

Passage: 1 John 3:1-2

Title: Two Very Special Verses

Summary: All scripture is wonderful; however, there is something special about these two verses. Join us as we find out together.

1 John 3:1–2 (NKJV) ¹ Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ² Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

Reminder

Just a reminder, that “Perfect Love”, has written this letter to you, and is speaking to you today.

1 John 4:8 (NKJV) ⁸ , for God is love.

Introduction

Writings – Pastored Ephesus / Around 90AD

John wrote this epistle, as all early church writings agree upon. Early Church writings also say that John served as pastor of the church in Ephesus, which was founded by Paul (Acts 18-19). The writing of this epistle is dated somewhere around 90-100AD. John himself is close to 80 to 90 years old.

Situation

John tells us four reasons why he writes, and the ultimate reason he writes this letter, so that you may have fullness of joy (1:4).

You will never have fullness of joy, if you are insecure in your salvation, you will never have joy, if you are secure in your sin and unrepentant of it, you will never have fullness of joy if you are insecure in the finished work that Christ has done for you.

Theme:

That Your Joy may be Full:

(1 John 1:4 NKJV) And **these things we write to you that your joy may be full.**

That You may not Sin / When you Do Sin

(1 John 2:1 NKJV) My little children, **these things I write to you**, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

That You may not be Deceived

(1 John 2:26 NKJV) **These things I have written to you** concerning those who try to deceive you.

That You may know you have Eternal Life

(1 John 5:13 NKJV) **These things I have written to you** who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

Outline: That We Should be Called Children of God (1 John 3:1-2)

- His Love is Out of this World (3:1)
- His Love is a Permanent Possession (3:1)
- His Family Name is Given to Us (3:1)
- We are Given a Son-Position (3:1)
- We are Loved at the Same Degree as Jesus (3:1)
- We Shall Be Like Him – We Don't Have to Wait (3:2)

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)

- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need

(1 John 3:1 NKJV) Behold (eiden) what manner (potapos) of love (agape) the Father has bestowed (didomi) on us, that we should be called children (teknon) of God! Therefore the world does not know (ginosko) us, because it did not know (ginosko) Him.

His Love is Out of this World (3:1)

Come Discover

“Behold” is plural here, literally, “behold ye.” The usual form is singular. John is calling upon all the saints to wonder at the particular kind of love God has bestowed upon them. Behold - means to consider this!

The word also means, “to discover”. Not just once, at salvation, but continually, daily, we receive the invitation to “discover”, search out, find and experience God’s love. Beloved, come and discover, enter into the invitation of intimacy with God, His love, His heart for you.

From Foreign Country

“What manner of” is potapēn (ποταπήν), “from what country, race or tribe?” The word speaks of something foreign. The translation could read, “Behold, what foreign kind of love the Father has bestowed upon us.” The love of God is foreign to the human race. It is not found naturally in humanity. When it exists there, it is in a saved individual, and by reason of the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Smith suggests, “from what far realm? What unearthly love, ... how other-worldly.”

His Love is a Permanent Possession (3:1)

Perfect Tense – Gift is Permanent Possession

“Hath bestowed” is from dedōken (δέδωκεν), the perfect tense form of didōmi (δίδωμι), “to give something to some one.” The perfect tense is used here to indicate that the gift becomes a permanent possession of the recipient. God has placed His love upon the saints in the sense that they have become the permanent objects of His love. One of the results of this love in action is that we are called sons of God. Smith says: “The purpose of this amazing gift; a wise, holy love, concerned for our highest good, ‘not simply that we may be saved from suffering and loss, but in order that we may be styled children of God.’ And we have not only the name but the character: ‘so we are.’ ”

His Family Name is Given to Us (3:1)

Born Children

“Children” The word “sons” (A.V.) is not huioi (υἱοί) (sons), but teknon (τεκνον), “born children,” (Scotch “bairns”).

“Called” is kaleō (καλεω), “named.” Vincent says, “The verb (kaleō (καλεω)) is never used by John of the divine call.” The words “and we are,” are “a parenthetical, reflective comment, characteristic of John” (Vincent).

Called Children of God – Named Ones / Family Last Name / Not Ashamed

Verse 1 - that we should be called children of God - Called ones – literally “named” ones. He gives us a name, we take on the last name of God if you will, He identifies us as part of His family. The love of God unto his children; When parents have a child they give that child a first name, and they assign their last name to that child so that all through this world that child will be identified as their offspring. God is not ashamed to call us His, and He says behold (consider that, reflect on that), that is how much I love you that I will link my name to you.

We are Given a Son-Position (3:1)

In his Gospel, John tells us that as many as received Jesus were given power, or authority, to become the sons of God (1:12). Here, he picks up on the same theme in 1 John 3:1.

John 1:12 (NKJV) ¹² *But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

Son-Position

Now Paul further develops this idea of sonship when he writes of the “doctrine of adoption” in his epistles to the Ephesians and Romans. Seen in light of our position as sons of God, the Greek word for adoption is interesting indeed. *Huiothesia* comes from *huios*, or “son,” and *thesis*, or “position.” Thus, Jesus Christ took our position on the Cross in order that we might take the position of the Son in heaven.

Romans 8:15 (NKJV) ¹⁵ *For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption (huiothesia) by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”*

Roman Law – Can’t Cast Off / All rights in Family / Debts Canceled - Abolished

Under Roman Law (the backdrop of this epistles) an adopted child could not be cast out of the family, they were part of the family for life. In Roman law, "When the adoption was complete it was complete indeed. The person who had been adopted had all the rights of a legitimate son in his new family and completely lost all rights in his old family. In the eyes of the law he was a new person. So new was he that even all debts and obligations connected with his previous family were abolished as if they had never existed."

Adopted – Born (No Difference) / Story - Kisses

No difference between the adopted and the born of. I am reminded of a father I use to work with at the Space Center (many many years ago), Kelly was his name. He had two daughters the same age (about 9 years old); one born by him and another adopted. I asked him, as we had the type of relationship that I could, I said “Kelly, what is it like to and for your heart, as one born and one adopted”. Is there a difference in any way? To which he answered me, in a raw moment of young men being totally open and honest with each other, and he said Ray, when they kiss me, my heart can't tell the difference.

Jesus Positions between You and the Devil

But to receive this position, Jesus had to take a position, and that was between us and the devil, who seeks to destroy us. Jesus had to come and take a position and there's this beautiful weaving of a theme of a position. And Jesus had to take a position.

Jesus took the position to make us a position that he stood between us and the wrath that was to us. He stood in the wrath of breaking God's holy law. He stood in the place and he took a position to put that between us. We call it the cross, and we give glory and we're gonna celebrate that with communion. But you know, the beauty of it when you come into that position was there was a devil that was, he was put in the position between, and here you are. Here I am, and here's a devil who wants to steal, kill, and destroy. There's a lion that wants to devour us. And Jesus came and literally stepped in the middle between the two of us, and he stood there. And this is the position that I'm gonna take. 'cause I'm gonna fight for you to death if need be.

1 Peter 5:8 (NKJV) ⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

John 10:10 (NKJV) ¹⁰ *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*

When I was growing up in Western Pennsylvania, we didn't have internet. We didn't even have a gaming station. They didn't even make game things yet. We had three channels on television. And so what we grew up doing in Western Pennsylvania was we love the outdoors. We were out, we were out in the woods, hunting, fishing, hiking, building, you know, fortresses and all these type of things. That's what we did. But more so than any what we did, we played football. That was our big thing. We played football Monday through Friday, Saturday, and then all day Sunday, we'd take a break in between the game, watch it, halftime, go out, play, come back in, watch the end of the game. That's what we did.

And as I thought about this, I, I kind of came back and go, well, this didn't seem fair. But we never realized that at the time we would play football at the end of the street, littles against the bigs and the way the ages were. My brother was two and a half years older than me. My best friend Joe, his brother was two and a half years older than him. Um, my other friend Carl, his brother was two and a half years older than him. So there's my brother, there's his best friend, Jace, and then there's Carl's big brother David. But when we played football, we'd go littles against the bigs because as the littles, we would hang out and we would hunt and we would fish and we would just hang out together as the littles. And then the, the bigs, the brothers, they would do the same, but when it was over, they didn't say, come, let's hang out together. It was like, Hey, your little kids stay away from us. And you know, we're probably middle school. They're, they're, uh, into the high school, but we would play football. And it was called littles against the Bigs, three on three.

And I'll never forget this. One day we were playing, and I don't know what was up with Jace, the older, the big, but I made my running play. He tackled me, tackled me hard, and he couldn't just tackle me and like, roll off. That's how you do it. When you tackle in football, you roll off, everybody rolls off and they stand up separate. For whatever reason, Jace wanted to make sure that I knew that he was there and that the hit that he gave me, he wanted to make sure I knew where it came from. And rather than just rolling off on me, he put like both hands on me and he'd like pressed and pushed himself off me to give me that extra push to, to just, that would be called a penalty in football. But we didn't have any refs. And so he gives this push and he like, then he didn't really even lift, he just stayed on the push. So I kinda rolled my legs up, put my feet, and I kicked him right through the midsection. I mean, I kicked him hard enough that lifts him up.

And as he lifts up, he doesn't let go. Now he's got my feet and he lifts my feet up, my head's down there and he's like, he starts to shake. And this is where I know things are going bad fast. And I knew this no matter what in my best day and greatest day and his worst day, there was never gonna be anything that was even gonna be close. He would destroy me every time, all the time. There was nothing physically that could be compared. That's how far off we were. So as he's standing with a rage in his eyes. Now we're playing on rock fields. That's how it was when we grew up. And I look over and there's a rock. So I pick this rock up and man, I tell you, I let that baby fly and it flew like a perfect arrow. It split him right here in the lip. And I'm telling you is that lip split. The only thing that got bigger than the lip that was splitting was his eyes with rage. And it just takes me to the place of now I'm a dead man.

And as the moment was coming that the death was imminent, I hear coming out of the corner, I felt the percussion of the blow before I saw the actual physical body of not being dramatic or theatrical, but it was my brother and he must have come from 10, 20 yards from behind me. And all I heard coming was a roaring line and a raging bear. And when he hit his best friend, Jace, when he hit Jace, Jace knew it. And I mean the thud was heard from one end of the field to the other. Sent Jace flying. Jace goes, rolling, I'm set free, Jace stands up. And there I am who Jace wants to destroy because I just split his lip. There he is. And in between positions was my brother. You see the picture that I'm painting when Jace looked at my brother, he goes, this ain't a fight worth fighting. Jace could take care of himself. He would become, after graduation, he would actually become a prison guard. And he would retire 30 years later as a prison guard. And no one in the prison would dare mess with Jace. But when it came to what's it worth to try to get the Ray through, Richie Jace said, it ain't worth it.

And here we have this Savior who comes and he stands between us and the devil who just wants to utterly destroy us. And there the devil looks and goes, there's just no coming. There's just no way to reach them now because Jesus has taken the position between them. And this is what he's done for us, to give us a position as sons and daughters. He had to come and take the position as the warrior, even to the point of death for us. And we'll celebrate communion.

But you know, as I think about position before we move on to the next point, and I think through this position in Hebrews, we're told there's a new position that Jesus takes. It's the position of intercession. He seated at the right hand of the throne of God to live and make intercession for us. I'm reminded of him speaking to Peter on the that night. That would've Peter into utter meltdown. Peter, the devil has asked

for you that he might sift you, but I prayed for you. And when you have been delivered, you return to me, strengthen your brothers.

Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV)²⁵ Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

Luke 22:31–32 (NKJV)³¹ And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

And there's this place that Jesus is now positioned for Christian, for remembrance of us and the strength for our day as we leave here in the week to come the day before us. And these things. And there's a position now that he's between us, between us and the Father. He's living to make intercession. He takes our feeble prayer and somehow he takes 'em and he smooths them out. He rewords them, whatever it is, he boosts the power and bust them through the iron dome that so often we fill is above our prayer life. And he gets them and he presents 'em down at the throne of God that it might be presented to the Father, then the will of the Father be done.

But you know, there's a place in the prayer that makes me also think of the next one is there's a time that I just ain't got nothing left in me. And here I am and here's this devil to come. And he's trying to take the last strip of ounce of energy that I have and he wants to come and finish me though he can't take my soul for salvation, but he can come and he destroy me from what I'm worth at this moment in my life and my marriage and my ministry, in my fathering and all these type of things. If I can get to Ray man, I can tear down the last bit of strength that he has. And then here comes Jesus, his place of intercession, the position that he takes. I'm gonna stand and I'm gonna intercede for Ray on that too.

I'm gonna make sure that the devil can't finish him and gonna live to make intercession. What a beautiful life of intercession that he does for us. That's what he now lives for. First he lived for salvation. Now he lives to intercede for us. But to follow that story that I told about my brother Rich and not being macho, just telling you a story of growing up. Several years later, we would grow up, we would become men, and I would grow into be a man. And we went to visit some friends and um, before we knew the Lord and we were in this big gathering and um, I was in another room and my friend came and he says, Hey Ray, you, you need to go into the kitchen.

So I go into the kitchen and when I walk into the kitchen, there's my brother, the one who fought for me. There's my brother. And there was four young adults in a half circle around him, whatever the situation was, these four men, it was gonna be four against one. And this ain't a macho story, I'm just telling you a story. It wasn't even a thought. It wasn't even gonna be a thought. The one who fought for me, I'm gonna go stand next to, he's always been there for me. He's always fought for me. And I'm gonna go stand next to my brother, whatever the battle and the war is. And I go stand next to my brother around this half circle and whatever it may be, not to make a macho story, those men decided it wasn't gonna be worth it. And they all just walked away.

And I see something that the Lord just reminded me of the refreshed me and said, you know what, Ray? Sometimes your wife, she's on our last drop. Life is hard men sometimes your wife's on the last drop. Wives sometimes guess your husband. He's on his last drop of strength. And our children and the war that's against them, the ministries that you may be involved in, just, you know, fill in the blank. All the things that are on our hearts when we come to this place, we're on the last, there could be on the last drop, you know? And the Lord calls us, go stand in between them. You who now have grown and matured. You come stand with me in this life of intercession. 'cause there's this devil and there's this loved one that we love and this devil wants to take and destroy the last bit that they have. And the Lord just calls us into this beautiful place of intercession, says You come and stand in between them as I took my position to position you from the devil and his destruction.

Now I call you to join me as I do the same. What a life that we got. What a beautiful. And I just encourage us, you know, let's fight that fight. Let's live that life of intercession. And let's just remind us it's not just an intercession to get their prayers up to heaven, but there's an evil one who wants to destroy them. Peter, the devil's ass for you, but I prayed for you. He's not gonna sift you. And when you return, strengthen my brethren. So we get this beautiful place of position and then we're called into a place of position.

We are Loved at the Same Degree as Jesus (3:1)

To the Same Degree He Loves Ray Bollas

There is another beautiful passage regarding this theme, study this verse and you will find yourself in somewhat of a daze, for the word “as” means “to the same degree.” In other words, Jesus says that the Father loves me, His adopted son, to the same degree that He loves Jesus, His only begotten Son.

Amazing!

John 17:23 (NKJV) ²³ I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as (*kathos*) You have loved Me.

2531 καθώς [kathos /kath-ocē/] adv. From 2596 and 5613; GK 2777; 182 occurrences; AV translates as “as” 138 times, “even as” 36 times, “according as” four times, “when” once, “according to” once, “how” once, and “as well as + 2532” once. 1 according as. 1A just as, even as. 1B in proportion as, in the degree that. 2 since, seeing that, agreeably to the fact that. 3 when, after that. (Strong)

The idea "at the same degree"; the same intensity, the same passion as He loves the Son, so does He love us. There are 7 words for love in the Greek (stemming from 3 main words), and in this sentence the same word for love is used, “agape”, it is the greatest definition of love of the 7 Greek words for love, it is the highest form of love. We are adopted by the Father, we are not second rate, for the Father paid a tremendous price for us. He thought it through, and He considered the price, and He considered us worth the price; consider what manner of love the Father has for us.

Easter Story / New beginning – Fresh Start

The Easter story, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ the promise of a new beginning, a fresh start, the old debts wiped away, even the future debts; all things are made new. I am sure there is someone here today who desires that new beginning, that fresh start, then may today be your day:

(2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

(2 Corinthians 5:18 NKJV) Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,

(2 Corinthians 5:19 NKJV) that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Intimate Knowledge Comes Through Intimacy / We Are Foreigners

“*Knoweth*” and “*knew*” are both *ginōskō* (γινώσκω), “to acquire knowledge through the medium of experience.” By the world here John means the people of that system spoken of in 2:15–17, the people of the world system of evil. From their experience with us, the people of the world, while recognizing us as Christians, children of God, do not come to an understanding and appreciation of the nature of person we are, since unsaved people never have had a saving relationship with and knowledge of God. Intimate understanding and knowledge of another person is based upon fellowship with him. Since the people of the world have nothing in common with the children of God, they have no fellowship with them, and therefore have no intelligent appreciation and understanding of them. The foreign kind of love produced in us by the Holy Spirit constitutes us a foreign kind of person to the people of this world, and since they do not understand foreigners, people of a different race from themselves, they simply do not understand Christians. Children of God could just as well have come to earth from a strange planet so far as the people of the world are concerned. They are strangers to them.

Translation (3:1).

All of you, behold what foreign kind of love the Father has permanently bestowed upon us, to the end that we may be named born-ones of God. And we are. On this account the world does not have an experiential knowledge of us, because it has not come into an experiential knowledge of Him.

Wuest, K. S. (1997). Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: for the English reader (Vol. 13, pp. 142–143). Eerdmans.

Adopted – Gets Better

We children, adopted into the family, but it gets even better from there, verse 2!

(1 John 3:2 NKJV) Beloved (agapetos), now we are children (teknon) of God; and it has not yet been revealed (phaneroo) what we shall be, but we know (oida) that when He is revealed (phaneroo), we shall be like (homoios) Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

We Shall Be Like Him – We Don't Have to Wait (3:2)

Beloved (adjective describing the Noun)

Beloved is the word (agapetos), which is from the word (agape – which means unconditional love). It an adjective (which describes the noun)..... which we (you and I), are the noun. So you can read it as..... you who are unconditionally loved.

Now & Eternally – Based on We Are Children of God

Now are we the sons of God - Commenting on the words, "Now are we the sons of God," Vincent says: "The two thoughts of the present and future condition of God's children are placed side by side with the simple copula, and, as parts of one thought. Christian condition, now and eternally, centers in the fact of being children of God. In that fact lies the seed of all the possibilities of eternal life."

Not Manifest – What Shall We Be? (Question Mark!)

it doth not yet appear - The verb in the expression "it doth not yet appear" is aorist passive. The correct reading is, "It has not yet been made manifest or visible." Vincent says: "The force of the aorist tense is, was never manifested on any occasion." The word "what" is the interrogative pronoun in the neuter gender in the Greek text. It is used here as in the simple question, "What shall we be?" Bengel comments: "This what suggests something unspeakable, contained in the likeness of God."

We Know (oida)

The word "oida" means to know by fact. We know this is a fact because the Spirit is testifying to us, that we know!

Made Manifest (Appears)

when He shall appear - The verb in the expression "when He shall appear" is phaneroō (φανερῶ), the same verb used in the case of the previous word "appear" in this verse. It means in the passive, "to be made manifest or visible."

Like Him

The word (homoios), like, resembling, such as, the same as. I believe this speaks of our glorified heavenly bodies.

We be Like Him / Love that – he is Beautiful / I Desire to Be

We are going to be like Jesus Christ when He appears. I love that because I love the Lord, I love Him for He is so beautiful, all that He is, is what I desire to be, and will be.

Twinkle of an Eye / 1/55th of Second - Changed

In a twinkle of an eye, the medical world says that 1/55th of a second is a blink of an eye; we will be changed that quickly:

(1 Corinthians 15:51 NKJV) Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed;

(1 Corinthians 15:52 NKJV) in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(1 Corinthians 15:53 NKJV) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

(1 Corinthians 15:54 NKJV) So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."

(1 Corinthians 15:55 NKJV) "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"

Twinkle of an Eye / Changed – Before the Throne / Without

In a twinkling of an eye we shall be changed, and we will be in His presence with an innumerable company of angels and saints of the first born, and we will be around His throne:

- Without sin,
- Without sorrow,
- Without suffering,
- Without divorce,
- Without cancer,
- Without tears,

- Without death,
- Without the curse.

Don't Wait to Be Like Him

I don't want to wait to be like Him, nor do I have to wait to become more like Him

We can be transformed into His nature:

- Truth
- Righteousness
- Purity

Take on His Passion:

- My will is to do the work/will of the Father
- Today I must go through Samaria

Take on His Heart:

- Woman where are thy accuser, nor do I condemn you
- Lord if you are willing; as He willingly touches the unwanted
- He sees those that can't see, those the world doesn't see
- Father forgive them they know not what they do
- Come to me and I will you rest

How? Back to verse 3:1, "Knoweth" and "knew" are both ginōskō (γινώσκω), "to acquire knowledge through the medium of experience. We grow in our knowledge of Him, by experiencing Him personally and intimate through His Words, Intercession prayer,

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We can do all these things, because we now not only have the Family name, we have the Father's DNA in us, because He lives in us.

1 John 2:20 But you have an anointing (chrisma) from the Holy One, and you know (oida) all things (You all know).

1 John 2:27 But the anointing (chrisma) which you have received from Him abides (meno) in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing (chrisma) teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide (meno) in Him.

John 14:26 (NKJV)²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

Conclusion

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Gospel

If You Were to Die Tonight

Personal

Jeremiah 29:11 (NKJV)¹¹ For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Problem

Romans 3:23 (NKJV)²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Penalty

Romans 6:23 (NKJV) ²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord*

Provision

John 3:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

Profession

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) ¹³ *For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."*

Recognize

John 14:6 (NKJV) ⁶ *Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.*

Repent

Acts 3:19 (NKJV) ¹⁹ *Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

Receive

Romans 10:9 (NKJV) ⁹ *that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Prayer

The Word of God is Living and Powerful, and is ready, and will do a mighty work in our lives.

Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV) ¹² *For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

In Every Study

- Who Is God? (How Great is He?)
- What Does He Think of Me? (How Wonderful Are His Thoughts Towards Me?)
- What Does He Want Me to Do?
- What Can I Boldly Request of Him?
- What Do I Need to Be on Guard of When I Leave Here Today?

Boldly come to the throne of grace, ask God to reveal Himself in a mighty way to you, and to do I might work in you, and through you.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need*