programmes and campaigns, packaged specifically to reach children and teenagers with the Word of God. These opportunities are:

** Adoption a Nation Campaign: ** You can adopt a nation by sponsoring the Children’s materials as evangelical tools to children and teenagers in that nation. In a case where the nation speaks a different language other than English, we’ll collaborate with you to translate the books and devotionals into that language, so the children can read God’s Word in their own native dialect. What a glorious opportunity!

** Sponsor a Campaign: ** One of our major campaigns is Hope for a Child Campaign. This is a great opportunity to send materials for Mission Support to unreached children and teenagers within and outside your immediate environment, such as orphanages, children homes, and the inner cities in any country of your choice. We enjoin you to work with us in bringing hope to unreached children today in desolate parts of the world. They also deserve to experience the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ!
Organized Outreaches: You can organise an outreach in your city to minister specifically to the young ones in your catchment. Such outreaches range from Study Clubs in secondary schools to Fun Day in primary schools, hospital outreaches in children’s wards, and so on. These are opportunities to reach individual kids and teenagers, one at a time.

ReachOut Campaigns: Children’s devotionals now form a vital part of the materials for distribution during the Reachout Campaigns around the world. In nations like Nigeria, Ghana, South Africa, Cameroon, and many more, partners have consistently blessed the children in their nations by not only distributing free copies of the children’s devotionals, but also by embarking on community projects in schools, public libraries, and educational institutions.

To join us in bringing life and hope to many more children and teens this year, please visit www.kiddiesloveworld.org or contact us at: info@kiddiesloveworld.org, +2348085865700, +2347089995994.

Rhapsody Mandate Network

“The Rhapsody Mandate Network is a fantastic way of reaching souls all over the world and also developing labourers in the Kingdom. Since the mandate was given, I have relentlessly found ways to raise subscribers for Rhapsody of Realities, signing up 60 subscribers in one week! I got my colleagues in the office to become subscribers, and they are so happy for the opportunity. They have now joined me in raising more subscribers. Now we have more labourers in the house!”

- B. Onanuga; Lagos Nigeria.
Member, Rhapsody Mandate Network

Your world is waiting for you; join the Rhapsody Mandate Network today!

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On April 30th 2013, Netherlands was coloured orange, as the Dutch celebrated not only the birthday of their queen, Beatrix, but also the inauguration of a new king, her son Willem-Alexander. From next year the Dutch monarch’s birthday will be nationally celebrated as Kingsday on the 27th of April, after decades of Queensdays.

Led by the Holy Spirit, zealous partners of Rhapsody of Realities yearly take advantage of these festivities to storm the streets of various cities in Amsterdam with the Word of God as taught in the devotional. This year, they employed a different strategy in distributing the messenger angel to ensure maximum impact. Their expectations were high, and they were mightily helped to attain and surpass all their expectations.

The interest of the people for the Rhapsody of Realities was evident, as they received the free copies with great excitement, and were eager to hear the gospel. Partners testified of the joyful amazement many expressed as they heard about Jesus’ love for them. Many gave their hearts to Christ and the Word that was planted in so many hearts will surely achieve the purpose for which it has been sent, according to Isaiah 55:11.

While distributing the devotional to people, the partners also shared the Gospel with them, and got many saved.
Holding Forth The Beacon At The Inlay Lake

The Inlay Lake, home of Myanmar’s Intha people, is one of the largest lakes in the country. The Intha people have lived and worked on the waters for generations, and their fishermen are the famous leg rowers, who row their small wooden boats with one leg.

Partners of Rhapsody of Realities embarked on a missionary trip to this region, where the people mostly practice Buddhism. They shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ and distributed Rhapsody of Realities in the Shan and Myanmar languages to the villagers who live around the lake, and many gave their hearts to Christ. Some who were animists, gave up their beliefs, and accepted the Lord Jesus as the Lord of their lives. It was a beautiful experience, and they spent the whole day fellowshipping with the villagers.
An Inspiring Meeting At Hang Sam Town

Afterwards, the partners met with members of a Women’s Society Development group; a group of top-class women who were leaders of different organizations. They shared the Word of God with them, and gave them copies of Rhapsody of Realities. How excited they were to receive the devotional! They were so glad, and many of them asked how they could subscribe to get the devotional every month.

An Outpouring Of The Spirit At Pin Lone Town

In Pin Lone Town, the partners met Christians who were yet to receive the Holy Spirit; in fact, they had never even heard about Him. Their experience was very much like that of Paul when he met some disciples at Ephesus, and asked them if they had received the Holy Ghost since they believed (Acts 19:1-7).

They shared God’s Word with them, got them filled with the Spirit, and gave them copies of Rhapsody of Realities. Some of the recipients, who were church leaders, explained that they had no other Christian resource material to read except the Bible. Thus, Rhapsody of Realities was a great blessing to them, and they collected many copies for their churches.

It was a great outing for the partners who were able to infiltrate the Shan State with the Gospel through Rhapsody of Realities. This is only the beginning, as they’ll keep flying the flag of Christ’s Kingdom, till the Word of God spreads through the length and breadth of Myanmar!
Here’s a schedule of ReachOut campaigns and Rhapsody of Realities Missions Trips coming up in the following months:

**REACHOUT CAMPAIGNS**

**SEPTEMBER, 2013**
1. INDIA
2. ONLINE REACHOUT MIDDLE EAST & ASIA
3. ST. KITTS & NEVIS
4. HAITI
5. SENEGAL
6. GUINEA BISSAU
7. CAPE VERDE
8. BURUNDI
9. ETHIOPIA
10. GERMANY
11. TOGO
12. COTE D’IVOIRE
13. GUINEA
14. LIBERIA
15. GAMBIA
16. KENYA
17. UGANDA
18. TANZANIA
19. RWANDA
20. HONG KONG
21. MACAU
22. ZAMBIA
23. ZIMBABWE
24. SOUTH AFRICA
25. LESOTHO
26. MALAWI
27. SWAZILAND

**OCTOBER, 2013**
1. CURACAO
2. CHAD
3. EQUATORIAL GUINEA
4. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE

**MISSIONS TRIPS**

* PHILIPPINES  
* ICELAND  
* SLOVAKIA
* GEORGIA  
* FAROE ISLANDS  
* CYPRUS
* CUBA  
* POLAND  
* SWEDEN  
* CHILE  
* CZECH REPUBLIC

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or visit: www.rhapsodyofrealities.org
One Million
FREE COPIES OF e-Rhapsody of Realities!!!

It's time again to impact people in the Middle East & Asia with God's Word in the 2013 Online ReachOut Middle East & Asia Campaigns! From October 2013 to February 2014, one million e-copies of Rhapsody of Realities will be available for free download in Arabic, Turkish, Farsi, Urdu, Hebrew, and other languages of the world. Simply log on to www.rhapsodyofrealities.org/middleeastandasia

EVERYONE SHOULD BE PART OF THIS; HERE'S HOW

If you live or work in the Middle East or Asia, or you have friends and loved ones that live or work there; maybe you know people who speak the Arabic, Turkish, Farsi, Urdu or Hebrew languages anywhere in the world, this campaign provides you an excellent wonderful opportunity to bless them with e-copies of the Messenger Angel!

Participate by following 5 quick and easy steps:

- Visit www.rhapsodyofrealities.org/middleeastandasia
- Download an e-copy of Rhapsody of Realities for yourself.
- Send the download link to your friends and loved ones, so they can download e-copies of the devotional in the above languages, anywhere in the world.
- Use the "Invite" feature on the website to invite them to participate on the website, and invite others.
- Talk about ReachOut Middle East & Asia on all your social networks.

Join the fun and excitement on www.rhapsodyofrealities.org/middleeastandasia; a special gift awaits you for signing up your friends and loved ones!
What joy filled the hearts of many Pakistanis recently when partners of Rhapsody of Realities distributed several free copies of the devotional in their country! It was a glorious move of the Spirit that saw ministers from various ministries across Pakistan, participating excitedly.

Joyful Beneficiaries In Karachi
Pastor Ishaq F. Khokhar of Open Door Ministries, Karachi, couldn’t hide his emotions: “We’ve been distributing this wonderful dynamic study book for days, and so many people have been richly blessed. They’re so happy to receive the Good News. We’re grateful to the partners for sending us free copies of the devotional. They’re seeds that’ll yield into a great harvest of souls for the everlasting Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ!”

An Experience Of A Lifetime At Kashmir
The divine experience spread from Karachi in southern Pakistan to the northern half of the country, to major cities like Kashmir and Lahore. In Kashmir, the Jesus Lovers’ Welfare Society, an organization that caters for the needs of very poor people in Kashmir, partnered with the ministry by
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Free Distribution In Pakistan Cont’d.

distributing free copies of Rhapsody of Realities in the Urdu language. “What an experience of a lifetime!” exclaimed Shakeel Anjum Saawan, a member of the Jesus Lovers’ Welfare Society. “Not only were we able to cater for the needs of the poor, we also catered for their spiritual needs,” he said.

High Demand For The Devotional At Lahore
At Lahore, the Acts Ministries Pakistan, led by Pastor Wilson Ejaz, and the other local churches, held a healing meeting at Asif Town II. It was the gathering of almost 500 people, and they used the occasion to distribute Rhapsody of Realities.

“All the copies of Rhapsody of Realities were like hot cakes,” said Pastor Wilson. “It took us only a few minutes to exhaust all the copies we had. We’re all so excited and grateful to have the devotional in our language.”

To partner with Rhapsody of Realities by sponsoring free distribution campaigns around the world, please call the following numbers:
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+2348025013846.
Another opportunity is around the corner for partners of Rhapsody of Realities in Nigeria to fly high the green and white flag of our beloved country: green symbolizing fertility, and white symbolizing peace.

In the month of October, partners will embark on the free distribution of several million copies of the messenger angel, Rhapsody of Realities, around the country. The devotional is loaded with insightful revelations from God’s Word that will heal, and vivify every sector in our country.

The partners will also embark on meaningful community projects that will improve the living conditions of many Nigerians.

Join us, as we bring the fresh wind of change to Nigeria through the Word of God.

For more information on how to participate, please call: +234-1-4488444, +2347086459246, +2348025013846, +2348025013715.
Those who define Christianity as the imitation of Christ; this isn’t quite accurate. Christianity is the revelation of Christ in you. For example, a house has a kitchen, but the kitchen isn’t the house. In Christianity, there’s the imitation of Christ; but Christianity, essentially, isn’t the imitation of Christ.

Many people have never really understood true Christianity; hence, they tell everyone to imitate Christ. However, the message to imitate Christ isn’t for everyone, but for those in whom is the life and nature of God. You couldn’t imitate Christ except you have His life in you. How really are we supposed to imitate Christ? Are we supposed to go to the Cross and die as He did? Did He say that everything He did, we must do? Are we to go to the wilderness and fast for forty days and forty nights, as He did? Is it by copying His mannerisms, dressing, tone of voice etc.? Certainly not; but, we can study about Him in the Word; we can see Him in the Word and follow His examples.

1 Peter 2:21-23, lets us know some of the areas we can imitate Him. It says, “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving
Prayer

Dear Father, I thank you for filling my heart with the revelation of your Word, and the wisdom to do your will. As I apply my heart to your Word, Christ is formed in me, and His character of love and nature of righteousness are revealed through me day by day, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

The summation of His character is love; we’re to therefore emulate Him by walking in love. Ephesians 5:2 AMP admonishes us to “…walk in love, [esteeming and delighting in one another] as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a slain offering and sacrifice to God [for you, so that it became] a sweet fragrance.”

1 John 4:7-8 says, “Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.”

Prayer

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**Further Study:**

1 John 4:7-9

**1 Year Bible Reading Plan:**

Galatians 3:1-14

Songs of Solomon 3-5

**2 Year Bible Reading Plan:**


2 Samuel 7-8
Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

Notice that our opening verse didn’t say “ask God for mercy,” but to “obtain” or “collect” mercy. Do you need mercy in your life? Don’t pray, “O God, have mercy on me!” That won’t work because He already had mercy on the whole world when He sent Jesus. Jesus was the extended mercy of God. Now, you’re to come boldly to the throne of grace and “collect” it.

The next part says, “...and find grace to help in time of need.” You have to determine which grace you need, because there are different “graces.” Is it the grace for healing, or the grace for multiplication? Is it the grace for winning souls? Which grace do you want? You could even get more grace for your business and for your finances. James 4:6 says, “...he giveth more grace....” It’s God’s desire to increase the grace on your life every time. 2 Peter 1:2 tells us how His grace is multiplied in your life: it’s through the Word—the knowledge of God, and of Jesus, our Lord.

Paul, writing to Timothy, said: “Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 2:1). In other words, “take advantage of the grace that is in Christ Jesus.” You can take advantage
of that grace even now, and rebuke cancer from your body. You can take advantage of it and walk out of any predicament. John 1:16 says, “And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.” We’ve all received of His overflowing grace; that grace, working in you, is the power of promotion and unending success.

The Holy Spirit, who Himself is the Spirit of grace, lives in you. He has all the grace you need for an extraordinary life of excellence, victory, and dominion; take advantage of His grace and reign as a king in life.

### Prayer
Dear Father, I’m grateful for your grace that’s multiplied daily in my life, causing your blessings, beauty, perfections and excellence to be revealed in and through me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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In Mathew 11:11, the Master said: “Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist: notwithstanding he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” It’s important for us to understand that the underlined portion above says, “he that is least in the kingdom of heaven...” and not “...he that is least in the kingdom of God....” You might want to ask, “Is there a difference between the “Kingdom of God” and the “Kingdom of heaven?” the answer is “Emphatically yes!”

Both expressions: “the Kingdom of God” and “the Kingdom of Heaven,” though synonymously used, are clearly different. The Kingdom of God refers to all that’s under the influence of the Almighty God in heaven and on earth. The Kingdom of heaven, on the other hand, has to do with the work of Jesus Christ in the earth; it’s actually the extension of the Kingdom of God in the earth, headed by Jesus.

The Kingdom of heaven is the Church, of which we’re a part. So when Jesus said, he that is least in the Kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist,
He was talking about us—those who are joint-heirs with Him. We’re greater because we’re the body of Christ; and each one of us has been exalted to sit together with Christ at the right hand of power: “But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us. Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:4-6).

Our greatness isn’t the result of human associations, but a function of our oneness with Him; we have the same life with Him, having been born of His Word and His Spirit. We’re associates of the God-kind; we’re inextricably united with Him: “…he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:17).

**Confession**

I’m a joint-heir with Christ; everything He has belongs to me, and my life is for His glory. I walk in boldness and confidence today, conscious of my inextricable union with Him. Halleluiah!

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**F U R T H E R S T U D Y:**

John 15:5; John 15:16

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The Lord Jesus made a powerful statement while addressing His disciples during the closing moments of His earthly ministry. He said, 

“…for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me” (John 14:30). When you study the original Greek construction of that verse, what Jesus actually meant was that Satan had nothing to his advantage in Him (Jesus). What a confession!

Does Satan have anything in you? “No”; you might answer. However, it’s not just by saying “No”; you have to make such declaration by faith in the Word of God, knowing that when Christ reproduced you through His Word, Satan had nothing in you. James 1:18 says, “Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth....” 1 Peter 1:23 says, “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.” The Word of God that gave birth to you is perfect and incorruptible; therefore, nothing of darkness is in you.

Some people unknowingly invite the devil into their lives when they entertain fear, doubt, unbelief, sickness, infirmity, and failure. If any of these tries
to attack you, declare, “The prince of this world has nothing in me!” Don’t bring anything of the devil into your life through negative talking. Your confession, should be, “I have the light of life: there’s nothing in my life that produces darkness or death; there’s nothing in my life that produces failure; there’s nothing in my life that produces weakness! The Lord is the strength of my life.”

Ephesians 4:27 tells us not to give place to the devil; that shows he has no place in your life except you give him one. Don’t give Satan a chance; he’s got nothing to his advantage in you because you’re born of the Word. That’s the reality.

**Prayer**

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for giving me victory over Satan, the world, and all the negative circumstances of life. I declare by faith, in the Name of Jesus, that the devil has nothing to his advantage in me! Therefore, sickness, poverty, fear, darkness and pain are not a part of my daily experience of life, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**FURTHER STUDY:**

John 16:33; 1 John 4:4

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God has given to each one of us—everyone who believes in Jesus—the measure of faith. That’s significant because each of us was given the same definite measure of faith when we received the message of salvation to be born again. However, one thing God expects of you is to grow your faith. Faith is the principle of the Christian walk (2 Corinthians 5:7). The Bible clearly emphasizes that without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrew 11:6).

God, through His Word, has clearly revealed to us how to grow strong and effectual faith. First, you have to stay continually in the Word; the Word stirs faith in your spirit: “...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God” (Romans 10:17).

Secondly, your faith can also be built as you consistently attend Church services and fellowship with other believers. Hebrews 10:25 charges us not to forsake “…the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” In Church, you’re taught the Word,
and you also enjoy the rich fellowship of the Spirit in a way that energizes your faith.

Thirdly, cultivate a rich fellowship with the Holy Spirit in prayer, by speaking in other tongues frequently: “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost” (Jude 1:20). Prayer conditions your spirit rightly to receive from God. When your spirit is so conditioned, it becomes easy for the Word to get in and produce results.

Finally, get rich Christian materials and study them for yourself (2 Timothy 2:15); be a student of the Word. Don’t just be “a hearer,” but “a doer of the Word”; you build prevailing faith by consistently meditating on, and putting the Word to work in your life.

**Prayer**

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word that inspires faith in me. Every challenging situation is an opportunity for me to put my faith to work, and have the vital experience of my victorious life in Christ. I declare that today, my faith is strengthened; and I’m growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Word, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**FURTHER STUDY:**

2 Timothy 2:15; Act 20:32; 2 Corinthians 5:7

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Positive change is something we all want, should have, and continually crave; change from glory to glory. In your job, business, finances, family, etc., you should always desire unending progress, because the “path of the just is as the shining light, that shines more and more unto the perfect day” (Proverbs 4:18).

Change, whether positive or negative, results from the words you pay attention to, and the thoughts they stir up in your heart. The Lord Jesus always taught His disciples to hear and think right. In Mark 4:24, He said, “...Take heed what ye hear....” Then in Luke 8:18, He said, “Take heed therefore how ye hear....” How you hear is as important as what you hear, because how you hear often determines your response and attitude, as well as ability to appropriate the power of the words that come to you.

Words make or mar. Our lives are influenced by words; the atmosphere in your home depends on the words that are spoken in it. Your relationships are built on words. Our lives are so dependent on words that, not only do they affect our attitudes, they also affect our health and living conditions. Whether or not you’re living in faith or in fear is a function of what you
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Many today have become faint-hearted from listening to media reports on the dwindling state of the world’s economy. However, there’s one who never changes, and that’s the Almighty God; His Word is the same—yesterday, today, and forever. Jesus said, “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:35). He’s given us His Word as the veritable agent to change and transform us from glory to glory: “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Confession
I declare that there’s prosperity, progress, joy and increase in my life and in that of my loved ones. Through the power and influence of God’s Word in my life, victory, promotion, and success are my hallmarks, in the Name of Jesus! Amen.

Further Study:

Mark 11:23; Matthew 12:37

1 Year Bible Reading Plan: 2 Year Bible Reading Plan:

Amos 1-4  2 Samuel 17-18
God made it clear in the verses above that blood is the life of the flesh. He reiterated this when He gave the children of Israel the Law, but this time, He related it with the subject of atonement. Leviticus 17:11 says, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

Atonement means appeasement, propitiation, satisfaction of the claims of justice, or compensation for wrongdoing. He gave them blood as the atonement for their souls whenever they did wrong. This was God’s divine order; His divine principle and law. That’s why He instructed them not to eat the blood of animals, which they killed. This truth also holds in the New Testament; Hebrews 9:22 says, “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” Sin can’t be wiped away without the shedding of blood; it’s a spiritual law.

The Old Testament folks and their priesthood used the blood of animals for the atonement of their souls.
souls, but that wasn’t good enough. Man is a spirit and an eternal being, but animals weren’t made to live eternally. Therefore, the blood of animals wasn’t enough to atone for man’s sins. Only the Lamb of God—Jesus Christ—could redeem the world through His precious blood.

Jesus came as the High Priest of the New Testament and obtained eternal redemption: deliverance from sin, evil, and from all things that were inconsistent with God’s dream for us, by His death on the cross (Hebrews 9:11–12). We, however, became new creations in Him, not on the Cross, but at His resurrection. By His blood, He purchased us, and made it possible for those who would believe in Him to receive eternal life. His blood was enough; His blood did it all. Glory to God!

**Prayer**

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you because my sins have been totally blotted out by the blood of Jesus. Therefore, I can boldly affirm that the power of sin over my life is completely destroyed; thus, I’m free to live joyfully in righteousness, giving glory unto you, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**FURTHER STUDY:**

Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24; Hebrews 9:11-12

**1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:**

- Ephesians 1:1-14
- Amos 5-9

**2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:**

- 2 Samuel 19-20
As Christians, we’re not ordinary people; we have a supernatural life of power. You received this extraordinary power when the Holy Spirit came into your life. The Lord Jesus said in our opening verse, “...ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you....” What kind of power was He talking about, and what can we do with it?

The word “power” in this verse is translated from “dunamis” (Greek), and it means dynamic power or ability to cause or effect a change. It refers to miracle-working ability; the ability to make supernatural things happen; power and ability that’re beyond yourself! It refers to what we call a “doing-power,” or “working-power”; it’s sometimes translated, “might.” It also means the power of excellence; the extraordinary ability to be efficient and effective in all that you do. This is the life we have in Christ—a life of super-productivity and ever-increasing glory!

We’re never to be victims in life. If you’ve found yourself in a predicament, a precarious or desperate situation, don’t cower; don’t give up! There’s something...
in you: the life and power of the Spirit to effect changes. You can change any unfavourable situation with this power in you. This is Christianity; it’s a life of dominion. You don’t need to go from place to place looking for help and seeking power, because the power to effect the changes you desire, lies within you.

### Prayer
Precious Holy Spirit, I appreciate you, and acknowledge your awesome power, presence and grace in my life! I’m confident of a greater tomorrow, and a day-to-day life of ever-increasing glory because you’re the one taking me by the hand, and leading me to fulfil God’s perfect will for me. Thank you for perfecting all that concerns me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

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**FURTHER STUDY:**

1 Thessalonians 1:5; Acts 6:8

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There is a spiritual language for the Christian. That’s why, as a child of God, you ought to put the Word on your lips, because the supernatural life is based on your tongue. Your tongue rules your life. The Apostle James likened the tongue to the rudder of a great ship, which the captain uses to direct the ship wherever he wants (James 3:4-5).

In Matthew 12:36-37, Jesus said “But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the Day of Judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.” Literally, this means a man will go to heaven or hell because of what he said or didn’t say, with his tongue! Read the Apostle Paul’s words about salvation in Romans 10:8-10: “...if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

Your life is the character of your words. If a man’s words are confusing, his life will be confusing as well. In the same vein, if your words are wholesome, your
life will be wholesome: perfect, excellent, and inspiring! Proverbs 15:4 says, “A wholesome tongue is a tree of life....” Jesus taught that what you say, is what you get (Mark 11:23).

Watch what you say, for your confessions control your future. Proverbs 12:18 says, “There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.” You can keep yourself in health, safety, prosperity, and victory with your words. Talk faith, success, and increase! 1 Peter 3:10 says “For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile.”

**Prayer**

Dear Father, thank you for teaching me about the power of my words. Through your Word, and by your Spirit, I’m training my tongue to speak only faith-filled words! I speak only life-giving words that are consistent with your will for my life, and I declare that my future is secure, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

**FURTHER STUDY:**

Psalm 34:12-13; Proverbs 18:21

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The word “redemption” as used in our opening scripture is from the Greek, “lutrōsis,” which means to ransom, deliver, save, or bring out of trouble. The Lord Jesus redeemed man from sin at the cross, and His blood became the currency with which He paid for the sins of the whole world. Then He was buried, and on the third day, God raised Him from the dead with a new life. Now, He gives eternal life to those who believe in Him.

Observe that the new creation is not the redeemed; he’s the fruit of Christ’s redemptive work on the Cross. Some people get confused when they study portions of the Scripture, where the new creation is described as “redeemed.” For instance, in Revelations 5:9, the Bible says, “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.” The word, “redeemed” is wrongly translated here; it’s from the Greek, ‘agorazo,’ which means to go to the market and make a purchase; to buy something as a gift to give to someone. It’s not
a buy-back, as is the case with “lutrōsis,” but a fresh purchase. Christ purchased us with His blood, and gave us as gifts to God.

Several translations actually give a proper rendering of that verse. The New International Version says, “...with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.” The Living Bible says, “…for you were slain, and your blood has bought people from every nation as gifts for God.” You’re a gift, purchased for God by Jesus; He bought you with a price. This isn’t “lutrōsis”; this is “agorazo”; it’s a fresh purchase. Now, you belong to God. You’re not the person that was “delivered” from the devil when Jesus died on the cross; you’re a new creature, never delivered from the devil, but born superior to him by the second birth.

**Prayer**

Dear heavenly Father, I thank you for sending Jesus to die for me and shed His precious blood to cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I’ve thus become a new creation, free to live righteously and serve you joyfully, enjoying your divine presence, and living in your power and glory, in the Name of Jesus. Amen.

**FURTHER STUDY:**

Hebrews 4:14-16; 1 Corinthians 6:20

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For you to consistently experience divine favours in your life, you must be humble. Humility is a key to greatness, success and promotion. God gives more grace to the humble but sets Himself against the proud and haughty (James 4:6 TLB); the more they try to rise or forge ahead in life, the more their pride inevitably sets them against God’s favour.

This is one reason some people, in spite of their great abilities, can’t seem to fathom why they aren’t making much progress in their lives. They’ve watched others who didn’t seem to have as much talents as themselves make progress and get promoted, hence they’ve even become bitter against everybody else. What they don’t realize is that their stagnation or lack of progress isn’t the doing of other men, but the result of their pride.

Some people mistake humility for weakness, but being humble doesn’t mean you’re weak; rather, it’s a strength of character. The Lord Jesus was the epitome of humility; but He wasn’t weak; at the same time, He wasn’t arrogant, rude, or conceited. The Bible says He made himself of no reputation, and humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the
death of the cross (Philippians 2:7-8). Even though He was so humble, He never allowed anyone talk Him down! He knew His identity and spoke openly about His relationship and authority with the Father. He dominated the circumstances of life. When He was brought before Pilate to be tried, He was in charge (John 19:11); yet He was very humble.

God’s promotion for the humble is certain. Therefore, keep walking in humility, and you’ll find yourself being elevated several steps at once. Remember, a man’s pride shall bring him low, but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit (Proverbs 29:23).

**Prayer**

Dear Father, I thank you for granting me more and more grace to excel in all my endeavours, as I walk in humility and meekness of spirit, demonstrating at all times the character and nature of Christ in me, in the Name of the Lord Jesus. Amen.

**F U R T H E R S T U D Y:**

1 Peter 5:5-6; Proverbs 29:23

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**But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption** *(1 Corinthians 1:30).*

The word “redemption” in our opening verse means “riddance.” Riddance is translated from the Greek word “apolutrosis,” which refers to being brought out of trouble. Therefore, Christ being our redemption, actually means He’s our deliverance; just like He said in Psalms 50:15, “...*call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.*”

It doesn’t matter the trouble you’ve gotten into, Christ is your riddance; He’ll rid you of your troubles. Proverbs 11:8 says, “*The righteous is delivered out of trouble....*” Christ is your ransom. O, how wonderful this is! Read this comforting and assuring words from the Lord Himself in Isaiah 43:2-5: “*When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour:... Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. Fear not: for I am with thee....*”

The Lord is obligated to save you. He’ll help you out of any quagmire, not because you prayed hard
enough or were good enough, but because you have a ransom in Christ Jesus. He makes up for your errors. Every mistake, every sin, has been laid to His charge.

Sometimes, people look back at their lives and say, “Well, it’s because I made a blunder that this calamity happened to me”; no! You don’t have to wallow in regret any more about your sin, mistakes and errors; understand that Christ has been made your riddance. You don’t have to carry the weight of self-condemnation and guilt. You’ve paid in Christ for all your sins, mistakes, and errors.

Jesus didn’t just take care of your sins at Calvary, He also took care of every single mistake you’d make, including the ones on the job. So when you make a mistake, or get into trouble, be bold to call on Him; He’s not intimidated by your troubles. No wonder the Psalmist said, “But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble” (Psalm 59:16).

**Confession**

It doesn’t matter what trouble I get into: one thing is certain, I’m coming out of it. It doesn’t matter what proclamation is made against me, they’re to no effect, because Christ is my riddance. He rids me of trouble and plucks my feet out of the miry clay.

**F U R T H E R S T U D Y:**

Psalm 91:1-12; Colossians 1:27

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Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God (Mark 1:14).

Jesus came preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. He said the time is fulfilled; the Kingdom of God is here (Mark 1:15). What is the Kingdom of God?

The Kingdom of God is not a place; it’s the reign of God, where He becomes Lord; where He becomes the Boss, and rules; where He’s in charge, and expresses Himself—His glory and His goodness. That’s why Jesus warned that when you’re told “the Kingdom of God is over there, or it’s over here,” you shouldn’t believe it; because the Kingdom doesn’t come by observation; it’s within you (Luke 17:20-21). God’s plan is to set up His Kingdom in the hearts of men; it’s a spiritual kingdom.

Recall when Jesus was brought before Pilate, in John 18:36-37; Pilate asked Him some questions to which He responded, “...My Kingdom is not of this world...” (John 18:36). God’s Kingdom is not a physical structure; accordingly Jesus said, “It has come”—(i.e.) to be set up in the hearts of men. Thus, the Gospel of the Kingdom that Jesus preached is, “Hello everybody, God’s Kingdom can be set up now in your hearts; it has arrived! The time has come for God to set up His
headquarters in your heart.” This wasn’t possible in the days of Abraham, Moses, Elijah, Elisha, David, Solomon and the patriarchs of old. However, when Jesus came, He brought the Kingdom in Him.

Being born again, the Kingdom is now in your heart: the peace, the beauty, the glory, grace, and the life of God have been set up in your heart! God is at home in you now. What a life He’s brought to us, and brought us into! He wants us to tell the whole world this glorious news; He wants it published in every village, town, city, and nation—that anyone who believes can now have the Kingdom of God set up in his heart! What a Gospel!

Prayer
Dear Father, I thank you for the Kingdom of God has been set up in my heart, thus, bringing into me, the life of glory. I declare that my life is for your glory, and I show forth your virtues, excellence, perfections, and beauty, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:
Colossians 1:27; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7

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Ephesians 5:3-21 John 1:43-51
Isaiah 3-5 1 Kings 4
From the verse above, it’s clear that there’ll always be those who might hate us, persecute us, and despise us; but we’re only permitted to respond to them in love. The actions or attitudes of such people should never provoke you to compromise. Life is a script, and you’re the one in focus; you have to choose to play your part—the love-part.

In your journey of faith, every one who relates with you is placed there by God for your benefit; whether they’re helping you, or they’re against you, doesn’t make any difference! It doesn’t stop God’s plan of promoting you. If they are kind, loving, and helpful to you, appreciate them and praise God for them; if they’re otherwise, love them all the same.

If someone accuses you falsely, for example, don’t get upset and try to justify your innocence to the point of acting in a manner that’s unbecoming for a Christian. Leave it to the Lord; He’s the righteous Judge, and will surely vindicate you. Just keep loving; that’s your role in the script. You’re born of God; His love has been shed abroad in your heart by the Holy
Spirit who lives in you (Romans 5:5). That means you have the capacity to love as He does.

He said, “By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another” (John 13:35). What a way to tell us from the rest of the world! Our love-walk is the primary proof that we love the Lord, and have passed from death unto life. Our ability to still put up a loving smile when others ride roughshod over us, pour invectives on us, or persecute us, shows that indeed, we dwell in Him and are walking in the light, as He is in the light.

Prayer
Dear Father, you’ve given me the ability to love like you, and I’m so grateful! You’ve granted me understanding of the extraordinary dimensions of your love; and that love radiates through me profusely to others! Thank you for making me the dispenser of your goodness, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:
Ephesians 5:22-6:1-9
Isaiah 6-8

2 YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN:
John 2:1-11
1 Kings 5
We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

“O Lord God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your Word says, “...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

I ask Jesus to come into my heart to be the Lord of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit and according to Romans 10:9, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved,” I declare that I am saved; I am born-again; I am a child of God! I now have Christ dwelling in me, and greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4)! I now walk in the consciousness of my new life in Christ Jesus. Hallelujah!”

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