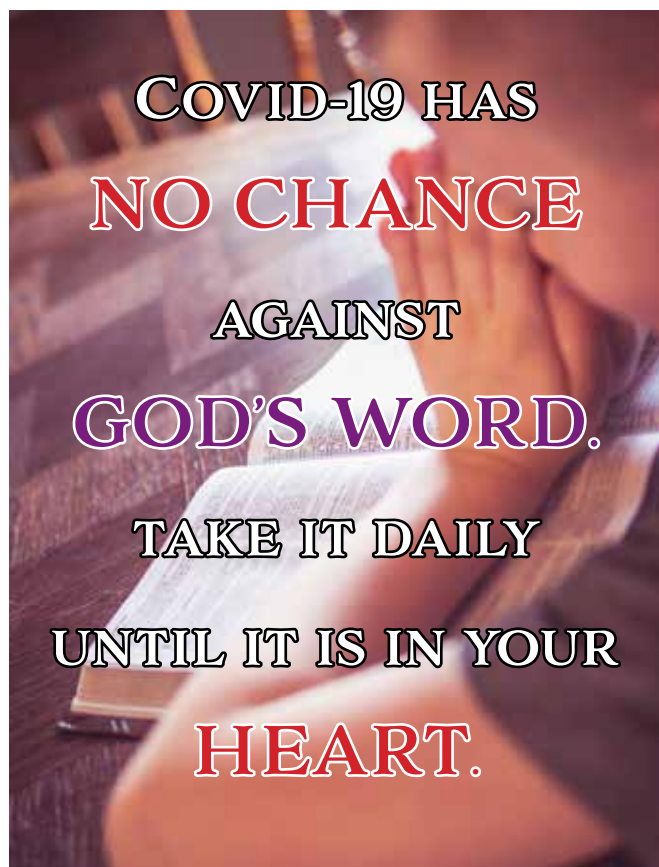




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nigh (*Me*) thee. ⁸ Only with (*my*) thine eyes shalt (*I*) thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. ⁹ Because (*I*) thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High, (*My*) thy habitation; ¹⁰ There shall no evil befall (*Me*) thee, neither shall any plague come (*near*) nigh (*My*) thy dwelling. ¹¹ For he shall give his angels charge over (*Me*) thee, to keep (*Me*) thee in all (*My*) thy ways. ¹² They shall bear (*Me*) thee up in their hands, lest (*I*) thou dash (*My*) thy foot against a stone. ¹³ (*I*) Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt (*I*) thou trample under feet. ¹⁴ Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. ¹⁵ He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. ¹⁶ With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Psalm 91 KJV

¹ He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. ³ Surely he shall deliver (*Me*) thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. ⁴ He shall cover (*Me*) thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt (*I*) thou trust: his truth shall be (*My*) thy shield and buckler. ⁵ (*I*) Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day; ⁶ Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. ⁷ A thousand shall fall at (*My*) thy side, and ten thousand at (*My*) thy right hand; but it shall not come (*near*)

The Person of Jesus Christ

Isaiah 40:5 KJV

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.

There was the promise through the prophet Isaiah that the majesty and splendor, the very glory of the Lord would be revealed for all flesh to see. This promise was fulfilled through the person of Jesus Christ!

John 1:14 NKJV

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Greek word glory has this meaning. The glory of a person reveals the person. It reveals the nature which is the very heart of who a person is. The hidden person of the heart as *1Peter 3:4* speaks of which is the reality of who they are in the inward man. When you begin to know the heart of a person you are beginning to know the person.

The person of Jesus Christ that the disciples came to know was described in the terms “full of grace and truth.”

Grace was a whole new way for God our Heavenly Father to relate to man. The people of Israel lived in the law to relate to God, and how God related to them.

The law within their hearts made them sin conscience in self-awareness. They were constantly aware of their performance in how they lived their lives in relationship to God’s acceptance of them.

Now Jesus’s glory was revealing a new way of relating grace and truth.

Truth from the Greek language has the meaning of what is real or the reality of something. Jesus came to reveal in truth the true nature of God, the reality of who our heavenly Father is. If you know the truth it will give your heart confidence in the ability to trust God. As you trust God you’ll experience a change in the kind of beliefs that are established in our identity. At this deep level within your heart, change does not come quickly when there are previously established identity beliefs.

For Israel, grace was a whole new way of walking in relationship with God. An Israelite from the time that they were a young child grew up with their identity established in

Moses from the law. The law was so much a part of their lives that grace was a serious challenge to the deep beliefs of their heart.

Jesus came to reveal the Father even as he told Philip in John 14:9 “... *he who has seen me has seen the Father...*”

One of the aspects of grace is God’s favor towards us. He favors us! When His thoughts are for us, no matter what the condition of our heart or the circumstances of life are, our Heavenly Father favors us.

He favors us in complete acceptance of us, which is the kind of acceptance often experienced in family life. An even deeper motive is how he relates to us in the loving-kindness He shows towards us. And all of this comes out of a love that is unconditional as *1John 4:8* tells us that God is love. Conditional love is a selfish love that would put a person back under the law of performance. A God who is love lives and expresses His being out of who he is. Grace is an expression of who he is and how he relates to man. Grace reveals His love for His creation.

**We celebrate Jesus
in remembrance of
His death, burial
and resurrection as
we live in newness
of life found only in
Christ Jesus. Have a
wonderful Easter,
He is Risen!**



Through grace, God's love is revealed in His loving kindness towards us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection secured and sealed in the new covenant this grace relationship as all man's sin was put on Jesus at the Cross.

As Christians, we should respond differently to the challenges of life than unbelievers do. We carry the presence of God within us in the person of the Holy Spirit even as our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Training our heart to live with a dependency on the Holy Spirit from within is essential in living in Christ who is our source of life.

Romans 8:5 NKJV

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Christians who live according to the flesh think and believe no differently than unbelievers in relationship to life's issues. The good news is that if you have found yourself doing this then there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus Rom 8:1, so don't feel bad and condemn yourself. Just refuse to put your focus on yourself so you can choose Jesus and focus on Him, which will bring you life and peace. Experience the help of the Holy Spirit and you will experience peace within your soul. As the Word of God becomes a reality to you, the focus is removed from the struggles in your life.

In Romans 4:19 it speaks of Abraham that he was not weak in faith, and I believe that he protected his heart by not considering his own body or the deadness of Sarah's womb.

When Jesus, His body and His blood becomes magnified to a place of prominence within your heart, then the reality that nothing is greater than what His body and His blood have accomplished for you at the Cross will be your final word.

Prov. 4:23 tells us to guard our heart with all diligence and Phil. 4:8 where the meditation of our heart should be!

Meditate on These Things

Phil 4:8 NKJV

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

I have listed four points to help you in establishing and guarding your heart, to experience the Holy Spirit's influence in your life.

Live what you believe

Phil 4:9 NKJV

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

- 1. Speak the Word of God.** Specific scripture or scriptures that speak directly to the issue in your life.
- 2. Listen to what you are saying, Involve the Holy Spirit.** Believe for the Holy Spirit to be your teacher. He is willing to help you if you let him! Relax when speaking as you are not trying to perform, the Holy Spirit knows His job better than you do so let it come naturally. Don't make it harder by getting in the way.
- 3. Speak for the benefit of your heart until your heart backs up what your mouth is saying.** When the Word of God is enlightened to you by the Holy Spirit, you will have God's perspective concerning any problem within your heart.

4. **Speak with authority what you are believing to the problem.** Speaking with authority is not a formula. You want your heart to back up what your mouth is saying because authority releases the power of the Holy Spirit from within you. Your heart beliefs are right next to the presence of God as the kingdom of God dwells within you.

Lisa and I are very grateful to you our friends and partners of this ministry as together we are seeing lives changed. We believe that our partners are greatly prospering spirit, soul and body as you experience an increase in the seed you have sown multiplying and increase in the fruits of your righteousness. God's richest blessings in Christ are already yours. Believe and establish this truth in your heart and have an open heart to receive all that God has given you in Christ Jesus.

HAPPY RESURRECTION SUNDAY,

Cecil + Lisa

Testimony

I want to thank you again for how you ministered to me over the phone. I was deeply touched by your words of wisdom and encouragement so much that the Holy Spirit woke me up during the night to minister more understanding to me about what you said as well as those scriptures that you mentioned. I also want to thank you for praying over my lungs. I didn't say anything at all about them, yet the Holy Spirit revealed to you that I had an issue with pressure and breathing. Today I am breathing more freely and expect to see this get better day by day. God bless, keep, and shine His mercy and favor upon you, Lisa, and your ministry team! Thank you so much!

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