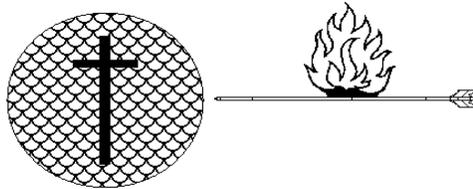


Hebrews 2:18-3:1 Because He Himself suffered when He was tempted, He is able to help those who are being tempted. Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess.

Hebrews 12:2-3 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart!

Romans 8:28-39 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. For those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Ephesians 6:10-18 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of TRUTH buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from THE GOSPEL of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of FAITH, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of SALVATION and the sword of THE SPIRIT, which is THE WORD OF GOD. And PRAY in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

God's Love

God rejoices over us like a bridegroom rejoices over his bride. Isaiah 62:5

God takes great delight in us, quiets us with His love and even rejoices over us with singing! Zephaniah 3:17

God loves us:

~ At our conception:

Listen to Me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. (Isaiah 46:3-4)

~ As He knits us together in the womb:

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

(Psalm 139:13)

~ From the womb to birth:

Yet You brought me out of the womb; You made me trust in You even at my mother's breast. From birth I was cast upon You; from my mother's womb You have been my God.

(Psalm 22:9-10)

~ From birth on:

From birth I have relied on You; You brought me forth from my mother's womb.

I will ever praise You. (Psalm 71:6)

~ Through childhood:

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." (Matthew 19:14)

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!

(1 John 3:1)

~ As a young adult:

Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my lover among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade, and his fruit is sweet to my taste. (Song of Solomon 2:3)

Then maidens will dance and be glad, young men and old as well. I will turn their mourning into gladness; I will give them comfort and joy instead of sorrow.

(Jeremiah 31:13)

~ Throughout our lives:

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness. (2 Peter 1:3)

~ To old age:

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green, proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; He is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in Him." (Psalm 92:15)

~ From the womb to the tomb:

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread.

(Psalm 37:25)

~ For all eternity:

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever. (1 Chronicles 16:34)

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

(1 Corinthians 13:13)

~ What is love?

It is appreciation, affection, a total preoccupation, a state of exclusion. It is when we just can't get someone out of our minds. It is God's love for us in Christ and is why we can live by grace!

SUNDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

To overcome a sin, stop concentrating on the sin and start concentrating on Jesus. He can and will give you the strength and power to overcome it. Don't "try harder". Do "change directions." ***GROW IN FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE = GROW IN JESUS!!!***

Jesus Loves us. 1 John 3:16 This is how we know what Love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us.

John 15:9 As the Father has Loved Me, so have I Loved you. Now remain in My Love.

Jesus is Love. 1 John 4:8 God is Love.

Jesus is God. Colossians 2:9-10 For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is The Head over every power and authority.

Jesus Died for us sinners. Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ Died for us.

Jesus will never Leave us or Forsake us. Hebrews 13:5 Never will I Leave you; never will I Forsake you.

Matthew 28:20 Surely I am with you Always, to the very end of the age.

Jesus Fulfilled the Law completely. Romans 13:8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for He who loves His fellow man has Fulfilled the Law.

Matthew 5:17 Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to Fulfill them.

Jesus gives us the Victory over sin. Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.

1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the Victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than Conquerors through Him who loved us.

Jesus Intercedes for us. Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.

Jesus is greater than our heart. 1 John 3:20 And if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart!

Jesus is our Teacher. Matthew 23:10 Nor are you to be called "teacher," for you have one Teacher, the Christ.

Jesus makes us Fishers of Men. Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you Fishers of Men."

Jesus works Everything in conformity to His will. Ephesians 1:11-12 "In Him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of Him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of His will, in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of His glory."

MONDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

When dealing with others always ask, “What is my goal?” Is your goal to minister, encourage and share the love of Jesus, or is it to manipulate, demand and tear down?

Jesus Destroyed death for us. 2 Timothy 1:8-10 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord or ashamed of me His prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the Gospel, by the power of God, who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of His own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has Destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Jesus Destroyed the devil for us. Hebrews 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might Destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Jesus is LORD. Acts 10:36 You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the Good News of peace through Jesus Christ, who is LORD of all.

Jesus will Return. Matthew 25:31 When the Son of Man Returns in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will rule on His throne.

Jesus is the King. Revelation 17:14 They will make war against the Lamb, but the Lamb will overcome them because He is Lord of lords and King of kings—and with Him will be His called, chosen and faithful followers.

Jesus is the Lamb. John 1:29 Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Jesus is the Vine. John 15:5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.

Jesus suffered so we could be Healed. Isaiah 53:5 But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him and by His wounds we are Healed.

Jesus is the Gate. John 10:7 Therefore Jesus said again, “I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep.”

Jesus is the Word. John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Jesus is the Son of God. Mark 1:1 The beginning of the Gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Jesus is our Savior. Luke 2:11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.

Jesus Healed a demon-possessed boy. Matthew 17:18 Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was Healed from that moment.

TUESDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

Do not let the pain of sins and broken relationships lead you to an angry, demanding, self-protective, other-blaming spirit. Do let that pain, brokenness and suffering lead you to a deeper thirst for Jesus, who alone can quench your thirst.

Jesus quenches our Thirst. John 7:37 If anyone is Thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.

Jesus has Risen! Matthew 28:6 He is not here; He has Risen, just as He said.

Jesus was Baptized. Matthew 3:16 Jesus was Baptized.

Jesus is the Rock. 1 Corinthians 10:4 They drank from the Spiritual Rock that accompanied them, and that Rock was Christ.

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

Jesus is the Light. John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the Light of Life."

Jesus is our Holiness (sanctification). 1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of Him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, Holiness and redemption.

Jesus is our Justification. Romans 4:25 He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our Justification.

Jesus is our Righteousness. Matthew 6:33 But seek first His Kingdom and His Righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Jesus is our Passover Lamb. 1 Corinthians 5:7 For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.

Jesus is the Righteous One. 1 John 2:1 My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have One who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

Jesus is our Atoning Sacrifice. 1 John 2:2 He is the Atoning Sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Jesus = Grace. Romans 6:14 For you are not under Law, but under Grace.

Jesus Suffered and Rose again. Luke 24:46 He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will Suffer and Rise from the dead on the third day."

Jesus had Compassion. Matthew 20:34 Jesus had Compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed Him.

Jesus is the Prophet from Nazareth. The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the Prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

WEDNESDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

Whenever the goal of your action is primarily to change another person—whether the change is good or bad—YOU are wrong! If your goal is not to share Christ's love, based on an accurate awareness of the other person's needs, you qualify as a manipulator, NOT a minister.

Jesus is our Friend. John 15:12-14 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are My Friends if you do what I command.

Jesus is Preparing us a place. John 14:2 In My Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to Prepare a place for you.

Jesus Casts out all fear. 1 John 4:18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love Casts out all fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

Jesus is our Full Armor. Ephesians 6:14-17 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Jesus is our Mediator. Hebrews 9:15 For this reason Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Jesus is our Redeemer. Galatians 3:13 Christ Redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree."

Jesus is our Brother. Hebrews 2:11 Both the One who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them Brothers.

Jesus Chose us. John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I Chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last.

Jesus brought Grace and Truth. John 1:17 For the Law was given through Moses; Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ.

Jesus came into the World. John 11:27 "Yes, Lord," she told Him, "I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the World."

Jesus is Eternal Life. John 17:3 Now this is Eternal Life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent.

Jesus has All Authority. Matthew 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me."

Jesus Healed various diseases. Mark 1:34 Jesus Healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons.

Jesus is Wisdom from God. 1 Corinthians 1:30 You are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us Wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

THURSDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

Most habits that we seem powerless to control, grow out of our attempts to relieve the unbearable tension that results from our failure to deal appropriately with the pain that results when our deepest longings for relationships goes unfulfilled. Instead of relying on Jesus and our future hope of heaven, we rely on immediate gratification to relieve our pain. Instead of being heavenly minded, we are earthly minded.

Jesus is our Hope. Colossians 1:27 God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the Hope of glory.

Jesus is our Peace. John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; My Peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Jesus shed His Blood. Hebrews 9:12 He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered the Most Holy Place once for all by His own Blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

Jesus gives us His Body and Blood. Matthew 26:26-27 Take and eat; this is My Body... Drink from it, all of you. This is My Blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus' blood Purifies us. 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, Purifies us from all sin.

Jesus is the Messiah. Mark 14:61-62 Again the high priest asked Him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and arriving on the clouds of heaven."

Jesus is the Son of Man. Matthew 9:6 But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins... (Jesus healed the paralytic.)

Jesus is Unchangeable. Hebrews 13:8 Jesus Christ is the Same yesterday and today and forever.

Jesus Knows all things. John 21:17 "Lord, You Know all things."

Jesus is all Powerful. Matthew 28:18 All Authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.

Jesus is Creator. John 1:3 Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.

Jesus grants us Everything. 2 Peter 1:3 His divine power has granted us Everything pertaining to life and Godliness.

Jesus is both Lord and Christ. Acts 2:36 Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Jesus Blesses us Spiritually. Ephesians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has Blessed us in the heavenly realms with every Spiritual blessing in Christ.

Jesus Rescues us from wrath. 1 Thessalonians 1:10 Wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, who Rescues us from the coming wrath.

FRIDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

Jesus has not promised to meet all of our physical comforts or give us perfect relationships with everyone. We may therefore bump into some hard times with material problems and unrewarding relationships. Jesus has promised to satisfy our longing for Him and faithfully provide all we need to accomplish His will in our lives.

However, that satisfaction is only a taste of the feast to come, and does NOT dull the pain of disappointment when our physical comforts and perfect relationships go unmet. Therefore, let that pain lead you to a desire for God who alone can comfort us and to an eager anticipation of His coming, when our every desire will be forever satisfied.

Jesus Suffered. 1 Peter 2:21 To this (suffering) you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His footsteps.

Jesus is the Sustainer. Hebrews 1:3 The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His being, sustaining all things by His powerful Word.

Jesus deserves Honor. John 5:23 He who does not Honor the Son does not Honor the Father, who sent Him.

Jesus deserves Worship. Hebrews 1:6 Let all of God's angels worship Him.

Jesus Wept. John 11:35 Jesus wept.

Jesus is the Author of Life. Acts 3:15 You killed the Author of Life, but God raised Him from the dead.

Jesus is our Ransom. Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a Ransom for many.

Jesus is The Prophet. Deuteronomy 18:15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to Him.

Jesus was Conceived. Matthew 1:20 What is Conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit.

Jesus was Born. Luke 2:7 And she gave Birth to her firstborn, a Son.

Jesus has set us Free. Romans 8:1-2 Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the Law of the Spirit of life set me Free from the Law of sin and death.

Jesus Lives in me. Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ Lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Jesus Died for the Ungodly. Romans 5:6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ Died for the Ungodly.

Jesus Will Return With His Holy Ones. 1 Thessalonians 3:13 May He strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Returns With All His Holy Ones.

SATURDAY - FIX YOUR EYES AND THOUGHTS ON JESUS!

There are many unnecessary problems that develop when we insist that necessary pain be eliminated. When pain, grief and sadness enter our souls, we **MUST NOT** flee into the self-protection of happy or distracting thoughts, like anger, fantasy or denial. Pondering our problems until they become overwhelming and acknowledging our guilt and fear can lead us into repentance, where we change from a self-preservationist attitude to an attitude of grateful worship. Every effort to change must involve at its core a shift in direction away from dependence on one's own resources for living life, to a solid dependence on God for all things.

Jesus is the Christ. John 20:31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name.

Jesus Lifts us up. Psalm 40:1-3 I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He Lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a Rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

Jesus is the Author and Perfecter of our faith. Hebrews 12:1-3 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Jesus helps us Resist the devil. James 4:7-8 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Jesus is Contentment. Philippians 4:11 For me to live is Christ—I can be Content in all circumstances.

Jesus Cares for us. 1 Peter 5:7 Cast all your anxiety on Him, for He Cares for you.

Jesus Keeps us. 1 John 5:18 We now know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God (Jesus) keeps him and the evil one does not touch him.

Jesus makes us secure. Romans 8:29f No Man shall pluck me out of His hands. Nothing can separate me from the love of God in Christ!

Jesus will Overthrow and Destroy the lawless one. 2 Thessalonians 2:8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will Overthrow with the breath of His mouth and Destroy by the splendor of His coming.

Jesus Saves sinners. 1 Timothy 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to Save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Jesus has a Permanent Priesthood. Hebrews 7:24 Because Jesus lives forever, He has a Permanent Priesthood.

Jesus gives us Grace. 2 Corinthians 13:14 May the Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all! AMEN!

‡ **THE TE DEUM LAUDAMUS** ‡

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud,
the heavens and all the powers therein;
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee:
The Father of an infinite majesty;
Thine adorable, true and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a virgin.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou shalt come, to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.
O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine heritage.
Govern them and lift them up forever.
Day by day we magnify Thee.
And we worship Thy Name ever, world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.
O Lord in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.
Lord, Have mercy upon us.
Christ, Have mercy upon us.
Lord, Have mercy upon us.
AMEN!