

His Truth And Grace Changes Everything!- gm

His Truth Protects and Provides; Defends and Gives us the Offensive Power to Change the fallen facts into God's will!

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Moses wrote the 91st Psalm and it is an awesome message that flies (contradicts) in the face of the law and judgment, the Old Testament situation, and what they deserved; instead, it reveals the manifold love of God and His will of benevolence towards those who believe. It contains the foreshadowing of the gospel of grace! There is a particular verse in this 91st Psalm that has struck my attention, it is verse 4! Here it is:

“His truth shall be your shield and buckler.” (Ps 91:4)

His truth *shall be* your protection, sustaining force, provision, and offensive power to keep, direct, and authorize us to stand in His grace! Notice especially that Moses wrote *“Shall be.”* Under the Old Testament situation, Jesus had not yet been glorified. The day of salvation had not yet taken place; therefore, His truth *shall be*, as in a future date coming our way. However, Jesus has died, been glorified, and rose from the dead since Moses wrote it! Things have completely changed, hear this verse:

*“For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have **helped you.**’ Behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.” (2Co 6:2)*

The Old Testament people were waiting for help, we have received it! We are helped! That help came to us when the Spirit of Christ came into our hearts. We are new creations (II Cor. 5:17)! We are no longer slaves, but sons and daughters (Gal. 4:7). As sons and daughters, we stand in the position of righteousness as a gift (Rom. 5:17). We are forgiven, given His life, peace, rest, truth, and faith. We are given His name and authority to go in that name. Before the cross, we were waiting on God to move; after the cross, God is waiting on us to believe Him and move into His grace!

Revelation Knowledge Is Everything!

Jesus said that He would build His church on revelation knowledge (Matt. 16:17, 18). Revealed knowledge comes from the Holy Spirit revealing to us what God has done in us in Jesus. His truth is Jesus and has become our shield and buckler! His life in ours is His grace helping us as we believe, assert, and stand in these things. Our faith, the faith of Christ, is made active and alive by acknowledging everything good that is in us because of Him (Philemon 1:6).

Our walk in Him centers on our relationship to the Lord and the revelations that awaken us to righteousness in His name. His truth and grace came to us in Jesus (John 1:17). Many of us understand that Jesus is our savior and Lord of our lives, what are often missed are the faith facts that become established in us through revelations of the truth given to us by the Spirit. These truths become our shield and buckler! These truths keep us, guide and strengthen us, and authorize us to believe that our prayers are answered. These revelations establish grace in our hearts (Heb. 13:9).

If we have ever experienced peace, rest, and comfort from the Holy Spirit regarding any need we've faced, any fears we've needed to overcome, or any mountains in our paths that needed to be moved, we need to acknowledge and stand in these personal spiritual benefits as

answers to our prayers. God doesn't give us peace and rest just to give us peace and rest! There is the function, the manifestation, the movement, the provision of God's grace that creates in us peace and rest.

I understand why so many of us believe that God is giving us peace and rest to hold our hand while we go through the need, the fears, and face those mountains. The idea that God is with us but not necessarily to deliver us, is a common belief—it is based on the Old Testament situation and *experiences* of believers in the new one. Fundamentally, it is also a crippling belief. It keeps us in a vague and double minded position. Is God giving me peace and rest to deliver me from or to help me go through whatever it is I'm facing? It misunderstands what peace is for! Peace is not just to help us cope as we face the world, the curse of the law, or evil; it is peace that empowers, confirms, and communicates that all of God's promises are "yes and amen" in Christ Jesus (II Cor. 1:20). We simply have lost the connections that peace and rest point to.

When we go to prayer with heartfelt anxiety, fears that are overpowering our faith, or the sense that we are facing another obstruction that God will somehow use for our good (Rom. 8:28), we need to realize that the battle is over, the war is won, and Jesus has given us the victory (I John 5:4). We are supposed to rule and reign with Christ over those things that once held us in bondage. Listen to these verses again:

Gal. 4:1 **Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,**
2 but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.
3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.
4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

When we expect God's peace to be provided but don't expect deliverance or the power of God on our behalf, we are missing something! Servants and slaves had to endure the hardship of oppression, fear, heartache, and continual defeat—in servitude and slavery. The curse from Moses' writing is this: "you will be the tail and not the head; you will be beneath, and not above!" This is the slave mindset, the carnal Christian experience of being natural bound, and it is the born again new creation life with and Old Testament understanding.

We are no longer cursed in Christ Jesus, we've been redeemed (Gal. 3:13)! Therefore, we are no longer under the curse, behind the circumstances, or being swung around as the tail! We've been given all authority and power because we've been given Jesus' name (Matt. 28:18)! The blessing of Abraham is ours, the blessing of Christ is ours, we are now the head and not the tail; above and not beneath!

His Truth Is our Shield and Buckler!

His truth, the grace of God established and given to us in the new creation realities, shields off with the shield of faith, it attacks and penetrates the darkness and curse with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God in our mouths being spoken (buckler)! Our peace, rest, and comfort affirm, confirm, and witness to us His truth and grace in whatever matter we are facing. When we experience peace it is because we are transcending the worldly nature within us to embrace the Spiritual life born into us. We are changing channels so to speak, from naturalism to supernaturalism in Him. In Him, the promises of God meet

our every need according to His riches in glory (Php. 4:19). We are experiencing the spiritual life of faith in His grace—comfort!

When we experience peace, it is because we are embracing His will in the situation as done or beginning to manifest as in recover, restore, or overcome! His peace means yes and amen. His peace means He has heard us, answered, and so be it (1 John 5:14, 15)! Therefore, stay in His peace! Stay in the realm of His faith. Stay in the peace that passes all understanding, because God's help is helping us. When we experience peace and discount the power of God to answer our need, we are missing something again.

When we experience rest from the fears, cares, and worries, where are we? We are in faith in His grace seeing the answers and standing in the place of God's movement (will). He has helped us; we are employing that help by resting from our works and worries, to rest in His work and grace. Amen.

When we rest from our efforts, faith, and believing, to stand in Jesus our savior and inter-mediator, we are stepping into His provisions! When we stop working to make it happen, to rest in His grace, He's working to make it happen in His gift of love that is constant towards us.

The Gift of Life, Love, and Faith!

It is very interesting to see that before Jesus came, the faith that moves mountains had not yet been given. Consider this passage:

22 But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

23 **But before faith came**, we were kept under guard by the law, **kept for the faith** which would afterward be revealed.

24 Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

25 **But after faith has come**, we are no longer under a tutor.

26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

27 For as many of you as were baptized into **Christ have put on Christ.** (Gal. 3:22-27)

“Before faith came...” strongly implies that faith had not yet been given. The faith we’re talking about is revealed in and through Jesus Christ. We could say, “Before Christ came” as in before faith came, making Christ Jesus and faith one and the same. Faith and Jesus are interchangeable. They mean the same thing to us. We’ve been given the gift of life, love, and faith because we accepted Jesus. Jesus said we could do nothing without Him. We have no faith without Jesus—the word of God.

Therefore, Jesus is our faith, our life, strength, peace, and rest. Our walk as sons and daughters is directly affected and related to our relationship to Jesus. We have faith because we have Jesus. We know faith because we know Jesus. If we’ve experienced faith, the knowing of the Spirit about any matter, it is because we’ve experienced Jesus. When we put on Christ, we put on faith! The just shall live by faith is the just living in Jesus. God has helped us by sending the Spirit of His son into our spirits (Gal. 4:6).

This Changes Everything!

Our faith is activated and made real to us by acknowledging every good thing in us because of Jesus (Philemon 1:6). Our faith is activated and made real to us because we relate to the Lord within our own hearts. He has come to us to be our intercessor. His intercession means He is our help to hit the mark of whatever is needed. We no longer live to ourselves for we were crucified with Him. Now we live our life in the flesh in and by the faith of the Son of God who loves us and died for us (Gal. 2:20).

Jesus also said this:

"Sanctify them by *Your truth*. Your word is truth." (Joh 17:17)

Sanctify: To make holy, consecrate, sanctify

-To dedicate, separate, set apart for God

- To purify, make conformable in character to such dedication
- To treat as holy

We are sanctified and cleansed in our hearts and minds through our relationship to Jesus. Through the Holy Spirit's work, revelations, and purifications, we are made holy, blameless, and conformable to Christ (in our hearts). When we relate to the Word of God (especially the updates of the epistles), we are being transformed into the same image (in our hearts). The revelations that come to us are not just nice things to happen, they are transformation moments! Our lives are changed, we are made alive in truth and reality, and we become faith filled by them!

“But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.” (II Cor. 3:18)

As we live to and experience spiritual insight, revelations from the word of God, the Spirit opens our understanding into the things of God; we are being transformed from faithless to faith-full. The peace and rest, the joy and excitement, all of these things are by-products of faith to our hearts. The faith that comes in and from Jesus!

"And His name, through faith in His name, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. **Yes, the faith which comes through Him** has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all." (Acts. 3:16)

If we have Jesus in our lives and hearts, we have all the faith that Jesus is. When we live to the Lord in our relationship in any measure, then faith is released and brought to us. When we trust the peace and rest, the joy of the Lord, through our relationship to Him, we are walking in and by faith!

“Therefore **gird up the loins** of your mind, be sober, **and rest** *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the *revelation* of Jesus Christ...” (1Pe 1:13)

I believe this verse is speaking to our need to accept, acknowledge and stand in the hope, the faith, the peace and rest, brought to us by the grace of God in seeing Jesus within our mind, our heart, and spirit. When we experience peace and rest because of the hope we have received in our heart and mind at the revelation of Jesus to our lives and need, we need to gird up, stand, assert, and remain steadfast that we’ve been answered! God has provided, healed, restored, and delivered us in the midst of our issues through our relationship to Jesus!

I believe many of us have experienced Jesus in our times of need or otherwise, but have not always trusted or rested in the meaning of it! We’ve reasoned that God is just helping us cope or being with us, but not necessarily answering our need. We’ve done this because of our experiences, because we’ve been taught conflicting messages about God’s will and intent (the Job syndrome). We all know that God will never leave us nor forsake us. But we haven’t fully understood what forsaken actually means.

Forsake means:

- To abandon, desert or leave in straits, leave helpless
- To totally abandoned, utterly forsaken
- To leave behind among, to leave surviving

God will not forsake us: desert, abandon and leave helpless to just survive! God has helped us! It came in Jesus! If we have Jesus what don’t we have? When we realize that Jesus is the answer to our every need or situation, we’ll realize we have received, we have found, and the door has been opened to us in Him!

"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." (Lu 11:10)

If we can receive it, change our understanding, and return to the simple truth that His revelations of truth **are** our shield and buckler,

we'll be transformed from a slave mentality to sons and daughters walking in His glory. And the following verses take on greater impact:

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Php 4:13)

"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Ro 8:31)

"You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (1Jo 4:4)

Standing In His Truth: Using the Shield and Buckler

For most of us, the idea of having great faith is a fantasy. We know we don't have it and we know we just don't believe enough for all things to be possible. But we don't need great faith or enough believing because Jesus is Lord of our lives and He is our faith and our believing!

Faith came to us in Jesus. We are to believe in the believing one! These issues have been taken care of through our relationship to the Lord. He is our strength, our life, our peace and rest. When we experience the joy of the Lord, the revelations of His presence, and the work of the Spirit to bring understanding and insight (because of these things) we are finding peace and rest; we need to stand in the truth of these things as our shield and buckler. We've been given what we need to assert, stand, and speak to move mountains, to heal the sick, to cast out and deliver from demons, to cleanse and restore, just as Jesus said we would (John14:12).

A Serious Misconception Exists:

The misconception that seems to reign (and constrain us) is the belief that faith *is the absence of fear!* Jesus was fearless, amen; however, we are not and understand that the apostle Paul wasn't fearless either:

2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

3 **I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling.**

4 And my speech and my preaching *were* not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,

5 **that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.** (1 Cor. 2:2-5)

The apostle Paul wrote: I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling! That may astound you; it did me, but consider that even though he was experiencing these very human and natural things, the power of God was still in demonstration! Faith is not the absence of fear; it is living to faith despite the fears. Faith is not a force or willpower; it is living to Jesus who is the power of God within all of us!

Paul chose to live to Christ despite his human weaknesses. The Lord manifested His glory through Paul and He does the same for us. We also choose to live to faith, the Lord Jesus within us, to accept and acknowledge His truth as our shield and buckler (despite our human weaknesses!)

Concluding:

The Spirit's revelations to us are real, personal, and supposed to be faith establishing. They are our shield and buckler to face, overcome, and destroy the works of the devils. God gives us peace, rest, and joy to bear witness within our hearts that we've been answered, given the victory, and stand in His grace. His grace is sufficient in every way to make us hit the mark of faith. By faith we overcome and God gives us spiritual awakenings, affirmations, and confirmations that we describe as peace, rest, joy, and comfort!

We have often made the mistake of letting these things go, or interpreting them as God ministering a type of coping power while we endure. If we will stand in God's word, provision, power, and name of Jesus, we'll realize that this ministering presence is meant to bring us confidence *that the will of God is at work on our behalf*. The revelations we have received are eternal, secure, and powerful to bring about His

will as we trust and hold onto every one of them. Faith is supposed to be with power. Grace is the power of God in Christ Jesus. Jesus is the power of God manifest in our lives. These revelations are the mustard seeds of faith given to us. We only need a tiny spark of God's affirmations to sustain us against the fallen world. Amen.

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