

Faith Evidence

What are the signs of effective *pistis* faith?



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Clear, inspirational and biblical on how to believe for joyous results with God.

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Introduction

Can you imagine, you have a brand new car, but you cannot remember where you put the car keys? You look everywhere, but cannot find them, so you start screaming in rage.

Or how about you just got a box in the mail. It is big, yet you cannot figure out how to open it. A knife cannot puncture it, or break the tape, or the packaging. There is no place to put a pry bar. You are almost ready to crush it, just to open it, not caring if you break what is inside. And you yell in frustration.

I'll bet you can think of your own similar stories. You can see the answer has to be nearby, yet you cannot get it to work. So is true for many who try to get answers from God. In frustration they decide God does not care, or He is testing you in some way, or we utter those faithless words, "When God is ready, in His timing, we will see it."

We hear a lot about the need for faith with God. The world is full of need, but in the face of a world in need, the Bible teaches, and life proves, God only responds to His kind of faith. Yet God is a loving God. So what is this faith that releases our loving God to do good? This leads to some vital questions:

- How do you know you are in effective faith?
- Not all answers are instant, so what do you do to help the answer come?
- What is the evidence of right faith so you can know you are on the right track until the answer manifests?

For many, the prime questions are, "How can I get more blessings from God? How do I get answered prayer?" or, "Where is God? I pray and pray, yet there is no answer." Here you will find not only answers to these questions, but more importantly, gain the understanding to see your prayers produce more results. But first, a few basics to get us started.

This writing started as I heard of the constant need for Christians to have faith, and God only responds to faith, yet most of those I saw claiming there were in faith, did not manifest much in the way of answers to prayer, for even small things, much less big things. And some were getting answers and could not say why. They decided, "God just showed them mercy (and obviously not to others) so they often got prideful in their prayer answers, but could not produce more.

There is a right way to operate *pistis* faith. As David Hogan says, “Pride and arrogance do not raise the dead.”

Why this book? The New Testament Greek word translated as faith in most English translations is *pistis*. In the Bible, faith or believing always works with God. This is where I got the idea that right *pistis* faith has evidence, as Paul said in one passage on getting results with God: Phil 4:9 “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and **heard, and seen in me**, do: and **the God of peace shall be with you.**”

Wow, Paul had evidence of his faith in the things that others could see and hear! Not only if you did what Paul taught, the God of Peace would be with you, and most Christians I know are eagerly seeking for peace, yet seem to have little. “Heard and seen in me,” is talking not about his preaching, but his lifestyle. Not an occasional event, but a regular manner of his living.

God Loves You by Promises: God loves you intensely and wants His best for you all the time. God is never the problem. God’s method for getting His blessings to us is called inheriting the promises of God in the Scriptures.

These promises are our heritage by the work of Jesus Christ in His redemption 2000 years ago. You have the legal right to them, but the word “inherit” shows the problem. You must do what it takes to manifest them. It is not automatic.

God has already done the hard part, the God-level part. The earthly part, faith in God by His promises, He has left up to us. Get the faith part right, learn the promises you need, and inheriting the promises, the blessings of God, can be yours.

The challenge is, inheriting these promises is not self-moving or automatic. We are required to work the process of “inheriting” them. You can have any or all the promises you are willing to labor in right faith-actions to receive. But no labor means no inheriting.

In the New Covenant, all the promises of God in Christ Jesus are our inheritance. They are there for us to appreciate, seize, and possess. Just as much as the Promised Land is to the Jew; all the promises of God in Christ Jesus are ours.

These promises meet every need in this life and the next. They can be summarized as: 3 John 2 “Agape/Beloved, I wish (*pray*) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” Notice they need to be prayed for and therefore are not automatic. Without right actions on our part, they remain in Heaven, unused.

These blessings include peace, divine health, prosperity, security from enemies, good fortune, success in every God-ordained endeavor, overcoming all challenges, and wellbeing for you and your family in every area of life. This is our Promised Land. It is not necessarily a place, but a life in any place. To receive them, that is to

walk and enjoy them, we must learn to receive them by right faith-actions in God by His promises.

It is by faith in God by His Word that we subdue the current occupants, create the new potentials, and we establish and maintain the dominion of God in our Promised Land, inherit them, to our and God's pleasure and joy.

Prayer: One of the main processes of inheriting (receiving, walking in, and enjoying) the promises is right prayer. In prayer we are to pray *pisteuo* believing. But what is believing? What is faith? Many will say believing is expecting an answer, which may be different than "the answer" we are looking for. Heb 6:12 "That ye be not slothful (*not willing to work hard*), but followers (*imitators or copy cats*) of them who through right faith-actions and patience inherit (*walk in and enjoy*) the promises."

Jesus was the greatest workman concerning prayer, and then perhaps the apostles. They seemed to always get what they prayed for. Is it about the person as being special, or is it how they prayed? To shed some light on this, let's look at the New Covenant.

In the New Covenant all the promises of God in Christ Jesus are our inheritance, legal heritage. Just as much as the Promised Land is to the Jew, all the promises of God in Christ Jesus are ours. And it is by *pistis* faith that we subdue the current occupants and we establish and maintain the dominion of God in our Promised Land.

The Promised Land in this life is like a farm or a business requiring continual effort to maintain. It is not a cruise ship voyage where you are waited hand and foot. Yes, it is a life continually releasing the glory of God, but not a drug induced, insensitive state. If Jesus still has a job, so do you.

God has Decreed: Here is our Magna Carta; our decree by God of this awesome blessing, in the promises of God for us, "As is written:" 2 Cor 1:19-22

19 "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea.

20 **"For all the promises of God in him (*Jesus*) are yea, and in him Amen,** unto the glory of God by us.

21 "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God;

22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

And summarized this way, the revealed gospel secret of the ages: Col 1:26-29

26 "Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

27 "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.**

28 “Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect (*mature*) in Christ Jesus:

29 “Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.” Notice this, “Good news of God,” kept Paul teaching, laboring, which is hard work. Holy Spirit impelled Paul to work, and Paul wrote the “grace versus works” theology.

Promises: Christianity is God’s method of connecting man to God, so like with Jesus, God can inhabit man, and God can rule the Earth, through mankind. God’s intention and plan has always been to, not only to get Holy Spirit in man, but for man to cooperate with Holy Spirit, for God to reign through men on the Earth. God’s primary tools for this are all the Bible covenant promises of God, or what God will do when man does the things that release God into the Earth that He, God, can inhabit.

The sovereign decree of God is that God will reign through, by, in, and with man. Thus man controls how much of God manifests in the Earth in this age. And we do it exercising the promises of God. If we do not do it, then we limit what God can do.

We see this here: Mark 9:23 “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst *pisteuo*/believe, all things are possible to him that *pisteuo*/believeth.” Notice what releases these “all things” of God is human *pisteuo* believing. No right *pisteuo* believing, and we limit God.

There is not a devil big enough, or all the powers of the devil combined, to stop Jesus in us. That means all things are possible to those who will do the work of right *pisteuo* believing. It is not God who is the problem, but us, and our lack of right *pisteuo* believing.

2 Thess 1:11 “Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, **and the work of pistis/faith** with *dunamis*/power: 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Here is clear assessment, that doing right *pisteuo* believing is WORK! Hmm.

Even Jesus had to “work.”

John 9:4 “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

And Jesus expects believers to also do the same kind of works: 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;** because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall *aiteo*/ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”

From one perspective, Jesus commands believers to do the works He did, and even greater works! So whatever the debate, Jesus, and therefore Father God requires us to do works to produce what Jesus' works produced.

The issue is not that we are required to work, but what are these works? We are saved by grace to do works, which means our salvation provides things that allow us to work like we could not before.

Eph 2:8 "For by grace are ye *sozo*/saved through *pistis*/faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Works that we walk in means a new lifestyle, not an event. The mighty gift of salvation is not just Heaven forever, which is a later issue, but for right now, on the Earth now in this life, we have *zoe* life, and Holy Spirit is now in residence in us as New Testament Arks of God: 1 Cor 3:16 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?"

So one aspect of this "work" includes working with Holy Spirit like Jesus did.

Jesus explained: John 6:29 "Jesus answered and said unto them, This is **the work of God**, that ye *pisteuo*/believe on him (*Jesus*) whom he (*Father God*) hath sent."

So this work is called the work of *pisteuo* believing, and it is a work of God, meaning Holy Spirit is involved also. We will start with looking at the "Work of believing."

In the New Testament, the Greek word, translated as believe is the verb, *pisteuo* (Strong's NT 4100). The noun form of *pisteuo* is *pistis* (Strong's NT 4102) and is translated as faith or belief in English. As a noun form of a verb, it means to be in the state of the verb, believing. So *pisteuo* faith, is to be in the state of *pisteuo* believing.

And here is the God-directed kicker, if you are not in the work of *pisteuo* believing, you are not in *pistis* faith. This is a major upset to most Christian teaching, which by definition, is not correct. But will go a long way in explaining how to get right prayers to work. If you want to see God manifest in the Earth it requires you to exercise right faith.

Believe is a verb, and therefore has actions. As we do the actions of believing, then God can do all things. Until then, He is limited in His promises by our lack of right *pisteuo* believing actions. This is the "work of faith" versus "slothfulness."

The Answer is Already Decreed: There are some 31,102 verses in the Bible, and of these, one count of the promises in the Bible is 7,487 promises by God to man. (From the Introduction to *All the Promises of the Bible*, Dr. Herbert Lockyer, 1962, where he counts some 8,000 promises). Other counts range from these as the highs, and as low as 1,260 and 3,573. Whatever the count, they cover every part of life to make Heaven on Earth, in either direct statements or in principle applications. In gen-

eral, the Bible is a book of principles to follow, rather than detailed explicit directions like, what color car to buy?

God has already decreed, spoken everything it is possible for Holy Spirit to do in man, in knowing God by the Scriptures, and moving forward in *dunamis* power, *zoe* life, *agape* love, and the mind of Christ in right *pisteuo* believing, knowing the answer is already there for you to release it by *pistis* faith in *pisteuo* believing Jesus inside you.

Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ: 4 according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in *agape/love*.”

Or “God has already spoken every good thing (blessed) it is possible for Holy Spirit to do for each person in the records of the Court of Heaven, so it is already decreed forever for Christians to believe God to take these good things from Heaven and manifest them on Earth by right *pisteuo* believing.” You already have every word God can say in goodness for you. The only outstanding issue is the wisdom on what to manifest now, for each situation.

One way this extraordinary promise can be summarized is this verse:

Gal 5:25 “If we *zao/live* in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” This is a present condition of the born-again human that then is worked out by the reality of a righteous walk in and with God. Notice it depends on our deciding to walk on a new lifestyle than the world, and then actually walking in the Spirit. This means to do the right things to get the right results of God, i.e., “the work of *pistis* faith.”

Peter said it this way: Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness (*right acts done rightly*), is accepted with him.” In this case, the “accepted of Him” included God sending an angel to Cornelius, a Roman who converted to Judaism.

This statement, “God is no respecter of persons” is stated or referenced some 11 times in the Bible as an attribute of God. This means to get the results God promises, we need to do the right things, and that includes the right actions of believing, done rightly.

Even if God wanted to, He will not pick out people to bless. Instead He has shown the rules in the Bible for us to operate them to receive the blessings. God is not making decisions, we are. For those independent-minded, this puts you in charge!

Astounding: This may astound you. As God is no respecter of persons, then Jesus, as a man, did not get answers to prayer because He is the Son of God, but because

Jesus did the right things, the right works of *pistis* faith, as a man, a human like you. Learn to do the right works of *pistis* faith, and God can do the same for you.

Thus the Bible boldly declares: 1 John 4:17 "...because as he (*Jesus*) is, so are we in this world."

Since it takes *pistis* faith to please God, Jesus operated by *pistis* faith, just like we have to. Heb 11:6 "But without *pistis*/faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo*/believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." So Jesus did the *pistis* faith work of diligently seeking God continually.

Sovereign God: We will get into this later, but many say, "God can do anything He wants." That is true, and what God has sovereignly decided that what He wants is to limit Himself to people who do the right actions of right *pisteuo* believing of His words of the Bible.

God has sovereignly placed man on the Earth to rule for Him, and has thus sovereignly limited Himself to what and how we rule for Him by His Word through *pistis* faith. It is not God making administrative decisions on Earth to release or manifest blessing, but man is.

Man decides which promises to decide to manifest in Earth by our right *pisteuo* believing work. God is not deciding, we are. For those wanting something, God puts it up to you. He will gladly answer if we do right *pisteuo* believing.

For best results, I suggest you go back and re-read the above material again, maybe several time until you get excited over it. I can think of nothing better than doing the works of God, and God pays better than anybody in the Universe!

This is why Jesus taught us to pray, i.e., to call upon God: Matt 6:9 "After this manner therefore pray (*call upon, worship*) ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven."

There are many other Scriptures that request, command, and require us to pray, to call upon, worship God, to make the blessings manifest on Earth. If we did not have a part in this, then Jesus would not have taught this kind of prayer. By telling us the style of prayer Jesus is putting us to work!

Repetition is Vital: In this discussion, we may use the same scriptures over and over. This is intentional. You learn by repetition. Or as Paul said: Phil 3:1 "Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you (*again and again*), to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe."

Repetition is the key to learning and even deeper, mind renewal. See also 2 Peter 1 and his term, call to remembrance unto you rejoicing again as you did in the first

time you heard it. (“Re”- means to repeat it.) The command to: “Rejoice, again I say rejoice,” is to recall the redemption facts that caused your first joy. Recall unto joy, not your present negative situations, but the truth that with Jesus in you, you can rise above and defeat them in the joy of the Lord, who is your strength.

And if all this is familiar to you, consider: 2 Peter 1:12 “Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth [*of our redemption in the blood of Jesus and of Christ in you the hope of glory*]. 13 Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance.”

So if you know the Scriptures you hear, then you should be stirring yourself up to do what Jesus would do right now. Avoid the, “I’ve heard that verse before,” to boredom or indifference syndrome. Instead, rejoice each time you hear and recognize them.

Ps 47:1 “O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.”

Each verse about God is a window to the Almighty and Unlimited God. There is a limit to what the casual listener or reader can receive. But until you get the depth of each verse, and walk like Jesus in *dunamis* miracle-working power, unfailing *agape* love, and operate in the mind of Christ in each Scripture, you have not “heard” it to life transformation.

This means it is not God limiting you, but you limiting God. James 4:8 “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”

Mixing with Pistis Faith: And the way we enter in is just like the people under Moses had to: Heb 4:2-5 “For unto us (*Christians*) was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (*the people with Moses*): but the word preached did not profit them (*those who died in the desert and did not walk in the land of the promise, or in later years, fell away from the Lord, and went into captivity and national decline*), not being (*continually fully*) mixed with *pistis/faith* [*to life change or a new world view*] in them that heard it (*to do gladly, no matter what, in godly and victorious boldness, strength, and courage*).

3 “For we which have *pisteuo*/believed (*by right faith-actions*) do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

4 “For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works.

5 “And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest.”

Concerning walking in the blessing or the promises: Heb 4:11 “**Let us labour** therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief

(unpersuaded, not doing glad right faith-actions on the word of God, without glad belief in God).” Unbelief is working in things other than as God requires.

This labor is described in Hebrews 4:2 as mixing effectively the promises of God and the faithfulness of God with *pistis* right faith-actions unto gladness and joy, for effective heart-change leading to right actions. Mixing is work, not sitting around doing nothing.

We will go into more detail on this God-releasing, promise-manifesting, *zoe* life releasing, and “mixing” process throughout this book. In simple form, this mixing is done by combining the Bible promises of God in your thoughts, words, and actions with *pisteuo* believing, or the actions or work of *pistis* faith. This is our “labor” to enter, and stay in, the “rest” of God. As Jesus commanded our job is defined as *pisteuo* believing.

Or as Jesus told the people of His day, John 6:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is **the work of God**, that ye *pisteuo*/believe (*by right faith-action works*) on him (*Jesus*) whom he (*Father God*) hath sent.” So not only do you get answers to prayer but enter into God’s “rest.”

Here is the secret in plain sight to enter into and possess the promises of God. We do it by the mixing action of *pistis* faith unto gladness and joy. Since good heart change comes with constant and glad repetition, then this mixing process is an all day, every day process. God is talking a lifestyle issue, and not just a few one-time or weekly events.

They were to mix the good news of God in such a way, with continual *pisteuo* believing actions that they would conquer giants, walled cities, and massive armies in the joy and the encouragement of God. And to get and operate the farms of the Promised Land in continual good work. So the right mixing of the word with *pisteuo* believing actions will inspire you to attack and overcome the giants and impossibilities of your Promised Land.

Heb 4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it [*you just like Jesus and the Earth just like Heaven*]. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with *pistis/right* faith-actions in them that heard it [*to being glad and ready warriors to conquer impossible situations in your Promised Land by continual *pistis* faith, right faith-actions*].”

This is not about your eternal salvation when you get born-again. That is settled by grace because of Jesus. Your effectiveness in bringing the Kingdom of God to Earth is based on your effective faith in the more-than-sufficient blood of Jesus, now, in this life.

The word translated as “mixed” (Strong’s NT 4786) means to comingle, to temper, or join with force so there is no weakness or gaps, and no part different than the other, but uniform in mixture. This is effective mind renewing of the word of God with continual right faith-actions until you operate in the mind of Christ: Phil 2:5 “Let (*force, renew your mind into*) this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

Here is a command to make your mind think like Jesus thinks so you can do what Jesus would do!

Notice “mixing” is a verb, a work. Being a casual bystander is not the same as one who mixes anything. You have to get involved to mix, and it is work, often hard work with intensity, diligence, and focus. Failure to mix the Word of God with right faith-actions is what got them killed in the desert under Moses. 1 Cor 11:30 says we are subject to the same rules now.

So from God’s perspective, anything in your life that is not Heaven on Earth means there has been a “mixing” failure in your life. And the recovery path is to start mixing God’s promises with right faith-actions UNTIL they manifest.

The big message is that we cannot blame God. Freedom comes when we start to accept the responsibility God has given us to be effective “mixers,” until the glory of God becomes our normal.

The key concept here is that even though all the promises and blessings of God are your inheritance, either you must do your part, or someone else must do it for you, in order to release them, and usually against many negative and impossible situations.

One of the benefits of this right mixing is that it develops and maintains the enthusiasm and confidence in God to see you through to total victory, and to release God so He can be your Help. So we have hard work, labor, to get the confidence and enthusiasm, and then more *pisteuo* believing work to keep you going, as you wage your *pistis* faith battles to get your Promised Land. The promises are there, if we will but work rightly in *pisteuo* believing, to enter and keep them.

So what promises are we looking at? Here is one summary that were prayed for people: 3 John 2 “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” Sounds like a pretty good target to me. What do you think?

The key is getting your soul renewed into right thinking, speaking, willing, and doing to get these tremendous results from God. So how do we work it?

Here is a two-step process:

- 1) Right *pistis* faith-actions over the gospel to stir up enthusiasm, truth, courage, confidence, zeal, certainty, and wisdom in God so you can be an effective warrior like Jesus,

2) Right *pistis* faith-actions over the gospel as you go do the battles to win and occupy the Promised Land with and in God like Jesus did.

If you can pick your battles, you follow this simple process, otherwise, as is often the case, the battles find you, and then you do both processes in the midst of battle.

Promises: Here God says it again in reference to hard work:

Heb 6:12 “That ye **be not slothful** (*lazy, apathetic, distracted, or indifferent*), but followers (*laboring imitators, copy cats, emulators, duplicates*) of them who through *pistis/faith* (*by right faith-actions*) and patience (*diligent consistency even when hard*) inherit (*move into, operate, and possess*) the promises.”

So here we have several combinations with *pistis* faith, from Heb 4:2, “mixing faith,” combined with “be not slothful,” or in other words, be diligent in labor. So whatever *pistis* faith is and how you use it, *pistis* faith takes diligent effort to inherit or make the promises come to pass. The issue is that these are things we must do. God has indeed placed our destiny in our own hands. We are not waiting on God; God is waiting on us to go after it. Like Jesus, see the joy potential before you and go for it intensely.

God says the same thing again: 2 Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto *zoe*/life and godliness (*God-likeness, just like Jesus is now*), through the *epignosis*/knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these (*promises and getting them to manifest on Earth*) ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

Your prayers have been answered, you are now in charge: Indeed, our destiny is in our hands. It is up to us to go after the promises and get them to manifest into the Earth. God has given us all, in Jesus, by the Scriptures with Holy Spirit; it is now up to us to keep mixing the good news with *pisteuo* believing or right faith-actions, to go get them and walk in them, by continued right faith-actions.

Oops, “I will let God do it.” Yes, and He has sovereignly chosen to do it through your right *pistis* faith-actions. This is His sovereign choice.

Pleasing God: This is the faith passage in this verse that not only changed Martin Luther, but also the Apostle Paul, as it is found in Hebrews:

Heb 10:38 “Now the just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.” See also Hab 2:4; Rom 1:17, and Gal 3:11.

This makes it clear, if you are going to please God, you must operate in this *pistis* right faith-actions or work. And if you operate in this *pistis* faith, you will release the *zoe* life of God into the situation.

The purpose of this *pistis* faith is to bring to Earth the blessings of Heaven already decreed. Therefore it also pleases God for us to release or operate *zoe* life in this Earth. This is part of being made and operating in His image.

Zoe: The Greek word, *zoe*, (Strong's NT 2222) the noun, translated as "life," and *zao*, the verb, translated as living or quickening, has a Greek meaning independent of the Bible. It means to operate in the unity of the spirit you are seeking so that spirit's attitudes and power operates in you. It takes constant effort to stay in the *zoe* life of a spirit you are seeking to manifest through you. This flowing of a spirit through you, and the constant pressing in are included in the word, *zoe*. Thus the word includes what it is and what it takes to operate in it.

So for a warrior, they would stir themselves up into, to operate in the god of war in "warrior" things, enthusiasm, activities, and attitudes, and especially before and during battle. The warrior would expect the force of *zoe* to strengthen and quicken him in battle. *Zoe* is something you work to get into, you work to maintain it, and then work to release into this world. Operating in *zoe* is not passive, but very active.

As it is used in the Bible, *zoe* means the life of God imparted to man to operate as Jesus did. We get this *zoe* life in the new-birth, and this *zoe* life is made available as we stir ourselves up into the goodness and power of the Lord. Or the *zoe* life of God that man stirs himself up into, to operate that *zoe* life like Jesus did.

John tells us that Jesus Himself, and everything He said and did, was *zoe* life in operation: 1 John 1:1 "That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of *zoe*/life; 2 (for the *zoe*/life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal *zoe*/life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full."

Here is an expanded form of the first part of Heb 10:38: "Those made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus in the new-birth of the good news of God, shall operate in the miracle working power of God's *zoe* life by doing the consistent and faithful actions of *pistis* faith against negative pressures and facts, give God pleasure. And if you will not do this, this operating in *zoe* life by right faith-actions in the face of terrible conflicting facts and evil fears, you are defined as one who draws back, and you give God no pleasure."

But the opposite is true. If you will operate in God's eternal *zoe* life by right faith-actions, or the work, or the mixing, of the promises of God with right faith-actions, in the face of terrible conflicting facts and fears, then you will please God. So what is

your goal in life? What you can be sure of is that those things that you do in this life of *pistis* faith, *zoe* life, and *agape* love will be of benefit to you on the Day of Judgment.

Gospel Power: Here is this, “The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith,” passage again:

Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the *dunamis*/ (*miracle working*) power of God unto *soteria*/salvation to every one that *pisteuo*/believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith.”

Here it is again in an expanded form: Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ [*where all people of all nations can be blessed with indwelling Holy Spirit*]: for it (*this glad tidings of great joy*) is the *dunamis*/power (*the miracle working power*) of God unto *soteria*/salvation (*all the blessings, promises of God in Heaven on Earth*) to everyone that *pisteuo*/believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein (*the good news of God manifested in the new-birth*) is the righteousness of God revealed from *pistis*/faith to *pistis*/faith: as it is written, The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*).”

This tells us that verse 16 is the same as verse 17 with the words, “as it is written.”

So Verse 17 is a not just restating of verse 16, but repeating an Old Testament promise of God found in Hab 2:4 “Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall *chay-zoe*/live by his faith (*faith-action faithfulness*).” Here the word “faith” is better translated as faithful lifestyle of continual right faith-actions.

Faithfulness: Much confusion in the Body of Christ could be eliminated, if we took the English word “faith” and used “faithfulness” instead. “Faith” sounds static, but “faithfulness” means continual and reliable work. That is much closer to the Greek word, *pistis*.

Verse 16 is repeated again in verse 17, again in expanded form. “For it (*the awesome good news of God by Jesus Christ by indwelling Holy Spirit, who*) is the *dunamis*/power (*the miracle working power*) of God unto *soteria*/salvation (*Heaven on Earth, every evil pressure gone, and only goodness and blessing everywhere with the removal of sickness, poverty, and any lack unto divine health, prosperity, and well-being with the devil gone and the Gates of Hell shattered*) to everyone that *pisteuo*/believeth (*by doing the actions of the verb pisteuo*). = The just shall (*have, operate, release*) *zao*/live (*in miracle power*) by *pistis*/right faith-actions.” Wow, miracles, prayer answers, come by *pistis* faithfulness.

Doing the actions of *pisteuo* believing releases *zoe* life and *dunamis* miracle working power. If you want more *dunamis* miracle working power; do more works of *pisteuo* believing.

Notice: Verse 16: miracle *dunamis* power is related to v.17: *zao* live. So both *dunamis* power and *zoe* life are released by *pisteuo* believing or *pistis* faith-actions. So what releases this salvation, not of just going to Heaven, but having Heaven on Earth now, is the actions of *pisteuo* believing or *pistis* faith.

Every need solved or healed, and every desired promise of God are yours, by the actions of *pisteuo* believing. It is the works of *pistis* faith that releases or gives the promises. This is not about God making administrative decisions, but our decisions to go after and releasing the blessings already provided since the foundation of the world (Heb 4:3).

Now you can see why, “The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith” impacted the Apostle Paul and Martin Luther so much. The blessings of God are released by those who do the actions of the verb *pisteuo*, which in verse 17, is translated as “believeth.”

Releasing God: Now adding in what God says in Heb 4:11 and 10:38, with Rom 1:16-17, we see operating in *pisteuo-pistis* not only releases the miracle power of God unto *soteria* salvation, but also pleases God. So if you want to please God, one of the core messages of the gospel is to do *pisteuo* believing actions, to release the miracle *dunamis* power, the *zoe* life of God, and this gives God pleasure as you do the works of faith.

Pistis – *pisteuo* actions, labor, mixing + word of God > *dunamis* and *zoe* salvation benefits, which is Heaven on Earth.

Or: Faith – believing actions, labor, mixing + word of God > *dunamis* miracle power and God’s *zoe* life, to make Heaven on Earth, and God gets pleasure from you doing this.

Or in a summary statement, the miracle power of God and the *zoe* life of God are released by doing what the verb *pisteuo* or the noun *pistis* mean, mixed with the Word of God. This is far more than just going to Heaven, but includes Heaven manifesting the Kingdom, the reign of God, the will of God in this life now, on Earth, as released by our doing the right faith-actions on the promises of God.

This declaration, “The just shall live by faith” comes from the Old Testament. Hab 2:4 “... but the just shall *chayah-zoe*/live by his faith.” More accurate: “live by his faithfulness.” His steady walking in the ways of God of continually seeking the Lord.

God spoke this to the people of Israel on how they would survive and thrive in the middle of national desolation by the Babylonians. The sad judgment of God, which God had tried to prevent with the prophets, was upon Israel. Here God says if you are

going to survive, you have to make a choice. You will die if you stay in stubbornness of pride, or you will live by the supernatural power of God by the actions of the word translated as “faith” in the KJV.

***Pistis*:** Actually this word faith, is a mistranslation. Rather than “faith,” a noun, the Hebrew word means “faithfulness,” “consistency,” “stability,” or to keep doing the actions of believing God, and you will not die by the Babylonians. The results was that a population of over 3 million people was slaughtered with about only 50,000 left alive. Obviously this was the brutal price of not doing the actions of believing God. Not extracted by God, but by our enemy, the devil.

Conversely, this says that in the midst of sword wielding killers, you could survive by continuing the actions of believing God, even in the face of terrible conflicting facts and fears. And this still applies to nuclear weapons, cannons, bombs, poisons, and guns.

And those that lived were those that had obeyed the command of, “The just shall live by their faithfulness (continual actions of faith or trust).” In the New Testament quoting of Hos 4:6, the Hebrew faithfulness is translated with *pistis* as faith. This means *pistis* faith, while a noun, has to do with actions.

So salvation by *pistis* faith works was also taught in the Old Testament. With the work of Jesus, it is a bedrock of the New Testament salvation in Jesus, and *pisteuo* believing leads to Heaven on Earth for us now.

You may have been taught that victory was “over there” in Heaven, but this statement means it is victory for us now also. So until we get to Heaven, we should be pleasing God with *pistis* – *pisteuo* actions right now in this life, in the face of terrible conflicting facts and fears, to release or operate the blessing, the promises, of God.

1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory (*zoe life*) through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the *right faith-action* work unto *zeal and enthusiasm* of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your *right faith-action* labour to *exhaustion* is not in vain in the Lord.”

Notice God will give us the victory as we abound in the work of the Lord, i.e. right faith-actions. God gives us the victory as we keep in right faith-actions knowing no labor in the Lord is in vain, or without effect. Faint not. Keep in right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL you get the victory.

Effective *Pisteuo* Believing: The central issue is that effective biblical *pistis* faith is not just a set of facts you keep in a book, and ascertain that these facts are true every so often. Saying you believe something is not the same as believing it. Hearing a Scripture and saying, “I’ve heard that before,” is not the same as walking in the power of that verse.

How is it that we can hear things like, “Sister Maria was such a good woman of faith, yet she died of sickness?” Or “Pastor Joe was a good man. He saw many miracles, yet he also died of cancer?” How is it that these people of “faith” lost their faith battles?

Biblical faith always works God answers. Faith has evidence, in readily seen outward behaviors. Paul said you could learn to do *pistis* faith effectively by watching him: Phil 4:9 “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace (*victory unto Heaven on Earth with nothing missing or broken, but everything working well, and your enemies are scattered 7 ways by your right actions*) shall be with you.”

Paul made this are regular part of his preaching, “You saw what I did, copy that to release blessings from God.” 1 Cor 11:1 “Be ye followers (*imitators, copy cats, duplicates*) of me, even as I also am of Christ.” Paul knew Jesus did the right faith-action lifestyle also.

Phil 3:17 “Brethren, be followers (*imitators, copy cats, duplicates*) together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.”

1 Thess 4:1 “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us **how ye ought to walk** and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.”

Since it takes *pistis* faith, faithfulness to please God, here Paul is telling them that they could see what he did to walk in *pistis* faith while he was with them. This means his *pistis* faith had outward actions as evidence that he was operating in or with *pistis* faith. And means that some or all of the right faith-actions are visible and noisy.

2 Thess 3:6 “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly (*un-disciplined, slack in the ways of God*), and not after the **tradition** (*habits, practices*) which he received of us. 7 For yourselves know how ye ought to follow (*imitate, copycat, duplicate*) us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly (*un-disciplined, slack in the ways of God*) among you.”

In all these scriptures, Paul tells the people to walk like he walked in the right faith-action lifestyle they could see in him. Do what he did and the God of peace, victory, will be with you. That means that Paul’s life of *pistis* faith had evidence, things that others can see you doing. This is not about “silent faith,” but “evidence *pistis* faith.”

Often people are full of “faith talk” in church, but do not live their lives in the work, walk, or traditions of *pistis* faith or faithfulness. The Bible asserts that right *pistis* faith always produces the results of God, like Jesus and the early disciples pro-

duced. If we are not seeing the results, the problem is not God or the devil, but it is us, and our doing, or not doing, diligent right *pistis* faith-actions.

God tells us where the problem is: Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge *rightly applied into actions...*” Our prayers do not work due to administrative decisions by God. He is no respecter of persons and He cannot lie. You do the right things rightly, and you will release a God who passionately wants your good, so He can deliver this good to you. But no right *pistis* faith-actions, and He cannot help you.

We are destroyed by not accessing the right knowledge, and then not applying it properly. Paul addresses this in these above verses.

Notice in 1 Thess 4:1, he tells about a certain kind of “walk.” That means a set of practices or disciplines that others can hear and see you do. 2 Thess 3:6 it tells us that Paul gave them “traditions.” This again means practices, in the language of today, spiritual disciplines, to do on a frequent basis. And doing them will make you a “disciple,” one who lives and walks under disciplines, i.e., a “sound mind” like Jesus has.

The Bible has a lot to say that faith is spiritual work done in and with our human bodies, and not just a set of facts. We do have the facts of redemption. These are the facts of *pistis* faith, and then the actions of faith, the right application of those facts, which are the evidence of effective Bible faith. That is what we will discuss in the following pages.

The second part is up to you. Once you learn these practices, these disciplines, these traditions, this walk, here is the big question, will you do them?

Grace versus Works: We will not spend a lot of time debating grace versus works. Paul, the one who wrote that doctrine, also wrote about doing the works of *pistis* faith. So if you are using grace as a reason for not doing the evidences of faith, you are self-deceived. James 2:17 “Even so *pistis*/faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast *pistis*/faith, and I have works: shew me thy *pistis*/faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my *pistis*/faith by my works. 19 Thou *pisteuo*/believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also *pisteuo*/believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *pistis*/faith without works is dead?”

Or more directly: James 1:22 “But be ye **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

And in case you find fault with James, here is what Paul said: 1 Thess 1:3 “Remembering without ceasing your **work of faith**, and labour of *agape*/love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 knowing, brethren *agape*/beloved, your election of God.”

So there is no confusion, when we talk about the works of *pistis* faith, we are talking about individual right faith-actions as part of a disciplined life that every Christian is to have that pleases God. These form the basis of all other aspects of biblical Christian life. Other works, like witnessing to people, and so on, fall into a general category we call, acts of *agape* love, which are also part of right faith-actions.

Paul says very plainly that what he got from and in God, he worked for it. He was not slothful in right faith-actions, seeking, and trusting the Lord, and in patience. It was not a calling, an impartation, mantel, a gifting, or more grace than anybody else. He labored more than others in right *pistis* faith-actions to get it. 1 Cor 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” Holy Spirit is the grace of God, and He does impel you to do right faith-works.

Notice the incredible wonder of it. God had to get Paul to do right faith works so God could bless others through Paul. This is the wonder of Christ in us the hope of glory. It Is not us, but His power, His presence in us.

Paul did not have more grace, but he worked by and with the grace he had. Paul was not slothful. If you want more of God, do more right *pistis* faith-actions. For more on the works, labor, and battling of *pistis* faith, see the section “Hard Work” below.

Covenants: The primary evidence of real biblical *pistis* faith is answered prayer. So the issue is, what can man do to get more answered prayer?

The entire Bible can be summed up as the written documentation of the covenants of God with man. The Bible claims that every word of it is inspired of God and cannot fail. That makes every word of it a promise of God, bound by blood covenant with God. Blood covenants are to contracts, as mountains are to grains of sand. I can say a grain of sand comes from a mountain, but I cannot say a mountain comes from a grain of sand.

There is no divorce in a blood covenant of God, yet human contracts can be broken, and today, often are. Unlike many in the world today, God’s word is already absolute, once spoken, it lasts forever; written down just makes it easier to find and validate.

Consider: Prov 22:20 “Have not I written to thee excellent things in counsels and knowledge, 21 that I might make thee know the certainty of the words of truth; that thou mightest answer the words of truth to them that send unto thee (*for explanations*)?”

Answered Prayers: Per Herbert Lockyer in *All the Prayers of the Bible*,

(Zondervan, 1959) exclusive of the Psalms, which are a prayer book all their own, the Bible records no fewer than 650 definite prayers, of which there are at least 450 recorded answers to those prayers. That some 70% have their answers also recorded, is an example that God does indeed answer prayer, and wants us to know that He does.

How do we know that God will keep all His promises? How can we know He is faithful? We know this for four very good reasons:

- a) Every single promise God ever made, that relates to the past, has been kept. That gives us confidence that He will keep those which are promised for the future.
- b) God's power is supreme. Nothing can go wrong with His future plans.
- c) Jesus decreed: Matt 5:18 “For verily I say unto you, Till Heaven and Earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law (*Old Testament*), till all be fulfilled.”
- d) Since the New Testament is the testimony of Jesus, there is every reason to expect that all New Testament promises will also be fulfilled.

Jesus told us the joy of life with God is answered prayer: John 16:23 “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye *aiteo*/asked nothing in my name: *aiteo*/ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

Aiteo (Strong's NT 154) means that one in authority has made a promise and now the conditions for that promise to be met are done, and with strength, you want that promise. It means to demand, require, and expect as due by promise with determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to manifest a promise of God, and the devil to go, and you want it now. It is found in almost every New Testament passage on prayer. We will go into *aiteo* in more detail later.

Of the 650 prayers in the Bible, most of them are *aiteo* prayers. Of the 150 Psalms, some 95 of them have one or more *aiteo* prayers in them. Of these prayers, the Bible records 70% of them already answered, are *aiteo* speaking prayers. So if you want to increase prayer results, I suggest you learn to use *aiteo* speaking prayer.

From the Bible perspective, right prayers done rightly, get answers from God and increase our joy. We can conclude that wrong prayers, or right prayers done wrongly, do not get answers by God from such prayer.

God only does His will, and His will is defined as the Bible. Ps 138:2 “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy *chesed*/lovingkindness (*covenant commitment, grace, and good actually performed*) and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

We are to use the name of the Lord Jesus to release the answers in the Word of God. Thus we are limited to what His Word says.

Ps 119:89 “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in Heaven.” That word “settled” means established like a fence or limit, and this is a forever limit with God. It says that God has bound Himself to His word. If you want God to do something, it must be in agreement with that word, whether you know it is or not, God does.

Num 23:19 “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

Titus 1:2 “In hope of eternal *zoe*/life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” God is the God of Cannot Lie. That means He will do everything He has said. This also means that what He said we must do, we must do, and that starts with us *believing*; in us doing the actions of *pisteuo* believing to release Him by His words.

Jer 1:12 “Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.” AMP

So right prayer starts with knowing God’s word or what Scriptures you are basing your prayer on. So what do you do next? Here are some ground rules.

Mark 9:23 “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst *pisteuo*/believe, all things are possible to him that *pisteuo*/believeth (*in continual right faith-actions*).”

Luke 1:37 “For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power or impossible of fulfillment.” AMP

Matt 21:21 “Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have *pistis*/faith (*are having or continually holding, adhering with right faith-actions*), and doubt not (*stop doing continual right faith-actions, consider the fears greater than God by His word*), ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*command, require, and expect as due by covenant promise with determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to move and the devil to go*) in prayer, *pisteuo*/believing (*continue doing right faith-actions in the active present tense*), ye shall receive.”

Challenge: Here is my question to you. We have not told you what right faith-actions are, but do you now understand that whatever the actions of faith are, if you continue doing them by mixing them with one or more promises of God, then God says you can have these promises done for you? If you do not get this point right now, please go back and read this section from the beginning again.

Many earnest Christians are waiting for what some call, “magic wand touches” from God. Due to a delay, they mistake God’s response to past right faith-actions, and boldly tell others about these “magic wand” actions of God. Or someone else did the hard faith work and got it for them. Again they tell others as if God is a respecter of persons. God says it is the work of faith and patience that releases the promises of God.

And if “magic wands” (so-called anointings, impartations, mantles, etc.) was all it took, God would never have explained our responsibility this way: Mark 11:22 “And all things, whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask in prayer, *pisteuo*/believing (*continue doing right faith-actions in the active present tense*), ye shall receive.” Here God is very specific. You do the *aiteo* asking, you do the *pisteuo* believing and you do the receiving.

Well, where is the grace of God in this? Simple, any Christian can do it to get it for you. This is a “whosoever will Gospel.” Who so ever decides to *aiteo* ask, *pisteuo* believe and *lambano* receive, can get a promise of God for whosoever they choose. The same is true for praying in tongues except, unless they ask for the interpretation, or “aim” their tongues, they often do not know who they are getting it for, themselves or someone else.

If God had set the universe up for “magic wand” operation (anointings, blessings, giftings, graces, or impartations), believe me, we would already have Heaven on Earth, and more importantly, Jesus would never have had to suffer, die, be raised, or glorified for us.

How Will You Know? Since God says He responds to *pistis* faith, or *pisteuo* believing, then what is the evidence that we are in proper *pistis* faith? This is what we will discuss as we move on. If you get right in doing right faith-actions, the timing is less of an issue.

To *pisteuo* believe means your actions are consistent with a set of facts you affirm are true. To believe God means you are ascribing as truth the word of God. Whatever you believe right now is what is right now controlling your life. Your current results are what you are really believing and how well they match God’s truth. To improve your results you need to improve what you are really believing of God and His word.

If you want to change your life, you need to change your beliefs and the assertions you base them on to biblical accuracy. You may ascribe certain values as having worth, but what you really believe is what your life looks like right now. Most denominations have selected a set of Scriptures to base their difference on, many believe the same way.

We are looking at what biblical believing describes; to use that as a blueprint and measuring rod, to change and make more effective our lives, and therefore, our beliefs, especially as they relate to God, His power, His Word, and answered prayer.

God has given us His words both to believe and to repeat to release Him. God's words are spirit and *zoe* life. They are for us to use to release Him for your blessings.

Any lack is the result of a lack of accurate "God facts," wrong applications, and/or a lack of effective believing.

I trust that we have already shed significant light on this for you from God's word, so you can know when you are in effective faith.

If this is new to you, we intend to open doors to the vast and glorious realm of answered prayer. If you are a seasoned prayer warrior, we hope to confirm the truth you know and possibly "up your game," to even more prayer success.

Around the world people live in misery, poverty, oppression, die, and are buried of disease, war, and disasters. All these are conditions that Holy Spirit can heal. Our job is to equip you to reverse this terrible trend to the glory of God in Christ Jesus.

To get us in the right direction, we offer as our prayer for God to work in us to will and to do of His good pleasure, His desires, along with the prayers of Paul in Ephesians 1, and 2 and in Colossians 1.

A Prayer: "In the name of Jesus, now Father, You send forth Your laborers into my life to preach the full gospel of Jesus Christ, the gospel hidden through the ages that Jesus is raised from the dead by You, Father God, so that Christ could dwell in and operate as King through me, to produce the glory of the Lord through me in the Earth, now, in this life, so that I would receive the gospel unto walking continually in righteousness, peace, joy, power, *agape*/love, sound mind, thanksgiving, praise, joy, faith, hope, right affirmations, right *aiteo* commands, right considerations, right speaking and singing in tongues, right Holy Communion, right fasting, right speaking to myself in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in my heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things of our redemption in Jesus unto You, Father God, in the name of Jesus, studying the Scriptures to show myself an approved of God workman, able to manifest any aspect of salvation unto Heaven on Earth for any need and covenant promise of God, to walking in *pistis* faith toward the Lord Jesus Christ and *agape* love to all the brethren, in patience, kindness, godliness, goodness, health, prosperity, and in the enthusiasm, wisdom and understanding of Holy Spirit, fully engaged with and operating in the mind of Christ by Your Word and Spirit. Thank You, Father, You had Jesus die so this could be mine. In the name of Jesus, thank You! YAHOO!

“Father, in the name of Jesus, give me to walking in: Eph 1:17 “...*Your* spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of *You, Father God*: 18 the eyes of *my* understanding being enlightened; that *I* may know what is the hope of *Your* calling, and what the riches of the glory of *Your* inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of *Your* power to usward who believe, according to the working of *Your* mighty power, 20 which *You* wrought in Christ, when *You* raised him from the dead, and set him at *Your* own right hand in the Heavenly places, 21 far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 and hath put all things under *Jesus’* feet, and gave *Jesus* to be the head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, *of which I am part*, the fullness of him that filleth all in all. YAHOO!

2:1 “And [*for me to know with continual thanksgiving, praise, and joy that*] *I* *You* *zao*/quickened, who *was* dead in trespasses and sins; 2 wherein in time past *I* walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But *You, Father God*, who is rich in mercy, for *Your* great *agape*/love wherewith *You* *agape*/loved us, 5 even when we were dead in sins, hath *zao*/quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are *sozo*/saved;) 6 and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in Heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 that in the ages to come *You* might shew the exceeding riches of *Your* grace in *Your* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye *sozo*/saved through *pistis*/faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of *You, Father God*: 9 not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are *Your* workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which *You, Father God*, hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Father, fill me Col 1:9 “... with the knowledge of *Your* will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 That *I* might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of *You, Father God*; 11 strengthened with all might, according to *Your* glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 *so that I am* giving thanks *continually* unto *You*, the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light (*by grace in our redemption in the body and blood of Jesus*): 13 who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of *Your* dear Son (*Jesus*): 14 in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the *aphesis*/forgiveness (*payment, purging, and obliteration*) of sins: 15 (*Jesus*,) who is the image of *You Father*, the invisible God, *Jesus is* the firstborn of every creature: 16 for by *Jesus* were all things created, that are in heaven, and

that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by *Jesus*, and for *Jesus*, including *me*: 17 and *Jesus* is before all things, and by *Jesus* all things consist. 18 And *Jesus* is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things *Jesus* might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased *You*, the Father that in *Jesus* should all fullness dwell; 20 and, having made peace through the blood of *Jesus*’ cross, by *Jesus* to reconcile all things unto *Yourself*; by *Jesus*, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And *me*, that *was* sometime alienated and enemies in *my* mind by wicked works, yet now hath *Jesus* reconciled 22 in the body of his flesh through death, to present *me* holy and unblameable and unproveable in *Your* sight: 23 *So Father, keep me to continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope, the joyful expectation of coming good, of the gospel.*” Thank You, Father, in the name of Jesus, You are doing this now. Amen and so be it! Thank You, Lord Jesus! Amen, thank You! YAHOO! YAHOO! YAHOO!

The Promises Are Yours by Pistis Faith

We hear about faith often and how important it is. The world is full of need, and our loving, compassionate God wants to come, bless, and rescue us, but He has limited Himself to us using faith in His word to release Him. Need does not release God, but faith in Him by His word for any evil situation does. Rom 1:17 “The just shall *zao/live (operate in and release God in power) by pistis/faith-actions.*”

Prayer is not trying to force an indifferent or even hostile God to help, but releasing by the process of *pistis* faith in God through His word, the love of God to man.

Saved by grace through *pistis* faith. We access the free gift of grace in Jesus by the work of *pistis* faith. We access the grace, the free blessings of God by *pistis* faith. Rom 5:2 “By whom also **we have access by *pistis/faith* into this grace** wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” YAHOO!

And again: Eph 2:8 “For **by grace are ye *sozo/saved* through *pistis/faith***; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...” All and any features of salvation are released by the good works, steps of *pistis* right faith-actions, and not by the works of the Law, sacrifices, etc.

[NOTE: Paul continually stresses the works of the Law of Moses - sacrifices, circumcision, temple, etc., never could bring the full salvation in Jesus. Rather the total benefits of salvation in Jesus are released, or accessed, or unlocked by the lifestyle of continual right *pistis* faith-actions like Abraham did, see Rom 4.

The Law of Moses had two main elements.

- 1) How to walk so God could inhabit your life for blessing.
- 2) How to heal transgressions and bring God back for blessings.

The New Testament has some 1,050 commands so you can walk in God, including confession and/or Holy Communion to re-open the door for God. Failure to do Holy Communion rightly keeps you in the devil's domain, who only comes to rob, kill, and destroy. It is the absence of God that lets the devil rule. As God laments: 1 Cor 11:30 “For this cause (*failure in Holy Communion*) many are weak (*infirm in every area of life*) and sickly among you, and many sleep (*keep hard hearts toward God, and/or early death*).” This passage is a summary version of the curses in Deuteronomy 28.]

Rom 4:16 “Therefore **it is of *pistis/faith* (right faith-actions), that it might be by grace**; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of **the *pistis/faith* of Abraham**; who is the father of us all,” Right *pistis* faith-actions unlock the grace already given.

Pistis faith, right faith-actions, are the mechanism to access and use, or release the grace of God into the Earth. So if you ever wondered how to get more of the grace of God, here is the mechanism. It is the force of thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors, not necessarily the feelings, released by right faith-actions. These behaviors are the human force that releases the blessing.

How are they the force that connects you to Heaven? Because that is the attitude of Heaven toward God. Thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors are the attitudes of Heaven. As you exert them toward God, with His words in your mouth, you open the door to Heaven. You hold the key, not God, but you. See Psalm 104 as an example of this.

How long does it take? That depends on the shape of your soul at any given time. Will you exert joy behaviors and sounds toward God? Will you do what the snake-bitten in the desert did (Num 21), and release your healing? They were cornered idolaters, cornered by killing and painful snake bites. That got their attention so they would “listen and obey with gladness and joy” to *zoe* life. If they could turn on a dime and could do it with decades of hatred toward God in His miracle presence, why not you?

As you exert your soul in joy behaviors, you link your spirit and soul to connect to God. Not as a desert idolater, but as a favorite son of God (male or female).

Grace is the love of God to bring salvation, Heaven on Earth, in any situation and making each person a functional son of God. *Pistis* faith-actions are our access to the grace of God, and this applies to any need or benefit. So what is *pistis* faith?

Pistis faith is a law, which means *pistis* faith works by principles or rules. *Pistis* faith is not dependent on personalities or attitudes. Just like good and bad people can bake a cake or fly airplanes, anyone can operate the laws of *pistis* faith and see the results of *pistis* faith: Rom 3:27 “Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the **law of *pistis*/faith.**”

Pistis faith works, not by the works of the Law of Moses (the sacrifices, temple, and priests, etc.), but by you exercising yourself in right *pistis* faith-actions over God’s promises leading to thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors, wherever you are.

Just like any law or scientific principle, just as sure as all the mechanics that cause the sun to rise every day, the temperature water boils or freezes, the rigid engineering principles of modern technology, and birds to fly, learn to work the law of *pistis* faith, and you will see the pleasure of God in every part of your life.

- First, all the promises of God go to those who learn to operate the principles and laws of *pistis* faith. Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful, but followers (*imitators, copycats, duplicates, carbon copies, or dead ringers*) of them who through *pistis*/faith (*by right faith-actions and not slothful, but full of agreeable energy*) and patience (*consistency, reliability, and dili-*

gence) inherit (*move into, produce, fight, win, occupy, and enjoy*) the promises (*of God in the Bible*).”

Notice the opposite of *pistis* faith is slothful, lazy, or inactive. This means *pistis* faith has work, activity, labor, and applied energy when it is easy, and when it is hard. *Pistis* faith is not based on how you feel, but what you do.

- Second, the release of God into the Earth depends on operating in *pistis* faith. No *pistis* faith, means little of God; whereas effective *pistis* faith releases God, and all Bible *pistis* faith works, i.e., produces the results of God. Jesus is the greatest workman of *pistis* faith. God is ever watching His word for those who will use it to release Him. Jer 1:12 “Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.” AMP
- And concerning His word: Isa 43:25 “I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. 26 Put me in remembrance [*of my words*]: let us plead together: declare thou [*my words*], that thou mayest be justified (*proved right, allow Me to bless*).” This means the basis of right relationship with God is by His word in the Bible. This process is known as putting Him in remembrance by “returning God’s word” to Him for Him to perform.

Isa 45:23 “I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return [*empty*], That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.”

Isa 55:11 “So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.” We are the ones that “return” God’s word to Him for Him to perform. Effective prayer “returns” God’s word to Him in *pistis* faith-actions including thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors.

Dictionary: To start, we will look at the original language words of the Bible that

English translators translate as “faith.”

In the New Testament, there is one Greek word, a noun that is translated in English as faith, this is *pistis* (Strong’s NT 4102). It has a Greek verb cognate, *pisteuo* (Strong’s NT 4100). The verb *pisteuo* is not translated as “faithing,” because there is no such word in English, so it is translated as the verb, “believe.” The noun is also sometimes translated as belief, rather than faith.

A much better English translation of *pistis* is “faithfulness” as it implies continual and reliable action consistently and dependably.

The same problems exist between English and Hebrew over the word translated as believing, courage, or trusting. To solve this English, Hebrew, Greek disconnect, we use the terms, right faith-actions, or right believing, or right trusting to mean right faith-actions and consideration unto God’s zeal, enthusiasm, gladness, and joy over coming good from God.

In the KJV Bible, the noun *pistis* is translated as – assurance, belief, faith, them that believe, and fidelity. It has in its meaning the actions or activity in a lifestyle of obeying a word; the path you follow is to unite yourself with the *zoe* life of God in that word.

Pistis the Greek noun is translated by the English word “faith.” The problem is that the English word faith is static, it does not imply action. *Pistis* is like the word, “walk” which means to move your legs faster than standing still.

Used as a noun, “I am going on a walk,” means I am going to move my legs faster than standing still. While a noun, it implies action. *Pistis* is the same, it means to be doing a set of actions that cleaves your mind to God in His word, and to nurture the word of His promise, like a baby, into manifestation. English faith intends a future, but does nothing to make it happen. *Pistis* is the actions to make that future become.

Pistis describes a process, while the word faith means a static condition. Two vastly different meanings. Faithfulness is a better English word for *pistis*, but is not used in English translations. *Pistis* means a set of actions you are doing. As a noun *pistis* means the set of actions to make or help a future become based on God’s promises unto joy behaviors in the outcome.

In this case, it is the actions of *pistis* that unite you with the *zoe* life of God, which manifests the promises of God. The core of *pistis* is that God is good and by *pistis* actions you release that good of God to the Earth, and you expect goodness unto gladness and joy behaviors. In *pistis* man is a main participant and necessary with and to God. Neither can manifest God without the other. God has limited Himself to responding to man, Gen 1:26.

Likewise the verb *pisteuo* is translated in English as – believe, believer, commit, trust, or put trust in. *Pisteuo*, as a Greek word, means the actions of obeying a word, doing what it says to unite you with the *zoe* life of God unto joy, to manifest a promise of God. *Pisteuo* and *pistis* mean actions unto joy behaviors, the English words believing or faith do not. For God’s results, this is a big difference.

In the original, secular Greek meaning outside of the Bible, *pisteuo* means doing the lifestyle actions, to unite yourself in the *zoe* life and *dunamis* power of the god you are adhering to unto joy, by the actions of *pistis* faith to get a desired benefit from or

by that god. The *zoe* life is for the general nature, and the *dunamis* power is for specific results. Both *zoe* and *dunamis* come from *zoe*, the life force of that spirit being.

So the issue is not what does faith or believe mean, but what does biblical *pistis* and *pisteuo* mean? Faith and believe may be the best words in English, but that does not mean they are adequate to the meaning of these Greek words to successfully operate the law of *pistis* faith for miracle results. And the message of God is in Greek, and not in English.

Faith always expects good unto joy: The difference between the English words faith and belief, is that faith is always the expectation of a future good or benefit unto joy. The English word, belief, is ambivalent in its expectation. The word belief is more about the process, rather than the end results. The expected result of belief can be either good, bad, or neutral. Not so with the English word faith, which is always an expected good. And that does make faith a good word for *pistis*, but belief is not.

The difference is that *pistis* is doing the right considerations and actions leading to gladness and joy behaviors over God's promises or Word. The English word "faith" does not mean this. In English, faith expects good, but not necessarily gladness and joy as is *pistis* by a process of right actions. *Pistis* means to be in the process of doing right *pisteuo* actions to manifest the promises of God unto gladness and joy behaviors.

The problem in English comes when the Greek noun, *pistis*, which is always faith or expected good, and the verb form, *pisteuo*, which is always the actions that are related to a good outcome or result unto joy behaviors. Thus English does not have an accurate verb cognate for *pisteuo*, because, while *faith* is always related to good, our English word, believing is not. Nor does English faith mean actions unto joy.

It gets worse: So here is our first difficulty. English does not have a single word to match the Greek verb, *pisteuo*, yet much Christian teaching assumes that *pisteuo*, means "to believe." What *pisteuo* really means is the actions to produce the expected good unto gladness and joy, and not just an expectation of a future event, good, bad, or neutral. And the confusion gets even greater.

While the focus of *pistis* faith is a coming good unto gladness and joy, this often gets lost when the verb *pisteuo* is translated as "believe," which in English does not have the sole focus of a coming good. Yet the focus of *pisteuo* is always a coming good unto gladness and joy. So the excitement of a coming good is diluted at best by the use of the word, "believe." Faith maybe leads closer to gladness, happiness, and joy. Belief ranges from joy, over a coming good, to dread or sorrow, and tears over a coming evil.

Putting this into the meaning of faith as an expected good leading to happiness, gladness, and joy, we could expand: John 12:38 "That the saying of Esaias (*Isaiah*) the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath *pisteuo*/believed (*unto*

persuaded gladness, happiness, or joy) our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed (*Isa 53:1*)”

Here the English word, *believed* is rather academic, devoid of emotional or dynamic behaviors. Yet using the definition of *faith* that emphasizes coming good, *faith* can mean a coming good, positive emotion, while believe in English implies academic facts with no matching human behavioral response. This is a big difference.

Pistis leads to happiness and excitement behaviors. *Believe* leads to deadpan acknowledgement of truth. Thus *faith* in the work of Jesus leads to gladness of the good news. While using the English word *believing* for *pisteuo*, does not demand such a response. Yet the Greek word *pisteuo* does require gladness and joy behaviors, or it is not *pisteuo*.

Pistis is a set of actions to cleave your heart to God over a promise of good unto joy.

Pisteuo is doing the actual actions to cleave to God over a promise unto gladness and joy.

Pistis and *pisteuo* have steps or processes that are to lead you to gladness and joy behaviors; no gladness or joy behaviors, you have not done enough, or proper, right faith-actions.

Pistis is describing you are in a program of right faith-actions much like an athlete keeps in training or walking unto joy behaviors, much like enthusiasm. *Pisteuo* is doing those right faith-actions unto joy behaviors. Not necessarily feeling joy, but doing joy behaviors. And joy and enthusiasm are somewhat athletic.

If this sounds beyond you, or you never heard of, welcome to the world of the Bible and Greek and Hebrew dictionaries, rather than hearsay.

Also consider this command: Rom 13:13 “Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ (*in your thoughts, words, actions, and self-identity*), and make not provision for the flesh (*the carnal mind*), to fulfil the lusts thereof.” This is a command for life on Earth now, not some Heavenly state.

We will look at the major implications of these *pisteuo* definitions later as we discuss faith and joy.

Here is a typical conversation: “Oh, yes I’m in faith over that.”

Another person: “Oh what does your faith program look like?”

First person, “Program, what are you talking about?”

Second person: “Oh yes, being in faith is like an exercise or diet program, they are lifestyle changes. You do daily activities to exercise, or stay in, right faith for results.”

First person: “Oh, I never heard of that. I just worry over it when I think of it.”

Unfortunately, this is an all too common conversation among most Christians, who think God cannot really be trusted, and are continually looking for other answers. If you are not operating the law of *pistis* faith correctly, your prayer results are spotty at best.

Before we look deeper at *pistis* faith, let us look for a moment at Redemption, the Great Work of Jesus by the Cross in His blood.

Redemption - New Testament Foundations: Now we will first look at some basic faith elements of the New Testament in Redemption, and a few concepts that will help release the blessings found in our Redemption in the blood of Jesus. Some of this may seem academic, until you realize it is you that God is talking about.

First is the word, “redemption.” This is a business transaction-type process where a price, an exchange of equal or greater value, is required and paid to change ownership.

Redemption is often a two-step process, where first, the price is paid, and then new ownership is established. For example, if you have an item in a pawn shop. You pay the full redemption price, and then you get your item back with no ownership ties. It is fully and legally yours again, and the pawn shop has no ownership or debt in it. It is all yours, free and clear.

When Jesus paid our Redemption with His blood, the debt of the sins of mankind were fully paid with no remaining ownership. He received all the curse of man on His body with the stripes at the whipping post, the curse was taken from us and put on Him. When His body was raised from the dead, the entire curse of man for our sins were fully healed to the level of Jesus! These redemption facts of grace are available to enjoy or operate by our doing right faith-actions.

In the Old Testament the blood was placed on the mercy seat to cover the sins and hide them from God. In Jesus the blood cuts every legal aspect of sin or the curse to be on any human ever. When Jesus’ body was raised from the dead, Jesus’ blood accepted, so Jesus’ body was healed as was every human’s to the level of Jesus forever. This is the way it is written in the records of Heaven.

Failure to appreciate Jesus’ body in Holy Communion means you get the lament of God: 1 Cor 11:30 “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” These are all the physical failures of life in conditions and abilities to rise above them. Otherwise these are the effects of the devil doing his robbing, killing, and destroying on people. And God hates this happening to His people. Therefore His lament, cry of agony in 1 Cor 11:30. For more on this see our eBook, *Freedom in a Snake Bitten World - The Joy Cure*, on our website Articles page.

Redemption Facts Exercise: I first learned of redemption facts as “What we already have in Christ,” and to know them so I could aim my prayers rightly.

T.L. Osborn, obviously a great worker of *pistis* faith with literally millions of answered prayers and healings, said, to avoid a lot of unanswerable prayer requests:

1. Do not ask God for what He has already given you (redemption facts).
2. Do not ask God to do what He has told you to do (in the 1,050 New Testament Commands).
3. You can ask God in *pistis* faith-actions for Him to teach you how to use what He has given you (redemption facts), and how to do what He has commanded us to do (in the 1,050 New Testament Commands).

The key to this is to discover the facts of redemption. I wrote a book on this called, *Discovering our Redemption*, and some free materials on my Articles website page.

What I did first, years ago, was to get a Bible and highlighted everything in the New Testament that we already have in redemption. This meant I highlighted about ½ of the Epistles. Since then I took a KJV pdf version, and did the same, and posted them on my website so anyone who does not know them, can find what I highlighted. While the Gospels and Revelation have redemption facts, they contain only a few specific redemption facts.

Sometimes finding the redemption facts is easy, such as the first 3 chapters of Ephesians. What is not so easy is, for example, is in Ephesians 6, being strong in the strength of the Lord or about the armor of God. What we are told is we have access to the full strength of the Lord, and the items of the armor, so they got highlighted. I did not highlight the commands, “be strong in the” strength of God, and did not highlight, “put on the armor” as they are in the 1,050 New Testament commands. As everything in God operates by *pistis* faith-actions, how to do this is in learning how to work *pistis* faith-actions, which is what we show you in this book.

Now in Christianity almost everything causes debate by those who do not routinely work miracles, so if you want to debate, take the Scriptures to your current Christian advisor or pastor first, before contacting me. If you do contact me, please include the minister who validated your assertions or questions, with their email address.

Diving Healing: This Great Work of Jesus for applying spiritual truth to divine healing and blessing is described in Isaiah 53. This chapter is referenced in the New Testament many times as the key act of the Mighty Arm of God for both deliverance from sin and iniquity, and for Earthly healing, i.e., aspects of redemption. Here is one instance:

John 12:37 “But though he (*Jesus*) had done so many [*healing and other*] miracles before them, yet they *pisteuo*/believed not on him: 38 that the saying of Esaias (*Isai-*

ah) the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath *pisteuo*/believed our report? and to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed (*Isa 53:1*)”

Our redemption in the blood and body of Jesus is God’s good news to man. Since man is a three part being, then this work of redemption in the blood and body of Jesus, also includes the three parts of man: spirit, soul, and body. Or the triple cure for the triple curse. And that *pistis* faith over this work should lead to gladness and joy behaviors as you learn to understand its awesome significance.

By the finished work of Jesus:

Jesus shouted on the cross: John 19:30 “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.”

That word translated as “finished” is *pleroo*, Strong’s NT:5055 means: accomplish, make an end, expire, fill up, finish, go over, pay, perform.

And from Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words: “to fulfill, to complete, carry out to the full” (as well as to fill), is translated “perfect” in Rev 3:2.

“Finished” was Jesus’ declaring that now nothing could stop the full process of redemption, everything was in work and would be completed to the full. He cried this as He died, and had yet to go to hell or be raised from the dead. The Work of Redemption was put into place when He sent Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost 2000 years ago. And is only completed as each person gets born-again, and joins the Lord in the work of governing in the Universe after Rev 22 and 22.

The basis for answered prayer today is what Jesus accomplished for us in our redemption by His body and blood. We get sin remission by His Blood, and total spirit, soul, and body healing to the level of Jesus by His Body. It is by grace and not Moses-law works and is accessed by right, *pistis* faith-actions.

The actions of *pistis* faith continually writes on your heart these Redemption Facts in gladness and joy behaviors, so you can get all parts of your heart in agreement with God’s gladness and joy over our redemption to walk in it in fullness. It is the gladness and joy in *pistis* right faith-actions, which takes these facts from academic information to heart writing for God’s zeal and enthusiasm in *pisteuo*.

Just as a newly engaged girl continually looks at her engagement ring, or the newly married bride and groom look at their wedding rings, we can look at the Redemption Facts to learn to rejoice and work them rightly in *pistis* right faith-actions.

Here is a key redemption fact for getting every right prayer answered: 2 Cor 1:19 “For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 20 For all the promises of God in him (*Jesus*) are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath

anointed us, is God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (*guarantee*) of the Spirit in our hearts.”

Your prayer, based the covenant promises of God, means you are praying the will of God to be done. Then the answer already belongs to you because of the work of Jesus. Once you make your *aiteo* prayer, a major portion of your effort should be in thanksgiving, praise, joy, right affirmations, and the other actions of *pistis* faith. See Phil 4:4-9.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, we were raised with and in Him. Jesus got every possible blessing of God for Himself and the entire human race. Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (*Jesus*): 4 according as he (*Father God*) hath chosen us in him (*Jesus*) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him (*Father God*) in *agape/love*.” One way to think of this is that by the new-birth you are now a favorite son of God, whether you are male or female.

In expanded form: Eph 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all (*every possible blessing Holy Spirit can manifest*) spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 according as he hath chosen us in him (*Jesus*) before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in *agape/love*.” This includes everything to make Heaven on Earth everywhere.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, every possible blessing of God for Him and the entire human race was decreed as the will of God. We were raised and fully healed so that we are now sitting in Him in Heavenly places. Eph 2:5 “Even when we were dead in sins, hath *zao*/quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are *sozo/saved*;) 6 and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

There are some 8,000 covenant promises in the Bible to cover every aspect of life in general. And then per Eph 2:10, were ordained for each of us, no matter how our lives turn out. They were all ordained for us to walk in them as good, Jesus-level works by continual right faith-actions. Eph 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (*by the steps of continual right faith-actions, Rom 4:12*).”

It is finished as Jesus cried from the cross (*John 19:30*), full, and complete, with nothing missing, nothing broken, all to working well to the glory of God, and any enemies that arise you will shatter so they are scattered in seven different ways, Deut 28:1-14; Rom 16:20. This is God’s definition of peace, and Jesus is the Prince of Peace, the Administrator of God’s Peace, as demonstrated in Acts 10:38. This awe-

some Prince now lives in you to will and to do of His good pleasure, Gal 2:20; Phil 2:13.

You are blessed with faithful Abraham (*consistently faithful in continual right faith-actions*) with every possible blessing of God. Gal 3:8 “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*), preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. 9 So then they which be of *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) are blessed with faithful Abraham.” It is the continual right faith-action lifestyle that releases the blessings of God.

So, if you need to believe God to put an eye back in a dog, or raise a child who dies from a spider bite, that blessing is already decreed, for you to receive by working the law of *pistis* faith in continual right faith-actions unto gladness and joy.

And all this wonder is available by implementing the law of *pistis* faith over God’s promises in right faith-actions unto gladness and joy.

AUTISM: One example of this divine healing is a case in Mexico where an autistic girl, with almost no response and curled up in a wheelchair, by continual *pistis* right faith-actions, in 6 months of daily ministry, went from non-responsive in a wheelchair to the brightest student in the school, and could run, jump, and play like any other superior child. Jesus is Lord through those who will commit themselves to a lifestyle of continual right faith-actions over His covenant promises for themselves and others.

I know of others who got healed faster, and even from a greater, even raised from the dead, but this one child took what it took. The level of your right love of God is seen if you will exert yourself to every-day ministry in right faith-actions for such people. This is what functional sons of God by the new-birth of Jesus do.

We have an article on our articles webpage others are using right faith-actions for similar results. [Chromosome/DNA/Genetic Divine Healing](#)

No Hindrance in God: When you are ministering to, or interceding for yourself or, others, the basis for answered prayer is the finished work of Jesus. The answer from the covenant promises already belongs to you and them by our redemption in the body and blood of Jesus. It is by grace and already yours and theirs. You, as a living temple of God with indwelling Holy Spirit, are simply the delivery person or the release agent. The answer of God already belongs to you and/or them by the work of Jesus. And there is no hindrance from God. When you put the right parts together by right faith-actions, this is the way law of *pistis* faith works. YAHOO!

Work the elements of the law of *pistis* faith rightly, and anything is possible from and by God by the steps of continual right faith-actions. Mark 9:23 “Jesus said unto

him, If thou canst *pisteuo*/believe, all things are possible to him that *pisteuo*/believeth (by continual right faith-actions unto gladness and joy behaviors).”

Since right *pisteuo* believing leads to gladness and joy over your right considerations of redemption truth and goodness towards you and those you minister to, all things are possible to those who operate the law of *pistis* faith in continual right faith-actions unto gladness and joy behaviors. This make *pistis* faith a joy cure!

You can operate the law of *pistis* faith for yourself, your family, your town, your state, your country, even your planet. Anything of God’s goodness in Jesus is possible and is already done in Jesus. YAHOO!

Now you can understand how the great healing evangelists like T.L Osborn or Reinhardt Bonnke, could issue one healing command and hundreds of thousands, even millions, get healed in the one *aiteo* command. It is because all of them were healed in Jesus when He was raised from the dead 2,000 years ago.

One of the great messages of Jesus is that God is never the problem, and we have an enemy, the devil. All of Jesus’ miracles in the gospels tell us, it is not God withholding the answer; it is the devil and/or lies we believe. The path to freedom is in replacing lies with truth unto joy, and exercising God’s dominion and authority over the devil in *Aiteo* commands in God as God’s agent on the scene, just like Jesus did.

Now blast the devil off in the name of Jesus in *aiteo*, fill your mind with redemption truth unto joy, and do the other *pisteuo* believing-actions/right faith-actions in zeal and enthusiasm, to overcome doubt, evil fear, and unbelief, and put on, and keep on, the godly pressure of gladness and joy behaviors to release the blessing. God is no respecter of persons, if anyone will do right, we will release right.

Radical Concepts: We will now begin introducing what some may consider even more radical concepts, even though they come from simply studying the Hebrew, Greek, and English dictionaries. We will introduce them now, and then further develop them as we proceed. If any seem strange to you, just put them aside and keep reading. If you need help, you can always use the Contact Page to send us your questions or comments, at our website: www.CovenantPeaceMinistries.com.

We repeat: John 12:37 “But though he (*Jesus*) had done so many [*healing and other*] miracles before them, yet they *pisteuo*/believed not on him: 38 that the saying of Esaias (*Isaiah*) the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake, Lord, who hath *pisteuo*/believed our report? And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed (*Isa 53:1*)”

Notice John 12:37-38 has the word “believed” twice. Believe is a verb, this means it has actions. The Greek word, *pisteuo*, is the verb translated as the English verb, “believe.” As a verb, *pisteuo*, has the actions of positive believing unto gladness and joy. We will go into more detail later, but a major new concept for many is that *pisteuo* be-

lieving has actions, and is not just a set of statements mounted on a wall, or truths you agree are true. We will start by looking at the Hebrew word in the Old Testament translated as the verb, “believe.”

Aman: Pronounced: aw-man’. This is the Old Testament word translated “believe” and “trust.” This Hebrew word is the verb, *aman* (Strong’s OT 539), and from Strong’s Dictionary, means to build up, confirm, or support, to continually nurse as a parent, to continually build up to remain steadfast and permanent, and to maintain against erosion. It means continual action to keep in mind and fully persuaded of redemption facts, and not let other ideas or doubts challenge or weaken it. It means to decide this is the way I will commit my intention and activity. It means continuous right faith-actions to nurse the thing or one believed as truth against all opposition, with continual right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL you get the promise of God manifest.

Aman is a verb, so it has action, and it is the actions to unite one with the *zoe* life of God to make that God-life flow. It is like keeping pipes with no permanent joints constantly in union so life-water can flow with little leakage; slack faith-action, will allow the pipes to separate, and the life-water will fall short, leak out, and not go to the end.

Aman is often translated as: to be firm, endure, be faithful, believe, be true, stand fast, trust, have belief, of long continuance, steadfast, sure, courage, and nurse. All of this *aman* effort is continuous against large and small temptations to give up holding on.

From Vine’s Dictionary, we learn *aman* also means a place to keep a sure peg in the ground against all forces to pull the peg up, like a firm tent peg, or a peg in a wall. Hebrew words are all verbs, defining action, and are not nouns. So a firm ground or place is one that constantly holds to the peg no matter what. This idea includes the Greek word, *lambano*, hold onto. The verb part of *aman*, believe, is holding onto or adhering to, with continuous pressure or actions. *Aman* is continuous, non-stop human, right faith-actions.

The winds of life constantly pull on the tent pegs. These winds of adversity continually proclaim the word of God is not true, and God will not do as He has promised. The ground holding the tent pegs must be constantly checked and strengthened so the hold of the ground on the tent peg is good against the pull.

The tent pegs of God’s word are checked and driven deeper continually against the pull of the wind. When in place, the minute a promise is loosened or challenged in your heart, i.e., the tent peg is loosened, the ground is strengthened to make a more firm place. This could be from driving the peg in deeper, or adding concrete to the ground, or both.

Since one of the elements of *pistis* faith is persuasion of a set of assertions, then the strengthening process of the ground, i.e., your heart, includes constant re-persuasion and confident proclamations of what will be from God. This means constant rehearsing of the supporting facts of redemption to strengthen your hold on the Word of God. It is not about the quality of the word, but the continuance of your holding onto the word with constant repetition with joy, or at least gladness and courage actions.

Pistis faith or believing is always in the realm of “not yet.” This means that *pistis* faith in God by His word is about changing the current conditions to a new condition that looks more like Heaven on Earth. This current condition has a multitude of natural facts and projections of what the future will be. *Pistis* faith is the process of changing the natural condition to one that looks more like Heaven on Earth as defined by the promises of God. The pressure or force is created by continual right faith-actions in Bible facts.

That means the natural forces, circumstances, and powers will have to change or be diverted, so the future becomes, not what is “natural,” but what is “Heaven on Earth.” Since this is against the natural forces and powers, then *pistis* faith releases God’s supernatural, *zoe* life, *dunamis* power, to make the future become what is *aman-pisteuo* believed. That could be one second in an instant miracle, or much longer, depending on how much *zoe* life is released. The source of this power is the process of *aman-pisteuo* believing to produce, release the “blueprint” of the promise of God into manifestation or breakthrough.

Hold A Word: Here *aman* believing means a constant effort on your part to hold onto the promise of God for a good result unto joy. The promise is the tent peg. If you relax your grip, the tent peg is pulled out, and you may lose the benefit of the promise of God.

If you are holding onto a word of God in the work of *aman* believing, you cannot hold a spoken word literally. It only exists as you speak it. Even if you capture the air out of your mouth that said the word, say in a balloon. If you listen to the balloon, it does not repeat the word. You can think the word, say the word, sing the word, shout the word, or even do the actions of the word, but unless you keep the word alive by constant repetition in your mind or mouth, you are not holding onto the word.

You can even paint the word on the wall or on paper, but unless you read the word out loud, or think it, the word is not being held. So *aman* believing, like a ground holding a tent peg, means you are continually repeating and thinking that word. This is far more than casual focus.

Laboring: Faith is JOYFUL agreement with God to manifest what God says He wants done: Matt 13:20 “But he that received the seed (*the word of God*) into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon **with joy receiveth it.**”

The first step in the *pistis* faith process is hearing the word of God and taking it as your own with joy.

Pistis faith is the actions to continually re-affirm God's faithfulness. Faith is the actions that resist and drive out doubt, evil fear, and unbelief, and holds and professes, only what you say in spirit by your continued right faith-actions, of what will be of God as if it were. Faith is you laboring with God by His word to manifest what God says is, or can be. *Pistis* faith declares the end state of God's promises by right faith-actions BEFORE, and UNTIL they are.

You make the ground hold the tent peg tighter in the ground of your heart by right faith-actions. Right faith-actions are like pouring glue into your heart. This means constant adherence, cleaving to that word. Few right faith-actions and that peg, that promise of God in truth, will not produce the blessing desired. Right faith-actions are the key to results with God, to the manifestation of the promises of God for you in this life by working the law of *pistis* faith.

The Greek verb, *pisteuo*, has a similar meaning to *aman*, which is also a verb. The Greek noun, *pistis*, as a normal noun cognate, means to be in the state of the verb. To be in the state of a verb, means to be doing what the verb says. *Pisteuo* is a verb and therefore has action, and is translated as to believe, to do the actions of trusting, staying courageous, staying confident, to continually place confidence, trust, and belief in by thoughts, words, actions, behaviors, or conduct unto joy. It is the process of developing and staying fully persuaded against all attacks of an expected good and refuting every such attack.

The Septuagint translates *aman* with *pisteuo*, meaning that *pisteuo* is also a nurturing process and working to adhere to a tent peg so the peg stays lodged in firm ground.

While you are in *pisteuo*, you are active. When you stop doing the actions, you are no longer doing *pisteuo*. This is like walking. When you are walking, you are moving by your legs. If you stop walking, you are no longer moving your legs. While you are doing the actions of *pisteuo*, you are believing. Without the right faith-actions of *pisteuo*, you are no longer believing, i.e., walking.

In order to be in a state of "believing," you must go from one set of right faith-actions to multiple right faith-actions all throughout the day, then you are in the process of *pisteuo* believing, by doing periods of *pisteuo* believing. Just like a walker or a runner, if you do these right faith-actions every day, then you are in the realm of a "believer." This means you do not have to believe all day, but can be counted on to do the actions of believing on a regular daily basis.

Pistis, the noun, is translated as trust-worthiness, always doing the right things, fully assured, persuaded so you are un-shakable and fully reliable, and it also means

the set of facts you are fully persuaded of, and this persuasion defines your conduct unto joy.

Operating Faith: So how do you operate *pistis* faith? That is simple. You make the decision to do continual right faith-actions over one or more promises of God, BEFORE and UNTIL you get your promise from God manifest. Grit, determination, and duty works here. Your faith, confidence, trust, or courage is not in yourself, but in God. The continual right faith-actions do several things.

1. You bring and keep your heart right before God.
2. Your continual right faith-actions provide the spiritual pressure to release our loving and all powerful God.
3. As you do the right faith-actions you write the redemption facts, assurance in God, and joy on your heart in the process known as renewing your mind.

The more you do right faith-actions, the more you will see more instant, or soon manifest answers. You can do the right faith-actions prior to a need, or in the midst of a trial. A lifestyle of doing right faith-actions before the need reduces the challenge of overcoming evil fear in the midst of a *pistis* faith battle. As general rule, the more you see God by His word as Lord over the situation, and the assurance of redemption facts, the faster the answer. The continual right faith-actions help in renewing your heart in this.

Your general attitudes from the Scriptures should be:

- a) Ps 100:4 “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his *chesed*/mercy (*grace*) is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”
- b) 1 Thess 5:18 “In every thing give thanks (*over redemption facts*): for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”
- c) Ps 119:164 “Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.” These righteous judgments include every answered prayer, the triumph of Jesus over the devil for us, your glorification in Jesus, and God’s decree that it is our job to destroy the works of the devil with *pistis* faith-actions in the name of Jesus.
- d) Rom 16:20 “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (*as shattered glass*). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (*to think, be, will, and do as Jesus would in the mind of Christ*). Amen.”
- e) Ps 103:6 “The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment [*through us as we operate just like Jesus in continual right faith-actions*] for all that are

oppressed (*of the devil in any way – physically, financially, relationally, etc.*).”

- f) Ps 27:13 “I had fainted (*stopped doing continual right faith-actions*), unless I had *aman*/believed (*by adhering to by right faith-actions*) to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the Lord (*continually entwine the Lord into your heart with continual right faith-actions*): be of good courage (*bold and exuberant right faith-actions*), and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait (*continually entwine the Lord into your heart with continual right faith-actions*), I say, on the Lord.”
- g) Ps 34:6 “This poor (*afflicted*) man cried (*proclaimed unto*), and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. 7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth (*exercises right faith-actions*) in him. ...17 The righteous (*those made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus in the new-birth*) cry (*proclaim with passion, yell loudly*), and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. ...19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous (*those made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus in the new-birth*): but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” We are not guaranteed an absence of troubles, but that through right faith-actions unto joy over the promises of God we can overcome them and turn them to blessings.
- h) John 10:10 “The thief (*Satan, the devil*) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I (*Jesus*) am come that they might have (*operate in and release as kings of God*) *zoe*/life [*by continual right faith-actions*], and that they might have it (*zoe life*) more abundantly.” To manifest Heaven on Earth in any aspect of salvation like Jesus did, and still does through us, as we keep ourselves stirred in the Lord with right faith-actions unto zeal, enthusiasm, gladness, and joy.
- i) God does not control every evil in the world, but He can redeem in the midst of them. 1 Cor 10:13 “For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin, *or misery to try to get you to accuse or condemn God, or stop your continual right faith-actions to stir up and release that zoe life*), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, (*such as can happen to others on this Earth*) and such as man can bear *and live through in godly success like Jesus*]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure [*in glad right faith-*

actions], but with the temptation, *trials and tests*, He will [always] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place *of glad endurance with right faith-actions*), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently [*and so inherit the promises of God you are doing right faith-actions over*]. 14 Therefore, my dearly *agapao*/beloved, shun (keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be) any sort of idolatry (of loving or venerating anything more than God *or tries to make you complain, find fault, accuse, murmur, or grumble against God in cares, worries, lack, bitterness, or evil fear, or to faint, i.e., stop doing right faith-actions*).” AMP.

- j) We are not guaranteed lives without troubles, but we are guaranteed that with continual right faith-actions we can glorify God in the midst of them and overcome them to blessing such as Joseph in Egypt, or Abraham and Sarah to having and raising a child in old age. Some trials will be short, others long, some hard and cruel, others easy to bear, but in all of them you can still be like Paul and Silas who rejoiced in persecution and preached the gospel in chains, or Paul who raised himself from the dead, or Jesus who still healed the maimed enemies as they imprisoned Him. Rom 8:35 “Who shall ever separate us from Christ's *agape*/love? Shall suffering and affliction and tribulation? Or calamity and distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword? 36 Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded and counted as sheep for the slaughter (*by our enemies, especially the devil*). [Ps 44:22] 37 Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors and gain a surpassing victory through Him (*Jesus*,) Who *agape*/loved us.” AMP Therefore we faithfully obey: James 1:2 “Consider it wholly joyful (*with exuberant right faith-actions*), my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. 3 Be assured and understand that the trial and proving of your faith (*life of continual and diligent right faith-actions in the midst of seemingly unending trials, afflictions, and sicknesses*) bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience [*unto victory by and in Jesus with continual right faith-actions unto joy*]. 4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience (*of continual and diligent right faith-actions*) have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.” AMP. What the devil means for harm and evil, God can redeem and turn for good by your continual right faith-actions, if we will but do them. As Joseph told his brethren: Gen 50:20 “But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.”

- k) 2 Tim 1:6 “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up (*from cold embers to a hot flame of righteous zeal and confident enthusiasm*) the gift of God (*Holy Spirit*), which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of *evil* fear; but [*the Holy Spirit*] of *du-namis/miracle working* power, and of *agape/love*, and of a sound mind (*disciplined like Jesus is*).” Timothy had Holy Spirit in power, yet until he got his mind in tune with exuberant right faith-actions, Holy Spirit was trapped behind attitude-walls of offense, past failures, timidity, cares, and distractions. Like David after the disaster at Ziklag, Paul commanded Timothy to stir up, encourage himself in the Lord, to go out and manifest Jesus in Holy Spirit power and joy. 1 Sam 30:6 “And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged (*stirred up*) himself in the Lord his God.” Shout Psalm 103 to get a flavor of this. One secret to releasing the power of God like the apostles walked in, as they learned from Jesus, was to stir up their souls with God’s truth and praise (right faith-actions) in the zeal of the Lord of hosts, to get awakened into and in unity with the almighty Spirit of God already within them unto joy.
- l) 1 Cor 15:55 “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory (*zoe life*) through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape/beloved* brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (*in zoe life-releasing, right faith-actions*), forasmuch as ye know that your [*zoe-life-releasing, right faith-action*] labour is not in vain in the Lord [*to manifest this victory on the Earth*].” Therefore we are to attack and overcome death in all its forms, fast and slow, including healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead and: Matt 5:44 “But I (*Jesus*) say unto you, *Agape/Love* your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” We have the decree of victory, so go out and make it manifest in the Earth by *pistis* faith-actions and *aiteo* words in the power, love, joy, and the name of Jesus.
- m) Why does God move when you do right faith-actions? Because I say He does! Ps 91:2 “I will say (*direct so it impacts and directs with authority and power*) of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust (*cleave to in continual right faith-actions unto joy*)....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 honor him. 16 With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.” This

is all put into action by the “sayings,” the proclamations, of the other parts of this psalm.

- n) Isa 12:2 “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust (*cleave to in continual right faith-actions unto joy*), and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. 3 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. 4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.” God was in the temple, now He dwells in the midst of each Christian, for you are His temple. This is one biblical summary of right faith-actions.

Heart Changing takes time: A word about what we are working on in these right faith-actions. Jesus showed sickness, demons being cast out, raising the dead, and food multiplying could be rather fast. But human hearts being changed takes time, usually lots of time. Else all of Israel would have been converted in His ministry. Relatively few of the Jewish population accepted Jesus as Messiah, or converted to Him after the Day of Pentecost, even after 3 to 4 years of miracles and wonders. So exercising *pistis* faith for people to heart-change typically takes more right faith-actions and patience (consistent right faith-actions unto joy) than healing sickness or multiplying food.

The battle of *pistis* faith is to continually assert that God’s promises are what God will do by right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL they are reality against the constant assault of negative facts, assertions, and fears. Right faith-actions include joy actions.

For example, once, when being persecuted at work, I asked God to relieve me as it was too much for me to bear, and then for Him to strengthen me. The persecution suddenly stopped. About a year later, I heard the Lord say, “Are you ready now?” I knew what He meant, and instantly I was right back in that persecution as if it had never left, but this time I was ready, kept in right faith-actions, mostly in blessing them that curse me and who spitefully abuse me, and overcame.

I obey this constantly: Matt 5:44 “But I (*Jesus*) say unto you, *Agape/love* your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you; 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.” See also Rom 12:14, 20-21; Luke 6:27-35; 1 Cor 4:12-13; 1 Peter 2:23; 3:9. Do you see this is the heart of the Father you are to exercise always?

So how do I do this, and in the process write it on my heart? I start off blessing them by duty, as many times as it comes into my mind. Then I add in more thanksgiving, and joy as my heart is renewed, and the sting and revenge and unfairness goes, until I can bless them in truth and joy. This is how almost all the right faith-actions work.

Seeking the Lord: The right faith-actions are built on the ancient practices of seeking the Lord continually, so how long is continually? Multiple times per day on a set schedule and as occasion serves. The Bible time frames include: day and night; morning, noon, and night; all day and night; and seven times a day: Ps 119:164 “Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments (*against the devil and for people*).”

On seeking the Lord, here are some instructions by Holy Spirit: 1 Chron 16:7 “Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren. 8 Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. 9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. 10 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 11 Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. 12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth...”

NOTICE: This 1 Chron 16 passage was a command on what Asaph and his brethren were to spend their lives doing. We are to seek the Lord, and His face CONTINUALLY by the other steps listed in this passage, and in Psalm 105. And this is the start of right thanksgiving, which I force my mind to enter the Throne of God and enter into His presence. That is, force our souls to seek and recognize the presence of God, and to acknowledge Him both within us and at the same time, in Heaven, and begin there. This is much like Col 3:1-4 to set your mind on the Throne where Christ’s redemption work is celebrated continually.

2 Chron 12:14 “And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord.”

NOTICE: Seeking the Lord requires heart, that is, deep and extensive preparation, not lip service obedience, but that is where it always starts. Smith Wigglesworth said, “I may start in the flesh but I [continue in right faith-actions unto] always end up in the spirit.” This is called calling upon the Lord in Psalm 14:2-4. Seeking the Lord is also called Calling Upon the Lord to receive from Him, or release Him in power and goodness.

Ps 10:4 “The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God:

God is not in all his thoughts.”

NOTICE: This is God's definition of wickedness, not keeping all your thoughts in goodwill toward God who is good, to be continually seeking the Lord. This is echoed in:

2 Cor 10:4 "(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds (*thought processes*);) 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled."

NOTICE: Seeking the Lord is called bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Allow those of the Word of God, and cast out the others. You set your mind in Heaven by doing right faith-actions about God's goodness and redemption facts.

Thinking the right faith-actions may be limited by your circumstance, but look for ways to do them with your mouth and your body as in jumping for joy. I once cast out a demon with my thoughts from a woman who was very mean. The next day, she woke up doing the *agape* love of God and a great blessing. I did it in church, in a pew, thinking right faith-action-war thoughts, and silently mouthing my *aiteo* commands and enforcements.

Curry Blake had a daughter die. He called all the ministries he could to raise her from the dead. Not one was there to answer his call. He said to God, "No one was there for me, make me such a man that can do for others what I needed." About 8 years later, another daughter fell from a second story window and died.

God had taught Curry by much right faith-actions, so Curry commanded life in the name of Jesus, for about 45 continuous minutes, and by Curry's understanding and continuous right faith-actions, God raised his daughter from the dead. One definition of what he was doing in continual *aiteo* commands was "Seeking the Lord," or "Calling on the Lord." His *aiteo* command was, "In the Name of Jesus, live and do not die!"

To raise his dead daughter, as Curry explained, "If God had not done it in an hour, then I would still be there until He did, or I passed out from exhaustion. And if I did pass out, I would start again the moment I woke up again. I was not going to lose." This is staying in Holy Spirit desire, grit, and determination, to do God's goodness in the Earth. Curry would not be denied by doing continual right faith-actions, and he won his daughter back to life from the devil. His attitude was, he will not be denied, Luke 18:1-8.

This is the attitude of no turning or shadow, but straight, pure, and complete, like God 1 John 1:5; James 1:17; Isa 60:19. This is righteousness in action.

For explaining right faith-action, *aiteo* commands I include, “in determined focused intention of will the covenant promise of God as due and Holy Spirit to do it, manifest it, and the devil to go, BEFORE and UNTIL the promise is manifest.”

Keeping at it: One, who is believing, *aman*, is very active keeping the things believed alive and held tight in their minds with right faith-actions against the constant doubts and evil fear of the world system, and negative facts, accusations, and fears unto joy. This is called cleaving to God.

If the ground never lets go of the peg, then *aman* never let's go of the promise, and keeps doing the right faith-actions of re-persuasion, re-assurance, *aiteo*, and giving God glory unto joy, to get the promise to manifest. And if they die, change from healing to raising the dead or resurrection.

The New Testament word *pisteuo*, means the same as *aman*. Both are aimed at the actions to produce a coming good unto joy. The issues with success are in our heart; built with the constant repetition of right faith-actions, we write and maintain the godly attitudes on our heart that release God into the Earth, by continual right faith-actions. Or else your heart is hardened by not resisting continually, but receiving from the world system. Not just sugar-coated evil, but normal aspects of popular modern life.

We call the actions of *pisteuo* biblical believing, “right faith-actions.” These actions help you stand in confident joy that God will perform what He said He will do. They nurture the word and strengthen your heart to hold the word of promise. Biblical *pistis* faith, or *pisteuo* believing, releases God's results into the Earth in right faith-actions. Bible *pistis* faith always gets the God-result.

Faith is Not Static: *Pistis* faith has at least seven meanings.

- a) The set of facts and assertions we ascribe as truth (redemption fact Scriptures, not paraphrases) over which we direct our right faith-actions, as a regular life-style of 3-6 hours daily with 2-6 hours in Holy Spirit tongues. (Our book, *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – Field Manual 2* is written for medical issues, or with slight word changes, anything else. Available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, etc.)
- b) The actions to maintain constant adherence to those facts in regular personal practices or right faith-actions unto joy behaviors for continual mind renewal.
- c) What you do in the first report of a problem or need.
- d) What you do if the first prayer did not work, and you are now going to “go after” faith results, or utter faithless platitudes like, “It must not be God's will.”
- e) What you do if the situation keeps getting worse. If you rise in righteous indignation against the devil and compassion for those in trouble, focus your mind on the Scriptures you are obeying, and continue giving God exuberant glory,

you are in strong *pistis* faith, or keep doing the same until you are. If you crumble under the pressure, you go back to the Scriptures, move your right faith-actions to at least seven times a day, at the same time, and/or go get some help.

- f) When crises come, your first action is to seek the world's solutions, especially in medicine. Then you may turn to the Lord and seek Him by right faith-actions as extra "insurance," but not your main help. Your fears and tears do not release God; your courage in the Name of Jesus over redemption facts do.
- g) No right faith-actions results in miracle intervention, which produce the evidences of right *pistis* faith in production. If the dead are not raised in 72 hours, seek the Lord; for anything else, keep at it to victory, 1 Cor 15:57-58.
 - a No noise or actions that can be seen. No or rare exuberant behaviors of right thanksgiving, praise, joy, *aiteo* commands, affirmations, right Holy Communion, loud-hard-fast tongues, Scripture proclamations, etc. [NOTE: You can do some right faith-actions silently by mouthing the words or yells, keeping your mind a furnace of God's grace, power, love, and dominion, or go outside for a time. Many have raised the dead from hospital parking lots or grounds.]
 - b No prayer results, and any that do come you first attribute to whoever you turned to first, not God in obedience, but the hand of man, or other spiritual sources and/or idolatries.
 - c Ineffective prayer efforts without knowledge of God and His way for man rightly applied.

[NOTE: For those who are suffering, we never withhold what man can do if available, especially children. Any faith stand is between you and God. Not you over the victims of the devil's oppressions. If relief or mitigation is available by man, use it to make them more comfortable or even rescue them from death, such as emergency rooms, etc. No medical procedure is 100% guaranteed safe or effective. Do not break the local laws to make your faith stand. God heals just as powerfully in a hospital room or in their own bedroom. In any case, ramp up your right faith-actions to break the devil's oppressions and get the victim(s) set free, in or out of the hospital or jail, etc. In many cases you may need to add in the finances to your right faith-actions to cover what hand of man you used or allowed.]

The missing key of *pistis* faith is that *pistis* faith is not a "thing," it is a set of actions you are now doing. *Pistis* faith means to be in right faith-actions in the same way "run" means to be moving your legs faster than walking. If you run, you are moving your legs faster than walking. This is really simple. If you are not moving your legs faster than walking, then you are not running.

If you are not doing right faith-actions, you are not “in *pistis* faith.” Trust, faith, believing, courage, assurance, certainty, and confidence are the same way. If you are in *pistis* faith, you are doing continual right faith-actions including joy, the same way you cook food, when you are in a kitchen cooking food. *Pistis* faith is not a static condition, but is more like exercising a muscle that gets and stays strong the more you exercise it. And once strong, you have to keep maintaining that muscle or it will weaken. You stay in *pistis* faith with the constant decisions to stay in right faith-actions no matter what.

As you look at the promises of God, and the conflicting and negative circumstances, you make the constant decision to re-affirm God’s faithfulness, reliability, and power that He will perform that word in spite of all the negative circumstances. One way is to set aside frequent times a day to do the re-affirming right faith-actions unto gladness and joy.

To be “in *pistis* faith” or “hold faith,” means to be in constant action with specific promises of God. To be “in faith” means you recognize that it takes constant reaffirmation, adherence, and re-persuasion, concerning God and His promises by right faith-actions including gladness and joy.

- No right faith-actions, means no *pistis* faith; no constant re-affirmation, means willful ignorance, doubt, unbelief, evil fear, and depression have taken over.
- Little right faith-actions means little, weak, or fainting faith, maybe with some reaffirmation; but means doubt, evil fear, unbelief, and depression are rising.
- Lots of continual right faith-actions, means strong *pistis* faith that keeps doing right faith-actions of re-affirmations, under pressure BEFORE and UNTIL the promise of God is manifest; and that means doubt, evil fear, unbelief, and depression are under your feet, and kept there with continual right faith-actions as they continually try to arise, like evil weeds or sneaking spiders.

Developing *Pistis* Faith: *Pistis* Faith is a decision to do right faith-actions. *Pistis* faith strength in God by His Word for children and adults is developed over time with repetition. *Pistis* Faith is a noun; *pisteuo* believing is the verb form. Ancient Hebrew uses verbs, so in the KJV, the word faith is found twice in the Old Testament, and both times it should have been translated as “faithfulness,” meaning consistent godly and glad behaviors to stay in right faith-actions.

The Old Testament word translated as belief, *aman*, is like a firm ground a tent peg is driven into. Since *aman* faith also means confidence and nurturing, then the process of building *aman* faith makes the ground stronger so that peg cannot be pulled out in the face of conflicting facts and situations. The process of keeping that ground strong is called “having or holding faith,” or “standing on the word of God.”

Come as you are: When a faith crisis arrives, you respond with the *pistis* faith you have developed in the past and what you have right then. In this way, it is like muscles. You have the strength you have developed and maintained in the past for the immediate need of today. The good news is that unlike muscles, you can increase *pistis* faith in the middle of a battle with a cramming immersion process, but it generally requires significant focus and effort, i.e. time and actions.

Cramming: *Pistis* Faith or believing can be stirred up in an immediate immersion process of a few moments, or may take 6-20 hours a day, for 3-5 days, for an immediate miracle need. It can even be developed and stirred up while you are in a prayer battle. For more on this building faith in the middle of a battle or crisis, see our Power Trilogy book, “*Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – Field Manual 2.*” (Whether it is a healing battle, or any other issue, the principles are the same. The only change is what Scriptures you are applying or mixing in your right faith-actions.)

Lifestyle Changes: For a ready level of *pistis* faith, it is developed over time of 3-6 hours a day for at least 90 days. Once developed, unless you maintain with 3-20 hours a day in right faith-actions, you will lose hot faith and degenerate into ineffective, mental assent within 3-5 days. You will then have to recover hot faith with repeating the immersion or cramming process. Trust, belief, confidence, fully persuaded, assurance, certainty, and courage are all developed the same way, and are alternate words to *pistis* faith.

John 8:31 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which *pisteuo*/believed on him, **If ye continue** in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Here the key to this freedom is “continue.” This means constant repetition of the facts of Jesus, i.e., redemption facts, is what leads to freedom to be and do all God has made you for in Jesus.

The English word faith is what you can do in the moment, like Jesus walked in *pistis* faith. He lived the constantly seeking the Lord lifestyle, so in the moment He operated right faith-actions. The Greek word, *pistis* focus is on what you do to have *pistis* faith when needed, by the continual right faith-action lifestyle. It means the process, which is what God is telling us in the Bible. The English word faith, means how you do in the moment.

A sharpshooter needs to practice constantly to have effective skills in the moment, so he or she can take the shot and hit the target. But that moment-skill only comes by constant practice. *Pistis* Faith works the same way. If it is not your lifestyle, then you will constantly grow in doubts, evil fear, and unbelief, and produce little results in God. This is called mental assent. You may have some facts, but you are not reliable to hit the target.

In continual right faith-actions, you are developing trust and confidence in God by His word. As His word becomes more real to you than the sickness or evil situations in you or others, then you start exerting the dominion of Jesus in spirit and in truth.

So, yes, you can work at practicing divine healing with a combination of time in the field doing it, and with right faith-actions. This is not “either/or,” but “both/and.” You must let the actual doing it, the field work of ministry, drive your right faith-actions, and not the opposite. Remember, *pistis* faith without works and results, is dead, mental assent faith.

Little children can enter *pistis* faith quickly, but most adults, with decades of lies and attacks on your Jesus self-identity, typically take longer to overwrite faith, hope, and joy on that hardened heart. We can get a non-church trained child born-again and working Jesus miracles in moments with the Gospel of Grace that Jesus can confirm. Church trained take months, if not years, of renewal for effective faith in the moment, see Philemon 6.

Developed or hot *pistis* faith is confidence in God with courage by more right faith-actions, against the negative situations, persecution, evil fears, and direct and indirect attacks. The entire time the devil works to get you to stop right faith-actions of, on, and with the Word of God. As you stay in right faith-actions, as you become fully persuaded and stirred up into the zeal of the Lord, the word of God becomes you speaking for God as Jesus did and still does.

Asking Jesus to do it has some truth, but as far as God is concerned, by the work of the new-birth in Jesus, you are in the place of Jesus. To God the Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, you are the “Jesus” on the Earth for right now. John 20:21 “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace (*victory*) be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.”

And: 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our *agape*/love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he (*Jesus*) is, so are we in this world.”

Rom 13:14 “But put ye on (*in the spirit of your mind in your self-identity to be, think, will, and do as Jesus would by continual right faith-actions*) the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

Begging Jesus to do it, is very close to unbelief, and denying your new-birth. Those that do beg, usually at some point, get mad enough at God over the situation, and or the devil, that they utter *aiteo* command-words that God can use, and get results.

John Lake told of a woman, who every day, for 5 years, begged God to heal her blindness for 2.5 hours every day. Then she got mad and *aiteo* commanded healing. She started seeing later than night and was fully healed in a few days. That being

mad was for her determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to move and the devil to go. She went from begging to not being denied based on redemption truth. When Jesus was raised from the dead every human ever was fully healed to the level of Jesus. She got that for herself.

This Day of Judgment against the devil and his works, includes any day, hour, or moment you decide to destroy the works of the devil with and in the name of Jesus in *pistis* faith as His true ambassador or agent. To be His Ambassador, you can only speak as He would speak. You are the Body-of-Christ member on the scene, whether alone or with other Christians. You decide to be the dominating spiritual force of Jesus.

Faith Decision: The process of *pistis* faith, or having or holding faith, or believing or trusting God, can be summarized as the decision to continue on a regular, daily schedule of multiple events, and as occasion serves, the actions of *pistis* faith BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests, for the issues you are *pisteuo* believing God to manifest His answer(s).

The problems come when you exercise the decision to get into *pistis* faith, if you do not release enough *zoe* life for the full healing or miracle answer. How you decide to handle yourself next, if the answer is not immediate, forces a *pistis* faith decision. Some blame the lack of results on God, or others, who know God and the Bible, decide they are “going after it” to get the promise, who shout, “No devil; yes Jesus. I/we will get this done, in the name of Jesus!” They then launch into a *pistis* faith-action program to victory.

The right answer is to stay in right faith-actions, confident that *zoe* life went into the situation, it is growing, you will keep nurturing with continued right faith-actions, and you will see the answer. You *pisteuo* believe that in each *pistis* faith-action you are releasing miracle *zoe* life. Weak faith stops at the first or early signs of trouble or delay. Strong *pistis* faith sees it through to the end with continued right faith-actions, no matter how bad it may get.

As no labor in the Lord is in vain, *zoe* life is additive. In each *pistis* faith-action, you are not starting over, but adding more *zoe* life to victory over the devil and his works.

Every *pistis* faith-action in God releases some *zoe* life as no labor in the Lord is in vain (1 Cor 15:58), or useless. It is like each *pistis* faith-action releases some water, large or small. If you release a lot, then you get instant or quick answers. Otherwise it may be drop by drop. But even drop by drop, you can eventually fill the bucket with continued right faith-actions for the full answer.

Power in Planning: It is the planned events of multiple times a day in right faith-actions that makes you assess where your mind has been, and to bring it back to

courage against the evil situations, evil fear, apathy, complacency, slothfulness, and indifference of the world, and into the love-fire of God in you by Holy Spirit.

These planned events can be by the clock, say every two hours; or as other events occur, like when the baby goes to sleep, the mail man comes, you hear a dog barking, or going to the store, or other triggering events that mean something to you to get busy doing right faith-actions. Or pick before or after meal times, when you get up and go to bed. For me, it is when I get in my car. I listen to Scripture set to music, Scripture memory songs, and speak or sing in tongues.

The more right faith-actions you do, some will be instant manifestations or answers, but not all. And yes, it helps to keep a list of these yet-to-be manifested faith targets on you at all times, or posted where you can see them often, so you can give thanks over each item as part of your daily right faith-actions. This is your written Jesus Victory Plan for you to do.

Many people use the term “prayer” for doing the right faith-actions, and that works as long as all the right faith-actions are included. Notice how Paul intertwines thanksgiving, prayer, and joy: Phil 1:3 “I **thank** my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every **prayer** of mine for you all **making request** with **joy**.” Here are three right faith-actions in one prayer event. Prayer in the Bible is worship in essence.

These *pistis* faith-action events can be specific times in specific places, or as you run through your day. Some require focus and attention, others can be muttered as you go about your day. Learn to be effective at both styles.

This is summarized this way: Prov 3:5 “Trust (*cleave to God with continual right faith-actions*) in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him (*with right faith-actions*), and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.”

Or as John G. Lake said, "Some people have told me that they pray and then run, but God has taught me to pray as I run. That is the key." For example, if you have a job, you can pray in tongues, praise, or give thanks under your breath as much as you can. This way nobody else will hear you. Or instead of coffee breaks, take prayer and praise breaks, and walk around the work area, or your house, commanding blessings.

Faith Continually: Faith means to be doing right faith-actions continually. This can also be described as the “acknowledging God in all your ways,” of Prov 3:6.

Doing these actions BEFORE and UNTIL the promise manifests is what pleases God. It is very simple.

The converse is also true. James 2:20 “But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *pistis*/faith without works is dead?”

James 2:26 “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so *pistis*/faith without works is dead also.”

Rom 14:23 “...For whatsoever is not of *pistis*/faith is sin.”

Rom 3:23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24 being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

The only standard of God is you walking like Jesus continually in His glory. Your purpose is to continually release the glory of the Lord in and by continual right faith-actions. You can do it in your regular work, special events, but always part of your life.

Right *Pistis* Faith-actions: *Pistis* Faith is action summarized as thanksgiving, praise, joy, right *aiteo* commands, right affirmations, right considerations, speaking and singing in tongues, right Communion, doing acts of *agape* love, singing in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs continually, and based on right reading and studying of the Scriptures. We are destroyed by ignorance leading to wrong decisions and actions. We are set free by truth leading to the right decision to build our lives on continually seeking the Lord through right faith-actions.

God describes this as life built on right understanding. Rom 3:10 “As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11 there is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.” Otherwise we are living an unrighteous life. Not once or twice or even every night in church, but daily and hourly, every day. This is lifestyle not a few events. In the process you will renew your mind to make your time and intimacy with Jesus even more effective.

If you want to please God then God makes it very plain: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis*/faith-actions it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him (*by continual right faith-actions*).”

I find it very strange. I have met many who claim all they want to do is please God, but not one of them knew of this verse. Not one could tell me what they actually doing to please God. Who is teaching them? I don’t know, but it is not Holy Spirit.

As you do these right faith-actions, believe unto joy that *zoe* life is going in and growing to heal the situation unto the righteous of God in Christ Jesus by your right faith-actions. You make the decision that you doing right faith-actions releases God to heal, fix, or rebuild any situation. You exercise right faith by *pisteuo* believing your right faith-actions are effective and working by Holy Spirit. It is like you are pushing out *zoe* life.

Once you make this decision, it is no longer, “Will this work,” but, “It is working, God cannot lie and He inhabits for good my right faith-actions. And I will keep at it in right faith-actions UNTIL I get it, glory to God! And this pleases Him. Yahoo!”

One more thing, in the Bible "continually, always, diligently, and without ceasing" generally means non-stop all day, to multiple set times per day, and then when you have opportunity to do more. For normal life, it means multiple times per day, every day, for the rest of your life. Faith as described in Heb 11:6 is manifest as:

- 1) Believing that God is by right *pistis* faith-actions, and
- 2) He will reward your diligent seeking of Him continually by right faith-actions.

Heb 11:6 "But without *pistis*/faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo* /believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Here *pistis* faith is defined as continually seeking God; this is actions. *Pistis* Faith is what you exercise between hearing the promise and seeing the answer manifest. To exercise God-pleasing *pistis* faith you must start diligently seeking God in right faith-actions. Seeking Him for what? Strength and directions for starters, you are already accepted in the beloved Jesus. Here are some benefits:

Prov 3:5 "Trust (*cleave by continual right fit-actions*) in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones."

Roadblocks: The devil's main goal is to keep you from ever starting right faith-actions, or, if once started, to get you to stop doing them. This is called working on your mind to get you to faint, when you already have the answer, if you will but *pisteuo* believe God by right faith-actions, rather than glorifying the negative circumstances unto murmuring, complaining, grumbling, and fault-finding of God.

This murmuring, complaining, fault-finding, doubt, evil fear, and unbelief against God in His word is simply doing continual anti-right faith-actions based on the negative circumstances and thoughts that assault you. What you dwell on is what controls your perceptions. What you focus on is what you become and maintain how you are.

The actions of *pistis* faith are how you seek the Lord. They are what you do, to do the "believing" of God and Jesus. This controls rightly your perceptions and attitudes according to redemption facts.

The measure of *pistis* faith that pleases God is doing the seeking-right faith-actions diligently forever, just like Jesus did in the Gospels and still does now. If you are going to be like Jesus, then you will be seeking the Lord continually to forever. And that right seeking pleases God, Heb 11:6. You want to please God, this is how you do it.

Seeking the Lord is diligent action. This means it is right faith-action works, effort, and labor. The diligent part means you do these right faith-actions when it is

easy, and also when it is not fun, and hard to do. Yes, diligent includes the ideas of duty, job, burden, task, service, mission, reliability, dependability, and faithfulness. Here is one way God describes the regular routines of right faith-actions: Ps 119:164 "Seven times a day will I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments [*against the devil and for deliverance of the oppressed*]."

It is what you do that counts: *Pistis* Faith means to be in right faith-actions in the same way "run" means to be moving your legs faster than walking. If you run, you are moving your legs faster than walking. *Pistis* Faith or *pisteuo* believing is the same way. In both, you do the right faith-actions on a regular schedule and as occasion serves (i.e., biblical continually or diligence).

Pistis Faith is a noun in the same way run is a noun. If you say, "I am going on a run," then here "run" is a noun. It means you intend to go into moving your legs faster than walking. In the same way, if you say, "I am *pisteuo* believing God," then you are doing multiple believing events every day BEFORE and UNTIL victory," which are for God and against the negative circumstances, doubts, and evil fears.

Again, the noun *pistis* faith has two meanings.

- a) The set of facts you do right faith-actions over, i.e., the promises of God
- b) To be in a program of multiple daily right faith-actions to simulate constant *aman* holding onto a word of God like the ground holds a tent peg. In a crisis, this may go from multiple-events per day, to non-stop, round the clock, right faith-actions in complete *aman pisteuo* believing.

Schedules: The Bible describes schedules for doing right faith-actions such as: all night and day; day and night; all day; morning, noon, and night; seven times a day, rising at midnight for an hour, waking on the night watches (every 1-3 hours), and before dawn, and in Phil 4:4-9, whenever you have a "care" that the answer is not there (this is included in "as occasion serves.") You see all of these in the lives of Jesus and effective *pisteuo* believers. As a matter of fact, doing these right faith-actions in and of God is part of the definition of BEING a *pisteuo* believer.

To operate in *pistis* faith means you have done right faith-actions until you are fully persuaded unto confidence and bold courage, that God will do by His promise for your situation, and keep doing them BEFORE and UNTIL manifestation.

In the New Testament, when your mind is renewed, you are fully persuaded unto joy that Holy Spirit is in you for you to exercise the triumph of Jesus in any situation by *aiteo* commands, knowing God is at hand in power under your direction for you to speak the commands of God as Jesus did (Phil 4:5). Knowing the One in you is greater than he who is in the world, Healing one blind or 100,000 is not a problem to Holy Spirit. When your mind is fully renewed, you automatically respond to every

situation with right faith-actions of thanksgiving, praise, and joy, and then move on to the other right faith-actions.

Ps 5:11 “But let all those who take refuge and put their trust (*cleave to God by faith by continual right faith-actions*) in You rejoice; let them ever sing and shout for joy, because You make a covering over them and defend them; let those also who love Your name be joyful in You and be in high spirits (*gladness*).” AMP Do you see continual right faith-actions in the passage? If not read it again until you do.

And you know in gladness: Phil 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me [*as you continue in right faith-actions*].” Whether fully rebuilding one broken body to healing 100,000 is not problem to Holy Spirit. The more you know this, the less evil fear or evil fear of man or failure can torment you. You go from, “Wow, this can kill me,” to “Come on, you will make a loud noise as you fall.”

Knowing that: Phil 2:13 “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 [*So you*] do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 holding forth the word of *zoe*/life...[*by continual right faith-actions*].”

God can work all things for our good as we learn to trust Him with continual right faith-actions, no matter what happens, good, or bad. This is exercising *pistis* faith and trust, and releases God to help. 1 Thess 5:18 “In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Many think the devil only attacks due to sin. Yet God says differently: 1 Peter 5:8 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 whom resist (*fight*) stedfast in the *pistis*/faith (*by continual right faith-actions*), knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.” Jesus said the storms come on the wise and the foolish.

Do you see that your brothers and sisters are in afflictions because they are on Earth? Did you see the devil is searching for your sins here? No, he is looking to see if he can get you to jump in evil fear and panic in the moment. If your heart is not prepared by a lifestyle of continual right faith-actions, you will jump into evil fear.

If you think troubles will never happen to you, and you find yourself or your loved one in the mouth of the devil, and without a continual right faith-action lifestyle, you will jump into evil fear, panic, or terror. This life is full of troubles and storms, they come to us all for sin or devil attacks, Matt 7:24-27.

You judgmental sin mongers, start seeking the Lord for compassion on the sinners and victims alike. This is what Jesus did, are you greater than He? Jesus never

asked how the trouble came. He healed by compassion because they were in trouble. Do the same.

The devil studies you to see where you are weak. Stay strong in the continual right faith-action lifestyle so when he comes, you don't jump. Instead you attack with the sword of the spirit, the word of God by constant repetition, and cut his head off. Turn that lion into a fraidy-cat. You don't get there without the heart preparation of right faith-actions. Without the continual combat training of right faith-actions, you will not be ready, nor will your mind be renewed into the Christ mind within you.

Ps 27:13 "I had fainted (*stopped doing right faith-actions in God*), unless I had believed (*with continual right faith-actions*) to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait (*entwine, acknowledge Him in all your ways with right faith-actions*) on the Lord: be of good courage (*by right faith-actions*), and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait (*entwine, acknowledge Him in all your ways with right faith-actions*), I say, on the Lord."

The starting place is thanksgiving that you will see God's goodness in spite of how bad the current situation(s) is (are). Give thanks that God is there and will help you to stand in right faith-actions in the situations. You do the standing, God does the empowering as you stand. Then build on this with the other right faith-actions.

Once you are fully in *pistis* faith, confidence, then you can extend that confidence to other areas for yourself and others. But each new area will require some level of new specific right faith-actions, so that you continually respond at any care, worry, evil fear, concern, trial, test, tribulation, and reminder of the problem or threat with joy as God commands in James 1:2. When you are "in faith" this is your automatic response and then becomes the evidence of your *pistis* faith mixed effectively with the word of God. If it is not your automatic response, you work with constant right faith-action repetition until it is.

Cares and Thoughts: There is another part of the spiritual disciplines with a regular schedule, which is, when you become aware you are threatened with the negative circumstances that say that God will not do that word.

Paul in Phil 4:6 "Be careful (*anxious, fearful, concerned, worried, terrorized, or intimidated*) for nothing (*when you discover you are no longer in active thanksgiving, praise, or joy*); but in everything (*that has you fearful or distracted from right faith-actions*) by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let (*make*) your *aiteo*/requests be made known unto God." You make your *aiteo* known to God by thanksgiving in advance. While the Bible tells us of regular times per day, either by set hour or events, we are also to launch into right faith-actions whenever we are aware we have taken a "care, fear, worry, or concern" in lost thanksgiving, praise, or joy (Phil 4:6), in getting offended (Matt 13:21-22; Mark 4:16-19; and Luke 8:13-14),

take a wrong thought (Matt 6:25-34; Luke 12:11-22), or wrong consideration (Rom 4:19-21).

For example I may have 3-6 set times a day, and then whenever I get in my car, to launch into right faith-actions. For me, that is when I speak in tongues. Usually I have Scripture songs or godly teaching playing as I speak and sing in tongues as I drive my car. I have done this so many years that I cannot hardly get in a car before I am either speaking in tongues out loud, or if others are there, under my breath.

Along with a set schedule, and as occasion provides opportunity, we are to attack any care that causes us to lose our thanksgiving, praise, joy, or confidence in God working through us. This could be every moment, especially as you start a *pistis* faith project or battle, or when you get a sudden bad report.

Here is a description of one who is operating in a proper renewed mind: Ps 112:6 “Surely he shall not be moved forever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting (*by continual right faith-actions*) in the Lord. 8 His heart is established (*by the lifestyle of continual right faith-actions*), he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.” He got his heart established in God by right faith-actions. And his right faith-actions turned him into a warrior, “until he see his desire upon his enemies.” This is how the devil can turn Christians to a lion of the tribe of Judah, who knows Jesus in him, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, is directed to heal whatever is needed.

Notice at the negative report, the righteous man then obeys Phil 4:4-9 and Eph 5:14-21 in *pistis* faith or trust actions to get and keep his confidence (faith, courage) in God strong, and gets stronger giving God loud and bold glory in right faith-actions continuously. These are the steps Abraham took (Roman 4:12-21), and so must we.

Eph 5:14 “Wherefore he (*God*) saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (*Greek: continually being*) filled with the Spirit; 19 [*by*] speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (*tongues*), singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things (*especially the facts of our redemption in the blood of Jesus*) unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the *right* fear of God.”

This is part of the response every time you notice, or others observe that you have lost that Jesus-dominion confidence of ready thanksgiving, praise, and joy.

We are warned the devil will attack the word you receive with joy, with offense and distractions (Matt 13:21-22; Mark 4:16-19; and Luke 8:13-14). How you re-

spond determines if your heart is “well prepared” or not. Now you know the cure for “panic attacks,” or depression.

Recovery: If you discover you have lost your joy or confidence, or have become worried, concerned, frustrated, or afraid over anything, start right back again into the Scriptures with the words or promises you are believing God for. Then do exactly what God tells us in Phil 4:6-9 over each promise and threat, with extended times of thanksgiving.

These cares often seem valid and important, and you may miss what is happening. When you become aware of it, just start back again releasing the *zoe* life of God with right faith-actions, Phil 4:4-9. And you may want to add either more scheduled events for right faith-actions, or take longer in the ones you already do.

How Jesus did it: Now you understand a little of what Jesus was doing in His normal habits as a man walking with and in God by the Scriptures. Remember Jesus put aside from Himself all we do not have. He made Himself fully as a man and did not operate in His divinity. Heb 2:14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (*Jesus*) also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and deliver them who through *evil* fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily he (*Jesus*) took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore **in all things** it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.” Jesus made Himself like us in “all things.” What He did, you can do.

If Jesus, as a man, a righteous and mature Jew, spent 3-6 hours a day, 1-4 all nights a week, and often arose early in the morning for Scripture prayer and other right faith-actions in seeking the Lord behaviors, and Peter, James, Paul, and other disciples did the same, and all taught their disciples to do the same, along with 1-6 hours a day in Holy Spirit tongues, why not you? So if you wonder where your answers from God are, now you know.

Jesus and Paul instructed us from the Old Testament such as: Josh 1:8 “This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate (*chew, mutter, sing, recite, rehearse, and ponder*) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.” It is your right faith-actions that creates the success path in God. God is always ready; we are the ones who have to open the path. God is not pointing His fickle finger at us, we are. It is our choice, not His.

Ps 119:148 “Mine eyes prevent (*go before*) the night watches, that I might meditate (*chew, mutter, sing, and ponder*) in thy word.” The night watches are every

1-3 hours from dark until dawn. The instruction is to meditate as you go to sleep, and then wake up every 1-3 hours during the night to continue your meditations of God's word out loud.

New Man Power: One good habit is to meditate on who you are in Christ by His great redemption, as you go to sleep. Ephesians and Colossians are great for this. These thoughts can then work in your mind as you sleep. This includes all the wonderful promises of the Old Testament as well as in the New.

God's answer for every problem is to renew your mind and self-identity in your new-creation self in Jesus. Eph 4:22 "That ye put off (*like an old coat*) concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 and that ye put on (*like a new coat*) the new (*recreated, renovated into Jesus*) man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness [*just like Jesus is*]." See also Rom 13:10-14 and Col 3:9-11.

This should be the main content of your meditations as you go to sleep, and the first thing upon rising. This emphasis on renewing your mind into the wonders of the new-birth is the main topic of the Power Trilogy book, *OK, GOD, Now What.*"

Paul described this rapid response, this awakening to discovering your heart has gotten side-tracked from God in Eph 5:14-21, and also in: 1 Cor 15:33 "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 34 Awake to righteousness [*in Christ*], and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame."

And again: Rom 13:10 "Agape/Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore *agape/love* is the fulfilling of the law. 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our *soteria/salvation* nearer than when we *pisteuo/believed*. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But put ye on (*like a new coat*) the Lord Jesus Christ (*in your self-identity, thoughts, words, and actions*), and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

Or as Holy Spirit summarized how doing the right things rightly releases God: Acts 10:34-38 "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness (*right faith-actions*), is accepted with him. 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached.

38 "How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power:

who went about (*randomly*) doing good, and healing all that were oppressed (*in the lordship, control, or dominion*) of the devil; for God was with him.”

Integrity: Since you have the spirit-nature of Jesus in the new-birth, the same anointing, choosing, in the same Holy Spirit, a better Bible, doing these right faith-actions are part of that new nature and operating in the mind of Christ within you. You do them because you are right with God and want to relate to Him better. This is the “real you” of your born-again spirit, and the only way to be in integrity with yourself.

Your new nature only wants to do and see the will of God done, so you do right faith-actions to keep your soul a happy dwelling place of God, where you get your mind in agreement in the mind of the Spirit, so He can freely manifest through you, just like He did in Jesus. It is part of being born-again. Any resistance is your old man of the flesh, so you do these right faith-actions to keep your flesh down and your born-again spirit up.

You do right faith-actions, not to attain some spiritual level, because you are already there in the new-birth; you are complete in Christ, as full son of God. You do right faith-actions to exercise, as in a gym, to be in the strength of whom and what you are in Jesus against the constant assault of the present world system.

Right faith-actions get and keep your inner man strong. Else you become weak in *pistis* faith, and hardened and bitter against God, as one of the living dead in need of awakening. If you are not exercising with right faith-actions, you are going to sleep and living in the carnal mind of the flesh. It is that simple. You are born-again for better.

Biblical faith always produces, other kinds of misplaced, or not outworked right faith, do not release God. The parable of the sower and the seed in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8 describe the *pistis* faith or fruition process with 4 kinds of human hearts. Focused diligence in right faith-actions is required to reap the harvest.

The problem is that in modern culture, we see believing as a more passive state, rather than the biblical, active concept of constant nurturing in your mind of that which you trust in. Modern mental assent says, “I believe that,” but does not follow through with diligent right faith-actions.

Modern faith assumes faith is the peg, and not the strength that keeps the peg in place. In reality, you believe, not by saying, “I believe,” but by doing the actions of belief. By the biblical definition, you are *pisteuo* believing only when you are doing the supporting right faith-actions of *pisteuo* believe. No nurturing or supporting actions means no belief. Little action means little belief. Lots of faith-action means you are *pisteuo* believing.

God says it this way: Phil 2:12 “Wherefore, my *agape*/beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own *soteria*/salvation with fear and trembling.” Work out includes right faith-actions.

In expanded form: Phil 2:12 “Wherefore, my *agape*/beloved (*dear loved ones of God*), as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out (*in labor, effort, and with diligence in continual right faith-actions*) your own *soteria*/salvation (*blessing, deliverance, prosperity, divine healing, gifts of Holy Spirit, courage, wisdom, long life, hearts on fire for God, walking like Jesus in all aspects*) with fear and trembling (*making this a critical priority in your life, knowing that which you miss or fall short of will be destroyed on the Day of Judgment, and in awe with abounding thanksgiving of the goodness and power of the Lord in you and through you, just like it does in Jesus as He is now*).”

This says you have to go after, work out, labor with intention and diligence, when it is hard and painful, the benefits of salvation available to you on Earth in this life with right faith-actions. While this may include your job and means of making a living, it means even more for you to walk in *pistis* faith like Jesus in His full measure in this life now, in the midst of all aspects of life.

Hard Work:

You produce the Kingdom of God by *pistis* faith, which is obviously a lot of hard work, else it would already be done. Holy Spirit stresses this is a right work. These verses shatter the concept that grace in Christ means no effort on our part.

Acts 14:22 “Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the *pistis*/faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.” Here we see *pistis* faith releases the kingdom.

It is the Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom, but the Kingdom is not in physical structures, but in how you operate your heart and soul. Luke 12:32 “Fear not, little flock; for it is your **Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.**” You receive it by the right faith-action lifestyle.

Luke 17:20 “And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold (*stop and make this change your world view and next actions*), **the kingdom of God is within you.**”

James 2:5 “Hearken, my *agapao*/beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in *pistis*/faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that *agape*/love him?”

This means the Kingdom is built and operates first in each individual Christian, and then into united groups. We may gather in churches, towns, and nations, but the combat and success is on each individual level, where each Christian, through the lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord and stirring themselves up into Holy Spirit in the right faith-action lifestyle unto joy behaviors, will win the promises of God with *pistis* faith, direct attacks against the devil and his works, and produce the glory of God on the Earth, very much as Jesus did with His disciples.

In this war there is no “safe zone” as the devil will counterattack at the individual level. Each Christian must learn to operate in right faith-actions to resist the devil and win for themselves, their families, their communities, and their nations the promises of God, and then be built into a living temple of God. Eph 4:16 “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in *agape*/love.” Each one of us can add the *agape* love to build the whole.

In no other human organization is there such power available, as seen in Daniel, whose right faith-action lifestyle not only found salvation in national destruction, and let him rule a major nation for his people.

And we born-again people have even more access with indwelling Holy Spirit, the New Testament, and Jesus as our Lord and King. And as Jesus demonstrated, use the right faith-action lifestyle to keep your heart firmly in the heart of Our Father, and we have the same potential.

The right faith-action lifestyle is God’s mechanism for access to un-imaginal power and walking in the *agape* love of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to the fullness of God, Eph 3:20.

As Holy Spirit prayed through Paul: Eph 3:16 “That he would *give* you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts by *pistis*/faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in *agape*/love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; 19 and to know the *agape*/love of Christ, which passeth *gnosis*/knowledge, **that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.** 20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we *aiteo*/ask or think, according to the *dunamis*/miracle, *zoe* life, power that worketh in us, 21 unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.”

Curry Blake asked the Lord to show him His *agape* love and what it is like. The Father told him that when you first see your brand new baby, and feel the overwhelming love and beauty for that child and the goodness of God, this is one part. The next is when you lay hands on a sick one and watch Holy Spirit heal them, this is also

agape love in action. Welcome to the fruits of righteousness in walking in the right faith-action lifestyle. Those are touches of the love that God experiences through you.

Jesus told us it will take right labor to get there. Jesus said: John 6:27 “**Labour** not for the meat which perisheth, but [*labor*] for that meat which endureth unto everlasting *zoe*/life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” Labor is not accidental or un-intentional, it is hard and diligent. The labor is to get *zoe* life for blessing yourself and others in right faith-actions.

Jesus declared: Luke 16:16 “The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and **every man presseth into it.**” It takes pressing in for the Kingdom to be produced, and of course this means right faith-actions.

Phil 3:14 “I **press toward** the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” This is hard, extreme labor, not by anointing, gifting, mantle, but calling.

Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and **the violent take it by force.**”

Col 1:29 “Whereunto I (*Paul*) **also labour, striving** according to his (*God’s*) working, which **worketh** in me mightily.”

1 Cor 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but **I laboured more abundantly** than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.” Grace impels you to right labor.

1 Cor 5:9 “Wherefore **we labour**, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.”

2 Cor 11:23 “Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; **in labours more abundant**, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.”

Col 4:12 “Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ, saluteth you, **always laboring fervently** for you in prayers, that ye may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. 13 For I bear him record, that **he hath a great zeal** for you, and them that are in Laodicea, and them in Hierapolis.”

1 Thess 1:3 “Remembering without ceasing **your work of pistis/faith** (*continual right faith-actions*), and **labour of agape/love** (*right faith-actions*), and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 knowing, brethren *agapao*/beloved, your election of God.”

1 Thess 2:9 “For ye remember, brethren, **our labour and travail**: for **laboring night and day**, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.”

Rev 2:3 “And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's **sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted** (*stopped or gone slothful*).”

Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful (*lazy, apathetic, or rebellious*), but followers (*copy-cats, duplicates*) of them who through [*the diligent work of*] *pistis/faith* and patience inherit (*receive, walk in, enjoy, and operate*) the promises [*of God in Christ Jesus*].”

Mark 3:35 “For whosoever **shall do the will of God**, the same is my (*Jesus*) brother, and my sister, and mother.”

Mark 10:51 “And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou **that I should do unto thee**? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy *pistis/faith* hath made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed Jesus in the way.”

Acts 9:6 “And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me **to do**? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and **it shall be told thee what thou must do**.”

Rom 13:3 “For rulers are not a terror to **good works**, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? **do that which is good**, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. **But if thou do that which is evil**, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute **wrath upon him that doeth evil**. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For this cause pay ye tribute also: **for they are God's ministers**, attending continually upon this very thing.”

1 Cor 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God**.”

Gal 6:8 “For he that **soweth** to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that **soweth** to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap *zoe/life* everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in **well doing**: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us **do good unto all men**, especially unto them who are of the household of *pistis/faith*.”

John 4:34 “Jesus saith unto them, **My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work**.”

John 5:30 “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; **because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father** (*by continual right faith-actions*) which hath sent me.”

John 14:31 “But that the world may know that I love the Father; **and as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do**. Arise, let us go hence.”

John 14:12 “Verily, verily, I (*Jesus*) say unto you, He that *pisteuo*/believeth on me, **the works that I do shall he do** also; **and greater works than these shall he do**; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask in my name, that **will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall *aiteo*/ask any thing in my name, **I will do it.**”

John 6:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is **the work of God**, that ye *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) on him whom he hath sent.”

In these above passages we see that there is grace that impels us to work; no work of *pistis* faith, and we limit God. Heb 4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not **being mixed** (*with diligent, daily work*) **with pistis/faith** (*actions*) in them that heard it.

This is a strong warning. As much as you, and yes, even more so, God, wants His best for you, if you do not continually mix the word of God, His promises, with right *pistis* faith-actions, you too can die in the desert of slothfulness. And like those desert people, blame God the entire time.

Heb 4:11 “**Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (*unpersuadableness, slothfulness, laziness, and rebellion*).”

Phil 2:12 “Wherefore, my *agape*/beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out** (*prove and manifest with diligent labor*) **your own soteria/salvation with fear and trembling**. 13 For it is God **which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure**. 14 Do all things (*of right faith-actions*) without murmurings and disputings: 15 that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 holding forth the word of *zoe*/life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither **laboured** in vain.”

You enter the wonderful state of salvation by grace, but you manifest, bring the benefits of salvation to earth, by continual right faith-actions.

The Law “works” removed or obsoleted in Jesus are the temple sacrifices, the special priestly class, circumcision to covenant unite with God, and your relationship and connection with God based your right works and lack of sin.

These are replaced with the one-time shed blood of Jesus, all believers are made priests and kings unto God upon the new-birth, and Jesus as your covenant guarantee, righteousness, and union with and in God by the forever, indwelling Holy Spirit and

zoe life. 1 Cor 1:30 “But of him (*Father God*) are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”

God is working in us to do what pleases Him, but if we do not do the right doing, we lose out because God rewards those who please Him in right doing: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis*/faith (*seen in right faith-actions*) it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo*/believe (*by right faith-actions*) that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them **that diligently seek him.**”

We seek God by right faith-actions, and God rewards those who do diligent right faith-actions in seeking Him. This is the economy, the working method, of the Kingdom of God. If you want His blessings, this is how it is done.

***Pistis* Faith Levels:** We see *pistis* faith operating at two different levels:

- a) You ministering healing and blessing to and for yourself.
- b) You ministering healing and blessing to and for others.

As a Christian, we are to be operating at both levels all the time.

- The first level is personal development and releasing blessing of all kinds for yourself by right faith-actions.
- The second is: Matt 22:39 “And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt *agape*/love thy neighbour as thyself.”

Remember, *pistis* faith is describing a verb and it requires constant effort to produce. No working out by right faith-actions means few benefits of salvation or Kingdom on this Earth, in this life, now, by you.

Before you blame God by asking where is He, I suggest you look at your own life of right faith-actions for the real answer. The biblical standard seems to be 3-6 hours a day, every day, in right faith-actions as a base condition.

This is how you: “Praise the Lord seven times a day for His righteous judgments” (Psalm 119:164); “**In everything give thanks:** for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess 5:18); “By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of **praise to God continually**, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name” (Heb 13:15); and “I will bless the Lord **at all times:** his praise **shall continually be** in my mouth” (Ps 34:1).

Faith Overview

Pistis Faith in God means you regard God and His word as greater than yourself or negative circumstances or evil fears, unto joy and other right faith-actions. Unbelief regards yourself and other words, negative circumstances, and evil fears as greater than God by His word unto bitter mockery and accusation of God, and faith-actions in other than God. For example, worry is wrong faith-actions in the king of evil fear, the devil.

Faith in God has three main elements.

- 1) A set of facts, propositions, promises, and expectations that define elements of, or an entire world view. This is rather static and lists an embodiment of “truth.” This is what most of Christianity majors on as contained in the Bible, but there is more. The facts we assert are of two major kinds:
 - a. What we have learned or developed of the world in our individual lives to date. All of us have these from formal and informal sources. Col 2:8 “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.” 1 Peter 1:18 “Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation (*manner of living and thinking in thoughts, words, and deeds*) received by tradition from your fathers.”
 - b. The facts of redemption in the Bible. It is only the facts of the Bible that God honors, and we are to renew our minds with for effective *pistis* faith in God. Philem 6 “That the communication of thy *pistis*/faith may become effectual by the *continual* acknowledging of every good thing which is *already* in you in Christ Jesus.” Your *pistis* faith is made effective in releasing the glories of God into the Earth by your continual, daily acknowledging what you already have in Christ, redemption facts.
- 2) The second part of *pistis* faith is the dynamics or processes that use these elements of static truth or faith of God, to release them to manifest on the Earth. This is the verb or action part. The Bible is full of promises and assertions, but we are short on manifestation of them on the Earth, which is the lament of 1 Cor 11:30.

Jesus told us to get into the truth of the Kingdom, and stay in it until we get to be free like He is. John 8:31 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which *pisteuo*/believed on him, If ye continue in my word (*by right faith-actions*), then

are ye my disciples indeed; 32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The active part of *pistis* faith is what brings the statements of truth into reality on the Earth. While man-level works, like clothing the naked is valuable and critical, the supernatural aspects as recorded in the New Testament are often treated as poor stepchildren. Christianity has not majored in recent years on this aspect. Obviously, if we are going to reverse the lament of 1 Cor 11:30, we are going to also major on the WHAT and HOW to release the supernatural goodness of God contained in *dunamis* and *zoe*, especially in Communion, as well as the other right faith-actions.

- a. The first faith *pistis* dynamic is personal development, what one (or a group) does to be faithful, steadfast, not distracted, or moved from keeping the practices and attitudes that God requires to release Him. Here the focus is on doing faithfully, reliably, and with consistency, what God has provided to bring our thoughts, words, and actions to be and stay consistent with God, i.e., mixing the word of God with right faith-actions to rightly renew and maintain your heart. This is man’s faithful or consistent actions back to God knowing that God will then give the blessings of obedience. Included in this are the spiritual disciplines described throughout the Bible. These general and repetitive practices make *pistis* faith strong or steadfast with joy in the face of trials, tests, and temptations. This is by no means limited to, but may include regular church attendance when done in *pistis* faith with right faith-actions.
- b. The second *pistis* faith dynamic is ministry by doing like Jesus did, doing intentionally what allows God to manifest in the Earth. We are not trying to force an angry and aloof God to move, but providing a *pistis* faith path for a willing, loving, and eager God, by which He can operate in the Earth. Here the *pistis* faith dynamic is intentional action by an individual or group that releases God for a need, trial, test, or temptation to see God’s blessing manifest. This is applying the right faith-actions for specific results BEFORE and UNTIL the answers or promises of God manifest by your right thoughts, words, and actions.
 - i. Another element of *pistis* faith is perseverance or patience of continued right *pisteuo*, faith-actions to cause or release the manifestation of the promises of God. *Pistis* Faith is not just praying once, it is a lifestyle of right faith-actions UNTIL results. Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful (*lazy, tired, depressed*), but followers (*imitators, copy cats*) of them who through *pistis*/faith (*right faith-actions*) and patience (*consistency, continually doing right*

faith-actions to) inherit (win, overcome to release, produce, cause to manifest, occupy, work, gladly and thankfully, walk in) the promises [of God].”

The good news is that as you build in *pistis* faith and patience through the Thanksgiving Virtuous Cycle, where continual thanksgiving builds your *pistis* faith-confidence in God. This continual repetition of God’s words can build your confidence in God, so the less time you will need to pray for a particular situation, such as how Jesus, Peter, Philip, Stephen, or Paul released God for more immediate healing of people by Jesus’ Name.

- ii. A vital element to this process is keeping a list (*pistis* faith contract) handy of those things you are *pisteuo* believing God for, with appropriate Scriptures so you can do right faith-actions any-time, anywhere. Keep this list and Bible references for use multiple times a day BEFORE and UNTIL you see the promise of God manifest.
 - iii. The timing is ultimately up to your confidence in God built by these right faith-actions (as in the Thanksgiving Virtuous Cycle). iii. As described in Phil 4:4-9, you do right faith-actions whenever you find yourself careful, anxious, terrorized, concerned, worried, fretful, frightened, irritable, apathetic (as a fear defense mechanism), complacent, or indifferent to the glory of God being manifest. You respond with right faith-actions whether it is a scheduled time or not, i.e., as you are attacked or discover you have “taken a care.”
 - iv. Even though you have a regular schedule, you launch into right faith-actions just because it is good to do so. These are the ad hoc, or “as occasion serves” times between your regularly scheduled, daily faith-action events.
- 3) Strength: This is the status of your faith at any point in time. It is how you respond when the promises of God are challenged by negative circumstances, delays, mockery, ridicule, anger, evil fear, or lack of direct countering Scriptures in your mind and tongue. It is based on how recently and how much you have done diligent right faith-actions relevant to the faith issue(s) at hand. This is the evidence and degree of a renewed mind.
- a. **Unbelief:** This is a lack of belief or expectation in God, a lack of diligent right faith-actions, but all hope and expectation is in anything else other than God by His word. Unbelief is mind strength in things other than God by His word. It is just as active as the best right faith-actions

in the world system. If *pistis* faith comes by hearing the word of God to do it gladly, unbelief comes by hearing the words of doubt, evil fear, and unbelief, “another word,” naturalistic humanism, and doing and supporting them gladly or at least with conviction.

- b. **Weak faith:** may say a few words about or to God, but the negative circumstances rule, and any hope is in other gods, the hand of man, science, or luck. This is the realm of mental assent.
- c. **Faith:** you know God, hear His word, do not easily get offended, frustrated, distracted, or side-tracked, but keep doing the biblical right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests. When you become aware you have been distracted, you return to the path of diligent and glad right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests (Phil 4:4-9). YOU are not ashamed because you know you are already redeemed from your sins by the blood of Jesus.
- d. **Strong faith:** you know you have direct relationship with God, are connected to God in spirit through a renewed soul, the All Powerful Strength of God- Holy Spirit dwelling in you, and expect Him in His goodness to answer your prayer of right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests. Here the focus is on the goodness of the Lord for you and through you. You don't focus on the problem because the greater one is in you, and released by *aiteo* commands in your right faith-actions. You may only take a few moments to gird up your mind and operate at effective power as Holy Spirit never sleeps and is always ready.

Now You Know: Yes, that is right. The reason we are not seeing the promised and decreed blessings of God is not administrative decisions by God, but by our failure to do what it takes to release Him. The lament of Hos 4:6 and 1 Cor 11:30 are bold proclamations that the problem is not God, but us.

Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge *rightly applied in right faith-actions*: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God *to do them gladly and in joy*, I will also forget thy children.”

1 Cor 11:29-30

29 “For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.”

A great lie is that God is somehow in charge of our troubles and sends them to train or improve us in some way. The rebuke and lament of 1 Cor 11:30 says otherwise.

Almost daily, if not hourly, you can hear this command disobeyed: James 1:13 “**Let no man say** when he is tempted (*tried, tested, tribulated, attacked, diseased, sick, or plagued*), I am tempted (*tried, tested, tribulated, impoverished, attacked, diseased, sick, or plagued*) of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.”

God redeems the troubles; He does not cause them. He limits them based on our right faith-actions. He works in us to will and to do right faith-actions in the midst of them for deliverance. No right faith-actions, and you can die in the desert of unbelief, failure to mix the word of God (your deliverance, mission, and blessing promises) with right faith-actions, like those with Moses.

The God of all power is living within you, eager beyond measure to help, but trapped behind walls of doubt, unbelief, ignorance, accusation, bitterness, evil fear, mockery, rebellion, pride, slothfulness, offense, willful ignorance, and scorn.

Saying God "permits" evil to happen is to assign that evil to God. You are saying He allows it, but if He wanted to, He could stop it. This is to miss the message of God. God is loving and just, with no darkness. It is not that He permits evil, but if we humans do not do our part, He cannot stop evil or clean it up. We are His “clean-up” crew on Earth.

God has created man to exercise His dominion for Him on the Earth. That is why we are given the authority of Jesus to use His name for Him. We are the ones to permit evil by our lack of right faith-actions in God. Ps 8:6 “Thou madest him (*man, the descendants of Adam*) to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his (*man's*) feet.”

Job the Afflicted: Do you blame God for your troubles. Is He teaching you? This is to miss the lesson of Job, who accused God of afflicting and destroying him. Yet the first chapters show it was the devil and not God who did the tribulation. So Job blamed God in a version of the super-sovereignty deception.

Job's wife and three “friends” accused God likewise, and listed the sins Job must have committed for God to afflict him. His friends even got Job to accuse God, but Job did not get killed as his wife said. They all had a wrong view of God. Job accuses God of doing evil to him. But Job does say that when he can get to God, he can “reason” with Him to stop the suffering. Job saw good in God; this is the patience of Job. He had most of it wrong, but that part Job did have right.

In answer to Job's plea for someone to come help him, Elihu comes and says to Job, Job 33:9 “[*Job, you say,*] I am clean without transgression, I am innocent; neither

is there iniquity in me. 10 Behold, he (*God*) findeth occasions against me, he counteth me for his enemy, 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, he marketh all my paths. 12 [*Elihu says:*] behold, in this thou art not just...”

When Elihu said, “Thou art not just,” was to say, “Job, everything you have attributed to God is wrong because your heart is not right. You are corrupt at the deepest level.” Elihu tells Job he has cursed God: Job 34:16 “If now thou hast understanding, hear this: hearken to the voice of my words. 17 Shall even he that hateth right govern? and wilt thou condemn (*curse*) him (*God*) that is most just?”

These are powerful words by Elihu, and they do manage to get a little humility into Job. Then God appears to Job, and after some discussion, Job says: Job 40:3 “Then Job answered the Lord, and said, 4 Behold, I am vile (*corrupt, unjust*); what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth. 5 Once have I spoken; but I will not answer: yea, twice; but I will proceed no further.”

And after further discussion by God, Job says: Job 42:3 “Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? Therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.” And this is the lesson of Job, and the message of 1 Cor 11:30, the problem is not God, but us.

The big missing for Job was that he did not recognize the devil as part of the situation. Yet God tell us in the first chapters that all the afflictions came, not from God, but Satan. John 10:10 “The thief (*Satan, the devil*,) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I (*Jesus*) am come that they might have *zoe*/life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” God is the Healer, not the destroyer.

Peter: God mitigated what the devil could do to Job. God’s goal for redemption was a better Job, much like Jesus told Peter: Luke 22:31 “And the Lord (*Jesus*) said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 but I have prayed for thee, that thy *pistis*/faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”

Notice Jesus prayed that the attack of the devil would purify what Peter could not hear otherwise, just as happened with Job. Job got a new family, and twice the wealth he had lost, and many more years to his life. Peter’s shadow got people healed. Both are awesome good results.

If you believe your troubles are from God, then you can have no faith in God to overcome them, and Communion is of no use to you. Yet the purpose of Communion is to help deliver us from and through all these issues as a source of healing and help in spite of your sins and imperfections.

When you realize that God is not the source of troubles, but the devil, and we are to overcome the devil with tools like right Communion, the message of 1 Cor 11:30 starts to make more sense. Now you can start the *pistis* faith-action process to over-

come, knowing God is there to help you against the wiles, storms, and twists of the devil. See Eph 6. See our books, for more on making Communion work, *Discovering Our Redemption*, *Spirit Power Dynamics*, and *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – FM2*.

Doing It: Returning to the listing at the beginning of this chapter, for discussion, we separate the right faith-actions into two categories, 2a) general, and 2b) situation specific, but they are interrelated, and at various times, hard to separate out in a believer's life.

Both kinds of right faith-actions should be going on all the time in the normal and specific times. For example, a believer will set aside daily, multi-events per day of regular right faith-actions (2a). And then in time of crisis, continue with more as needed (2b). Thus a *pisteuo* believing one may schedule 5-15 times a day of right faith-actions (2a), and then add more events or extend the existing ones for specific needs (2b).

God says *Pistis* Faith Is Work: Paul describes the “work of *pistis* faith,” meaning *pistis* faith has action or labor, and is not passive. 1 Thess 1:3 “Remembering without ceasing your **work of *pistis*/faith** (*or work/labor/effort inspired by your *pistis* faith*), and **labour of *agape*/love**, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father.”

Like Paul, James is also direct in saying that *pistis* faith must have works: James 2:18 “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast *pistis*/faith, and I have works: shew me thy *pistis*/faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my *pistis*/faith by my works. 19 Thou *pisteuo*/believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also *pisteuo*/believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *pistis*/faith without works is dead?”

The Amplified Bible has a striking definition of “*pistis* faith.” 1 Thess 1:8 “For not only has the Word concerning and from the Lord resounded forth from you unmistakably in Macedonia and Achaia, but everywhere the report has gone forth of **your *pistis*/faith in God [of your leaning of your whole personality on Him in complete trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness by the right faith-action lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord]...**”AMP Notice their *pistis* faith meant they were doing things as evidence for others to see and hear, i.e., that which generated “the report.”

Yes, I agree, all this emphasis on seeking the Lord by right faith-actions, and you probably never heard of it or had a course in how to do it. We will get to that later. Right now I am clearing up a number of misconceptions that will hinder you when you start doing them. The reasons you never heard of seeking the Lord as so key to Christianity is that few preachers, teachers practice them, so they just don't teach on it.

God says it this way: 2 Tim 3:16 “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man (*or woman*) of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good (*Jesus-level*) works.” I guess that word, “perfect” threw them off as Jesus commanded similar: Matt 28:19 “Go ye therefore, and teach (*disciple into Jesus-duplicates*) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” If you are not aiming at the assigned target, it is unlikely you will ever hit it.

Notice the Greek noun *pistis*, translated as the noun faith, includes the work “of your leaning of your whole personality on Him in complete trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness.” Leaning is active, not passive; it is continual pressing in.

Leaning means a constant application of pressure or nurturing to keep in *pistis* faith. This is an active process, not passive. Leaning is similar to the adhering or cleaving of *aman*. Here *pistis* faith means a set of activities that define it, not a static set of truth, but more correctly, activity directed and controlled by the elements of truth or the facts of “the faith.” In either case, effective *pistis* faith is to be in action.

Pistis Faith is the continual leaning or cleaving to the facts of redemption, the truth of God in Christ, unto gladness and joy. It is adhering to these facts, never letting them go, and constantly nurturing them in your heart in happiness for an expected good of God.

Here is one way God says this: Rom 5:17 “For if by one man's offence (*Adam*) death reigned (*as a cruel ruler of all the misery in history*) by one (*Satan*); much more they which *continually lambano*/receive (*hold onto in right faith-actions*) abundance of grace and of the *eternal* gift of righteousness shall reign (*as kings and priests of God to bring Heaven to Earth by their words*) in *zoe*/life by one, Jesus Christ.” Kings rule mostly by words.

The negative facts and evil fears proclaim the devil is lord and king. It is up to us to proclaim Jesus is Lord and King with constant courage and right faith-actions. If this battle is not going on in you, it takes blinded eyes to miss all the other people around you, who are in the midst of such trials. *Pistis* faith fighting for them is the essence of Christian *agape* love. If you would want someone to bring you the power of God to fix anything in your life, then that is your assignment from God to do the same.

Cleave and Adhere: Other related words for *pistis* faith and *pisteuo* believe include rely, adhere, and cleave to God and His promises, which means continuous self-attachment as a regular course (Faith-action 2a), and when tempted to think that it will not happen (Faith-action 2b). This is the work of *pistis* faith.

We are to do the cleaving or sticking close. This adhering and cleaving is a learning and persuasion process that includes regular practices to remind yourself of the truths of Redemption facts unto pleasure and joy, as they relate to good coming your way by your process of adhering or cleaving. You sticking close means returning to Redemption truth every time you are tempted to believe in other outcomes.

Most people focus on the crisis of the moment or day, rather than the repetitive practices, spiritual disciplines that build a continual lifestyle that God can inhabit fully, which makes your faith strong, fearless, and diligent for the intense pressure of problems. *Pistis* Faith, by right faith-actions looks to God as the problem solver. Evil fear and mental assent looks more at the problem.

Faith is the level of strength or steadfastness you exhibit in a need. It is the courage to keep doing your biblical right faith-actions knowing this is what God said works the law of *pistis* faith, and releases Him to help and save. You keep working the law of *pistis* faith with continued right faith-actions in spite of great resistance.

Desert Dying: One reason God cannot move as He desires among us is that we do not have the necessary spiritual disciplines of right faith-actions, or “mixing the word with *pistis* faith,” to stand in battle. This is why the generation with Moses died in the desert. They died without battle because they could not stand in God to *pistis* fight. Every displeasure and trouble launched them into murmuring, complaining, and fault-finding against God.

They did not develop a lifestyle of mixing the word of God with right faith-actions. Heb 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with *pistis*/faith (*actions*) in them that heard it.”

The amazing thing is that this “mixing the word with *pistis* faith-actions” failure, describes those that were 20 years old or more that escaped out of Egypt with Moses. Yet, their children, did learn to keep mixing the word with right faith-actions and conquered the Promised Land. This means the children in the homes of unbelieving, idolatrous parents could still develop working faith-action lifestyles to gladly walking in the promises, in the midst of continual unbelief.

Unbelief: Unbelief, a noun, is translated from Strong’s NT 570, *apaistia*, and means to be without *pistis*, faith, i.e., absent of right faith-actions, disobedient, unpersuaded, faithless, refusal to decide to obey with gladness, and remaining in murmuring, complaining and bitterness against God. From Dictionary.com: the quality or state of being incredulous; skepticism, inability, or unwillingness to believe, and rejection, scorn, and mockery of other assertions. The Jewish leaders saw Jesus work miracles for 3-4 years yet steadfastly refused to believe, and therefore obey that Jesus was from God and to be obeyed.

If you will not continually mix the word of God in right faith-actions, the actions of diligently and continually seeking God in good or bad times, then you are mixing the words of unbelief and therefore self-eliminate yourself from many of the more powerful actions of God that also bring powerful counter attacks from the devil. God describes this lack of continual right faith-actions as not cleaving to God, slothfulness, or simply, unbelief. Lack of right faith-actions may not keep you from devil attacks, but you can die in devil attacks when you could have had victory in Jesus.

Even though God is sovereign and can do anything He wants, this is how we limit God. Ps 78:40 “How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and **limited the Holy One of Israel.**” We limit God by our failure in mixing the word in continual right faith-actions.

The warning of the New Testament books, Hebrews 2-4 and 1 Corinthians 10 and 11, is that we can do the same thing. And it is obvious from looking at Christian history, and the present day church, few have moved into this level. Two that have developed hundreds of churches to operate in such spiritual disciplines and power today is David Hogan and Curry Blake, and they are seeing the awesome power of God in their midst against natural and supernatural enemies.

Here is a key. As you do the right faith-actions you are taking great steps to getting your mind off of you, and onto God and His great love and power. You tell Him your cares, and then give Him praise He can help and thank Him He always hears, wants your best, and is helping you by your *aiteo* commands. These small steps are enough to get you started and releasing God to help.

Lack: Weak or broken *pistis* faith is simply caused by a lack of the continual, but often unexciting spiritual disciples, mixing the word with right faith-actions that keeps you in strong *pistis* faith. This is much like going to a gym, and then on occasion, needing that physical strength and endurance built up over time. If you do not have the strength needed in a crisis or need moment, then that is evidence of insufficient prior time in the gym.

Pistis Faith is no different. The good news is that it is possible to “cram” like a student in time of need, and develop short term *pistis* faith that will allow you to overcome in time of crisis. But if the *pistis* faith-action immersion is not maintained, you will soon lose that spiritual strength. You can build up in spiritual strength for a need, but that same hot and confident faith will disappear in a few days after you stop the right faith-actions.

This build-up is not possible in physical things like going to the gym, but can be done in spiritual truth. We will get into this later. See the Power Trilogy books, *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing-Field Manual 2* for immediate medical concerns, or *OK, GOD, Now What*, for other areas of need.

In the life of Jesus we see two kinds of issues.

1. Sickness, demons, storms, death, and food and money shortages that respond rather quickly.
2. Long term items which require human hearts to change. This can apply to persecution, economy, and relationships where heart-change for cooperation and agreement is required, but such changes usually take time. For the believer, overcoming human heart issues is in the category of a lifestyle change for those involved, and that usually requires more effort and time on the part of the *pisteuo* believer. This can happen as a sudden national-type crises, and it must last long enough for people to put aside their opinions and hates to work together enough to get used to it. Some will accept it and the future will get more rightly aligned. This is never God's first choice, but His mercy allows it.

In the discussion above, where cramming will be successful, it can fit any need but applies best to things like sickness, demon deliverance, storms, shortages, death, etc. (Faith-action 2b). For other items of a lifestyle change in the involved parties, these often require longer times and will require a lifestyle change on the concerned Christian's part to do the regular right faith-actions to see or produce the results (Faith-action 2a). For this to happen, they put Jesus first and follow Him and put aside evil in any form.

Like Jesus, God requires us to exercise *pistis* faith for both kinds of issues, including the long term consistency for right faith-actions. In either case, 1 or 2, no right faith-actions on our part means no results. It is up to us to think, speak, and do like Jesus to get the results of Jesus. God is waiting for us to get busy and faithful so He can move. This is being, acting in the right faith behaviors, sons of God.

Faith Failure: In the Bible, right *pistis* faith in God always works. This is often not the case in most people's lives. Not getting prayers answered is a major reason many get bitter at God. The main element of right prayer is the elements or evidence of *pistis* faith.

Many times *pistis* faith failures are the result of:

- No, little, or wrong actions (such as explained in 1 Cor 11:30);
- Not staying steadfast in right faith-actions long enough, 1Cor 15:57-58.

God is not making administrative decisions on who to bless, we are. You exercise your opinion is your free will to think like the devil, freedom come in right faith-actions.

From Col 2:6-7 we learned that it is thanksgiving that roots and builds our *pistis* faith in Christ, then this adhering and cleaving process of *pisteuo* believing includes the works of thanksgiving along with the other related actions of praise, joy, prayer,

and affirmation magnets of Redemption truth, and thus are parts of the dynamic aspects of *pistis* faith BEFORE and UNTIL the promises manifest.

These affirmation magnets are constantly repeated statements of Redemption facts that are applied to your life. This process writes them on your heart, i.e., roots, builds, and establishes the facts of our Redemption, so that in time of need or temptation, your heart is “magnetized” to seek the Lord and proclaim His promises as actions of *pistis* faith BEFORE and UNTIL the answers manifest.

In true fashion as a prophet of God, as God has always said, Jesus reframed this static set of truth as only part of the *pistis* faith process. Yes, learning about God and His ways is critical, but if it does not result in right faith-actions that produce more freedom for the supernatural love of God to manifest, we are only part way to the promise of God. Here we see Jesus put the static and the dynamic aspects of *pistis* faith in one statement.

John 8:31 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which *pisteuo*/believed on him, If ye continue in my word (*by continual right faith-actions*), then are ye my disciples (*duplicates*) indeed; 32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

That word “continue,” means to abide in His words with constant repetition and celebration, hold fast to His teachings to force their lives to order their behaviors, their works to *zao* in accordance with those commands. The New Testament 1,050 commandments details these commands in the simplified commands of: Matt 22:37 “Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

And: 1 John 3:22 “And whatsoever we *aiteo*/ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments (*in continual right faith-actions to do them in gladness and joy*), and do those things that are pleasing in his sight (*continual seeking the Lord in continual right faith-actions*). 23 And this is his commandment, That we should *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments (*to do them in thanksgiving, gladness, and joy*) dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.”

Holy Spirit is the Spirit of courage, confidence, strength, power, love, and sound mind like Jesus has. Focus on Holy Spirit in your right faith actions; He is the Spirit of Jesus, *Zoe* Life, and Glory. All this is yours by grace and accessed by continual right faith-actions! You are only as small as your *pistis* faith life. But it can get bigger to the level of God in Jesus with continual right faith-actions to Jesus-duplication, the Universe Speaker.

In 1 John 2:23, the static body of faith facts is called “word” and “truth,” and the dynamic result, which makes the Kingdom of God a present tense reality, is called, “continue ...until free.” Free means to be all God called you for in Jesus. That is, continue in the right faith-actions around the words of Jesus BEFORE and UNTIL that situation is made like Heaven on Earth.

From God’s perspective, anything that is not the Kingdom of God and not like Heaven on Earth in the present tense of our current reality, is in bondage or “not-free.” Being made “free” is the human action part of manifesting the promises of God by continued right faith-actions – the dynamic part unto Jesus-duplication, right discipleship, Eph 4:13-15. You access this by continual right faith-actions.

Biblical faith that produces is the grit to keep at it until you get it: until you labor to manifest the will of God. *Pistis* Faith has three main operating levels:

1. Asking by *aiteo* commands for specific needs until you get the promise of God.

Here you get the answer rather quickly, without much right faith-actions on your part. Someone else had done the heavy right faith-action lifting for you to results. Your *aiteo* command triggered the good result. Others planted, you reaped.

2. Receiving by doing right faith-actions (believing that word is true now, connect God to it, so God will do it now) BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests.

Here you are doing the heavy-lifting right faith-actions on specific issues. *Pisteuo* Believe that you have received of your *aiteo* saying of the promise(s) UNTIL you get it/them.

- a. *Pisteuo* Believe that what you say of the promises will happen and say nothing to contradict that.
 - b. You must *pisteuo* believe and not doubt in your heart, or over analyze the situation. Settle it that what the word says is what will be, and your right faith-actions are sufficient as you do them to release them. You cannot do anything yet to the level of Jesus, and God knows this and gives grace through your right faith-actions in mercy. He can do much better than you.
 - c. Look at the desired end of the promise, and *pisteuo* believe with right faith-actions that it has been already granted, and you will have it, and then act and talk like it has been granted, and you will have it, again with continued right faith-actions, UNTIL you get it.
3. Expectant *pistis* faith is a lifestyle of right faith-actions, and as needed, like Jesus at the fig tree, you expect the answer to be there. If the answer is not there,

you start *aiteo* speaking and *lambano* receiving with right faith-actions expecting the answer to manifest soon.

The basis for all of these is a lifestyle of right faith-actions over the facts of our redemption in the blood of Jesus by the Scriptures, or a recent, *pistis* faith building process. The difference is the amount of time in right faith-actions before the answer manifests.

Here is Holy Spirit encouraging you to make the decision to keep in right faith-actions.

1 Cor 15:54 “So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this *death-doomed* mortal shall have put on *zao life* immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory, *zoe life*. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory, *zoe life* through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agapao*/beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the (*zoe life-releasing, right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*zoe life-releasing, right faith-action*) labour (*to exhaustion*) is not in vain in the Lord.”

Right *Pistis* Faith-Actions

Right *pistis* faith-actions: The Bible word translated as faith, *pistis* (Strong's NT 4102), is based on a verb, *pisteuo* (Strong's NT 4100). The original language words of *aman* (Strong's OT 539), and *pisteuo* translated as "believe" are verbs, indicating action in lifestyle, and both mean continued actions to order, cleave, bind, nurture, maintain, and hold in your heart, and against the devil, the assertions of the promises of God, unto exuberant behaviors in your lifestyle to produce the promises of God into the Earth.

The noun, *pistis*, translated as "faith," means to be in this holding, ordering, and nurturing process of *pisteuo* believing. This process or behaviors of *pisteuo-aman* believing, are called "right faith-actions."

This biblical *pisteuo* believing or *pistis* faith includes three main elements:

1. The Bible facts of God and His goodness in His Bible promises, especially as seen in our redemption in the work of Jesus, and the nature and character of God as seen in Jesus ordering your lifestyle.
2. The exuberant *pistis* faith or *pisteuo* believing actions of applying these facts to the various situations of life BEFORE and UNTIL you see the promises of God manifest on earth in this life, i.e., "not slothful" (Heb 6:12), but continual cleaving to God. These are mostly the actions of seeking the Lord. Note: Doing this element in trials and temptations is included in terms like "having faith," trusting God," "standing on the Word," and "loving God."
3. The current status of your strength, nurturing, or adherence to *pistis* faith facts and actions, in the face of conflicting information and offenses. This is how you love God by seeking Him when it is hard, Heb 11:6.
 - a. Full of *zoe* life where your *aiteo* commands get immediate results.
 - b. Whatever the reason, they do not move until more right faith-actions are added. Remember, *zoe* life is additive, just keep adding until full.
 - c. The actions of seeking the Lord write the word on your heart over time for mind-renewing heart-change. The actions of right faith-actions also extract *zoe* life each time you do them. The *zoe* life is that which swallows up death, 1 Cor 15:54 where you are aiming it, and in your soul.

The supporting actions of *pistis* faith or *pisteuo* believing are found throughout the Bible and summarized here. These are the things we do that mix the word of God into our hearts and release *zoe* life for blessing (Heb 4:2) by our lifestyle. The *pistis* faith-actions that appear to be unique in emphasis in the New Testament are:

- a. Speaking in Holy Spirit tongues (worship, purging, rest, recovery, edifying, building your most holy *pistis* faith, speaking/singing + interpretation = prophecy, praying, waring, birthing),
- b. Of course the focus shift from the repetitive temple sacrifices to the one-time sacrifice of Jesus,
- c. The shift from the Passover to right Holy Communion.
- d. And the resurrection of Jesus with our total spirit, soul, and body healing like Jesus.
- e. Our being raised in Jesus to being seated with and in Him as joint-heirs.

Note: The following is not exhaustive and some may be duplicative for clarity.

Right *Pistis* Faith-actions: The basic actions or elements of *pisteuo* believing are to take the information of the “faith,” in the covenant promises of God (2 Cor 1:20), our Redemption in the blood of Jesus (Eph 1:7; Col 1:14; Heb 9:12-14; Rev 12:11), and established that God is good, His mercy and grace are everlasting, and His truth endures and triumphs over all generations (Ps 100:5; 34:8; 86:5; 118:29), and make this biblical information stir you up into exuberant thanksgiving (2 Cor 4:15; Eph 5:20; Col 1:12; 3:17; 1 Thess 5:18), praise (Heb 13:15), joy (Phil 4:4; 1 Thess 5:16), blessings (James 1:9-10), courage (Josh 1:6; Ps 31:24; Acts 28:15), patience/consistency (Luke 21:19; James 1:2, 4; Heb 10:36), magnetizing your heart to God with affirmations of God’s truth (Heb 3:1; Ps 1:2; Ps 105:1; Hab 2:2), *aiteo* commands in prayer as if God were speaking through you (2 Cor 4:13; Matt 6:8-13; 7:7-11; John 14:13-14; 15:7-8; 16:23-24; Phil 4:49; 2 Cor 4:13; 1 John 5:14-16), right fasting (Matt 6:18), right Holy Communion (1 Cor 11:30), operating gifts of Holy Spirit, especially prophecy and diverse tongues (1 Cor 12 and 14), Bible study and meditation by chewing the word in your mouth to manifesting every aspect of salvation as needed to show yourself an approved workman of God (2 Tim 2:15, Josh 1:8; Ps 119:97; Ps 143:5) and able to manifest any aspect of salvation as needed (2 Tim 3:15, 2 Cor 1:20; 1 Tim 4:15), right consideration and self-talk like Abraham did (Rom 4:12-21; Heb 3:1), recalling and telling of God’s recorded miracles and testimonies (Ps 77:10-12; 78:3-7; 105:1; 119:99; 111:4; 143:5; 145:12; Isa 38:19; 63:7; Jonah 2:7; Matt 22:29; 2 Cor 1:4; Rev 12:11); active patience in continual right faith-actions (Rom 5, James 1; Phil 4:4-9), right judgment like Jesus did (Matt 7:2; John 5:30; 7:24 and 12:47), raising/lifting hands to God (Ps 28:2; 63:4; 119:48; 134:2 and Lam 3:41), attacking every worry, fear or anxiety with prayer and thanksgiving (Phil 4:4-9), working faith contracts (Hab 2:2), continually speaking to yourselves in

Psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart to the Lord, continually giving thanks always for all things of redemption to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus, submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God (Eph 5:19-21), daily exhortations by others or yourself (Heb 3:13; 11:8-11), operating all the gifts of Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12 and Rom 12), and doing acts of *agape* love, all in the name of Jesus (Matt 10:8; 22:39; 28:19-20; Mark 12:31, 16:15-20; and Luke 10:9).

The effectiveness of these *pistis* faith-actions seem to depend on several factors.

- **Scriptural content:** Using Scripture quotations rather than paraphrases seems to work faster and deeper. Most so-called “Christian music,” old, new, or popular, violates Scripture and destroys faith effectiveness. Scripture set to music and/or Scripture memory songs are usually faith building. As for translations, English has many. Many other languages may only have one. I use the King James, Amplified, and Wuest translations most. For singing, nothing for me competes with the KJV. Pick a few translations, and work with them often. Academically, the Catholic New Revised American Standard is considered very accurate, as are the RSV, and ESV versions. While popular, avoid the Living Bible and the NIV.
- **Time spent:** Daily follow the Bible directions. Scholars report Jesus, as the living word, i.e. did all God commanded in the Scriptures for daily living, spent some 3-6 hours per day in various right faith-actions as described for how to seek the Lord, and to be continuously filled with Holy Spirit. He obviously obeyed Joshua 1:5-9 and Psalm 1, actually the entire Old Testament, especially Psalm 119. Less does little good, more does more good.
- **Emphasis:** Loud, hard and fast Holy Spirit tongues, emphasized Scripture proclamations, affirmations, and *aiteo* commands seem to stir the doer more, makes for faster mind renewing, and more effective ministry results. John Lake, with a very powerful miracle ministry, taught his student to pray loud and hard with authority and dominion for better results, and speak in tongues for hours daily.
- **Duration:** Multiple events on a regular set schedule is the Bible definition of continuous, with more as occasion serves. 3-6 hours is what Jesus lived and His disciples taught. For more intense or urgent situations, this can go to 24 hours per day for several days. As some of the right faith-actions are energetic, this can help staying awake.
- **Commitment:** Doing these right faith-actions consistently as a regular lifestyle, staying awake if the days get full. Jesus often got up early for His spiritual disciplines. Paul and Silas prayed, worshiped, and sang praise

songs at midnight in jail as part of obeying Ps 119:62; sadly, many today think this was extraordinary.

- **Endurance:** The devil will do all he can to get you to delay or stop doing regular right faith-actions. These temptations can be anything, such as weather, children crying, emergencies, animals, pets, friends dropping by, dispersive habits, even late night calls for ministry, your own or other's sicknesses and disabilities, job requirements, and/or social pressures. Our modern lifestyle of constant entertainment and amusements makes this difficult with constant pulls
"To have fun" or "To stay informed." Ps 14:2; Rom 3:11; Acts 15:17. John Lake reported that in his day (of 1890-1935) it was hard to find people who would keep in diligent seeking the Lord disciplines. People talked of seasons, not lifestyle. Success is in lifestyle.
- **Planning:** Like any discipline, such as working out, it takes analysis and planning on how to aim for 3-6 hours daily in right faith-actions. For years my job kept me traveling weekly. I carried a Bible and a tape player, now MP3 player, of Scriptures, Scripture set to music, or Scripture memory songs with me at all times for listening wherever I was, even through the night as I slept, or as I drove a car, or in an airplane. "No planning is planning to fail." Involve your family members or social groups as much as possible. Hab 2:2 "And the Lord answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."
- **Focus:** turn off the TV. Your computer or portable devices can be your best friends or your worst enemies. God time is right time. Get alone as much as possible. Seeking the Lord, even in a crowd or church, is a private experience. Jesus went to a mountain alone to pray and worship often. Obviously He developed these habits in His carpenter "day job," long before He started His public ministry, and even then took times alone. Holy Spirit will help in this.

Note: **Faith contracts** are a written tool where you gather the appropriate Scriptures, summarize your commands, and if people are involved, intercession for them, and then keeping it handy for right faith-actions until the promise manifests. Put it (or them) in a visible place, and every time you go past it (them), repeat with thanksgiving. You can put these on note cards or your electronic devices to have them with you wherever you go. Even better is scheduled faith-action reminders of your faith contract(s) on your electronic devices. Your goal is to do right faith-actions over each *pistis* faith contract at least twice a day. More is better.

The acts of *agape* love are listed throughout the Bible. We summarize them as *agape*/loving God continually and exclusively with all your heart, mind, soul,

strength, *pisteuo* believing on the name of Jesus, loving one another as He does, and doing unto others what you would want done unto you. They are to be built on a foundation of gladly *agape*/loving your parents, spouse, children, neighbors, and strangers.

These acts of *agape* love include: gifts; alms; hospitality; respect and kindnesses to others; clothing the naked; feeding the hungry; sheltering the destitute; delivering the poor; attacking worry; encouraging, and giving grace to others; speaking so others receive grace to be more like Jesus; overcoming evil with good; seeking first the Kingdom of God for yourself to community and national betterment; evangelism; personal piety; blessing those that curse you and praying for them that spitefully use you, including casting out the devil in and over them; helping widows, orphans, the weak and innocent; working godly justice; and producing the signs of true Jesus-believers by operating in the name and power of Jesus to heal the sick, restoring the maimed, blind, and deaf, raising the dead, casting out devils and cleansing the lepers as recorded for Jesus and the early believers.

So when someone says, “Believe God,” or “Trust God,” your first response should be to start doing right faith-actions over Scripture facts and promises that can apply for that situation, and then commit to a regular schedule of 3-6 hours a day in continual, on a regular daily schedule of multiple events, and as occasion serves, right faith-actions UNTIL victory. As the psalmist wrote: Psalm 119:164 “**Seven times a day** do I praise Thee for Thy righteous judgments (*against the devil and for my/our/their blessing and prosperity*”). And, of course, see: Psalm 34, Psalm 55:17-19; Ephesians 5:14-21; Colossians 3:14-17; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Phil 4:4-9; and Hebrews 13:15.

PUSH: Pray and Praise Until Something Happens, and keep PUSH-ing in the name of Jesus till you get the full answer. Knowing: 1 Corinthians 15:58 “Therefore, my *agapao*/beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-action*) labour is not in vain in the Lord [*i.e., Right faith-actions always do good in the Lord*]. Colossians 2:7 “Rooted and built up in him (*Jesus*), and stablished in the *pistis*/faith (*facts of redemption*), as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving (*right faith-actions*).”

God’s Definition: *Pisteuo* Believing is defined by God this way:

2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith, according as it is written, I *pisteuo*/believed, and therefore have I *laleo*/spoken; we also *pisteuo*/believe, and therefore *laleo*/speak.” To operate in the spirit of God’s faith, then you are *laleo* speaking. This is quoting and applying: Ps 116:10 “I *aman*/believed, therefore have I *dabar*/spoken...” *Dabar* (Strong’s OT: 1696) means words of command, instruction,

direction, building up or tearing down. This also means that *laleo* (Strong's NT 2980) means the same kind of commands in words as *dabar*. *Aiteo* is very similar.

Here God plainly says: If you are *pisteuo*/believing, trusting, having, or holding *pistis*/faith in God, then you are speaking in commands! If you are not speaking in *laleo* or *dabar*-type command or instruction, you may not be believing.

You are in belief, trust, confidence, persuaded, or faith only when you are speaking

God's words over the situation, with the intent that it be subdued and be conformed to God's will, i.e., command. YOU call the end from the beginning or present. Speak the intended results, not moan about how bad it is, but rejoice in how good it will be. You usually start with speaking words of belief, trust, confidence, persuasion, or faith to get in that state of continued or regular faith-actions.

Pisteuo Believe is a verb; to be a verb there must be action. If you are not doing believing actions, there is no *pistis* belief. The same thing applies to "trust." No continual trust actions means you are not trusting continually. Assertions that you "have" or "are in" faith without the biblical right faith-actions, is a deception, and will not produce the results of God and will let the devil keep in rule.

God is no respecter of persons. He has no favorites or "special ones." To get the blessings you have to do the right things rightly. Acts 10:34 "Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him."

But What about...? If you have something where your inaction brought the results of God, you or others have been doing the necessary right faith-actions, and did not know it as such, or someone else could have been praying intelligently and got the results for you. This is one of the benefits of continual praying or singing in tongues where you are letting Holy Spirit use a human to get His work done. Somebody has to do the work.

You cannot get in *pistis* faith by saying every hour, "I am in faith," or "I believe," much less once a week in church. But you can by continual praise and thanksgiving that it will be by doing continual right faith-actions.

Language Limits: It is a peculiarity of the English language that we have a noun called faith, but no verb cognate. We do have the verb-noun pair for "believe" as a verb and "belief" as a noun. Yet in the Greek, where faith and believe are translated from, there is only one noun-verb pair to consider. *Pistis* is the noun and it is translated as faith and belief. *Pisteuo* is the verb and it is translated as believe, believing, and believed. So English Bible translations use faith as the noun of the verb believes. These two words are related, but not the same. We use faith as an alternate noun for belief, with the verb being forms of believes.

In 2 Cor 4:13, it is talking about *pistis* faith, it is telling us the verb form is *pisteuo* believe. And in particular, if you are working with the Spirit of *Pistis* Faith, you are going to *pisteuo* believe by speaking words of *dabar-laleo-aiteo* command, direction, and instruction to produce the desired change for a coming good. No command speaking means no *pisteuo* believing and therefore no *pistis* faith. There is no room here for begging, cowardice, or sloth.

Since our battle is not against flesh and blood, but wicked spiritual authorities, these physical commands enter the spirit realm to command spiritual events to come to pass in the physical realm. (Eph 6:12, Luke 10:19)

Laleo: Since *laleo* is the Greek word translated as “spoken” in 1 Cor 4:13, *laleo* is uttering an instruction, command, or demand, when used here and is substituted for the Hebrew word, *dabar* from Ps 116:10. We have *dabar* = utter a command = *laleo*.

The verb *laleo*, has a cognate noun, *logos* (Strong’s NT 3056). So a word of command would be the noun, *logos*, and the actual speaking of the command is the verb *laleo*.

God is describing that *pisteuo* believing or *pistis* faith in God, is using words of command, instruction, expectation, or demand to make something happen, to make a change to what you want of God’s promises. Here it is to make the promise of the word of God to happen by commands, as if God were speaking them.

We are going to use command words for the situation to get like, or become, what God has promised as a son, in Jesus’ place. This is *pisteuo* believing speaking. It is calling, commanding those that be not until they are. Speak the end from what is now. *Pistis* speaks the future as if it was yesterday.

For example, we would use *logos* and *aiteo* commands to say, *laleo*, “In the name of Jesus, this cancer goes, all tumors and damage goes now. Body be made whole; mind be right; fear go, trust come, receive the *zoe* life of God. He/she will walk free and live a normal healthy life with no limitations or damage. All in the name of Jesus, now!” This is a set of healing commands with the last part, “calling those things that be not as if they were” (Rom 4:17).

This is not deep theology; this is just understanding by Strong’s Concordance and Dictionary something of what the people who read the letters of Paul in his day understood when they read them. It has been lost to us, and only recovered with time in a good Hebrew and Greek Dictionary, such as Strong’s or Vine’s.

Believing Machines: Modern science tells us that we humans only operate as believing machines. We are believing in something all the time. The issue is not “are you believing?” But *what* or *who* are you really believing, trusting, and relying on?

We are always doing believing actions and we do most of them 24x7, not just during our waking hours. Even our dreams contain elements of what we really believe.

The question is, what are you believing, relying, trusting, ordering, and having confidence in to cause courage and *zoe* life against impossible situations?

The absence of belief in God is the presence of belief in something, or someone else. As a human, there is no middle ground. The only safe zone, is right faith actions in God.

If you are not doing the actions of *pistis* faith in God by His word, you are by default, doing the actions of faith in something else other than God by His word. For a human there is never a state where you are not believing, doing faith-actions over some word or idea. The issue is what is the content, what words are you believing? Who are you believing?

Life is like a canoe or kayak on a swift moving river, with the prize at the head of the river. If you are not paddling upstream, you are going downstream, no matter which way the bow of the boat is pointed. If you are not pressing into God, you are being pressed out of God. Rom 12:2 “And be not conformed to this world (*by its constant external pressure on you*): but be ye transformed (*from the inside by Christ in you*) by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove (*demonstrate, manifest*) what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

Jesus said: Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

2 Tim 1:6 “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of *evil* fear; but of *dunamis/ miracle* power, and of love, and of a sound mind *like Jesus*’.”

Grace versus Works: In the mind of Christ there is only one right approach and work: Phil 3:14 “**I press toward** the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.”

Notice it is the believer who does the “**pressing toward**.” This is “stirring up.”

This is strong. If you think there is any other way than continually pressing into God by His word, laboring in God, mixing the word of God with right faith-actions, go to the Lord and get confirmation, because this is what He will tell you, “reveal to you.”

Titus 2:11 “For the grace of God that bringeth *soteria/salvation* hath appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should *zao/live* soberly, righteously, and godly (*just like Jesus*), in this present world.” This is the grace of God that puts us into the heavy labor of living like Jesus, 24x7 with right faith-actions.

If you deny ungodliness, the opposite of acting just like Jesus, entirely atheistic or idolatrous normal, and worldly lusts of all kinds, other than raising children, you have lots of free time. There goes your entertainment and amusement budget, culinary food, and tick toc, etc. You will free up money and time, and there go your excuses as to why you have no time to seek the Lord continually.

So whatever your opinion of grace versus works, it had better include this message of Paul, who wrote the doctrine on grace versus works. As Jesus said: Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven **suffereth violence**, and the violent take it by force.” **This says grace PLUS works for blessings, and this is by Jesus!**

And again Jesus said: John 6:27 “**Labour** not for the meat which perisheth, but [**labor**] for that meat which endureth unto everlasting *zoe*/life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” You may not realize it, but we are always laboring or working on or for something. Jesus warns us to make it worth your while. This is digital. Without right labor in the Lord, you are laboring for the devil.

If you are not living in the clean air of Heaven, you are living in the sewer on Earth.

Remember, *pistis* faith is like the word, run. To run means to move your legs faster than walking. If you are going on a run, you are going to move your legs faster than walking. *Pistis* Faith means a set of actions that you are doing. To be “in *pistis* faith” in God, you must be in a set of actions that fit the word *pistis* faith, in the same way that moving your legs faster than walking fits the word run. If you are not moving your legs faster than walking, you are not running; if you are not doing right faith-actions, you are not in *pistis* faith.

Jesus put it this way: Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

And Jesus said most pointedly: Matt 7:26 “And every one that heareth these *logos*/sayings of mine, and **doeth them not**, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.”

You press in and exert violence in the right faith-actions continually seeking the Lord and stirring up into the mind of Holy Spirit within us.

You asserting that you “have” or “are in” *pistis* faith in God, without the biblical right faith-actions in God, the right “doings,” is a deception, and will not produce the results of God. If it did, you or others may have been doing the necessary right faith-actions, and did not know it as such. You cannot say you are running if you are not moving your legs faster than walking.

Nor can you get in *pistis* faith by saying every ten minutes, “I am in faith,” much less once a week in church. From 1 Cor 4:13, we see that *pistis* faith in God is *laleo/dabar* speaking *logos* command and instruction words in and for God, to produce the promises of God.

Faith Realm: Saying, “I am in faith; I will see the goodness of the Lord. Thank You, Father, this is already done, Jesus got it for me/them. I will see (list the promises); devil, you get off of this now, in the name of Jesus. Situation, get right, like Heaven on Earth, now, in the name of Jesus. I see it in my mind and I will see it in this Earth now. God, You are good and You are doing it. I have it now. It is happening now. Thank You, Lord.” And keep saying this intensely, with your feet dancing with shouts of thanks, praise, and joy. Then you are in the realm of *pistis* faith by these actions.

We all love the one-shot answer to prayer, like Jesus usually operated in for healing. The blessing is that, with less than perfect people, we can start right now and deliver sufficient *zoe* life to get people divinely healed, even if it takes longer than one command. As you grow in experience and spiritual disciplines, you will see more and more “one shot” results like Jesus and the apostles did.

A word about the devil. The devil works overtime enforcing the law of sowing and reaping, or you sin you die. In Jesus it is now illegal before God, but if you do not apply redemption facts to the devil and his work’s he will rob, kill, and destroy you or others without mercy. All the evil in the world is by two reasons:

1. Christian failure of not doing right faith-actions to bring the promises from Heaven to Earth, called blessings. Usually we just ignore his works worldwide, except maybe when he attacks those we care about.
2. The devil using the excuse of our sins to illegally rob, kill, and destroy. Unanswered by Christians, with the ability and power to destroy all his works. Here Christians agree the devil has the right to inflict all this suffering for our failure to know and understand the facts of redemption, and our commission in Jesus.

You cannot physically run all the time; instead you set times and conditions where you do run, where you do move your legs faster than walking. This makes you a runner.

Pistis Faith is the same way. With life’s responsibilities, you usually cannot be doing right faith-actions all the time; instead you set times and conditions where you do right faith-actions, where you do the actions of *pistis* faith. This makes you a *pisteuo* believer. *Pistis* Faith is not static; *Pistis* faith is action. To be “in faith” means to be in action in a regular set of right faith-actions.

***Pistis* Faith has evidence.** Diving a bit deeper, here is another biblical explanation of *pistis* faith.

Heb 11:1 “Now *pistis*/faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Evidence means things that people can see or hear. Others can see that *pistis* faith is going on. You do not need to make assertions that you have *pistis* faith; all you have to do is ask others if they see the evidence of *pistis* faith by you. Which means faith is *pisteuo* action of some kind. The actions and sounds of *pistis* faith are the evidence of *pistis* faith.

Breaking this verse apart:

- Now look at the word hope. The biblical meaning of hope is the joyful expectation of coming good.
- Now biblical joy is exuberant behaviors of running, jumping, shouting, smiling, screaming, laughing, arm waving, dancing, clapping, singing, etc.
- These actions of joy are the biblical evidence of hope in God by His word. If you are in hope, you are doing these joy behaviors over the expected coming good from God by His promises.
- These actions of joy are the biblical evidence of *pistis* faith in God by His word. If you are in *pistis* faith, you are doing these joy behaviors over the expected coming good from God by His promises, knowing it is already yours.
- The difference between faith and hope is that, hope is general, and *pistis* faith is specific. Hope likes a good coming. *Pistis* Faith acts like it came yesterday.
- The joy behaviors over the expected coming specific good are the actions of *pistis* faith. And these joy behaviors provide the evidence that others can see and hear.

Pistis Faith is not a thing, but a set of actions. People talk about “Having faith,”

or

“Just trust God,” but faith or trust cannot be “held” any more than one can hold the noun, “run.”

Trying to have faith is like trying to hold the wind. *Pistis* Faith or trust are only measured by activity, and how it responds to resistance. Instead, to be in *pistis* faith means that you are in a state of continually doing *pistis* faith-joy behaviors in the face of negative facts and considerations along with the other right faith-actions.

Continually: Again, continually in the Bible ranges from non-stop to a continuous daily schedule of multiple events per day, and as occasion serves. Combining the definitions of faith from Heb 11:1 and 2 Cor 4:13, we have *pistis* faith or *pisteuo* believing as a set of behaviors that include joy and authority speaking behaviors, BEFORE and UNTIL the answer of God is manifest. By the definition of *aman*, *pisteuo* believe, this is constant, not sporadic.

The devil would have you talk about how tired, weak, faithless, lack of power feelings (whatever that is), dispirited, or defeated you feel. The devil wants you focused on what you do not have yet, on your depressed feelings, to blame God for whatever is wrong, and proclaim there is no help, you are alone, and no one cares or can do anything for you.

Life's Battle: The battle is in your mind first. Your attitude determines how much *zoe* life you release. A regular schedule of daily right faith-actions will help turn you around, and get or keep you focused on the awesome power of God, release *zoe* life, and as you shout with joy behaviors, get your mind into the mind of Christ within you.

No matter how prosperous and happy anyone looks, there are problems and situations around them, or coming soon to attack their confidence in God or anything else. Even the rich take expensive drugs and therapies to ease the pain of their problems, or revert to suicide. God has better answers, and will get you to rise above and overcome, if you but will start at some level of right faith-actions.

The answers from God come to those who *pisteuo* believe God by *pistis* right faith-actions. In order to *pisteuo* believe you must be doing right faith-actions, or there is no *pisteuo* believing. Right faith-actions can be seen by others. They translate into *pistis* faith behaviors, actions, and words or sounds.

We are talking of the evidence of being in *pistis* faith, and there is also the evidence that what you are doing is working in tangible divine results, and the resultant joy, thanksgiving and praise to God people usually express then.

The evidence is on two levels. Natural, the noise and actions of right faith-actions, and the divine results, prayer answers. And the third result is the faith strength right after a *pistis* right faith-action victory. Winning in one, while keeping in continual right faith-actions will get you ready for the next love challenge. Now you, "Have some skills!"

The problem is, if you are not in active *pisteuo* believing actions toward God, you are in active believing actions toward the devil and the worldly present conditions in the carnal mind of the flesh, or unbelief in God. And this lack of godly behaviors leaves you open to any attack of offense, despair, or hopelessness. It is not the fact that we are tempted with these or their present reality, but how the overcoming victorious respond to them.

In biblical *pisteuo* believing, you spend time encouraging yourself in the Lord, like David did at Ziklag (1 Sam 30). That is right faith-actions in the face of impossibility. *Pisteuo* Believe is a verb and verbs mean action unto joy; if you are not doing believing actions unto joy, there is no belief in God, and therefore acceptance of the carnal mind. The same thing applies to “trust.” Since *pistis* faith and trust are synonyms; no continual right faith-actions means you are not trusting God continually either.

Major Change: This is a major change to most modern people’s thinking.

- Saying you are in *pistis* faith without continual right faith-actions, means you are not in *pistis* faith, and is mental assent, sin consciousness, and will get you and others killed.
- Saying you are in *pistis* faith with a regular daily schedule of right faith-actions, will free you from sin consciousness, and will raise people from the dead.
- Saying you are trusting God without right faith-actions, means you are not trusting God, but you are in mental assent, sin consciousness, and that can get you and others killed.
- Saying you are trusting God with a regular daily schedule of right faith-actions, will free you of sin consciousness, and will raise people from the dead.

To have or keep *pistis* faith means to be *pisteuo* believing or trusting by doing *pistis* faith or trust actions. As *pistis* is a noun of a verb, to be in *pistis* faith means you are continually doing *pisteuo* right faith-actions. If you are a coffee or tea drinker, you continually drink coffee or tea. It is the same way with faith, belief, trust, courage, persuaded, or confidence. It takes actions to be in the state of faith, belief, trust, courage, persuasion, or confidence. The good news is that the actions for faith, belief, trust, courage, persuasion, or confidence are the same.

Looking again at: 2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith, according as it is written, I *pisteuo*/believed, and therefore have I *laleo*/spoken; we also *pisteuo*/believe (unto joy), and therefore *laleo*/speak (command).”

Now it gets even better. Remember, this passage of 2 Cor 4:13 is repeating and applying Ps 116:10.

Ps 116:10 “I believed, therefore have I *dabar*/spoken...”

Universe Shaping: That word “spoken” is from the Hebrew word, *dabar*, and it means to speak to make something change, to subdue, nurture, or transform the situation or condition with words. This is uttering, commanding, instructing, and proclaim-

ing a future that is not yet. It is the exact opposite of begging. It is like you speaking for God as God would.

Dabar is translated in the KJV as - answer, appoint, bid, command, commune, declare, destroy, give, name, promise, pronounce, rehearse, say, speak, be a spokesman, subdue, talk, teach, tell, think, use [entreaties to force a change], utter, well, and work. In its various forms *dabar* is found some 2,600 times, so it is a major Old Testament word.

Biblical original language words all start as normal language words of the culture they come from. Then there are ways they are used in the Bible. As cultural words, they apply to the relevant culture, which is usually not godly, and often reference various religious practices not at all related to the God of the Bible. Then they applied to the unique aspects of biblical orientation. It is often helpful to consider both the cultural and biblical applications.

Dabar means, as a general word, to speak so the Universe becomes ordered the way you want it. It is not idle chatter. It means the words of command or instruction as well as the result of the change happening. Many of the commands of God spoken by the prophets use this word, such as, “the Lord *dabar*/said ...”

In the Septuagint or LXX, an ancient Greek translation from 200-300 BC, of the Hebrew Old Testament, the Hebrew word, *dabar*, is translated with two different Greek words, *laleo*, using *logos*, a word of command, instruction, or direction, and *rhema*, (Strong’s NT 4487) a word done as the result of the *logos*. *Dabar* includes both the command and the resulting action blessing or status.

Yes, I know, *dabar* is a verb, but *logos* and *rhema* are nouns. Uttering the commands is *dabar* or *laleo*, the words used are *logos* and *rhema*. The emphasis in the Hebrew is uttering words. So in *dabar*, both *laleo* and *logos* are included. But it may get a bit simpler. *Logos* are the words of command that are uttered. *Rhema* is the words of *logos* that you do as a result of a *logos* instruction command. The *logos* can be spoken or written as in a letter, and they become *zao* alive, *rhema*, as you do them.

We see this when Jesus said: Matt 4:4 “But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not *zao*/live by bread alone, but by every *rhema*/word (*that you do*) that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”

***Rhema*:** When God speaks *rhema* words, they become *logos* for man to obey to release that *zoe* life. Recorded in the Bible, they are now *logos* words, instructions, and commands to be obeyed for blessing. Here Jesus tells us man releases the *zoe* life, power of God by doing the *logos* words of God to turn those *logos* words to *rhema* words, and release the *zoe* life in those *logos* words of God. No doing, means no *rhema* production of *zoe* life.

The emphasis in Ps 116:10 is speaking words that cause a change, and likewise subdue, destroy, build up, or declare to become. For example, when a police officer says,

“Stop,” this is *dabar* or *logos*. It has all the information you need to obey. When you stop, it changes the *logos* to *rhema*, because you did the *logos* command that was *laleo* uttered. As you obey the police officer, you come under the good will of the law (*rhema*), and not the wrath of the law. Disobey and you come under the wrath of the law (curse).

In the same way, when you command a situation to become Heaven on Earth in accordance with God’s covenant promises, in the name of Jesus, that command is uttered *laleo* in words of *logos*. When the situation does change to fit the *logos*, the change or obedience process is now *rhema*. In doing the *logos*, the doing action is called *rhema*.

As John Lake demonstrated, it is in the continual remembrance that when we got born-again in Jesus, we have Holy Spirit, the same spirit of the Lord Christ to exercise or direct for God as Jesus did. As we exercise that dominion against the devil in commands for the devil and his works to depart, his works to go, and the healing comes by *zoe* life.

Through right faith-actions you will continually remind yourself that when Holy Spirit came into you in the new-birth, and you were baptized in Holy Spirit; that with Him came the power and dominion of Jesus. You do not beg God or the devil to leave, but exercise the dominion in the name of Jesus, the consciousness of the Lord of the Universe, believing that Holy Spirit is in you to do it at your words, as you command and keep commanding the devil and his works to depart, until that/those things go, and the promise-of-God change happens.

If you are *pisteuo* believing, you are commanding with *dabar* or *logos* words BEFORE and UNTIL it obeys and the change happens. It is the obedience to the *logos* that releases *zoe* life. Your commanding releases the *zoe* life to make or empower the transformation. So the *zoe* life, the life of God, is the result of, or released by, doing God’s *logos* word as the anointing is in the word of God. This releases the blessing, the anointing; the *logos* is now *rhema*, by your obedient doing unto *zoe* life to make it happen.

In this way continual right faith-actions continually apply *zoe* life by *aiteo* commands for the promise to manifest.

Remember God has decreed how this works: Prov 18:21 “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” The most direct way to release the blessings of God is the *pistis* faith-action of right speaking of what God has promised.

Jesus said it this way, as He explained how He worked a miracle with words that released God to do it: Mark 11:23 “For verily I say unto you, That whosoever **shall say** (*call, command, tell*) unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt (*stand aside from and do not do right faith-actions*) in his heart, but shall *pisteuo*/believe (*with continual right faith-actions*) that those things which **he saith** shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever **he laleo/saith**.” Notice mountain moving requires continual the right faith-actions of *pisteuo* believing until it moves. If it move right away, great. If not, keep at it in *pisteuo* believing. No believing, no mountain moving. This is the law of *pistis* faith in action.

Notice this whole instruction directs or commands how to pray, or call out to God, to do something, yet there is no direct command or prayer to God. Instead, the instruction of Jesus is to speak to the mountain as if you were speaking for God, expecting God to make it happen. This is much like Jesus commanded, “Be healed,” to the sick. You know you are connected to God, and speaking what He would say, and God will do it. Jesus confirms the word of grace, Mark 16:20; Acts 14:3; 15:11; 19:11-12; 20:32; Rom 1:16-17.

This is included in obeying these commands of God: Eph 5:1 “THEREFORE BE imitators of God [copy Him and follow His example], as well-beloved children [imitate their father].” AMP, and John 16:23 “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise of God*) the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye *aiteo*/asked (*demand, required, and expected as due by covenant promise of God*) nothing in my name: *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise of God*), and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

Joshua: Let us look at how Joshua in the Old Testament did it some 1400 years before Jesus. Remember when God told Joshua not to let the words of the book of the law depart from his mouth in Josh 1:8? Here Joshua was to also tell others to do what the law said, and even what the enemies of God were to do. Joshua was to keep speaking those words until they were fulfilled on Earth. This is a mind renewal program from God by right faith-actions. With this background, Joshua worked a miracle.

Here is how Joshua stopped the sun and moon with a *dabar* command:

Josh 10:12 “Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he **dabar/said** in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon.

13 “And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of Heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like that before it or after it (*in those immediate days*), that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.”

Notice Joshua *dabar* said what the sun and moon were to do as if he were speaking what God would say. This fits right with the definition of *pistis* faith speaks commands as stated in 2 Cor 4:13. It says in verse 12 that talking directly to the sun and moon was the same as talking directly for God. Joshua commanded as if he were speaking for God, and without mentioning God, expected God to do it. This is man operating in the image of God, just like Jesus did.

So, if you are *pisteuo* believing, you are continually speaking words that command the Universe to fit the will of God in your situations in the name of Jesus. This is just one form of a faith-action, but it makes the point. No speaking to command compliance to God's will, this means no *pisteuo* believing, trusting, or having *pistis* faith.

This is not begging God to intercede, but speaking as God would speak in authority, to make it happen. **To speak the words of *pistis* faith is to exercise the authority and dominion of God with words.** There is no begging in *pistis* faith; it is authority in joyous action. *Pistis* faith speaks with the authority and dominion of the Lord Jesus Christ.

How does this happen? God decreed our position in God: Gen 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."

And again: Ps 8:5 "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. 6 **Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:** 7 All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; 8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" See also Heb 2:8; Matt 28:18.

This gave Joshua the right to command the sun and the moon to stop, Jesus to walk on the water, and obey Jesus' command to move mountains with our words, in *aiteo* commands.

When Adam sinned, God did not remove man from his position of authority, but the devil took over by man's sense with evil fear to defeat man, except for a few prophets, and of course Jesus. And Jesus commanded: Matt 28:18 "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All *exousia*/power (*commission, responsibility, and pre-permission*) is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Jesus is King, not the devil.

You, as a human with the Name of Jesus, can command deliverance from the oppressions of the devil, and trees to pick themselves up, walk to the sea, plant themselves in the sea, change their chemistry, and now live in the sea, fresh or salt. Such is

the power in *dabar* or *aiteo* with the Name of Jesus. This is part of the right faith-actions we are to exercise in *pistewo* believing. Holy Spirit does the works, your work is to *aiteo* command with a mind filled with redemption facts from continual right faith-actions.

Applying It: So, if you are going to be setting people free by *pistis* faith, which means you are going to be speaking words that command the situation to fit the will of God, calling those things that be not as if they were, and you will not stop until it does, and the entire time giving loud and bold glory to God (Rom 4:20).

- Believing failure means you never started, or stopped *aiteo-laleo* speaking and/or stopped doing right faith-actions enough before the desired result manifested.
- Believing to victory means you kept speaking the faith words of authority and doing glad right faith-actions UNTIL the desired result.

John Lake: Or as John Lake wrote from South Africa in 1912, in describing how the large number of miracles occurred, and what caused them:

“I feel sister, that there is a step in this ministry in advance of what the movement (early Pentecostal movement) in general enjoys.

“God has laid it deeply on my soul to present the particular phase of the exercise of the dominion of Jesus Christ, and that the secret of our success here in this ministry is in our teaching our workers to exercise the dominion of God through the Holy Ghost.

“That’s the main thing that God is directing us into, is in demonstrating the dominion, and exercising the dominion, of Jesus Christ. That’s the whole thing.

“He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 1Cor 6:17 “But he that is **joined unto the Lord is one spirit.**” **Not two, but one.**

Lake said, “The secret of what we are doing is teaching our workers to exercise dominion.” (Curry Blake, *Divine Healing Technician Training*, John Lake’s Letter to Carrie Judd Montgomery, April 22, 1911, pages 160-161, Dallas Texas, 2012)

The words *dabar* and *logos* by *aiteo* command are such dominion actions.

Abraham Considerations: This is how Abraham produced a baby of promise in old age by doing continual right faith-actions.

Rom 4:20 “He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was (*strengthened, grew and kept*) strong in *pistis*/faith, giving (*loud and bold*) glory to God.”

We are going to focus on strong *pistis* faith. An expanded translation of this verse is: “did not wallow or consider the impossibilities of the situation as lord, but grew strong and stayed strong in *pistis*/faith by giving exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, and command behaviors to God.” This is what this word “glory” means, loud, bold, and exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, and affirmations.

Biblical joy, thanksgiving, and praise are all very similar in outward actions. The difference is that in joy, the words are often so full of excitement, they are screams or laughter, and hard to understand. In thanksgiving and praise, the outward actions are the same as joy, but the words are more understandable.

Making Strong Faith for Breakthrough: So Abraham grew or made his *pistis* faith strong by exuberant thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors in the face of all the conflicting facts and negative situations. God tells in Romans 4:20 that Abraham did this by mixing the words of the promise, the word of God, with exuberant, glory to God, right faith-actions to grow strong in *pistis* faith BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifested. God was ready, but Abraham had to do his part, or no breakthrough.

And yes, it helps to keep a list of these yet-to-be manifested *pistis* faith targets on you at all times, or posted where you can see them often, so you can give thanks over each item as part of your right faith-actions. We call these lists with topics and scriptures, Faith Contracts. Each time you are adding more *zoe* life to get manifestations.

If you are having biblical *pistis* faith for a healing, then you are speaking words of command for the healing to be, and you are doing it with command and joy behaviors. Sickness is a work of the devil; so we are commanding the devil to go and the healing to be, in the name of Jesus.

Breakthrough Against Cancer: So for adults, we would make our healing ministry over cancer this way: “Father God, I thank You, this is already done. Devil, I take authority over you and your works in the name of Jesus, and I command you and your works to hear and obey me now, in the name of Jesus. Devil, you and your works go, now, never to return, in the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, this cancer goes, all tumors and damage goes now. All fear of cancer goes now. Body be made whole; mind be right; receive the *zoe* life of God. He/she will walk free and live a normal healthy life with no limitations or damage. Love of God arise, now. All in the name of Jesus, now! Thank You, Father, this is already done. Amen! Thank You!”

For children you could command: “Father God, I thank You, this is already done. Cancer and all sickness, I take authority over you and your works in the name of Jesus, and I command you and your works to hear and obey me now, in the name of Jesus. Cancer and sickness, you and your works go, now, never to return, in the name of Jesus. In the name of Jesus, this cancer goes, all tumors and damage goes now. All fear of cancer goes now. Body be made whole; mind be right; receive the *zoe* life of God. He/she will walk free and live a normal healthy life with no limitations or dam-

age. Lover of God arise, now! All in the name of Jesus, now! Thank You, Father, this is already done.

Amen! Thank You!”

Notice that for children, we typically do not mention the devil so they do not get into fear. You are talking to the devil, not the child, and the devil can hear you just fine. The

“body be whole” part covers the entire person for even more healing of everything else that may be wrong, damaged, or missing.

Or, as commands are based on your determined intention of will, simple commands can also work, focus you: “Be healed,” “Freedom,” “Fire,” “Cancer go now,” or “Jesus.”

New Nature: Since you have the nature of Jesus in the new-birth, the same anointing, *zoe* life, and Holy Spirit, doing these right faith-actions is part of that new nature, and operating in the mind of Christ within you in righteous indignation against the work of the devil.

The real “born-again you,” delights in continually doing right faith-actions to seeking the Lord continually and diligently. You do them because you are right with God and want to relate to Him better. You know you are connected to God by Holy Spirit, you are an extension of God, and want God by *zoe* life, to flow through you in power. You want to keep your heart always seeking and open to Him against the world pull.

Your new nature only wants to do and see the will of God done, so you do right faith-actions to keep your soul a happy dwelling place of God, where He can freely manifest through you, just like He did in Jesus. It is part of being born-again. By right faith-actions you are cleansing and keeping your heart clean. Any resistance is your old man of the flesh, so you do these right faith-actions to keep your flesh down and your spirit up or *zao* alive.

You do right faith-actions, not to attain some spiritual level, because you are already there in the new-birth, you are complete in Christ. As a son of God, there is no other position higher but Father God and Jesus. My goodness, you are seated on the throne next to God! It is like you have been placed in a set of robes or a warrior suit, i.e., God’s armor of light that can do everything Jesus did and more, because Jesus now sits at the right hand of God.

You are new in the spirit man, your spiritual armor is already on, now act like Jesus who is in you, With Jesus in me, the armor is already on, my task is to learn to think and *pisteuo* believe how the armor parts work. That armor is made entirely of the Word of God: Rom 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not pro-

vision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” This is the fullness of Jesus, not some shell.

All you have to do is to learn to work with Holy Spirit and the Scriptures to operate and maintain it properly. “You are complete in Christ,” with everything it takes to mature into Jesus now. This is just like muscles. A perfect baby has all the muscle structures of an athlete, but in the baby, they are undeveloped or not yet matured.

As a human, you are exercising belief in something 24x7 every day; the issue is the content. If you are not exercising with right faith-actions in God, you are going to spiritual sleep, exercising in unbelief, and living in the carnal mind of the flesh. If you are not exercising in Holy Spirit and truth; you are exercising in demonic spirits and lies. You are always exercising your heart in something. It is that simple.

Christianity is Supernatural: By the Bible, Christianity is a supernatural power relationship, union, and connection with God, where God enters and operates in the world through men by Holy Spirit. The good news is that, by the work of Jesus, God can reign directly through imperfect people, and you can communion with Him as He is.

With this foundation, doing the power signs of believers in the name of Jesus helps doing the other acts of *pisteuo* believing. 1 Cor 2:5 “That your *pistis*/faith (*life of right faith-actions based on the facts of redemption*) should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the *dunamis*/power (*miracles*) of God.”

Mark 16:15-20 describes a set of supernatural capabilities upon the new-birth for believers. These are for the new believer and continue for the rest of our lives. This is a major difference, where in many churches, such capabilities are considered the height of spiritual development, while other groups contend they are not valid at all.

These are gifts and operations of Holy Spirit, and they are for us as long as Holy Spirit is on Earth, which is forever. Operating successfully in these supernatural gifts makes a big difference in how a person views life in general, and Christianity in particular.

Mark 16:15-20: Here is one summary passage of this supernatural life: Mark 16:15 “And *Jesus* said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that *pisteuo*/believeth and is baptized shall be *sozo*/saved; but he that *pisteuo*/believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that *pisteuo*/believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working and confirming the word of *God’s grace* with signs following. Amen.”

1. While some debate its authenticity, recent scholarship has proved Mark 16:15-20 to be found in the best ancient documents and many formerly dissenting translations no longer footnote this passage.
2. Additionally, Irenaeus (estimated 115-210AD) quotes these verses as a part of Mark's Gospel, and he was a pupil of Polycarp, who in turn was a pupil of John the Apostle.
3. As it is a summary statement, you can also build this passage from other New Testament verses. So even if you refute this passage, its message is still part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. Many, using this passage as a basis, have done and continue to do the signs indicated in verses 17-18, through to today.

These are four critical proofs that Mark 16:15-20 is genuine.

Remember, we are talking about how to re-discover and release positive supernatural results by Holy Spirit in right faith-actions. And these results should be measurable in national statistics. This passage in Mark tells us the supernatural is to be the normal experience for all Christians, i.e., the disciples of the first disciples through all generations. And that includes all Christians of today.

From practical experience, one of the best cures for temptations to dead religion is to go heal a few sick people in the name of Jesus (Mark 16:18c). And if your heart is hard with few results, the cure is to do more acts of *pisteuo* believing in continual right faith-actions until your ministry in the name of Jesus is effective.

For the process of *pisteuo* believing, we put the works of *agape* love last, as you first should renew your mind with the other right faith-actions. Otherwise you will tend to limit your levels of *agape* love, and may even become resentful against God. But if you do not do acts of natural and supernatural *agape* love, your *pistis* faith works are incomplete at best, and your heart will stay hard against the Lord in self-deception (Mark 12:30-31; James 1:22-27; 2:14-26; Rom 1:21; 1 John 3:16-18; 4:19-21).

The indicators of the presence of Bible *pistis* faith, or *pisteuo* believing, are your words and/or actions others can see. These are the evidence of *pistis* faith. You may start in your thoughts, but they need to translate into outward actions to be doing the works of "*pisteuo* believing."

NOTE: we use the term *affirmation* for confession, profession, declarations, decrees, and proclamations. It becomes an *aiteo* prayer and prophecy as you make an affirmation and expect God to make it real or manifest for you in *aiteo* command statements.

The Secret to Power Ministry - Aiteo Intro: Here we expand the concept of *aiteo* prayer or commands as part of the believing process. *Aiteo* (Strong's NT 154

and from Strong's discussion of NT 154 in NT 4441) is a verb, and is strictly a demand for something due by a promise given by a superior. The New Testament uses *aiteo* as: ask, demand, require, expect, and desire with intensity as due by covenant promise of God knowing Jesus has met all the requirements. You command with determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to move and the devil to go with righteous indignation.

Godly *aiteo* is always based on a promise of God you want God to fulfill. *Aiteo* always assumes a promise has been given or applies, and is not just asking for a need to be filled, which is more in the realm of petition or supplication. Amazingly we have seen cell-phones that stopped working, or cars that would not start, instantly work at *aiteo* commands. So in order to *aiteo*, you need to know the Scriptures, especially the promises of God. We will talk more about *aiteo* and how Jesus taught how to use *aiteo* in prayer later.

If you are having *pistis* faith for a healing, then you are speaking words of command for the healing to be, and you are doing it with *aiteo* commands, and thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors. Sickness is a work of the devil; so we are *dabar* or *laleo* or *aiteo* commanding the devil to go, and the healing to be, in the name of Jesus.

Using What You Are: We want to keep stressing, this is not raising you to a new level, which happened when you got born-again in Jesus, and then when you got baptized in Holy Spirit. Instead of raising you to a new level, we are showing you how to use what you already have. You are already a son of God in the new-creation. You already have the power of God, Holy Spirit in permanent residence within you. He is sealed in you.

Eph 1:13 "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your *soteria*/salvation: in whom also after that ye *pisteuo*/believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

And how long is Holy Spirit sealed to those born-again in Jesus? Eph 4:30 "And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."

We are training or equipping you to operate your sonship in God to the level you are already qualified for by grace, to the level of Jesus Himself. When you get born-again in Jesus, you become a joint-heir with Him, have Holy Spirit dwelling in you, have the Bible, the word of God, the name of Jesus, *zoe* life, and a mind able to think and operate like Jesus'.

We are explaining the common knowledge of the first century Christians, to the original readers of the New Testament letters, which has been lost through the years. We are rebuilding the old paths for the same and greater results Jesus and the first century disciples walked in. This is your inheritance, your heritage, and your calling in God.

Col 3:1 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” This command to seek is the command to do right faith-actions continually.

What we are doing is showing you how to rise to a new level of performance in Christ, to the level of Jesus. You are already there legally before the Father; now He wants you to learn to walk in it like Jesus did. It can be done in your lifetime. This is your calling, and you have been made able by grace. It is a matter of doing those good works that produce God-results. But it will not happen unless you do the right works rightly.

Soul Saving Work: We are required to participate actively in the process of making our souls (heart, mind, will, conscious, subconscious, and emotions) to be just like Jesus’, i.e., “saving our souls”:

James 1:21 “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and *lambano*/receive (*hold on with lots of right faith-actions*) with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to **sozo/save your souls** (*hearts, minds, wills, and emotions to be just like Jesus’ so you walk in the fullness of the measure of the man Jesus in this life*).” We have to do the “laying apart,” and the “receiving.” Both of which require much labor, particularly in the facts of the Great Work of Jesus by doing continual right faith-actions.

1 Peter 2:2 “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.” This means to keep the good things of God in Jesus ever present in your minds, so you desire the benefits of God in Jesus for you and yours, and so you eagerly and gladly desire them by laboring in and with the words of God by and with right faith-actions.

1 Peter 1:8 “(*Jesus*,) whom having not seen, ye *agape*/love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet *pisteuo*/believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 receiving the end of your *pistis*/faith, **even the soteria/salvation of your souls (to be just like Jesus’)**.” We have to do the *pisteuo* believing by right faith-actions unto joy.

And as a capstone on this reality and process in God: Heb 10:35 “Cast not away therefore your confidence (*assurance in the work of Christ in our redemption by His blood unto the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, unto zoe life unto dunamis miracle working power, in and by the mind of Christ*), which hath great recompence of reward (*present life and eternal benefits*). 36 For ye have need of patience (*consistency in maintaining right faith-actions over the facts of redemption in the blood of Jesus*), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise (*of destroying the works of death in any form in this life to making Heaven on Earth*). 37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. 38 Now the just

(those made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus) shall (have, release, and operate) zao/live (the zoe life like Jesus to produce Heaven on Earth salvation, healing) by pistis/faith (doing right faith-actions over the facts of the work of Jesus in His body and blood in our redemption): but if any man draw back (not live the life of continual right faith-actions over the work of Christ), my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (letting death reign in fast and slow forms); but of them that pisteuo/believe (with continual right faith-actions over the facts of the work of Jesus in our redemption through His onetime sacrifice for sins and healing forever) to the sozo/saving (healing to the level of Jesus) of the soul (your heart, mind, will, and emotions to the level of Jesus so you walk like Jesus continually in this life; Christ in you the hope of glory in this life and the next).”

This is how we enter in and possess the promises of God. All the promises of God are Yes and Amen in Jesus. 2 Cor 1:20 “For all the promises of God in him (*Jesus*) are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest *guarantee* of the Spirit in our hearts.” We make this effective in our lives as we continually do right faith-actions over our redemption in the body and blood of Jesus, and apply it to receive any promise of God.

Schedules to Breakthrough: We inherit, occupy, these promises through right faith-actions and patient consistency of diligently seeking the Lord. Heb 6:11 “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 that ye be not slothful (*lazy, inactive, indifferent, distracted*), but followers (*copycats, imitators, duplicates*) of them who through *pistis/faith* and patience (*consistency in right faith-actions*) inherit (*release, control, operate, and walk in*) the promises.”

This is wonderful good news. You can receive any or all the promises of God by duplicating what others have done to receive them. There is no special anointing, gifting, mantel, impartation, or any other criteria except one. Do what the winners in the Bible did! Your destiny is in your hands, and if you have no other teacher of God, we will show you how.

That is by continually and diligently mixing the word of God, His promises and commands, with right faith-actions to release God for good into the Earth. Remember “continually,” “diligently,” “always,” and “in everything,” means non-stop to daily-scheduled multiple events, every day, and as occasion serves.

To the typical early disciples of Christ, this meant doing such Scriptures as:

Ps 35:28 “And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.

Ps 55:17 “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.”

Ps 89:16 “In thy name shall they rejoice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.”

Ps 119:164 “Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments.”

Eph 5:20 “Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Phil 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.”

1 Thess 5:17 “Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give thanks (*in right faith-actions*): for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Heb 13:15 “By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”

And the overriding principle: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis*/faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo*/believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently (*faithfully, dependably, and reliably*) seek him.”

You may want someone to do it for you, if so, it is time to grow up. Children are raised by adults so they can live life rightly. Grow up and build your destiny. Every version of encouragement from God consists of telling you that you can have any promise you choose to go after, any and all of them.

If you need someone to say this to you, **LISTEN TO GOD:** 2 Cor 1:18 “But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay. 19 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me (*Paul*) and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 20 For all the promises of God in him (*Jesus*) are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (*guarantee*) of the Spirit in our hearts.”

Here is how the Jesus-trained disciples prayed, it is the works they did in the face of adversity and oppression: Acts 12:5 “Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made **without ceasing** of the church unto God for him.”

Performance to Victory: This is on a performance basis of how you spend your 24 hours per day. Doing less gets less; doing more gets more of God. Since God is no respecter of persons, and we all have the same calling to be just like Jesus, anyone you see operating in more of God than you, has spent more time in right faith-actions than you have.

As Holy Spirit explains why God’s Chosen People with Moses died in the desert, while they had God with them: Heb 4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his (*God’s*) rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2

For unto us (*Christians*) was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (*in the desert with Moses*): but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed (*aggressively and continually, tempered together so the parts can never separate*) with *pistis*/faith (*by right faith-actions*) in them that heard it.”

Here *pistis* faith is a set of actions that causes mixing into our minds/souls. This is for the word of our redemption in the blood of Jesus, to permeate every part of the heart, to unite it into single-minded trust in God alone. You are already united and connected eternally to God in Holy Spirit; this is the process of uniting your soul into God with constant repetition. And we saw in 1 Peter 1:8-9, this *sozo* saving of our souls was by *pisteuo* believing joy – by right faith-actions.

We are qualified, made able, and complete in Christ by grace (Eph 4:7; Col 2:10), and we are *sozo*/saved to do good works (Eph 2:10). This is the awesome potential of “Christ in us the hope of glory” (Col 1:27) by the new-birth (1 Peter 1:23). But it is up to us to do these good works, this right mixing of the word of God with right faith-actions, to release God to manifest this potential into the Earth during our lives (Heb 4:1-2). This is not about God not hearing or not caring, but us doing the right faith-actions that release Him. That is the message of God.

God is no respecter of persons. He provides what we are to do, but we must decide to do it, and then, more importantly, actually do in gladness what He commands. Else we suffer as did Israel for failure to do His will in gladness and joy, Deut 28:47.

God’s abundant goodness and blessings are always available to the Christian, even when you do not feel like it. The basis for this is Jesus and not you, but your right faith-actions are what it takes, done with consistency and diligence, to persuade yourself so you are confident of God in His promises that they are to and for you, and already yours, so you can release God reliably unto joy.

The issue is never a loving God who passionately loves us and wants good for us, but our continually mixing His promises with right faith-actions to strengthen us and to release Him against the constant negative pull of the current world system run by the devil.

Just like being in a submarine, the outside water pressure is always looking for a weak spot, and when it finds one, it rushes in. So is the pressure to not seek the Lord continually and to let the world wash over and in you.

Loving mothers the world over wash their children, so make the Word of God wash you with the right faith-actions of constantly seeking the Lord, Rom 3:11 “There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God (*continually*). 12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” And this was talking about all people, including Christians.

Christ constantly impels us: Eph 5:26 “So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word.” AMP That feeling to know more of God in His Word is Christ calling to you to seek Him. Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis*/faith-actions it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] *pisteuo*/believe (*by right faith-actions*) that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly, *continually*, and diligently seek Him [out] (*by continual right faith-actions*).” AMP

God has sovereignly decreed that He can move as we seek Him in faith and patience: Heb 6:11 “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: 12 that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through *pistis*/faith and patience inherit (*conquer to occupy, manifest, and control*) the promises.”

As God says, let this truth stir you to more right faith-actions in God. God wants you to walking in His victory, but it takes our diligent and continual faith-action works and labor to release it: 1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour (*of right faith-actions to exhaustion*) is not in vain in the Lord.”

Christian Expectations: For reference, in our Christian era the biblical expectation is that all Christians will obey the commands of God as summarized in Matthew 5-8, John 14-16, and Mark 16:15-20, as well as Isaiah 64, Psalms 1, 23, 34, 91 and 103, 1 Corinthians 2-3; 11-14, Romans 12-13, and Philippians 4:4-9. Unless otherwise specified, we call these the “acts of *agape* love.” These are included in the some 1,050 New Testament Commands.

Operating the gifts of Holy Spirit means those gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Rom 12:6-8.

1 Cor 12:7 “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man (*or woman*) to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the **word of wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit; 9 to another *pistis*/faith by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of healing** by the same Spirit; 10 to another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **discerning of spirits**; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**.”

Rom 12:6 “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether **prophecy**, let us prophesy according to the proportion of *pistis*/faith; 7 or **ministry**, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on **teaching**; 8 or he that exhorteth, on **exhortation**: he that **giveth**, let him do it with simplicity; he that **ruleth**, with diligence; he that sheweth **mercy**, with cheerfulness.”

As long as Holy Spirit is on Earth, these gifts will be available for operation by *pisteuo* believing Christians. One way to summarize the effect of the works of *pisteuo* believing, is to live a life of continually seeking the Lord in a consistent lifestyle of thanksgiving, *aiteo* commands, and joy to and in God. This is every day without fail.

Here is one set of New Testament commands stressing this. 1 Thess 5:16 “Rejoice evermore. 17 Pray without ceasing. 18 In everything give *eucharisteo*/thanks (*that God will save, deliver, prosper, and help you by your right faith-actions*): for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Do you hear this? Repeating James 1:2; it is always God’s will that you always do right faith-actions! James 1:2 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (*trials, troubles, delays, internal and external fears, concerns, worries, terrors, or anxieties to stop doing right faith-actions in applying God and His promises to any situation*).”

As you do the works of effective *pisteuo* believing, you will be writing God’s goodness, strength, and faithfulness on your heart. And thus it will become a natural and a normal lifestyle to walk in continual thanksgiving, and joy. And God will help you.

Here is one way God says this joy leads to effective believing that fills our lives with confident hope in and by Holy Spirit: Rom 15:13 “Now the God of hope (*the joyful and confident expectation of coming good*) fill you with all joy and peace in (your) *pisteuo*/believing (*actions of thanksgiving, praise, joy, aiteo commands, blessings, courage, patience, fasting, praying in tongues, acts of agape love, etc.*), that ye may abound in hope (*the joyful and confident expectation of coming good*), through the power of the Holy Ghost.”

Notice God will help you do the acts of joy in the process of *pisteuo* believing, but as all the New Testament letters show, it may take a bit of self-stirring on your part to hear Him to glad obedience. Rom 15:13 is a promise that as you do the actions of *pistis* faith, God will make them work for you. All you need to do is to get started doing them. YOU start by doing them in the flesh and keep at it until you transition to the spirit in gladness and joy. This process is forcing your carnal mind into the Christ mind within you. The carnal mind craves feelings and the senses, the spirit knows unto joy by the Word of God.

Working *Pistis* Faith for Results: *Pistis* Faith is not something you hold inside yourself. It has evidence, things that others can hear and see. *Pistis* faith has joy, the exuberant actions of jumping, clapping, shouting, screaming, smiling, grinning, laughing, dancing, etc.

At its lowest level, biblical *pistis* faith is to be bubbling over with joy. Biblical joy is exuberant. You cannot do joy easily in pews or closely packed chairs. You need room to do biblical joy behaviors. *Pistis* faith has actions, and the actions are the evidence others can see.

Right Faith-actions: To repeat, the basic actions or behaviors of *pistis* faith are:

Exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, right *aiteo* commands, right affirmations of God's truth, right considerations so every thought is brought into the obedience of Christ, biblical meditation on the word of God, right speaking in Holy Spirit tongues, right Holy Communion, right fasting, doing acts of *agape* love, speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (including singing in tongues), making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all these things of redemption to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, submitting yourselves to one another in the fear of the Lord, submitting to daily right exhortation to keep your heart in the Lord, practicing courage, and studying the Scriptures to show yourself approved unto God, able to manifest any aspect of salvation on Earth as needed, and fasting at least one meal a week or a whole day.

These are the actions of *pistis* faith that provide the evidence of *pistis* faith. If you have *pistis* faith, you do these actions multiple times every day, over the promises of God you are working to manifest, on a regular, daily, multi-event schedule, and any time when challenged with negative circumstances, evil fears, anxieties, and/or doubts.

Spirit Walking: This is a very effective way to obey: 2 Cor 10:4 "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

The devil's playground is the evil strongholds of error, offense, and deception in our minds where and how our thoughts operate.

"Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ," means to challenge every thought that enters your mind or you are thinking, to see if that is what Jesus would say, think, or do. Not some thoughts, but every thought.

For this you need to know the Bible thoroughly, and every word and attitude of the New Testament. The gospels are the testimony of Jesus Himself. The rest of the New Testament is the testimony of Jesus in and through the church.

This is summarized this way: 2 Tim 1:6 "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God (*by right faith-actions*), which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of *dunamis/miracle*

working power, and of agape/love, and of a sound mind (a disciplined mind just like Jesus has right now).

And: Phil 2:5 “Let (*set your entire affection on, copy, duplicate*) this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. ...12 Wherefore, my *agape*/beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 that ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 (*and push the world back by*) holding forth the word of *zoe*/life.”

These are describing how you walk in Him. Between the new-birth, *zoe* life, and Holy Spirit baptism, you already have the “Jesus anointing.” There is no greater “anointing” from or in God. 2 Cor 1:2 “Now he (*Father God*) which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest *guarantee* of the Spirit in our hearts.”

And how you walk in the Spirit, who is the mind of Christ: Gal 5:25 “If we *zao*/live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit (*doing all the varied steps of right faith-actions*).” You start with controlling your thoughts and your mouth: James 3:10 “Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be.”

So: Eph 4:29 “Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.”

And: Luke 6:28 “Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.”

And yes, all of these are part of biblical right faith-actions.

Pistis faith-actions produce the grit, determination, confidence, and assurance to keep going in right faith-actions until you get what you want of God. Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” Or as a friend once said, “if it were easy, it would already be done.”

In Mexico an 8 year old boy was hit by a pickup truck with the bumper into his head. Brains were on the road, the boy dead. 9 hours later 3 women started praying to raise the dead boy. They did right faith-actions for 7 hours in turns, and the boy got up, fully healed, new brain, and head repaired and OK. Jesus longs to be King through you! These were normal church member in one of David Hogan’s churches where they teach and do continual right faith-actions seeking the Lord continually.

Unfruitful: Faith in God without these basic works is dead, unproductive, and at best, self-deceiving mental assent. If you are not doing a daily, multiple events sched-

ule of right faith-actions, you have either, never started doing them, or have slowed down or stopped, and in either case, since you are always doing something, you are doing the actions of unbelief. Deception is to think there is a middle ground.

If you are not doing right faith-actions, you are doing wrong unbelief actions. Is this clear enough?

Little right faith-actions in God means little faith; lots of right faith-actions means some faith, continual daily, diligent, and obedient right faith-actions on a regular daily schedule and at every reminder, or thought, of the negative and hindering circumstances, builds strong *pistis* faith (*doing continual right faith-actions unto gladness and joy*) to victory or breakthrough.

Failure to do these right faith-actions build doubts, evil fears, and unbelief. Regular, diligent, daily and consistent right faith-actions attack and destroy doubt, evil fear, and unbelief. If you are not doing right faith-actions, your slothfulness or inactivity against God, is building unbelief.

Your soul never sleeps, if you are not doing right faith-actions, you are doing evil unbelief actions. Is this clear enough? Yes, just before you go to sleep put God-thoughts in your mouth. Favorites are Psalm 23, 34, 91 and a personalized version of 112, and of course any of the prayers of Paul, especially Eph 1, 3, and Col 1, and Heb 13:20-21.

Doing right faith-actions is part of the good works we are ordained to do. Your assertions that you are “in faith,” but without diligent right faith-actions, are useless drivel. The only thing that counts in the spirit, is what right faith-actions you are doing diligently.

God is no respecter of persons, but He is a respecter of those who obey Him in right faith-actions, i.e., diligently seeking Him continually. Not just when in church, but at every negative thought, anytime, every day, to victory.

Jesus and the early Jewish disciples spent 3-6 hours every day in right faith-actions. Paul trained the early Gentile believers to do the same. So why not you?

Regular Right Faith-Actions: When you make a regular practice of exuberant right faith-actions of thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations of God’s Word, *aiteo* commands, blessing, fasting, right Holy Communion, operating Holy Spirit gifts, especially prophecy and tongues, right judgment, sowing to the spirit, alms, gifts, and acts of *agape* love, you are on your way to effective obedience that brings powerful results with God.

It is like these frequent, regular, and diligent right faith-actions keep spiritual pressure to manifest God’s spiritual blessings into the Earth (Mark 11:23). Or it is like each faith-action is nourishing the words, the Bible promises, you are believing so

they can bear fruit to full manifestation of the promised blessing (Math 13, Mark 4, Luke 8).

Your potential is shown in Jesus; in God you are made to be like Jesus, one who Jesus is not ashamed to call you, brother or sister. But the issue is how you spend your time in this life.

If Jesus spent 3-6 hours a day, 1-4 all nights a week, and often arose early in the morning for right faith-action, Scripture prayer-worship, and Peter, James, Paul and other disciples did the same, and all taught their disciples to do the same, along with 1-6 hours a day in Holy Spirit tongues, why not you? So if you wonder where your answers from God are, now you know.

We are warned we will face many battles in this life. If you did not spend the time and "Jesus-effort" before the battle, do not be surprised if you have to spend it in the battle to get victory. God has sovereignly placed His power in our hands; we are the Gateways, not God. We are destroyed by a lack of knowledge rightly applied, not administrative decisions by God (Hos 4:6). If you are a child of God, born-again in Jesus, you have all the power of God there is. Holy Spirit, the power of God, now dwells in you. The issue is you effectively renewing your mind and then stirring yourself up in God to release God in power.

God spent the wonder of the Universe, Jesus, for our healing and blessing. The issue is not God withholding anything. The issue is us doing the right things to release Him, as God is no respecter of persons, nor can He show partiality (Acts 10:34-35).

A Bible not devoured is like bags of seed stored away. The potential of God into the Earth is there, but it takes right labor for a harvest (Heb 4, Eph 5). Jesus is the Seed. The only soil that matters is your heart.

The truly difficult thing is the consequences of not managing your thought life.

Keep Working the Word in right faith-actions so God can Work!

Any time you are called to exercise biblical *pistis* faith; you are starting on the current foundation in your heart. If you have not been diligent in prior right faith-actions, your confession may be strong, but your heart is not able to carry the *pistis* faith of your confessions. This is a source of unanswered prayer.

There are several different levels of right faith-actions or spiritual disciplines:

- a) New Christian development with once a week moving to once a day to multiple times per day. For the newly born-again in persecuted lands, or those in dire conditions, this can become hour by hour. For those living comfortably, then once a week is the level they will respond to.
- b) Regular maintenance every day, 3-6 hours/day in multiple events.

- c) Need focused with increased right faith-actions, 4-10 hours/day in multiple events.
- d) Crisis with continual non-stop right faith-actions, 10-24 hours/day in multiple events.
- e) Token, only occasionally, twice a year to once a week.

Worship: To prevent confusion, we do not list modern worship as necessarily a part of right faith-actions. This is to draw a distinction and to eliminate confusion. Modern worship services range from quiet solitude to entertainment, or thought-provoking ideas to excited activity, much like a secular rock concert. Thus what one calls worship, another calls perversion, touching God, or radical sensationalism.

In Hebrew, the words translated as worship include bowing before one, while saying positive or praise words, to active service where you live and breathe for the one you worship in constant unity throughout life. Bible worship always includes praise of and to God. Worship is about God and not a manipulation to get Him to do things. Or proclamations on how hard your life is, or bad you feel.

As a warning, the manifestation of God are the fruit of the songs we sing and the way we worship. Based on that, most past and modern, so-called Christian songs are useless at best. Most destroy true faith and encourage mental assent. Those that have a solid, New Testament structure are few and far between. Thus we recommend you only sing Scripture songs with a strong New Testament message.

We have several different approaches or goals in worship:

- 1) Do things that show you honor God and do not require Him to manifest anything at all corporately, while some individuals may experience “something” during worship.
- 2) Doing things so God will hear you to do what you want, i.e., answer prayer.
- 3) Doing things that cause Him to manifest His presence so one can “feel” the presence.
- 4) Doing things so God can come near and then you can pray so He will hear you.
- 5) Knowing God is inside you, and all you have to do is get your mind into this awareness by focusing on His word of nearness and glory in you.
- 6) Singular focus on speaking and singing in tongues to the Lord in Worship.

Obviously, number 5 and 6 are the methods of God from the New Testament work of Jesus.

In the Scriptures, especially the Psalms, one can argue any of these goals. But there are two major distinctives:

- a) God is “out there” and you want to either enter His place or draw Him near.
- b) God is within you, and you want to become “in tune” with God in biblical spirit and truth to relate to Him directly and immediately.

In the New Testament, by the new-creation process, God is now in you, that is, you are the temple of the *zao* living God by the abiding presence and union with Holy Spirit. When you operate in spirit and in truth, God is never “out there,” but always “near,” in you, and ready. This is not based on feelings, but redemption facts. Carnal minds crave feelings; spirit knows unto joy by the Word of God.

In the Old Testament, you could go to the temple and praise in worship of the name of the Lord, or while you are doing the dishes, or buying land. All acts of life can be communion worship to and with God. This means worship can be activity or breathing God in all of life. This is breathing God in and breathing Him out into what you are doing. This is not just for prayer, but for every part of life.

In the Old Testament, the word *Torah*, means “The Path.” It is the path of living that God can inhabit, operate in you and through you to the world. For example, learning to do this is how the “Mighty Men of David” were supermen in battle (2 Sam 23).

In the Old Testament, sin consciousness prevented the believer from believing this could be so. In the New Testament, by the work of Jesus, it is your new-creation self. But the goal of God has never changed, that God could inhabit and be released through all man does, and in this way God would reign through men in cooperative relationship.

Thus worship is not just a church service, but all that you do while connected to God, and relating to Him as you do life. Part of this is found in this verse: Prov 3:5 “Trust (*have faith in God with continual right faith-actions*) in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him (*recognize, call on, and greet Him in His abiding presence, whether you feel it or not*), and he shall direct thy paths.”

In the New Testament, the words translated as worship means to lick the hand like a dog, or to make a decision to honor and adore the one being worshiped. This is very similar to the Old Testament bowing down, while making praises to and about the one being worshiped. Unfortunately at this writing, few modern worship services or songs accomplish these attitudes.

The focus in biblical worship is on the one being worshiped for who and what they are. In modern culture, worship is generally less dynamic than the biblical right faith-actions of exuberant thanksgiving, praise, and joy, and more about the one trying to worship, and less about God as He is as revealed in the Scriptures. As long as it is about you, you have missed the point. So the worship has become more about form than God in reality, power, love, and the mind of Christ manifested.

Singing, “I am a friend of God,” is not worship. It is low level encouragement, but being a friend is technically less than being a son, as we are in the new-creation. Singing,

“I will sing of the mercies of the Lord,” is biblical instruction, joy, or a vow, but then not expressing His mercies, is not worship, praise, or thanksgiving, even though it is a scriptural phrase. We need to do what the instruction says, not keep repeating the instruction.

Blessing the Lord by saying, “I bless you oh God of all wonder, power, and might in the Name of Jesus” is different than saying, “You bless the Lord at all times.” One is doing it, the other is just instruction.

Because of the wide variety of modern practices concerning worship, we do not include worship in the list of right faith-actions, but as you do all the right faith-actions, you will also be doing the acts of worship as defined in the Bible. Remember you are seeking the Lord and expect to connect with Him somewhere in the process. And that could be worship.

Besides thanksgiving, praise, and joy, laying hands on the sick, and breathing-*aiteo* God to manifested healing is also New Testament worship. Since all this is covered in our listing of right faith-actions, we use that term instead of worship.

Summary: We listed the biblical right faith-actions as a place to start. The first major new concept for most modern people is that *pistis* faith is action, just like the words run, walk, or drink are both nouns and verbs. *Pistis* Faith is not only a set of facts, but the actions both defined by those facts, and what we are to exercise right faith-actions in or over.

1. The biblical acts of faith are such as thanksgiving, praise, etc., and some schedules to implement “continuous, diligent, always, etc.”
2. The promises available to us throughout the Bible for release by right faith-actions.
3. The work of Jesus in our redemption by His blood that gives us access.

The second major new concept is that the actions of *pisteuo* believing provide the evidence of *pistis* faith. No or little evidence means no or little *pistis* faith in operation.

A third major concept is that to “be in” or “hold faith” one must be in continual or regular, multi-event actions every day, or they are not in regular or effective, *pistis* faith.

So how do you tell someone?

- To get born-again? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.
- To get healed? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.

- To get mercy? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.
- To get prosperous? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.
- To get their soul saved? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.
- To grow in Christ? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.
- To get the wisdom of God? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.
- To handle any situation rightly? Tell them to believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.

[This section from website Articles page: *Raising the Physically Dead*.]

The Mean Time

The **mean time** is the space between when you make your first stand in *aiteo* command, and God manifests the answer. This is the time when the symptoms or death do not change, and you must rely on only God to do it. This is the time when the devil will continually assault you that God will not do it. As the Word of Faith people teach, "Don't say anything that is not pure Scripture. Refute with only Scripture promises and redemption facts, and keep doing it with praises to and about God until the answer comes."

In a military sense, a stand is an active warfare activity. Not of just standing still but going out and attacking the enemy from a position until the enemy is destroyed. This did Ukraine in 2014-2024 - ?, where they made a stand to stop the Russian invasion by active warfare. Or our response against our enemies in World War II. All of these are what making a stand looks like. Making a stand is very active and intense, as are right faith-actions.

So whether it is 5 seconds or 720 hours or more, do not give up your stand (Eph 6:10-20, especially verses 13-14), but *lambano*, hold fast with continual right faith-actions. Not paraphrases, but pure Scripture so you can say, "God says, I *aiteo*'ed in the Name of Jesus, He is doing it; Holy Spirit is working, and I will see His goodness in the land of the living, Ps 27:13-14 where we are commanded to "Wait or entwine on the Lord, be of good

courage” in the face of delay, and evil circumstances, focus on God and His Word, which cannot lie.

The enemy’s goal is to get you to give up by temptations to doubt, or stop doing continual right faith-actions in the Lord. Else you degenerate into doing evil dread actions in glorying and boasting in the enemy, with such statements as, “It must not be the Lord’s will,” or, “I or they must have sinned for God to do this to them,” or “This is taking too much time, God must not be wanting to do this,” and other such faithless statements.

There is no hindrance on God’s part, Eph 1:3-4; 2 Cor 1:19-22. The only hindrance is deception in your mind or the devil actively resisting. Get rid of deception with Bible truth, and get rid of the devil by *aiteo* commands for him to leave and take his works with him. [My website books and articles are all helpful for this truth purging.]

2 Cor 1:24 “Not for that we have dominion over your *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*), but are helpers of your joy: for by *pistis*/faith (*by continual right faith-actions*) ye stand (*upright in warrior attitude*).”

Waiting on the Lord is the active and intense lifestyle of continual right faith-actions of entwining God into your mind BEFORE and UNTIL the answer comes. Ps 27:13 “I had fainted (*given up continual right faith-actions, stopped standing against*), unless I had believed (*by continual right faith-actions*) to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait (*entwine the Lord into your heart, by continual right faith-actions*) on the Lord: be of good courage

(*by continual right faith-action unto the Lord’s zeal and enthusiasm*), and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait (*entwine your heart, cleave to the Lord in continual right faith-actions*), I say, on the Lord.”

Notice in verse 14 as you do continual right faith-actions, God will strengthen your heart so you can stand and win against the enemy.

Fainted means to give up, say, “He is not working,” and, “It or He will not do it, I am dying here, and God is not reliable or dependable.” Your mind will be continually assaulted so your heart does not get strengthened. As you stand in continual right faith-actions you are shaping your heart, re-

newing your mind to be firm and strong in the Lord, unmoveable in the Lord, or without right faith-actions, caving in and making your heart weak and un-reliable in God.

1 John 1:4 "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all." And James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

This is the message that the manifest *zoe* life of God came to say. God is light and has no darkness, He cannot lie and what He says is what He is and will do. Your faith is not in you and your faith, it is to be in God and His faithfulness. There is no shadow of turning in Him. He is not confused, He will do what He said He would do as you do your part in speaking *aiteo* in the Name of Jesus, for Him to perform His covenant promises with determined, focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to work and the devil to go, BEFORE and UNTIL it is done. "Jesus said if we *aiteo* anything in His Name He will do it. Thank You, Lord, I will see it. You, oh Lord cannot lie!" Doing this in continual right faith-actions is cleaving to God continually BEFORE and UNTIL it is done.

Sarah got her ability conceive after 90 years of infertility, by counting God faithful to do what He said in continual right faith-actions: Heb 11:11 "Through *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable."

Abraham grew strong in *pistis* faith, the holy grail of our times, by giving God glory, continual, right faith-actions at every thought it would not or could not work: Rom 4:12 "And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that *pis-*

tis/faith (order their behaviors into the continual right faith-action lifestyle) of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised."

This mountain moving, dead raising, old-people child-conceiving and bearing *pistis* faith has steps as in a walk, not passive inactivity, but the steps of continual right faith-actions. For a reminder of what these are, please review the first pages of this chapter.

Rom 4:13 "For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the *Mosaic* Law but through the righteousness *acts* of *pistis/faith (continual right faith-actions)*. [Gen 17:4-6; 22:16-18." AMP. Notice the actions of *pistis* faith, continual right faith-actions, are the works of righteousness, the nature and habits of thinking and doing like God.

Rom 4:16 "Therefore, [inheriting] the promise is the outcome of *pistis/faith* and depends [entirely] on *pistis/faith (continual right faith-actions)*, in order that it might be given as an act of grace (unmerited favor), to make it stable and valid and guaranteed to all his descendants — not only to the devotees and adherents of the *Mosaic* Law, but also to those who share the *pistis/faith (action lifestyle)* of Abraham, who is [thus] the father of us all." AMP

Notice grace is activated and manifest by the lifestyle of *pistis* faith, the lifestyle of continual right faith-actions. If you want to raise the dead or heal the sick, or any other manifest covenant promise of God, you must walk in the same steps of Abraham to get them, which is the lifestyle of continual right faith-actions. For the sick this may not be so imperative, but for raising the dead it is better for you to move faster than the smell of the dead body(ies).

Rom 4:17 "As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he *pisteuo*/believed, Who gives *zoe*/life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed. [Gen 17:5.] 18 [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in *pistis/faith* that he should become the father of many nations, as he had

been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be. [Gen 15:5.] 19 He did not weaken in *pistis*/faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deadened] womb. [Gen 17:17; 18:11.] 20 No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtingly question *to stop doing continual right faith-actions*) concerning the promise of God, **but he grew strong and was empowered by right faith-actions as he gave praise and glory to God (continual right faith-actions)**, 21 Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised. 22 That is why his *right faith-actions were* credited to him as righteousness (right standing with God, *thinking and doing like God as Jesus would*).” AMP

As did Abraham, the father of our right faith-action lifestyle, or continually seeking the Lord, waiting on the Lord, cleaving to the Lord, and stirring up yourself into the zeal and enthusiasm of the Lord, which are all the *zoe* life-releasing, grace activating, continual lifestyle of right faith-actions. This is how you make and keep your stand in a *pistis* faith-battle **Mean Time** to raise the dead or manifest any other covenant promise of God.

Continual right faith-actions are how you survive, endure, and triumph in the *pistis* faith **Mean Time**. 1 Cor 15:54 “And when this perishable puts on the imperishable (*zoe life that raises the dead*) and this that was capable of dying puts on freedom from death, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up (utterly vanquished forever) in and unto victory (*zoe life that raises the dead*). [Isa 25:8.] 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? [Hos 13:14.] 56 Now sin is the sting of death, and sin exercises its power [upon the soul] through [the abuse of] the Law. 57 But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ (*of dead-raising zoe life*). 58 Therefore, my *agapao*/beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the (*zoe life-releasing, dead raising, grace activating lifestyle of continual right faith-actions unto the zeal and enthusiasm of the Lord*) work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing and being continually

aware that your (*zoe life-releasing, continual right faith-actions unto exhaustion*) labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose].”
AMP

If you want God’s covenant promise manifestations, you must do continual right faith-actions of at least 3-6 hours a day (*due to human biology and biblical examples*), as your lifestyle, and increase them in intense and time-based battles. This is how you thrive and prosper in the Lord’s goodness in the **Mean Time**.

And this right faith-action lifestyle is the only way to please God: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis/faith (continual right faith-actions)* it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] *pisteuo/believe (cleave to God by continual right faith-actions)* that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently (*when it is hard and when it is easy*) seek Him [out] (*in continual right faith-actions*).” AMP

How do you know you got the message that God is light and there is no darkness, shadow, or turning, or lying in Him? By your right faith-action lifestyle. Deut 32:33 “Because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

Num 23:19 “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

You hold yourself, the devil, and God to God’s word by continual right faith-actions to see God do what He said He will do. This is the message of Jesus as shown in 1 John. And this is how Jesus worked the works of God: John 5:17 “But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh hitherto, and I work.”

In answer of how to get the Kingdom of God to work in their lives, Jesus answered: John 6:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work

of God, that ye believe (*continually cleave to God by continual right faith-actions*) on him (*Jesus*) whom he hath sent.”

And to work miracles: Acts 4:8 “Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, 9 if we this day be examined of the good deed done to the impotent man, by what means he is made whole (*infantile paralytic at the Gate Beautiful*); 10 be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. 12 Neither is there *soteria*/salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be *sozo*/saved.”

Acts 3:16 “And his name (*Jesus*) through *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) in his name (*as the Name of the Lord in the Old Testament, including the Psalms*) hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) which is by him (*Jesus*) hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.” By the statement of Peter, the disciples spent much time praising the Name of the Lord as the Name of Jesus in continual right faith-actions.

Unless the results are immediate, the only sign you often see of your prayer effectiveness is the person coming back to life, while you are otherwise ministering to the living sick or casting out demons, or worshipping, where you often may see gradual improvements as you pray/command *zoe* life in the name of Jesus, knowing you have not lived holy enough to direct God in anything, yet you can direct all the power of God in and by the Name of Jesus to relieve any oppression of the devil, including raising the dead, John 14:12-15. These are the steps that activate or release God’s grace into the situation.

Another point, since it takes right faith-actions to please God, and without right faith-actions it is impossible to please Him, **the Mean Time** is when you show God how you love Him by staying in continual right faith-

actions. In fact, continual right faith-actions is the prim mechanism for staying in the spirit. Rom 8:5 "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is *zoe/life and peace (nothing missing, nothing broken, all things working to the abundance of God and the oppressions of the devil removed by right faith-actions)*. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."

The flesh craves and worships the senses, soul feelings; the spirit knows unto joy by the Word of God. Right faith-actions are how you stay in the mind of Holy Spirit, and please God. It must be how Enoch walked with God to be taken by Him without dying. The same for Elijah, without dying.

If you love God, then you want to please Him the way He likes to be pleased. 1 John 5:3 "For this is the *agape/love* of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." This includes the 1,050 New Testament commandments, which include doing continual right faith-actions.

Consider: 1 John 2:4 "Whoever says, I know Him [I perceive, recognize, understand, and am acquainted with Him] but fails to keep and obey His commandments (teachings) is a liar, and the Truth [of the Gospel] is not in him." AMP

The general rule in the spirit is, the one who is more successful than you are, is doing more of the 1,050 New Testament commandments faithfully than you are. God is no respecter of persons. If your version of Christianity does not require you to obey His commandments, then do not expect much in the way of healing the sick, casting out demons, or raising the dead.

God is no respecter of persons. He may pick to get the word to them, but if they do not respond in right faith-actions, He moves on, but leaves the door open if they will ever repent. Acts 10:34 "And Peter opened his

mouth and said: Most certainly and thoroughly I now perceive and understand that God shows no partiality and is no respecter of persons, 35 but in every nation he who venerates and has a reverential fear for God, treating Him with worshipful obedience and living uprightly, is acceptable to Him and sure of being received and welcomed [by Him]. 36 You know the contents of the message which He sent to Israel, announcing the good news (Gospel) of peace (*victory by the Kingdom of God*) by Jesus Christ, Who is Lord of all — 37 The [same] message which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, starting from Galilee after the baptism preached by John — 38 How God anointed and consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength and ability and power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed and oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him (*by the right faith-action lifestyle*). 39 And we are [eye and ear] witnesses of everything that He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem. And [yet] they put Him out of the way (murdered Him) by hanging Him on a tree; 40 But God raised Him to *zoe*/life on the third day and caused Him to be manifest (to be plainly seen), 41 Not by all the people but to us who were chosen (designated) beforehand by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. 42 And He charged us to preach to the people and to bear solemn testimony that He is the God-appointed and God-ordained Judge of the *zao*/living and the dead. 43 To Him all the prophets testify (bear witness) that everyone who *pisteuo*/believes (*by continual right faith-actions*) in Him [who adheres to, trusts in, and relies on Him, giving himself up to Him] receives *aphe-sis*/forgiveness (*purging, obliteration, removal, and putting away*) of sins through His name.” AMP

1 John 2:6 “Whoever says he abides in Him (*Jesus*) ought [as a personal debt] to walk and conduct himself in the same way in which He (*Jesus*) walked and conducted Himself (*in obeying the 1,050 New Testament Commandments in the right faith-action lifestyle*).” AMP. And this includes raising the dead.

The way you thrive in **the Mean Time** is to keep your eye on Jesus with continual right faith-actions unto gladness and joy behaviors.

YOU have the need, you have the promise(s) to fix it, you have the Name of Jesus, you are releasing *zoe* life from the Word of God, you are *aiteo* commanding the end result, you are doing thanksgiving, praise, joy, and affirmations to stand. Keep at it till you win. If you keep at it, Jesus will come as The Righteous Judge to do your *aiteo*.

1 Cor 15:54 “And when this perishable puts on the imperishable (*zoe life that raises the dead*) and this that was capable of dying puts on freedom from death, then shall be fulfilled the Scripture that says, Death is swallowed up (utterly vanquished forever) in and unto victory (*zoe life that raises the dead*). [Isa 25:8; Acts 10:40.] 55 O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? [Hos 13:14.] 56 Now sin is the sting of death, and sin exercises its power [upon the soul] through [the abuse of] the Law. 57 But thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory [making us conquerors] through our Lord Jesus Christ (*of dead-raising zoe life*). 58 Therefore, my *agapao*/beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the (*zoe life-releasing, dead raising, grace activating lifestyle of continual right faith-actions unto the zeal and enthusiasm of the Lord*) work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing and being continually aware that your (*zoe life-releasing, grace activating, continual right faith-actions unto exhaustion*) labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose].” AMP

Pistis Faith Is A Verb In Disguise

Many talk about *pistis* faith and unbelief as separate things. But in reality they are similar. Unbelief is really *pistis* faith in something else other than in what the one who claims to have *pistis* faith. In both cases, *pistis* faith and unbelief are assertions of a set of facts or beliefs, and what will happen in the future, and why. So *pistis* faith is always active in a human, it just depends on who or what that faith is placed.

Concerning the future, there is the expectation of good, which is *pistis* faith. The expectation of evil or misery is dread or evil fear. Both are kinds of belief. For example worriers operate in evil thoughts all day long in frustration and evil fear, rather than attacking their cares with right faith-actions in obedience to Phil 4:4-9. They are exercising evil wrong dread (anti *pistis* faith)-actions all day long in sad enthusiasm and depression. The leading cause of cancer in women is stress, a form of evil fear and dread, and is well supported in popular media and medications.

Pistis Faith is always looking in expectation of good in a future state unto joy. In most situations, there are a range of options for the future that go from very good to very bad. *Pistis* Faith is a process where out of all the options, one is singled out for personal focus and assurance for the more desirable results.

English Confusion: In the strict sense, our English language has some confusion in terms compared to Greek and Hebrew. In English belief is expectations of the future, good or bad. Or we say dread or fear is the expectation of evil, and faith is specifically and exclusively, the expectation of good. Most English Bible translations typically do not distinguish between faith and belief, and treat them the same as faith. Most agree that fear or dread are the expectation of negative things that have not yet happened.

Modern science has proven that we humans prefer to operate in faith or believing all the time, the absolute assurance of unseen things in confident joy that a specific good will come, or happen. We are driven by a desire to receive only good things and to lessen or avoid the negative or evil. One characteristic of humans is that all our planned actions are for what we define as our good or betterment. When hope or the expectation of good is lost, we call that dismay, depression, or despair.

Most operate in natural faith when we get married, or go to the store. Most of our actions are designed to produce a coming good, or to avoid, mitigate, or eliminate a potential evil, with the result of an acceptable, good, or better condition.

***Pistis* Faith is about seeing the unseen to make it a reality.** This is the power of using our imagination. 2 Cor 4:18 “While we look not at the things which are seen,

but at the things which are not seen [*yet of our considerations in the promises of God*]; for the things which are seen are temporal [*and usually in conflict with the promises of God*]; but the things which are not seen [*yet of the promises of God*] are eternal [*of the Word of God*].”

Pistis faith talks about tomorrow in thanksgiving and joy, as if it happened yesterday.

Every building started with an unseen vision, translated to plans that described that vision, and then finished according to the plans and blueprints of the vision. We work at jobs expecting in faith to get paid every two weeks. We usually work before we get paid, but in faith that we will be paid. Farmers work fields and plant seeds in faith that the crops will grow to a good harvest. A wife prepares food in faith that her family will like it and it is good for them. All these are everyday actions of natural faith.

The issue is not the lack or presence of faith; for humans, we are always in faith. We always perceive we are aiming for good or better in our lives. The issue is who or what is our confidence in. Is it confidence in God by His word, or confidence in someone else’s word? Unbelief in God, or mental assent, is not the absence of faith, but rather faith in something other than God by His Word. Unbelief includes rejecting another’s set of assertions of the future or unseen activity.

The Greek words translated as faith and believe are a noun-verb pair. The noun is faith or belief, *pistis*. The cognate verb, believe, is *pisteuo*. To have faith is to be believing in something for a good result. Within the meaning of the word as a verb, it means you are at present doing something to exercise that belief.

Pistis Faith has as its root, to “obey a word,” or to be “bound by a word,” or “to operate within a word.” And by that meaning you will have to continue to obey in the face of lots of other words or circumstances. To obey one word means you will have to disobey one or more other alternate or conflicting words, pressures, opinions, or options.

Disguise: *Pistis* Faith with the root in obedience means that while it is a noun, it is a verb masquerading as a noun. Obedience means works, so to obey in *pistis* faith means the works of obedience to something. *Pistis* is a word describing as set of actions or obedience. While used as noun, it really means actions, right faith-actions.

To be in *pistis* faith is to be in a set of actions. .No actions means no *pistis* faith. A better translation is faithfulness, but most Bibles use faith. To make the difference we call it *pistis* faith or right faith or Bible faith.

Bible Faith is always about an assurance, a confidence in the future based on God fulfilling His promises, and you knowing you have done and are doing your part. Confidence is also in the future. Confidence is strength in what will rule in the future expressed or demonstrated before it happens.

Confidence comes knowing what you (or someone else) is doing, and will continue doing, the right things to get the right results. Faith and all its synonyms are built over time, usually at least over 90 days of 3-6 hours per day of positive supporting actions. To have confidence in God means you express assurance that good is coming from God BEFORE and UNTIL it comes.

The voice of unbelief says, “I’ll have it, when I have it.” The Bible boldly declares, 1 Peter 2:24 “...by His stripes we were healed.” So saying, “God will heal me,” is the first sign of unbelief. Saying “I have it and I will walk in it as sure as an order from a mail order house is coming,” and confirmed by gladness and joy behaviors.

The voice of *pistis* faith says, “God has already given it by His promises. It is mine and I will walk in it now! The problem is not God, but the devil. God has told me to get rid of the devil and the promise will become. I do my part with right faith-actions until it is done.” 1 Tim 6:11 “But thou, O man (*or woman*) of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, *pistis*/faith, *agape*/love, patience (*steady consistency in right faith-actions*), meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of *pistis*/faith, lay hold on eternal *zoe*/life, whereunto thou art also called...”

Right *pistis* faith is an automatic battle against unbelief. *Pistis* faith is active. This activity is called right faith-actions unto joy behaviors, else you are in unbelief. Any middle ground is unbelief.

Righteousness: God, 2000 years ago, spent Jesus to obtain our healing unto walking like Jesus, spirit, soul, and body. This is what Holy Spirit means when He says: 2 Cor 5:21 “For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (*Jesus*).” Physical healing is only a small part of this God-level righteousness.

Jesus is the definition of the righteousness of God. If you are made the righteous of God in Jesus, you are made just like Jesus as He is now. This starts in your spirit in the new-birth, and then you manifest it in this life by right faith-actions.

The only acceptable level of righteousness before God is for every human to be and operate in heart, desire, love, mind, and power just like Jesus always. This is included in the gift of salvation, and why He says: 1 Cor 1:30 “But of him (*Father God*) are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.” All of these depend on Jesus, not you, and you have them by grace. And receive them by right faith-actions.

And again: 1 Peter 2:24 “(*Jesus*), who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being (*therefore being made*) dead to sins, should *zao*/live unto righteousness (*just like Jesus in spirit, soul, and body*): by whose stripes ye were

healed (*to the level of Jesus as He is now*).” These are redemption facts. They are yours now. You activate or receive them by *pistis* right faith-actions.

This is part of the promises of God in Jesus you can operate like Jesus in this Earth through right faith-actions. You can have any of this you choose to enter the fight of *pistis* faith to win. It is up to you, not God. He will help, but you must do the right faith-actions unto joy behaviors.

By the new-birth, **in the sight of God** you are just like Jesus: Col 1:21 “And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 in the body of his (*Jesus*’) flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable **in his sight (*right now*)**.” These are redemption facts.

Therefore, with this level of reconciliation, God can never be your enemy, and only your best friend! Phil 2:12 “Wherefore, my *agape*/beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling. 13 For it is **God which worketh** in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” It is our job to work to manifest the benefits of salvation.

And: Heb 13:6 “So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper...” Notice, God helps as you do ... right faith-actions. Helpers help the worker, not the other way around.

Pressing in: Hear God’s triumphant shout for us to press on for the prize of God, your inheritance in Christ: Rom 8:29 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image (*exact duplicate*) of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified (*made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus unto zoe life in Jesus*): and whom he justified, them he also glorified (*with indwelling Holy Spirit*). 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things (*of Jesus*)? 33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? It is God that justifieth. 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the *agape*/love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?”

Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and **the violent take it by force.**”

Luke 16:16 “The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and **every man presseth into it.**”

This is why the real you, the born-again-like-Jesus you, wants to always bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. As Kenneth Hagin said, “You cannot control the birds that fly overhead, but you can control those who make their nest in you.” Diligent right faith-actions are part of this process of keeping your mind clean, and removing evil “birds” of doubt, evil fear, and unbelief.

The Voice of *Pistis* Faith: The voice of *pistis* faith in God is thanksgiving. It says, “I have it now, it is coming to me (immediately now or in the future) and I will possess it, because God cannot lie and I have done, and am doing, the continual, daily, right faith-actions to bring it to pass. My right faith-actions keep God in motion to make it happen. I give thanks for it now, because I do have it by contract, Jesus got it for me, and I will possess it in the flesh.”

And for healing, “I am healed and I will walk in it. Thank You, God. Thank You, Lord Jesus, by your stripes I was healed and I will walk in it. Now, in the name of Jesus, devil go, body be whole, mind be right, life of God, make it so. Amen and so be it! Thank You, Father! YAHOO! YAHOO! YAHOO! Jesus is king! YAHOO!”

We see this when the disciples asked Jesus how He got answers from God:

Mark 11:22 “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have *pistis*/faith in God (*or operate constantly in pistis faith like God does*) [*and like I do*]. 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall *pisteuo*/believe (*commit to and maintain right faith-actions over that word*) that those things which he saith shall come to pass (*is happening now*); he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye *aiteo*/desire (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise*), when ye pray, *pisteuo*/believe (*maintain right faith-actions*) that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” What makes it happen is the force of continual right faith-actions. The force is *zoe* life released as you work the Word of God by right faith-actions.

You take the *logos* word of God and do it, work it, to convert it to *zoe* life-releasing *rhema* words.

Here Jesus once again states that faith that gets answers from God includes *aiteo* prayer and not just supplications. If your statement, “Just ask God,” includes *aiteo*, then you are obeying Jesus. If it includes begging God, you are denying Jesus in unbelief.

***Pistis* Faith Strength:** The strength of faith is measured by how long you hold onto your confidence, by doing continual right faith-actions against pressures that contradict or deny your faith assertions. The longer you hold into *pistis* faith with continued right faith-actions, against great negative pressures, internal fears, external impossibilities, delay, mockery, and scorn, is defined as strength, patience, courage, con-

fidence, assurance, certainty, or endurance unto joy behaviors of righteous *pistis* faith in God.

Faith will be tested with circumstances that make it appear the promise of God cannot happen (James 1; 1 Peter 1:21-2:2). Bible faith is to hold on with right faith-actions one second longer than needed. By doing right faith-actions you are proclaiming and affirming it will happen by God, as you do the right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL it comes. And by the right faith-actions in gladness, you are strengthening your heart to trust God even more.

We see part of the process in Mark 11:23 “...and shall not doubt (*stop doing right faith-actions*) in his heart, but shall *pisteuo*/believe (*commit to and maintain right faith-actions over that word*) that those things which he saith shall come to pass (*is happening now*)...”

Notice the conflict is between doubting and believing. Doubting torments, confuses, and slows you down, and tempts you from doing right faith-actions. Doubt means to sort, delay, or sift for more information, as it will not commit to right faith-actions now. Believing means you are doing right faith-actions now. The evidence of your right faith-actions will tell which is winning.

Most who minister divine healing in power will tell you that for every one they minister to, individually, in a healing line or in a group, for each ministry action they are bombarded with thoughts like, “How can I do this?” “Who am I?” Will God hear me?”

“This is too great, how can I believe God? Etc.” They repeat truth and minister anyway. So right faith-actions do these things:

- Keep constant spiritual pressure of *zoe* life to release the answer.
- Keep renewing and strengthening your mind into God and redemption facts.

And the process of coming to *pistis* faith is one of persuasion and keeping a firm decision to commit and support that word, or one you are having faith in. This is based on supporting facts, the consequences of following or obeying other “facts,” and the integrity you assign and maintain to the one giving the “word” you are obeying by having *pistis* faith in.

Such obedience to a word can be as easy as sitting down on a chair, going down a sliding board in a park, or as hard as holding onto a life preserver when cast overboard in the midst of a stormy sea at night.

Faith says, “I have enough to commit to continued right faith-actions.” Doubt says,
“There is still more I need to learn, see, hear, understand, or make a decision on.”

Doubt or unbelief is to delay or stop doing right faith-actions. It is to consider there is another word greater than the word of God concerning the situation. God says you are able; doubt says you are not. Doubt or unbelief delays making the decision to commit to the boldness, work, and labor of right faith-actions (*as if your time was so precious as to not “waste” it on obedience to God*), and instead does not do any right faith-actions.

Faith says, “I don’t care about the resistance in my own mind or in the circumstances of the situation, I am going to do right faith-actions UNTIL my emotions line up, and if they do not, I will still keep at the right faith-actions fight UNTIL victory.”

The fight of *pistis* faith means if you do not keep in right faith-actions, you let the devil win by default. In biblical terms, you die in the desert of a lack of right faith-actions. Start with, “Maybe it will work, I’ll do some,” or “I obey God so I will do them.”

And when pressure comes to challenge the word to have faith in, doubt, evil fear, and unbelief assert that “more needs to be known, the evidence is not great enough and I will stop doing right faith-actions, or there is one greater,” if they were ever started. Doubt says, “That is nice, or good for you, but I have a different way, and more important things to do right now.” Since *pistis* faith has evidence, usually in body actions, sounds, and words that others can see and hear, doubt delays, never starts or stops doing right faith-actions.

Pistis faith is talking about good things that are not yet, but will be in the future, as if they were. Faith declares the end from the beginning and stays in right faith-actions until it gets what it is going after. It will not be denied.

So to have *pistis* faith, or be “believing” you are in expectation that something good will happen, or become as you already have it. The actions of faith include happiness, gladness, and joy. These are all good and pleasant.

And faith in God has confidence in the unseen, and without specific proof other than the Scriptures; thus to have *pistis* faith means to count God’s promises as a real statement or promise, or a “word.” Bible faith counts that God by His word can change for good the present negative or conflicting situations by your *zoe* life-releasing, right faith-actions.

On the other side, *pistis* faith asserts that the devil behind that situation will bow, it and all its works will go, and Jesus will defeat it through your steadfast right faith-actions. Do not be like Job and accuse God, rather fight the devil with the name and word of Jesus. (*as a word, Jesus means God’s salvation is now, or salvation be now!*)

So you choose to obey a “word,” of God, to count on as coming true by continued right faith-actions. Thus with *pistis* faith, the unseen becomes a reality. With *pistis* faith in God we are counting on God to make the unseen of His promises a reality

over the current negative circumstances, which are usually very real, terrifying, impregnable, and may be already existing. Or you can have *anti-pistis* belief-actions for a coming or threatened dread or fear BEFORE either the fear or the dread is manifest yet.

In unbelief you are counting on something else to make it happen, or you are in depression that your fears will come true, and you are without God as your Helper.

***Pistis* Faith has two main types.**

- One type of faith is you are waiting on another, and your patience is active, or you are “doing” patience, while you wait for the other to do something, or not do something, to produce the answer. Your job is to stay or be in the place where the answer is to come.
- The other kind of faith is that what you are doing in faith will cause or help it to happen. In this kind of faith, you are a participant in the process, and you may also have to exercise patience, by consistent right faith-actions, while you keep doing what you can until it is done. Your job is to keep doing your part until the answer comes. We call this *your-action pistis* faith.
 - This includes David fighting wars, Noah building the Ark, Jesus healing the sick and rising from the dead, and the listing in Heb 11.

The issue here is that if what you need or desire is a *your-action* faith target, if you do not go after it by *pisteuo* believing actions to harvest, you will not get it. This includes many of the prophecies and promises in the Bible, and almost all adult human activity, in or outside the Bible. Almost every action of man is governed by faith or beliefs. And without the proper exercise of faith in and by God, we make our loving God helpless.

Even for Israel to return from the Babylonian captivity took Daniel to exercise right faith-actions to get the return. Daniel saw it in the books, and got busy, Daniel 9. Here a human activated the promise of God for a nation. It only took one man to drive a mighty empire by continual right faith actions.

How did Daniel learn how to do this? He and his friends survived the Babylonian attack by: Hab 2:4 “... but the just shall *chay-zao* live by his faith (*faithfulness in continually seeking the Lord*).” They obeyed the commands to seek the Lord continually or die in the coming attack.

The Jewish population went from some 3 million to about 50,000 who did obey this word. This is a 1.7% survival rate, or of the entire population, those who obeyed this command from the God by the prophet Habakkuk, on how to get salvation in the coming disaster. Of course, the most famous of these survivors were Daniel, Dan 3:13 “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,” the victors over the fiery furnace.

How did those three men learn to stand in God against an emperor and his fiery furnace? Continual right faith-actions of seeking the Lord continually, faithfully, every day.

How did Daniel stand in God against an emperor, evil sorcerers, and the lions in the lion's den? Continual right faith-actions of seeking the Lord continually, faithfully, every day, including praying three times every day with shouts of joy other could hear.

How will you learn to stand against the trials and temptations of your life, even raising the dead to victory in Jesus? Continual right faith-actions of seeking the Lord continually, faithfully, every day. This is, and has always been, God's way to make your way prosperous in this life, and to have good success against impossible challenges, Josh 1:5-9.

Those of Daniel's day had all the Psalms available to them and knew Ps 105 to seek the Lord continually or faithfully every day. We see Daniel prayed three times a day, and he was so loud in thanksgiving, praise, joy, *dabar* commands, and affirmations that his enemies could hear him through his (open) windows.

When needing an interpretation of a message to the king or be slain: Dan 2:16 "Then Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would give him time, and that he would shew the king the interpretation. 17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: 18 that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon." Daniel got the answer from God.

Daniel's enemies got a law passed prohibiting prayer to other gods. Dan 6:10 "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime."

Biblical thanksgiving is exuberant and joyous. This is how Daniel prayed and sought the Lord. Of course this got him into the lion's den. Doing continual right faith-actions in continually seeking the Lord will not prevent problems, but you will be able to overcome them to the glory of God. This is where you develop *pistis* faith confidence in God.

Therefore Holy Spirit commands: Eph 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (*continually being*) filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things (*of redemption*) unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God."

Unless you use your cell phone to listen to the Scriptures and sing along to Scripture memory songs all day, you will have to severely ration your entertainment and amusement times so you can keep good thoughts of God in your mind continually.

Salvation: Concerning our salvation in Jesus, God proclaims this same verse again as still the path to salvation benefits. Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that *pisteuo*/believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith-actions.”

And in expanded form: Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed (*disappointed, shamed, evil fear, terrorized*) of the gospel of Christ: for it is the *dunamis/miracle* power of God unto *soteria/salvation* (*Heaven coming to Earth in blessing with nothing missing or broken, all things working well to the super-abundance of God, with you destroying all enemies so they are scattered seven ways*) to every one that *pisteuo*/believeth (*by the lifestyle of continually doing right faith-actions unto joy behaviors*); to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from *pistis*/faith to *pistis*/faith: as it is written, The just (*those made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus by the new-birth*) shall *zoe*/live (*in miracle power demonstration and salvation*) by *pistis*/faith (*faithfulness in living the continual right faith-action lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord*).”

This is the clearest description commanded by God to mankind of the salvation made in Jesus and defines the kind of life we are to then live to His glory. And a key element of it is to walk in the lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord. Something I was never taught. In my Christian life I do not recall even one preacher or teacher ever telling us this. And if they did, they did not tell us how to do it. How do you seek the Lord? We will get to that in the next chapter, after we develop some more foundational material so you can do it rightly.

As is stated in Rom 1:15-16, what you receive of God’s salvation on Earth is up to you, not God. You are in control of your destiny, not God. He makes the provision but you have to live the lifestyle He requires. A survival rate of 1.7% to a people who under the threat of imminent death, you would think they would have grabbed on in a moment’s notice, yet did not. So why are you different? Not in your assertions, but in your actual lifestyle change, measured in multi-hours per day, every day.

Here is a Scripture describing this *your-action* kind of faith: Heb 11:3 “Through *pistis*/faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.” Words are things that cannot be seen; at best, all you can see is the breath, as in a cold morning, but you cannot see the words that were spoken. But speaking words is a “work,” something that you do.

And another case of *your-action* faith is where Moses played a key part in the process of making it happen: Heb 11:29 “By *pistis*/faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were drowned.” Here Moses had to hold his rod and his hand as he commanded the sea to part, and then to close again (Ex 14:26-28).

In general, with God, we are working with this second kind of faith, the *your-action* kind of faith, where you are involved in the process that allows God to make it a reality on the Earth (Phil 4:4-9). This means what you do counts; that is, helps, produces, or hinders the answer. And this includes Holy Communion.

The other kind of faith, they will do it for me, leaves you out of the driver’s seat, and now you should be having faith that they get it done for you. This leaves you a spiritual hitch-hiker in most issues of life, and at the mercy of other’s compassion. If you are comfortable trusting your future to those who do not necessarily care for you, go ahead. Me, I have a family and I am responsible to God for them, so I do right faith-actions in continually seeking the Lord for me and my house/family.

Here is an example of waiting faith: James 5:14 “Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: 15 and the prayer of *pistis*/faith shall *sozo*/save (*heal*) the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

Now this is OK, if in your church the elders typically raise the dead and get the sick healed, otherwise the ball is in your court, not theirs.

When Jesus was here in the flesh, you could go to Him. Now He has you as His present agent, Ambassador. You are a member of His body. If you are here, He is there in you for you to release Him. Jesus is inside you by Holy Spirit. Your missing may be a renewed mind.

The reality is, at some point, you have to decide you will do what no one else can love and want as much as you do. This is a case of where you will have to spend the time and effort. You already have Holy Spirit, *zoe* life, and the Scriptures. Books like this one can help, but you need to decide to engage in the battle and make it a *your-action*, *pistis* faith-action battle.

Notice this is a command and not a suggestion: 1 Tim 6:12 “Fight (*contend with great effort, to endeavor with strenuous zeal in a long contest or battle against all hindrances*) the good fight of *pistis*/faith, *lambano*/lay hold on eternal *zoe*/life (*by continual right faith-actions*), whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

How do you *lambano* receive *zoe* life? Here is one way, “As I *aiteo* that promise, *zoe* life is going in and making it happen. Holy Spirit is in me to do it and He is work-

ing, I will see this goodness in the land of the living. YAHOO! *Zoe* life, Work! Do your goodness. YAHOO! Thank You, Lord Jesus, thank YOU! YAHOO!”

Running *Pistis* Faith: This faith-believe noun-verb pair is just like the word pair, run and running. If you are going to run, then that means you are going to move your legs faster than walking. If you are a runner, you are one who regularly runs. If you are going to take a run, you are going to go and move your legs faster than walking.

If you are a runner, even if you cannot go to a track, you will run “in place,” because runners run. And if you are a runner, you have a specific schedule of times and distances that you run. And when you run, you do the actions of moving your legs faster than walking. So the word run is defined by action, even when used as a noun. “I am going on a run,” means I am going into action. “I am running,” means I am in action.

In a similar way, *pisteuo* believe has actions that define it. The actions of *pistis* faith include exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, glory, shouts, affirmations, confessions, proclamations, blessing, and *aiteo* commands, demands, requests and expectations. These are some of the actions or elements of *pistis* faith. So if you call yourself a believer, one who has faith, that means you have times and schedules where you do the *pistis* right faith-actions. By the definition of *aman* and *pisteuo*, that is daily, non-stop, or in multiple events.

In the King James Version of the Old Testament, the English word “faith” is found only twice, and in both cases it should have been translated as “faithfulness.” Faithfulness means reliable to do some action or actions. It is a characteristic of action. Faithfulness is steady and consistent; it is not intermittent, on, off, on, off, unsteady.

All Hebrew words are mostly verbs. Faith is a noun and there are no nouns in ancient Hebrew; every word is a verb. Translators convert these verb words to nouns to fit our language. Since faith is a noun, you would not expect to see it in the Old Testament. But we do see many times in the Old Testament, the word “believe,” which is a verb.

As a reminder, the Old Testament word most often translated as “believe” is *aman*, which is a verb, and means to build up or support, to continually nurse as a parent, to continually build up to remain steadfast and permanent, to adhere to and not let go. It means continual action to keep in mind and not let other ideas or doubts challenge or weaken it. It means continual action, like caring for a baby, to keep it strong and healthy.

Another meaning for *aman* is to act like a ground that holds a tent peg so strongly that the tent peg will break before the ground lets it go. Since the ground holds the peg

all the time, this stresses the constant pressure of holding or adhering. This is non-stop holding, or non-stop believing. If the ground relaxes for a moment, the peg comes out.

Non-Stop *Pistis* Faith: *Aman* means continuous right faith-actions to nurse the thing or one believed against all opposition with continual *zoe* life-releasing, right faith-actions. One who is believing, *aman*, is daily, very active keeping the things believed alive in their minds against doubts and evil fear with repetitive right faith-actions. The more the pressure to pull the peg out, the greater the adherence by right faith-actions to keep it in.

How do you “hold onto” or “stand on,” or “believe-*aman*,” a word of God? This means you think that word, speak and sing that word, and do actions supporting that word on a continual basis. You keep that word, “always before you,” means you memorize it, sing it, meditate with muttering on it, make affirmations and confessions of it, print and post it all around you, tell others about the expected good, and study it. These are all right faith-actions. You do them to the level of “always.”

As a noun, belief or *pistis* faith means to be in a state of continual right faith-actions. Or faithfulness means to be in a continual state of doing right faith-actions to both seek God and to release Him to manifest on the Earth in a consistent manner. To be faithful means to be doing this all the time. Faithfulness means this is your born-again nature of Christ in you, coming out, and you do your nature of right faith-actions all the time. Not only do you do the right faith-actions, but God can count on you to:

- a) Always be doing right faith-actions, and
- b) When Holy Spirit calls upon you, He can count on you to immediately launch into a *pistis* faith battle with right faith-actions UNTIL victory.

We see this in Daniel 6:10, who made a regular practice of prayer three times a day, and then went into fasting and prayer to get understanding, i.e., seeking the Lord (Daniel 10).

In the Bible the words “continual,” “always,” and “diligent,” range from continuous, non-stop right faith-actions, to a regular schedule of daily events, and then as you have time, i.e., as occasion serves. As to a schedule of regular events, these could be every hour, or some variation of 2-15 times throughout the day. This is how Jesus, and every devout Jew of His day, did it to both seek the Lord, and to work answers to prayer.

I am of the opinion that our *zoe* life-releasing, right faith-actions with the Word of God makes a path that God can inhabit against the devil’s world system.

So yes, a devout Jew such as Jesus has the regular discipline of spiritual disciplines, and then continued right faith-actions as opportunities arose through the day.

Doubt: Doubt or unbelief means to choose not to decide to commit your entire being, but to hold back for further consideration, i.e. to delay faith commitment and/or stop doing supportive right faith-actions, or just refuse to think about it. Doubt means, not the temptation to stop right faith-actions, but actually stopping the right faith-actions, or never starting them.

The temptation to stop come often as you do right faith-actions. Why? Because every command of God is a judgement against the devils oppressing us. It is how we execute the judgment written. Ps 103:6. We are HIs agent to execute the judgments of God against the devil, Luke 10:18. Deut 32:4 “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment (*against our enemies*): a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.” See also Ps 97:2.

Real Bible *pistis* faith is not a static state of bliss, but continual action as described this way:

Heb 11:1 “Now *pistis*/faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” The action is the evidence of *pistis* faith. Faith is the invisible substance, power and law that produce the currently invisible things hoped for. And hope means the joyful expectation of coming good. Bible faith in God always produces the results of God.

Hope is very similar to faith, in that it is the joyful expectation of coming good. Hope is general; faith is specific. But in both cases, hope is a key part of it, the joyful expectation of coming good, general or specific. And if hope is involved, so are joy behaviors.

The evidence of faith is your joy in the coming good as demonstrated by the actions of faith. Or as has been said, “The power language of Bible faith is thanksgiving, praise, and joy over the answer from the Word of God, BEFORE and UNTIL it comes.” No faith-action, no evidence, means no faith.

It is like your joy behaviors (along with the other right faith-actions) is the invisible gasoline or fuel of faith, produced by your visible right faith-actions. It is action in the flesh that become spiritual energy or power, to make or force the word of God to manifest.

The Problem of Joy: Thus by the definition of Bible faith in Heb 11:1, joy in the expected good, is part of Bible faith. But therein lays a problem for our modern age and Christian practice.

The word joy has a much broader range of meanings in our modern world than in ancient Hebrew or Greek. When the Bible writers talk about joy, it does not have the same meaning we have now. Today we use joy for a slight good feeling all the way to jumping and shouting for joy.

The Bible words for joy in both the Old and New Testament mean an explosion of external human behavior of smiling, grinning, shouting, yelling, screaming, laughing, jumping, arm raising and waving, dancing, prancing, clapping, crying, singing, etc. And these actions are readily visible to others.

Pistis Faith Joy: Many do acts of joy very well. What they do not seem to do as well is to believe that as they do the acts of joy, the *zoe* life of God is released to do miracles, at wherever they aim it. Otherwise they would see a lot more prayer answers from their joy.

You do not look for the effectiveness of faith after you do it, you measure it as you do it. You may not see visible progress, but you know *zoe* life has gone in to your ministry target, God is moving, and you will see it because you already have it. Why? Because God cannot lie. Faith has it before you see it. Faith has it, or builds it, or frames it, as you do the right faith-actions.

2 Cor 4:17 “For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” These “things” are the manifest word of God. And specifically, as Jesus explained how He worked a non-instant miracle: Mark

11:22 “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith (*constantly*) in God (*operate the God-kind of faith constantly like I do*). 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall *pisteuo/believe (with right faith-actions)* that those things which he saith shall come to pass (*is happening now*); he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye *aiteo/desire (command, require, and expect as due by covenant promise of God)*, when ye pray, *pisteuo/believe (with right faith-actions)* that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

The emotions of joy, the bubbling and exciting feelings of joy, cannot be felt by the observer. They are felt by the one in joy. The Bible never commands us to feel joy; it says to do joy.

In the Bible, we are commanded some 1500 times to give thanks, praise, rejoice and fear not, yet not once does it say to feel them first. The feelings may come. And if they do not come after a couple of hours of joy behaviors, you can know you have offense in your heart somewhere. The Bible expectation is always in joy behaviors by obedience, not feelings.

No Quiet Joy: Jesus said we must become as little children. Matt 18:3 “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted (*turn around, from idols to serve the living God gladly*), and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom

of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.”

One of the features of children is that if they see, hear or taste something they like, they burst into joy. They laugh, smile, clap, shout and dance. You do the same at any good thing you read in the Bible. Take a few moments to smile widely, shout and clap your hands. Act like a child. This is making the good news of God good to you with a little taste of joy. Even little babies clap their hands to see you imitate them unto joy.

In Bible joy there is no room for the concept of quiet or silent joy. Bible joy is action. And that makes a big difference in terms of *pistis* faith results.

In Greek, the word for gladness, *agalliao* (Strong’s NT:21), means to exult, rejoice greatly, to leap around, much jumping. There is nothing quiet about biblical gladness.

In Hebrew, one word for joy is *gil* (Strong’s OT 1523). It has as the root verb to jump and spin in circles, or spin around in strong emotion. Thus dancing, singing, and playing musical instruments are part of joy. It means excited to actions of happiness, gladness, and joy, and can lead to extreme good feelings. It includes dancing as well as a celebration meal or event. It is the opposite of still and quiet, and well beyond quiet contentment.

Wheelchair: We can pray for good weather and carry an umbrella, but pray for healing and many freeze right up. I love telling this story. Bill Johnson tells of a mother and her 2 year old child. In their home the little girl had seen many miracle healings as her parents ministered. As the mother and child walked into a department store, the little girl saw a woman in a wheel chair at another door.

The little girl asked her mommy, “Will Jesus heal that woman in the wheelchair? She looks so sad.” Her mother said, “Yes, of course He can.” Before the mother could stop her, the little girl waddled over to the woman. The mother caught up just in time to agree as the girl said, “In the name of Jesus, be healed.” In a few moments the woman got up out of the wheelchair fully healed.

I love telling this story as a check on religious pride. This little girl is not unusual. She only had the theology that Jesus is alive, can hear, and heals, and she moved forward in the compassion of the Lord, confident that Jesus would heal the woman as she had seen her parents do before. This is the kind of child-like faith I think Jesus was talking about. But that girl had no Scripture training or seminary degree.

I love to tell this story so that when I am tempted to think I cannot release God because I don’t know enough Scripture, have not prayed enough, or even made great mistakes. Here is a little girl full of failure. She did not speak too well, fell often, and made a mess when she ate, could not even wipe her own bottom, yet she could call on

God in confident faith learned from loving parents. Then I tell myself, or hear Holy Spirit say, “Now shut up, and go minister like she did, decide to be assured Jesus will do it!”

Mixing Concrete: One aspect of faith is like mixing concrete with your feet. As you dance around and mix the concrete, whether you enjoy it or not, or do it perfectly, the ingredients are being mixed. You could hate every step, mutter and complain, but as long as you do not stop, the mixing occurs.

As long as you stay in the gym, and move some weights, strength is being built. This is how *pistis* faith works, you know you are releasing *zoe* life because you are doing right faith-actions, not because you like them, feel them, or even see them. You are doing what God said, the blessing is there. You are working in “faith works,” and God is now moving. Why? Because you created a *pistis* faith-path by obedience that God can inhabit.

Another Hebrew word translated as joy or rejoice is *simchach* (Strong’s OT 8057), and means exceeding joy, rejoicing, continued actions of joy, and recalling the situations that caused the first joy, and doing this again and again. The Greek words for joy mean the same as the Hebrews words. Rejoice means to do the joy actions over the same set of facts, over and over. Rejoicing is repeating the joy actions with the same thoughts that inspired the first joy action. You are to recall the details to stir you again into joy.

And from Vine’s Expository Dictionary: This emotion of joy arises with right thinking at festivals, circumcision feasts, wedding feasts, harvest feasts, the overthrow of one’s enemies, and other such events. For example, the men of Jabesh broke out joyously when they were told that they would be delivered from the Philistines (1 Sam 11:9).

While modern Christian practice allows for “silent joy” with calmness in your heart, the meanings of the Hebrew and Greek Bible words do not. This is quite the opposite of Oriental religion’s meditation with its static poses and misapplication of the Bible word “to be still.” In the Bible, seeking strength, stress relief, and heart cleansing is found in joy in the Lord with the Scriptures, and not sitting with an empty mind.

For example: Ps 40:16 “Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually (*on a regular schedule and as occasion serves*), The Lord be magnified.”

Ps 35:27 “Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually (*on a regular schedule and as occasion serves*), Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant. 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy **praise all the day long.**”

Ps 47:1 “O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.” YAHOO!

Perhaps the best way to state it is that, if there are no immediate events that rouse you to joy, first get still and ponder or sing of the greatness of God, and the great works and promises of God in the Scriptures, UNTIL you can apply Him to your situation(s). Recite and sing the Scriptures with vigor and thanksgiving that the impossible goodness of God is possible for you and yours. Recall your past success in God, if you have any. Notice this is summarized in Ps 40:16 and Ps 35:27-28 above.

And of course, the great works of God are found throughout the New Testament. From the healings of Jesus and the disciples, or the great praises of the work of Jesus in Isaiah 53, Ephesians, Colossians, Romans, Galatians and Hebrews.

Kingdom Work: Kingdom joy means that as you do joy behaviors, you release or enforce the Kingdom of God on your faith targets.

The kind of force God is talking about is spiritual force, physical thoughts, words, and actions done in obedience to the Scriptures, which, as you do them, you know *zoe* life is moving: Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Joy is physically active; it requires force to do it. Yet God says it is how the Kingdom works. Rom 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink [*not in you getting the things you want and like; worldly desires*]; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. 18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.” Thanksgiving, praise, and joy actions are serving, worshiping the Lord! Do them directly to Him, don’t focus on any music; focus on Him and why He is worthy.

Kingdom Righteousness: Notice we are to “do” these things. Basic righteousness starts with knowing what Jesus did for you and walking in it. Doing righteousness means to walk in the reality of who you are in Jesus, and obey: Rom 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

Heb 2:9 “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.” By grace Jesus tasted and paid for every form of death it is possible of a human to ever have so we can be healed, spirit, soul, and body when He was raised from the dead. Every oppression of the devil was fully healed so we do not have to bear them ever. We celebrate and enforce this work with *aiteo* in right faith-actions.

Eph 4:23 “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” You are giv-

en this by grace in Jesus. It is yours even though you did not earn or merit it. You put Jesus on as you, in spite of your current sin, failures, doubts, and evil fears. You proclaim this truth to release *zoe* life, which swallows up death in any form. This is how God sees you!

And that when you discover you are in sin, you obey: Rom 6:11 “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but *zao*/alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.” In spite of your sin you have *zoe* life to the measure of Jesus.

You are fully complete in Him. This is why the devil spends so much time focusing on your failures so you stay sin consciousness, yet you are made by grace the righteousness of God in Jesus, and therefor the devil’s worst nightmare when you rise up in the dominion of Jesus. And God has no wrath toward you, it all fell on Jesus for you!

This means to call your sin a work of the old, carnal man who is dead; God does not consider it as the real you, and you then celebrate God by obeying Rom 13:14, as above. Do ten seconds of calling your sin dead in Jesus, and 10 minutes is praising God you are already forgiven and healed in Jesus, and then go do what Jesus would do right then. Be who you now are as Jesus would.

This is how you focus on the new-birth reality: 2 Cor 5:21 “For he (*Father God*) hath made him (*Jesus*) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (*Jesus*).” This is the reality of Christ in you the hope of glory, and that you are connected to and in God forever. And as you do these right faith-actions, you will sin less, and do more like Jesus with Jesus-like results.

For more on this we suggest you look at any of the Covenant Peace Power Trilogy books. They all major on aspects of the facts of our redemption in Jesus, and how to walk in them.

Kingdom Peace: God’s peace is not the equivalent of drinking one bottle of bourbon, or taking a double dose of anti-depression drugs, where you no longer care, or getting lost in romance, action, or mystery movies, but the evil situations remain the same.

God’s peace means: nothing missing, nothing broken, everything producing to the abundance of God, when enemies rise against you, you destroy them seven ways, and you keep doing the right things of right faith-actions that manifest the Kingdom continually. You do this for yourself, and wherever and whoever you see the oppressions of the devil working.

This is the kind of peace Jesus walked in: Acts 10:36 “The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching (*proclaiming and demonstrating*) peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John

preached; 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about (*in random walking*) doing good, and healing all that were oppressed (*under the lordship, rulership and control*) of the devil; for God was with him.”

Rom 16:20 “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (*like shattered glass*). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you [*to know, be and do this as Jesus did.*]. Amen.”

The God of Peace here is a warrior, just like Jesus in Acts 10:38 where the Gospels demonstrate what the peace of God looks like. Matt 5:9 “Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God.” And Jesus gave us the same job: Matt 7:10; ;Luke 10:19.

Matt 10:1 “And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them *exousia*/power (*commission, responsibility, dunamis power, and pre-permission*) against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.” Operating this is what you get as right faith-actions renew your soul.

As you do this, you will be a peacemaker like Jesus is, and we are called to.

Kingdom Joy: The third element of the Kingdom is doing joy behaviors for a variety of reasons.

- First is obedience;
- Second is in gratitude for all the miracles God does by you;
- Third is to release God to get miracle answers;
- Fourth, because your name is written in Heaven; and □ Fifth, just because you are happy in the Lord.

All of these Kingdom activities are also acts of faith. As you do them, you are operating in Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Faith. And the purpose, from God’s perspective, is that, as you do right faith-actions, you are enforcing, establishing, and maintaining the Kingdom of God in you, and for your faith targets.

As you do these faith works of righteousness, peace, and joy, you will produce the Kingdom of God to manifesting righteousness (you and others walking just like Jesus), peace (subduing and establishing the dominion of God on Earth), and joy (from so much answered *aiteo* prayer and knowing, not that the devils are subject to you, but that you are a functioning ambassador of God with your name written in Heaven as one of His, just like Jesus is (Luke 10:19).

Thanksgiving Work: The primary sound of New Testament faith is thanksgiving. By the work of Jesus, God has already decreed all the promises to us in Jesus (Eph 1:3).

Here we find that abounding in thanksgiving builds you up, and establishes you in the faith of God in Jesus. Col 2:6 “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding therein with thanksgiving.**”

The teaching of redemption facts is to inspire you to abound in thanksgiving. When you have received the Lord Jesus effectively, your only response is continuous thanksgiving, which is work, action, and labor. It is the behaviors of thanksgiving, and of course the other right faith-actions, which empower our right walk in the Lord, as you believe they do.

Here, the more thanksgiving you do, and this is what Paul taught his converts and disciples to do, increases your faith so you can walk more like Jesus. This is really twofold.

- First the more thanksgiving you do concerning the facts of our Redemption in Christ, the stronger you grow in *pistis* faith and walking like Jesus.
- And the second is, the stronger your *pistis* faith, the more you will continue to abound in thanksgiving, which in turn builds up your faith to walk like Jesus even more.

This is a wonderful virtuous circle of blessing, all from doing lots of redemption-based thanksgiving. We call this the **Thanksgiving Virtuous Cycle**. 1 Thess 3:9 “For what *eucharistia*/thanks can we render to God again for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your sakes before our God; 10 night and day praying exceedingly (*with joy*) that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your *pistis* faith (*facts and actions*).”

In this passage we learn that what elements of faith, the static parts of past-accomplished Redemption, and the dynamic parts of doing labor, to release them, we are taught should so fill us with thanksgiving, so that we are abounding in thanks, praise, and joy.

Notice that the manner of prayer Paul does is filled with the exuberant behaviors of joy as He prays. And it appears his regular practice was to pray for the same things at least twice a day, once in daylight and the other at night, on a daily basis. See also Luke 18:1-8.

Notice here, how praise and thanks are equated as similar: Heb 13:15 “By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving *eucharisteo*/thanks to his name.” Here praise means or includes giving thanks. And here thanksgiving is related to prayer: Eph 1:16 “Cease not to give *eucharisteo*/thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.” Here prayer means, or includes, to give thanks.

We have relationships of this Virtuous Cycle where: thanksgiving = blessing = joy = praise = prayer = strong faith = walk like Jesus = miracles and answered prayer = more thanksgiving.

Thus each word here can mean limited specific actions, or a combination of all of them.

Giving thanks for the work of Christ: to translate to outward manifestations of God's goodness, is part of the Holy Communion process. Again, biblical thanksgiving includes all the right faith-actions, not just speaking words of thanks, although that is a great start. Ps 100:4 "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

Pistis Faith is all about the "not yet happened." Doing it in faith means you give thanks, make right faith-actions concerning the promises of God, BEFORE and UNTIL you see the answer manifested, knowing each action is releasing *zoe* life.

Thus, Holy Spirit tells us that when you walk in a present-tense reality of our Redemption in the blood of Jesus, the impact is so great that you will be: Col 1:12 "(Continually) giving *eucharisteo*/thanks (*praise, blessing, prayers, and rejoicing*) unto the Father, which hath made us meet (*qualified and enabled by grace*) to be *koinonia* unity/partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his *agape*/dear Son: 14 in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the *aphesis*/forgiveness (*payment unto remission, purging, putting away, and obliteration*) of sins: ... 20 and, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in Earth, or things in Heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled."

The initial emphasis in verse 12 is on *continually* doing thanks, praise, blessing, *aiteo* prayers, and rejoicing behaviors in the facts of redemption. The rest of the passage gives details on what we should be talking about back to God, to ourselves, and to others. That few do this is an indication of the reality of this truth we are not walking in. As with most things in the Bible, and of the spirit, the more you do, the more you see.

Praise Power: We are commanded to praise the Lord continually. Heb 13:15 "By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

And again: Ps 18:49 "Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name."

Notice how thanks and praise are closely related here. The sacrifice of praise, doing it when it hurts, is expanded to include giving thanks to His name. In general praise extols the one praised, while thanks appreciates the aspects and works of the one praised.

Praise in the Greek means: commendations, laud, to ascribe goodness and value, to speak well of, magnify their virtues, and to bless. Actions include speaking, singing, dancing, arm waving, laughing, and clapping, using musical instruments, and extolling.

In the Hebrew, praise means to boast, celebrate, glory, shouting, jubilation, to give thanks, and laud, with instruments. The actions are the same in exuberance as joy and thanksgiving, and includes musical instruments, either alone or to accompany singing.

In the Old Testament, the original language words for thanksgiving and praise are translated as both words in many cases, so there is not a strong difference between these two words.

Praise takes physical exertion. With the same exuberant activities of thanksgiving, and joy, praise is one of the works we are created in Christ Jesus to do.

In Philippi, after being beaten, Paul and Silas did their nightly praise to God. Acts 16:25 “And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.” This was not quiet whispers, but bold and enthusiastic singing.

This was based on obeying: Ps 119:62 “At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.” Again we see thanksgiving can include praise, and praise can include thanksgiving.

And again: Ps 42:8 “Yet the Lord will command his *chesed*/lovingkindness (*grace*) in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.”

And again: Ps 119:148 “Mine eyes prevent (*go before*) the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.”

All these talk of a regular schedule of times of thanksgiving, praise, joy, and prayer.

His Presence in Praise: Ps 22:2 “O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou hearest not; and in the night season, and am not silent. 3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest (*to rule as Judge and King*) the praises of Israel.”

In redeemed man, God inhabits us; we are His temple. You can call on God to come, but He is already in you if you are born-again in Jesus. As God inhabits our praises, there is the releasing of God out from our spirits into the area around us. This

can make His presence seem more “real” to us. God is in Heaven and He is in us; we are the release point for God into the Earth.

Praise Purpose: To show forth the praises of God is our purpose: 1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar (*called out, special*) people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10 which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

This priesthood of the believer means there is no laity in Christianity. As priests we have the duty of giving praises to God, and doing miracle acts that draw out the praises of the people to God like Jesus did. Matt 21:15 “And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he (*Jesus*) did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; they were sore displeased, 16 and said unto him, Hearest thou what these say? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea; have ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?” They praised God at the miracles of Jesus. Jesus took no credit for them, but directed the people to God’s goodness.

Warfare: Praise is one of the weapons of our warfare. Just as in preaching and teaching, in praise we proclaim the glory, character, works, and truth of God. 2 Cor 10:3 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”

The great declaration of the devil in every act of robbing, killing, and destroying is that they are lord, and Jesus is not. John 10:10 “The thief (*Satan*) cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I (*Jesus*) am come that they might have *zoe*/life, and that they might have it more abundantly.” *Zoe* life is God’s tool for destroying the devil’s works and we are given this tool to use for God. It is our job, Jesus showed us how.

When we enforce the covenant of God with the name of Jesus, we declare and demonstrate that Jesus is Lord indeed, as the people rise healed, and the situations bettered. This is our warfare, and it starts with praises of our God. Acts 4:12 “Neither is there *soteria*/salvation in any other (*Jesus*): for there is none other name under heaven (*Jesus*) given among men, whereby we must be *sozo*/saved (*healed, delivered, or made whole*).”

Heb 13:15 “By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.”

Since we praise mostly with our mouths, and we wield the sword of the spirit with our mouths (Eph 6:17), the word of God in praise is one of our weapons. Ps 8:2 “Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength (*boldness, loud, power, praise*) because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.” Notice that in Matt 21:16, Jesus says, “Perfected praise,” yet in Ps 8:2 this praise is our strength. So part of what happens as we praise the Lord, we strengthen ourselves, and the enemy is stilled, made to rest, or bound from activity. Since the Kingdom is within us, this again builds our confidence as we exercise the authority of Jesus against the enemy.

Here again praise is part of our warfare: Ps 149:5 “Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand [*now in our mouths*]; 7 to execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 to bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 to execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.”

Judgments Written: The judgments against the devil written for us now are: Matt 10:8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” Every divine healing, deliverance, and miracle is destroying the kingdom of darkness and establishing the Kingdom of God.

As God says, is it our privilege to: Ps 103:6 “The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed (*through us*).” The gospel is that God does this through us as we fight for, with, and in Him. God does this as we strengthen ourselves with praise and use the two-edged sword of the word of God, just like Jesus did in *aiteo* commands, which sets people free. We have the same job as Jesus, the same spirit of Jesus, the same Bible as Jesus, the same weapons as Jesus, the name of Jesus, and the same mission as Jesus.

Rom 16:20 “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (*as shattered glass*). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you [*to know, think, be, will, and do this just like Jesus did*]. Amen.”

1 John 4:17 “Herein is our *agape*/love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.” And this Day of Judgment includes whenever we decide to do right faith-actions to get strong in the strength of the Lord, and set the captives free, with and in the name of Jesus. We make this day of salvation, right now, the day of God’s judgment against the devil by doing what we are made to do, just like Jesus did.

Praise is part of our right faith-actions, and by 1,050 New Testament commands, we are to praise the Lord in a variety of ways. If nothing more, doing praise is an act of the obedience of faith, the facts of our redemption, where our purpose is to “show forth the praises” of Father God and Jesus.

Praise Benefits: This giving of thanks and praise relates in three major ways.

- First, is for the work of God in Jesus producing all the facts of Redemption.
- Second, is our expectation to walk in these facts in this life by right faith-actions.
- Third, is this is how we strengthen ourselves in God to wage war against the devil by stirring ourselves up to issue effective *aiteo* commands.

We see Jesus spending His time casting out devils and healing the sick. This is the primary tactics of war. Here, when people get set free, they give praises to God.

Holy Spirit continually reaffirms we are redeemed by Jesus' blood from the power of the devil, and reconciled into God's kingdom of *agape*/love. This is the Great Work of the Mighty Arm of God, Jesus. We are redeemed by His propitiating blood from the power of the devil through remission to being made *zao* living temples of the *zao* living God. Note: Redemption from sin and from the curse of sin, and healing or salvation are just opposite sides of the same coin.

The first changes of the newly born-again, are inside you, where the Kingdom resides, then into the outer world as you learn to work with Holy Spirit in and by the Scriptures. You are the gateway of God. It is not God coming to us, but us releasing Him.

Work Transformation: It is the work of right faith-actions, this faith is a verb reality, which transforms us by helping us to renew our minds and strengthening our faith for effective ministry. The strength is Holy Spirit released as you command like Jesus did, with minds operating in the mind of Christ, in hatred against the enemy and his works, and love for God and people, and confident that as you *aiteo* commands, Jesus fills those words with Himself by Holy Spirit *zoe* life, to set the captives free.

Now you can understand better when Paul, the revealer of the faith versus works, or grace versus works of the Law of Moses truth. Hear Paul: Phil 2:12 "Wherefore, my *agape*/beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out** your own *soteria*/salvation with fear and trembling.

You are complete in Christ and all the promises of God are yours, but you walk in them, inherit them by *pistis* right faith-actions and patience, consistency. You release the promises by seeking those that apply to your situations and do, labor, work, and strive in regular, diligent, and continual right faith-actions over them UNTIL they are manifest.

And you do this knowing this is what God is working in you: Phil 2:13 "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 15 that ye may be blameless and harmless,

the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; 16 holding forth the word of *zoe*/life...”

Right Mixing: This right mixing of the words of God, the promises, the blessings with right faith-actions is to get yourself turned around into godly zeal and enthusiasm, and to overcome whatever is needed, to bring Heaven to Earth in your world.

The issue is not more blood by the Law, but glorying in the blood of Jesus with right faith-actions to fight the good fight of *pistis* faith. Doing continual right faith-actions in the face of continual, and seeming to never end, evil circumstances, negative reports, terrors within you and without, is how you build patience in God. God builds you as you do right faith-actions in patience.

You are complete in Christ, but in order to walk like Jesus continually, the work of faith is required. 1 Thess 1:3 “Remembering without ceasing **your work of *pistis*/faith**, and **labour** of *agape*/love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 knowing, brethren *agape*/beloved, your election of God.”

James 1:2 “My brethren, count it all joy (*in right faith-actions*) when ye fall into divers temptations (*when anything happens to cause you worry, fear, concern, terror, agitation, anxiety, care, trials, troubles, or evil considerations*); 3 knowing this, that the trying of your *pistis* faith worketh patience. 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” As long as we are in this world, we will have troubles. It is not the presence or absence of troubles, but how you handle them.

Instead of murmuring and complaining, you gird up your minds for and with right faith-actions, and keep at them UNTIL you learn to overcome anything by right faith-actions. 1 Peter 1:13 “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope (*joyful expectation of coming good*) to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

Holy means set apart for the exclusive use and purposes of God. Our job is to finish the job of destroying the works of the devil. And it is a fight. Read again Ephesians 6, where your war actions are listed for you there. One of which is the shield of *pistis* faith, where you are able to destroy all the fiery, agitating, evil fear, and anger temptation darts of the devil.

***Pistis* Faith is a Fight:** Faith is a noun describing a verb, and it is our work and battle. 1 Tim 6:12 “Fight the good fight of *pistis*/faith (*with right faith-actions*), *lambano*/lay hold on eternal *zoe*/life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”

Faith means to fight, this is labor, work, and hard effort. Some prayers will get instant answers, others may take longer, much longer. For example, John Lake, around 1930, prayed for his son to get free of typhoid. It took about 3 minutes. Then, a few months later, it returned. This time it took 72 hours of straight, continuous, non-stop battle to get his son, the same son, free. His son never got typhoid again.

We do not consider the issue, but what faith fight it takes to win, and destroy the works of the devil. Therefore God says: 1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, **always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work** of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-action*) labour (*to exhaustion*) is not in vain in the Lord.” To get the victory, fight until you win. Do not be denied, fight until you win.

Since no labor in the Lord is useless, in vain, the issue is how much work you need to do. As a general rule, if you live a lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord in right faith-actions, the more power you will release each time you minister because you stay stirred up in His power, love, *zoe* life, and truth. If you do not get the desired result on the first ministry, stay in battle with right faith-actions UNTIL you get it.

Pistis Faith-action Work: The work of the Lord centers around, or is summarized by, what we call Right Faith-Actions. Faith is a noun describing actions, which are verbs; just like run is a noun describing the actions of moving your legs faster than walking. Faith means a regular schedule, of many steps, of doing right faith-actions over one or more promises of God for each situation you need, or choose to work, for Heaven to come to Earth. It is up to us to do this *pistis* fight, it is the battle assigned to us by God.

Rom 16:20 “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (*as shattered glass*). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (*to think, know, be, will, and do as Jesus would*). Amen.” Jesus did it with right faith-actions, every day, so why not you?

When you start to believe (*aman-pisteuo*) faith (*pistis*) is really a verb, this becomes your confession:

- I will win; I will not give up; I will keep proclaiming Jesus’ great name until His and my enemies bow in defeat and submission to the glory of God.
- I will not tolerate the devil and his works to rule anywhere I find them; I will be who Jesus says I am: Luke 10:19 “Behold (*stop and make this change your life*), I give unto you power (*authority, commission, pre-permission and all the resources of heaven*) to tread (*crush, destroy, and remove from power*) on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (*ability and works*) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice

not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”

- God is not teaching you a lesson in troubles; He uses the Scriptures for that; He is encouraging and waiting for you to stand up in Jesus, and teach the devil a lesson in the right faith-action lifestyle.
- The healing is done, Jesus paid for it in full for you, now go for it with continued right faith-actions until you get it. God is not hindering you, but ignorance and the devil are. Get rid of ignorance by reading this book again. Get rid of the devil with *aiteo* commands in the Name and dominion of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- This is not about seeing what God will do; it is proclaiming this is what will be by the promise of God, and enforcing it with right faith-actions, in and by the name of Jesus, UNTIL it is manifest. You control this, not God!
- If you don't have it, and you have access to a Bible, and can read, then the problem is not God, but you. If you are faithfully living the continually-seeking-the-Lord-lifestyle of continual right faith-actions, then keep at it, you will get those promises manifest. If you are not, then your lack of promise manifestation is your lack of right faith-actions, and not God. God is no respecter of persons, He has left it up to you to work to get it done.
- It takes *pistis* faith and patience, faithfulness in right faith actions for the long haul, to manifest the promises. Keep at it till you win. Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful (*lazy, apathetic, offended at God or others*), but followers (*copycats, duplicates*) of them who through *pistis/faith (continual right faith-actions)* and patience (*faithfulness, diligence in right faith-actions*) inherit (*control, operate, release, and enjoy*) the promises.”
- The principle of God is this: 2 Thess 3:10 “For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.” If you will not do the work of mixing the promises of God with continual right faith-actions, then let hunger persuade you to give up your offense in God and go do right faith-action work. Or would you prefer the fiery snake bites of those in the desert with Moses (Num 21), who refused to do the same?

Seeking the Lord

One thing I was never taught is that God requires man to seek Him continually all the days of our lives. In the first century, the Jewish Christian converts had to learn how to worship God outside the temple, as the one-time sacrifice of Jesus obsoleted the entire temple system, and replaced it and Passover with Holy Communion. But they either continued or re-started the daily habits of seeking the Lord continually.

The basic assumption of the New Testament is that the reader has the first 5 books of the Bible memorized and most of the rest of the Old Testament, and lives a lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord in right faith-actions, which by itself is 3-6 hours per day, every day. The goal of this seeking the Lord is to *koinonia* connect to and with God in spirit, *zoe* life, and truth (the Word of God, the Scriptures) and to live a connected, *koinonia* union and interchange life all day, every day, in everything you do.

Gentile converts had to learn to stop doing what they did to worship their idols and get blessings from them, and replace that with worship of God by the Lord Jesus in what developed into Holy Communion. The average idolater spent some 3-6 hours every day seeking blessings from their gods, if not more. This is still true in idolatry religions around the world. Even the Muslims pray 5 times a day for all to see. At 30 minutes per prayer time, this is some 2.5 hours per day.

In the first century, when a Gentile got converted, they were entered into a 3 year program to memorize the first 5 books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch. Then another 4 years to memorize the rest of the Old Testament. And in the process to follow such as Psalm 105 on seeking the Lord every day. This went on for some 300-500 years and got lost as the church structure developed. And along with that went the power of the church in supernatural events. We are re-discovering the power of continually seeking the Lord every day.

God tells us Enoch walked with God and was no more, due to a lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord by the actions of *pistis* faith. Heb 11:5 “By *pistis*/faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, **that he pleased God.** 6 But without *pistis*/faith it is **impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that **diligently seek him.**” And that is what Enoch did, and God still requires.

God tells us one of man’s primary purposes is to continue seeking the Lord: Acts 15:17 “That the residue of men might **seek after the Lord**, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.”

Acts 17:26 “(God) ...hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds

of their habitation; 27 **that they should seek the Lord**, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us.”

In these above passages God states that all men are to seek the Lord. So how are we to do this?

One definition of faith is: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis*/faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo*/believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” Here faith is defined as:

- a) Believing that God is unto continual right faith-actions.
- b) Diligently and continually seeking the Lord in expectation of rewards.
- c) These rewards include both physical manifestation of God’s glory on the Earth now, and rewards on the Day of Judgment.

The chief question is, “How does the Bible describe effective seeking the Lord?”

The process of seeking the Lord or stirring up yourself in God to joy is described here: Ps 105:1 “O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name (*with exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, etc.*): let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore. 5 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments (*deliverances, redemption in the blood of Jesus, saving decrees, zoe life, and promises, your or other’s testimonies of what God has done*) of his mouth.”

And again: 1 Chron 16:10 “Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 11 Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. 12 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.” This is repeated in Psalm 105.

And again: Ps 40:16 “Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.”

And again: Ps 9:10 “And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee (*with right faith-actions*): for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”

And again for a New Testament version: Eph 5:17 “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (*continually being*) filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things [*especially our redemption in the work and blood of Jesus*] unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

Notice, biblical trust or depending, is just like *aman-pisteuo* believing. These actions to seek the Lord, include most of the right faith-actions we have already listed.

Seeking the Lord Elements:

Ps 105:

- 1 “O give thanks unto the Lord;
- 2 Call upon his name: (*aiteo-dabar-laleo* commands, ministry)
- 3 Make known his deeds among the people (*testimonies of His works, Bible*)
4. Sing unto him,
5. Sing psalms unto him:
6. Talk ye of all his wondrous works. (*miracles, power acts, faithful in prophecy*)
7. 3 Glory ye in his holy name (*with exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, etc.*):
8. Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. (*force yourself to exuberant behaviors of joy*)
9. 4 Seek the Lord, (*His presence on the throne, within you, and in situations*)
10. And his strength: (*stir yourself up into His strength He used to raise Jesus from the dead as available to you by your right faith-actions, aiteo commands*)
11. Seek his face evermore. (*experience Him in koinonia union in meditation over Scriptures and times of worship, dancing before Him, throughout the day*)
12. 5 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; (*Bible, testimonies of others*)
13. His wonders, (*Psalms 9, the sky, the universe, the wonders of the Earth, etc.*)
14. The judgments (*deliverances, redemption in the blood of Jesus, saving decrees, zoe life, and promises, your or other's testimonies of what God has done*) of his mouth.” (*Lots of Bible reading, and listening, obeying the 1,050 NT Commands.*)
15. 1 Chron 16:10 “...Seek his face continually. (*practicing the presence of the Lord continually, singing to Him in tongues, songs, and spiritual songs, seek Him in Scripture meditation, recite, study, and apply the 1,050 New Testament Commands*)
16. Ps 40:16 “Let all those that seek thee rejoice and (*yell, scream, shout, dance, laugh, smile, wave arms, etc. shout praises, and thanksgivings, etc.*)
17. Be glad in thee: (*a little less exuberant than joy, singing to the Lord*)
18. Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.”
19. Ps 9:10 “And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee (*with right faith-actions*): for thou, Lord, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.”

20. Eph 5:17-21 Wherefore be ye not unwise, (*do the right faith-actions diligently*)
21. But understanding what the will of the Lord is. (*know and proclaim this is the will of God for you*)
22. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (*continually being*) filled with the Spirit; (*sing in tongues until you are drunk in the Lord*)
23. 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, (*lots of speaking and singing in diverse tongues*)
24. Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; (*talk, sing to Him*)
25. 20 Giving thanks always for all *redemption* things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; (*recite and give thanks, praise and joy over redemption facts – see Discovering Our Redemption, Articles page*)
26. 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” (*honor and be gentle and forgiving of others, walk in 1 Cor 13*)
27. Whenever troubles over anything, do Phil 4:4-9 continually
28. Col 3:14 “And above all these things put on *agape*/charity (*actions*), which is the bond of perfectness.
29. 15 And let, *make* the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.
30. 16 Let, *make* the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; (*recite and apply redemption facts to yourself and others with aiteo commands and proclamations, and affirmations – OK God, Now What Affirmation Magnets*)
31. Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, (*recite, study the psalms, do what they say when they say it. Alleluia is a command to praise the Lord, not a praise,*)
32. Singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. (*goodness in redemption facts, recite all the acts of grace in the Bible*)
33. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”
34. Seek Him in valid Christian works, do the acts of *agape* love, do continually the right faith-actions.
35. 1 Thess 5:9-25 “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,
36. 10 Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him.
37. 11 Wherefore comfort yourselves together,
38. And edify one another, even as also ye do.
39. 12 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you;

40. 13 And to esteem them very highly in *agape/love-actions* for their work's sake.
41. And be at peace among yourselves.
42. 14 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly,
43. Comfort the feebleminded,
44. Support the weak,
45. be patient toward all men.
46. 15 See that none render evil for evil unto any man;
47. But ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
48. 16 Rejoice evermore.
49. 17 Pray without ceasing.
50. 18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
51. 19 Quench not the Spirit.
52. 20 Despise not prophesyings.
53. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.
54. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil. (*dress, words, actions, lifestyle*)
55. 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
56. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.
57. 25 Brethren, pray for us.
58. Col 3:1 "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God [*in the joy and praises of Heaven*].
59. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your *zoe*/life is hid with Christ in God." *This is part of seeking the Lord and His strength with right faith-actions.*

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For example: Daniel prayed/worshiped 3 times a day, every day. Why 3 times a day? It appears our basic human problem, born-again or not, is that we need regular "refreshers" or "re-connects" throughout the day. Once a day is not enough, and there is no limit on how many we can do in a day, except the demands of daily living.

Getting Started:

The list above is rather extensive. So we suggest a way to get started. Seeking the Lord as a process or lifestyle, has elements of activity and introspection, do both. The biggest difference in seeking the Lord than perhaps other spiritual disciplines is to make sure you do periods of thanksgiving, praise, joy, gladness, *aiteo* commands, affirmations with physical movement and emotion behaviors. Here is a suggested way to start seeking the Lord:

- a) You may need to sit or lie down first, to replace your existing negative or toxic thoughts with thoughts on the goodness of God. Even if you have many verses memorized, get your Bible and use the Scriptures to read, speak, sing and shout. Start with Ps 23, 34, 91, 100, 112, Ephesians and Colossians. Seeking the Lord is an active, and not a passive process. It is one of stopping, replacing, and filling thoughts and words. The goal is to see God in the Scriptures unto joy and gladness, and not just the words of the Scriptures. Speaking or singing is the quickest way to get control of your thoughts and re-direct them to God.
- b) Take one Scripture and mutter, chew, think, ponder and then apply it to your life to stir yourself up into glad pleasure, thanksgiving, praise, joy, and affirmations. Repeat with different scriptures. Take 3-15 minutes for each Scripture to do this. This is how you redirect your soul into the Scriptures and God.
- c) Godly music can be helpful, but you need to put the good-promise Scriptures on your lips and in your mind to redirect your thinking. You want your mind engaged, not empty. Listening to does not help, you need to sing, preferably Scripture memory songs. This is an active process, not a passive one of just sitting empty minded or listening to songs or words. This is how to use the modern practice of “soaking” effectively, but it is only a first step.
- d) Keep doing this until you are in thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, Holy Spirit tongues, blessings, and *aiteo* commands leading to various acts of *agape* love (such as praying for others and/or make of list of good ideas that come to you as you seek the Lord, then go and bless someone as Jesus would).
- e) After a few Scriptures, even while lying down or sitting, start the thoughts, words, and actions of joy and keep at it until you are feeling joy. This includes muttering, speaking, singing, and shouting Scriptures, along with smiling, laughing, arm waving, clapping, etc. Remember, emotions follow

thoughts, words, and actions. Do the thoughts and actions of joy to get the emotions of joy.

- f) As New Testament Christians, add in speaking and singing in Holy Spirit tongues. You can start slow and quiet, and then work to fast, loud, and hard, aimed at your situations. (We recommend you organize yourself to speak in tongues for 2 cumulative hours every day as a basic maintenance practice.
This can be in one session or throughout the day.)
- g) Keep doing this until your right faith-actions are vibrant and exuberant.
- h) After a while, get on your feet and start moving around. Transition to walking, jumping, dancing, clapping, twirling, spinning, etc., as you keep the thoughts and words going.
- i) If you are *zao* living in Holy Spirit, this will be your normal way of life.
- j) As with most things in God, you start in the flesh and move into the spirit. You do the actions by rote until you are what you are seeking. You do the actions of seeking the Lord. When you “find” Him; that will be who you are filled with. For example, you start the actions of thanksgiving, counting your blessings one by one, doing praise, and joy thoughts, words, and acts until you are thankful, praiseful and joyful. Making lists of these helps. This is a “stirring-up” process. You are starting out in need, fear, apathy, or complacency, and move into heartfelt response by priming the pump with right thoughts, words, and actions. Much like an athlete or dancer who starts out stretching and moving slowly until they can move with power and skill.
- k) Once you are skilled in seeking the Lord unto joy, you may not be so much as in need, but rather in communion with God, and more of His tangible presence. This enters the area of relationship with God. The more successful you are at it, the more you will walk like Peter and Paul until you are walking just like Jesus. Eph 5:1 “Be ye therefore followers (*imitators, copycats*) of God, as (*agape* loved) dear children (*who are to grow up and be like their Father in Jesus*).”
- l) Each time this may take a few moments or hours depending on where you are starting from.
- m) The Bible goal in seeking the Lord is joy (Ps 40:16), not momentary comfort, which evaporates rather quickly, and has little strength against negative events. The strength and confidence in God for effective and powerful *pistis* faith comes with joy behaviors in the Lord over time.

- n) We have a series called the (1) Divine Healing Sessions, the (2) Redemption Teaching Sessions, and (3) Faith Evidence Teaching Sessions on our website in the Free Downloads section of the Book Store. These are all MP3 files and are FREE. Get some and listen to them. They are full of new-creation scriptures and comments. Stop every 5 minutes or so, and at whatever is being talked about, focus on the good news of God and do behaviors of thanksgiving, praise, joy, *aiteo* commands (good come, evils go, all in the Name of Jesus) etc. over these truths. Join in with the prayers. Use them to stir you into God's redemption facts. And yes, we have testimonies of people getting healed as they listened to them.

Seeking by Joy: Notice that we are to seek the Lord by rejoicing. Rejoice means to call to mind the events and promises that can stir you to joy. This includes all the miracles and answered prayer in the Bible, those you have seen, heard about, or performed, to stir you up into glad remembrance, thanksgiving, praise, happiness, confidence, and the joy of extreme thanks that you will see these and more in the situations you have now.

1 Cor 2:5 "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the *dunamis/miracle working* power of God."

Here are some statements of God on the benefits of seeking the Lord continually and diligently: 2 Chron 14:7 "Therefore he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars, while the land is yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our God, we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered."

2 Chron 26:4 "And he did that which was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that his father Amaziah did. 5 And he sought God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the visions of God: and as long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper."

If you need prosperity, seeking the Lord diligently is God's way of getting it.

Ps 34:3 "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. 5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles."

If you have troubles, seeking the Lord is how you get saved of them.

Also the Bible words for thanksgiving and praise are similar to joy. The major difference being that in joy, the words are mostly unintelligible, while in thanksgiving and praise, they are intelligible, but all three are exuberant behaviors.

JOY: (from Dictionary.com): the expression or display of glad feeling; festive gaiety. The displayed emotion of great delight or happiness caused by something

exceptionally good or satisfying; keen pleasure; elation: A state of happiness or felicity; bubbling over.

From Strong's and Vines combined: *chairō* (NT: 5463), "to rejoice, be glad," life, excited, exuberant, delight, exceedingly cheerful, and an explosion of human positive actions. It is contrasted with weeping and sorrow and depression.

Joy behaviors are often seen in a sports event, where a favorite team scores and the crowd erupts in joy with extreme physical activity and noise. That is the sound of joy.

Bible joy is energetic and excited. If you are not in superb physical shape, you can only do Bible joy behaviors for a few moments. Conversely, the more joy in God you do, the more your body will get in physical, soulful, and spiritual shape.

Here is one of God's New Testament commands, echoing Psalm 105, on when to do these joy behaviors: Phil 4:4 "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

"Rejoice" means to call to mind the things that stirred you to joy, and repeat by doing joy behaviors again. This is intentional and focused activity. "Always" means always as a daily manner of life, echoing the command continually – doing them on a daily, multi-event schedule, and as occasion serves. Again, this is intentional and focused activity.

Here Paul is repeating the command to rejoice, so it is clear for immediate action.

The Joy Rub: Now here comes the rub with modern concepts of faith. Bible faith is joyful, exuberant. So the actions of biblical faith all day long are much like all day dancing and celebration. If you are doing the actions of biblical faith, or biblical believing, you are doing these excited and exuberant actions. If you are not doing these actions, you are not doing the actions of Bible faith, i.e., there is no evidence you are "*pisteuo* believing." And no visible evidence means you are not in Bible-defined *pistis* faith.

To some this is very new and different. And you may say you got answers to prayer without even one shout. This is fine.

- First, these are what the Bible words mean, so the Bible is right and not you.
- Second, there is a vast world of answered prayer you have waiting for you as you humble yourself to do it God's way.
- Third, it may well be that your past actions had little to do in getting those answers, but someone else did the "faith works" and not you.
- Fourth, as you do it God's way, in exuberant behaviors for more than a few minutes at a time, you will get healthier and happier in the process anyway.

God gave us the ability to rejoice, to walk in exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage and *aiteo* commands and the other right faith-actions. Little children love to be joyful for almost no reason. The world seeks to satisfy our need for godly joy with substitutes that either deaden our right feelings or misdirect them. Doing joy behaviors in the Lord, is seeking “the real thing.”

So what does the kind of joy God is talking about? You may not like this because our modern church culture has very little of it, and the buildings are not designed to make Bible joy easier inside.

Consider this occurrence of Holy Spirit joy: Acts 2:11 “...we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. ...13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 for these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.”

Notice, they were hearing the disciple speaking loudly the wonderful works of God, or praises of God. They were so exuberant they appeared drunk, so it probably was loud and boisterous celebration as they proclaimed the wondrous works of God which could have included the miracles of Jesus and the disciples.

And here are some examples: 1 Sam 18:6 “And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.”

2 Sam 6:16 “And as the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal Saul's daughter looked through a window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the Lord...”

This is what biblical thanksgiving, praise, and joy look like. They are loud and highly visible. They look and sound more like the celebration seen in sports arenas, or weddings, and in Jewish dancing (think the party in *Fiddler on the Roof*, or Israeli Defense Force soldiers dancing).

Much of modern Christianity operates on Scripture fragments, and are easily shattered, or correctly adjusted with studying them in the context of the Scripture passages they come from, and including them in a whole survey of the Bible.

The behaviors of thanksgiving, praise, and joy are celebratory, zealous, invigorated, and enthusiastic. The only difference is that in joy, often there are shouts and laughing that are not intelligible in excitement, but in thanksgiving and praise they are, as they communicate ideas and not just excitement, but do also include excite-

ment shouts and laughter. Also included in all of them are dancing, arm waving, smiling, laughing, and song. This is vastly different than many church services.

Heaven on Earth: Since Heaven is filled with thanksgiving, praise, joy, and affirmations of truth, to seek those things of Heaven you have to dress with behaviors like in Heaven, and that means a mind filled with the joy of the Lord exhibited with outward actions of some kind.

As Holy Spirit had Paul write: Col 3:1 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God [*in the joy and praises of Heaven*]. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your *zoe*/life is hid with Christ in God.” This is part of seeking the Lord and His strength with right faith-actions.

Here is this seeking or setting your affections process summarized in the next few verses: Col 3:16 “Let (*make*) the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him for the facts of redemption.”

Here it is summarized in the psalms. The gates or entranceway of the Lord are not in heaven, but in your heart, where God resides in your born-again spirit in full kingly authority, and *zoe* life power. This is the process of aligning your soul so you can operate at the throne of God effectively. Ps 100:4 “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his *chesed*/mercy (*grace, kindness*) is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

So like a runner, you set time aside for this physical activity of right faith-actions to be a biblical believer. If you are not doing these actions, you are not in biblical faith. You may call it faith, but biblical faith has a specific meaning, and it is not quiet or still body behaviors, it is exuberant actions.

And your believing actions are the only evidence that you are in Bible faith over a specific promise from God. Others do not have to see them, but if others cannot see your faith evidence due to your inaction or silence, you are not in biblical faith, no matter how much you protest you are in faith.

Weak *Pistis* Faith: At best, if there is no visible evidence of thanksgiving, praise, or joy, the person is in very weak faith. Otherwise they are in what is called hardness of heart in mental assent. They agree the promise is true, but they are not resting their personality on the expectation of fulfillment by God. They may talk faith, but they are not doing Bible faith continually.

This pleasure and joy is a scale we see in life. It ranges from quiet contentment, comfort, satisfaction, and safety to feeling good and happy, pleasure, to more physical manifestations of happiness, gladness, and then joy, which are exuberant by definition. Just picture someone “bubbling over with joy” all day long over great news. The terms for faith and hope in the Bible focus specifically on the outwardly observable elements of happiness, gladness, thanksgiving, praise, and joy.

Gospel Joy: This is also a definition of “Good News,” or the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This is news, reports of facts, so great and wonderful it is hard to believe it is true, and when you do, all you can do is rejoice.

In the Bible, the Gospel of “Christ in you the hope of glory” is so great and powerful, it is hard to keep in focus. This is glad tidings of great joy, news that is so wonderful that, when you understand it, this news makes you glad, and every time you think of it, you get glad again with exuberant thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors (*not necessarily feelings, kind of like going to the gym, you do the motions knowing they are working zoe life to miracle results, and if you feel pain, you know that is weakness leaving and strength coming in.*).

And what is this gospel? It has several parts. The first is that Jesus did come to die for our sins that we might *zao* live with Him, and He *zao* lives through us forever. And there is more.

The gospel Paul preached is this: Col 1:26 “Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 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**: 28 whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect (*mature*) in Christ Jesus: 29 Whereunto **I also labour**, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.”

At the simplest level, the gospel of glad tiding to great joy, to the sick is, “Rise and be healed, in the name of Jesus.” And they get up healed! This is the gospel Jesus taught.

This gospel news is so great, when you finally understand it, this pales in comparison to that Christ died just so you could go to Heaven. This says that Christ died so you could be in this life, right now, the hope of Heaven, for you to fill the Earth with the glory of God in this life. That: 1 John 4:17 “...because as he (*God in Jesus*) is, so are we in this world.”

Jesus sends us forth with this command: John 20:21 “Then said Jesus to them again, Peace (*victory knowing you are doing the right faith-actions to bring victory*) be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.” That is right; the gospel

is that you can do what Jesus did, and that you have the same mission as Jesus, to finish the work of salvation on Earth that He started, so this can be your testimony:

Phil 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.”

To paraphrase this: “I am telling you, this joy is the major emphasis. Rejoice with joy continually in thanksgiving, praise, and joy, and telling everyone you meet that Jesus lives in you, and whatever their problems, you can get the glory-of-God answer for them, because the Lord is in and with you in power; He is “at hand,” now, for their good.”

Yes, the way God sees you, you are His answer for every problem on Earth; get busy doing it. Get your eyes off the problem. Get your eyes off you. Get your eyes off the naysayers. Get your eyes on Jesus. It is not about you, but Jesus in you by Holy Spirit. It is Christ in you the hope of Heaven to fill the Earth with the glory of the Lord through you. Such as: You lay hands on the sick, and Jesus heals them.

“But what if it does not work?” Find the reasons it will work. Do this with right faith-actions. You repeat this enough and soon it is not looking at Jesus, but knowing He is in you and through you. It is knowing you have Holy Spirit for you to use for God.

Going Deeper: And then Paul continues: Phil 4:6 “Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let (*make*) your *aiteo*/requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God (*confidence of victory unto joy*), which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

To paraphrase again: “If you become careful, anxious, lose your continual attitude of thanksgiving, praise, and joy over any care, anxiety, fear, worry, concern, doubt, apathy, complacency, dissipation, or terror, attack that attitude and situation immediately with the *aiteo* shield of faith. You attack with *aiteo* prayer, supplication for other’s hearts, and launch into prolonged thanksgiving behaviors, until you switch your soul from care to confident expectation of coming good from God, because you have done the right things to release God to do His will, and you will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. And you stay in thanksgiving continually until you convert your heart to the overcoming assurance that causes your heart to resound continually in the joy of the Lord, and to defeat the constant assault of negative symptoms, doubts, fears and unbelief, UNTIL you see the answer.”

Your trust is not in you, but God operating by your right faith-actions as He promised. For example, Jesus said if lay hands on the sick, they will recover. This ranges from a small scratch or bump, to death. You lay hands and Jesus said God will recov-

er them to fullness. Your job, to believe as you lay hand in the Name of Jesus God goes to work.

Part of your right faith-actions can be repetitions of: “I lay hands on the sick and Jesus heals them. He promised and He cannot lie, they will recover as I lay hand on the sick, diseased, maimed, crippled, deformed, dying, or dead. They shall live and declare

the glories of God. YAHOO! Thank You, Jesus! YAHOO!”

Here you do the right faith-actions of thanksgiving, praise, and joy by rote. You do the behaviors in your thoughts, words, and actions UNTIL you switch your soul to the matching emotions. Then you cannot stop. Now you stay in glad right faith-actions because your emotions help keep you in gladness and joy over God, redemption facts, and His promises made manifest.

At first it may be a labor or work of *pistis* faith, but after your soul gets aligned, you do not want to stop doing those thanksgiving behaviors. How long this takes depends on where your soul is when you start, and how you keep it maintained against the world pull.

And yes, the secular way of saying this is, “Fake it till you make it.” The Bible way to say it is: Rom 13:14 “But put ye on (*like a coat in your thoughts, words, and actions,*) the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

Or as John Lake said, “It is a law of the human mind that you can act your way into believing quicker than you can believe your way into acting.” So after some right faith-actions, go out and minister the love and power of God to a hurting world, one person at a time. In the world of the spirit, you get better the more you do, as with anything else.

The Real You: The key is to understand that this exuberant thanksgiving of *pisteuo* believing God is your true, inner-man nature. The real you, the Jesus-you, wants to and thrives on this. It is the carnal, lazy, and offend-able mind of the flesh that has problems with it.

This is the glad tidings of great joy that God will reign through men and women who will keep themselves stirred up into the truth of our redemption, so that they can do what Jesus did and greater. John 14:12 “Verily, verily, I (*Jesus*) say unto you, He that *pisteuo/believeth (with continual right faith-actions)* on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo/ask (demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements,*) in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall *aiteo/ask (demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the require-*

ments, in determined, focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to move and the devil to go) anything in my name, I will do it.”

Aiteo Joy: And again Jesus commands, so that you can walk, not in foolish or drunken joy, but the awesome joy of knowing you can release the power of God into the Earth for His glory, no matter what the situation, who is involved, where or what time: John 16:23 “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall *aiteo/ask (demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements,)* the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye *aiteo/asked nothing in my name: aiteo/ask (demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements,)*, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

This is knowing that wherever you go, you are the spiritual dominion for God, and that every work of the devil will be destroyed by Holy Spirit as you *aiteo* God, and you will continually walk in joy knowing that your name is written in Heaven as an ambassador for God just as Jesus is, to operate at the level of Jesus and even greater.

One way to think of this is that you are calling in an air strike of Heaven in you on the works of the devil to manifest blessings of God’s goodness. Just know *zoe* life, *dunamis* power is moving and it will. Or, “God has it; I will see it. YAHOO!”

This is your heritage and assignment in Jesus: Luke 10:19 “Behold (*stop and make this change your life and world view, by continual actions of repentance and renewing your mind, so your next actions are consistent with only this right now*), I give unto you *exousia/power (authority, commission, the resources of Heaven, and pre-permission)* to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the *dunamis/power (works, ability, robbing, killing, and destruction)* of the enemy (*Satan*): and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven [*as His ambassadors, agents, and right hands of power*].”

This is a clear command to rejoice in the Lord always over the facts of our redemption in the blood of Jesus, our position in Jesus, and our mission from Jesus.

And we do this by obeying: 2 Cor 10:4 “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing [*in your brain*] that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

Mind Renewing: And you do this by renewing the spirit of your mind continually into: Rom 13:10 “*Agape/Love* worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore *agape/love* is the fulfilling of the law. 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our *soteria/salvation* nearer than when we believed. 12

The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

Eph 4:23 “And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 and that **ye put on the new man** (*of Jesus, in your self-identity and behaviors*), which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”

This “put on” is to put on a new coat of new identity. You are no longer a mere human, but a son of God doing what sons of God do, just like Jesus did.

And you do this by obeying: Phil 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on (*continually fill your mind by your thoughts, words, and actions, with*) these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

Thus in the gospel of God, of Christ in you the hope of glory, you keep continually in your mind with godly, right considerations, so that you walk continuously in the presence and dominion of Christ through you, in thanksgiving, praise, joy, and *aiteo* commands.

These are things you must do to walk in the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Faith, the Spirit of Courage, Power, Love and Mind of Christ, in the gospel of Jesus Christ. If you are not doing these things as evidenced by continual joy behaviors and frequent miracle answers to *aiteo* prayer, you are not in the *pistis* faith life of God you are made for. Powerful prayer answers are your joyful heritage in Jesus.

It is Here: Jesus did not save us just to send us to a warehouse called Heaven when we die, but that we could so walk in this life now, in the redemption He has obtained for us, so that our fellowship, union, and joy is in the continual presence of Father God, Jesus, and Holy Spirit in the *dunamis* miracle working power, *agape* love, and sound mind of Christ.

Jesus is alive in you as you operate the actions of *pistis* faith: Gal 2:20 “I am (*have been*) crucified with Christ: nevertheless I *zao*/live; yet not I, but Christ *zao*/liveth in me: and the life which I now *zao*/live in the flesh I *zao*/live by the faith-actions *in/of* the Son of God, who *agape*/loved me, and gave himself for me. 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *unto zoe* life come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.”

We use right faith-actions to obey: Col 3:1 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your *zoe*/life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our *zoe*/life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.”

After you are born-again in Jesus, we remain here for His purposes, in this life. Otherwise, when you got born-again in Jesus, God would whisk you off the planet right away. Our life purpose, is the meaning of, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” That is, we are the hope of Heaven, the throne of God, qualified and empowered by grace, for us to co-labor with God to manifest the glory of God as Jesus did, in this life, right now.

As you do these right faith-actions, behaviors, believing that as you speak God is moving, this is happening and you will see it, then you will see it. It is believing that it works as you work, it works. It is not, “Let’s do this and see what happens.” But, “I declare the end from the beginning as if it were. I am doing the will of God; He moves by my right thoughts, words, and actions. He delights to do this through me, and this is what

He will do through my right faith-actions. Thank You, Lord Jesus! YAHOO!”

Jesus told us that seeing answered *aiteo* prayer takes us to even higher levels of joy, full joy. John 16:24 “Hitherto have ye *aiteo*/asked nothing in my name: *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promises knowing Jesus has met all the requirements*), and ye shall receive, that your **joy may be full.**”

There is more: On the other side of the coin, those who do lots of joy behaviors, but do not have confidence that God is moving through those behaviors, may have a “good time,” but see little of *zoe* life in *dunamis* miracle power. It takes both the behaviors of any of the right faith-actions, and believing that it is working as you work it, to release the *zoe* life in the Bible promises you are working with.

Persons may say they are believing God, but if there is no or little thanksgiving, praise or joy continually during every day, throughout the day, they are far from biblical faith or biblical believing. So we commonly use these terms, but when we do, we are often meaning our modern culture words, and not the words of success with God in the Bible. Remember you don’t have to feel the confidence, you act like it is there, and it will be. And if the answer is not immediate you do not give up. Instead you keep repeating UNTIL it is done. 1 minute or 1 week, you stay on it. Luke 18, Jesus said stay on it till you get it.

Believing is ready to say, “Thank You, Father. Jesus got it for me; it is mine; I will have it, so thank You, Lord Jesus. Yahoo! I have it; I have it; I have it! Thank You, God. Now devil go, you go and never come back; this is mine and you get off

now! In the name of Jesus!” God has already done the healing in Jesus, our job is to get the devil off and continual pump in *zoe* life, so the healing can “be.”

Since true Bible faith always works, and operating in the mind of Holy Spirit is releasing the miracle-working *zoe* life, and the mind set on the flesh is death, anyone, no matter how great their professions of faith, who dies by sickness, was in a carnal mind, and not in the mind of Holy Spirit by the New Testament Scriptures of our redemption in the blood of Jesus. Either they were lying, or God is lying, and God’s position is: Rom

3:4 “God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar.”

God says it this way: Rom 8:5 “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is *zoe*/life and peace (*calm assurance of victory by continued right faith-actions unto victory*).”

Destroying Death: God’s *zoe* life is greater than death, and swallows it up to obliterate it. Sickness is a form of death, usually in a slow form. Other forms, such as fatal accidents, war, etc. are fast forms of death. In slow or fast forms of death, if you are not healed, you will die. God has already forever decreed we are healed in 1Peter 2:24. It is determined, will not be denied, right faith-actions that make it manifest!

1 Cor 15:26 “The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.” Since sickness and diseases are slow forms of death, and if not stopped, you will die, this is not just about resurrections from the dead, but also divine healing, and therefore divine health.

Destroying death, in healing sickness to raising the dead, are part of our assignments from God in this life right now. Matt 10:8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” Here sickness and death are enemies to be destroyed by imparting the divine *zoe* life of God to those oppressed of the devil, just as Jesus did, in this life right now. We are to destroy death, anti-life, with God’s *zoe* life.

No Results without action: The world is full of misery. Knowing God without knowing His power leads to deception. Matt 22:29 “Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the *dunamis/miracle working* power of God.”

The summary is that if you want blessings of God, the price is to continually seek Him in spirit and in truth, BEFORE, DURING and UNTIL victory. Living in the spirit is living in the Scriptures of our redemption in and by the blood of Jesus.

Such Holy Spirit living is included in: Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the *dunamis/power* of God unto *soteria/salvation (including divine healing)* to every one that *pisteuo/believeth*; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from *pistis/faith* to *pis-*

tis/faith: as it is written, The just shall *zao/live* (*unto dunamis power*) by *pistis/faith* (*in right faith-actions*).”

The actions of seeking the Lord include the same acts of *pistis* faith that release *zoe* life to you and your faith targets. God wants us to walk in His blessing, power, and prosperity, and we can, if we will but seek Him first and continually.

As Holy Spirit said through John: 3 John 2 “*Agape/Beloved*, I wish (*pray*) above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”

This is God’s desire for each of us: prosperity, health, and a soul like Jesus’. Doing, glad, happy, and joyous right faith-actions in truth is the pathway of *zoe* life.

Continually seeking the Lord in right faith-actions gets us there. Luke 12:30 “For all these things (*of worldly blessing*) do the nations of the world seek after: and your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 But rather seek ye the kingdom of God (*by the lifestyle of continual right faith-actions*); and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Walking Like Jesus: As Jesus said to walk like Him: John 5:30 “I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”

If Jesus continually sought the Father, and Jesus is our example, then so must we. As Jesus did that as a man, He used the same tools we have, the Bible instructions on how to seek the Lord with right faith-actions.

Since Jesus did not have the New Testament, He followed the same Old Testament instructions we reviewed here. The some 1,050 New Testament commands are ways to seek the Lord in active obedience, and to root out any flesh-mind that resists.

The best way is to first rejoice in the Lord over a clear command direction, and then obey gladly, knowing that as you do, you are releasing *zoe* life into you, and those related to your obedience.

For example, “Pray without ceasing,” (1 Thess 5:17) becomes you seeking the Lord by His word and then thanksgiving, praise, and joy that you will have what you *aiteo* requested of Him. All of these are seeking the Lord processes.

God does not mind if you come to Him seeking answers or His presence; to Him, they are both the same, so you do both.

For example: Here God commands we seek all the gifts of Holy Spirit: 1 Cor 12:31 “But covet earnestly (*go after them to operate them*), the best gifts (*whatever is needed for the moment*): and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way [*of agape love*].” So seek the gifts of God for Holy Spirit power, and then you will know God more fully. The more you know God, the more you will walk in His *agape* love and *dunamis*, miracle working, prayer-answering power.

The lazy or ignorant Christian says, “God will do it without my help; I am going to do whatever suits me at the moment.” Slothful, lazy, and ignorant Christians see little of God’s miracle power.

The active and obedient Christian believer says, “I am made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus; my nature is to gladly do the will of God. It is the will of God that I seek the Lord continually for power and His face, by right faith-actions. It is the will of God through right faith-actions, and patient diligence, and consistency in doing right faith-actions, I release God to perform His blessings. So I do a regular practice of right faith-actions every day, multiple times per day.” Active believers do right faith-actions and get the results of Jesus.

As you become a regular seeker of the Lord with right faith-actions, you may not know when or how the answers comes, but you know it/they will come as you keep in right faith-actions because you are obeying what God said to do, and He will inhabit it.

Why, because you have sought the Lord enough to know that God cannot lie, and He is ever faithful to His word. He will do what He says, as you do what He says.

- And God is no respecter or persons. What He does for one; God will do for all. What God did for Jesus; He will do for you. Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.”
- And you do your part in right and diligent right faith-actions UNTIL you see the answer manifest.
- And one of your favorite songs is: Num 23:19 “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”
- And another like unto it: Deut 32:3 “I will publish (*proclaim*) the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”
- And that judgment is for the oppressed and against the oppressor. Against the devil and all the devil’s works and ways, so the blessings of God prevail. This destroying the works of the devil for God, in the name of Jesus, is our holy work, in this life, now.
- And our foundation is continually seeking the Lord in right faith-actions, by His word.

Three Elements of Pistis Faith

The word *Pistis* Faith has three general meanings or main elements.

1. First is a body of facts we ascribe to, the “faith.” Biblical faith in God is based on the Bible set of facts to believe and do.
2. The second is the actual doing of right faith-actions to bring or encourage faith results. And that includes joy, which is part of the Bible definition of *pistis* faith.
3. The third is the current status of your strength or adherence to faith facts and actions, in the face of conflicting information and offenses.

Most of my formal Christian experience has been focused on the body of faith facts or assertions, but not on the actions of faith that produce the promised results of *pistis* faith in God. Most stress the need for faith, but few have taught me how to make faith produce results. But those that have are awesome.

If you are not doing the works of faith at the beginning level, then you will see little faith results. The right faith-actions of thanksgiving, praise, joy, *aiteo*, affirmations, etc. are the first steps. If there are other actions, like making investments, doing things “that show God you mean business,” etc., I highly recommend you do the beginning works first, for at least 6 months, for 3-6 hours a day, and then seek the Lord if any other actions are required.

We use right faith-actions to force our minds into the mind of Christ within us.

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Smith Wigglesworth said, “If the spirit is not moving, I move the Spirit. And then I pray, not to see what happens, but to move Heaven to Earth.”

Let’s look deeper at this one definition of Bible faith: Heb 11:1 “Now *pistis*/faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”

Expanding the definition of hope it becomes: Heb 11:1 “Now *pistis*/faith is the substance of things (*you are in joyful expectation of good based on God’s promises*) hoped for, (*and these joy behaviors are*) the evidence of things not (*yet*) seen (*of God’s promises*).” Hope is the joyful expectation of coming good. Joy is exuberant behaviors of happiness, gladness, and enthusiasm.

Evidence means what others can attest to as facts. Evidence is what others can see, taste, hear, smell, or touch. Right Bible faith always has evidence.

Pistis Faith by Evidence: Paul defined his life of *pistis* faith, with evidences, this way for Gentile believers who did not have an active Jewish heritage: Phil 4:9 “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, **and heard, and seen in me**, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” If you want to walk in the God of peace and victory, then you need to do the things Paul taught and did.

And that means the things that gave Paul his successful life in God were all visible for others to see, if they just paid a little attention. This is not closet evidence, but an open life with *pistis* faith-action evidence.

The evidence of biblical *pistis* faith is the expressions of exuberant praise, thanksgiving, joy, *aiteo* commands, and affirmations you express, so that others can see and/or hear them. This eliminates “silent, inactive mind” joy as part of the normal process of working the laws of *pistis* faith in God.

Expanding this verse again: Heb 11:1 “Now *pistis*/faith (*by continued right faith-actions*) is the substance (*converting the power of the word of God into tangible manifestation*) of things (*you are in joyful expectation of good based on God’s promises*) hoped for, (*and this exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, confession, and command aiteo of the promise is*) the evidence of things not (yet) seen (*and this exuberance continues as the evidence BEFORE and UNTIL the goodness of the Lord “thing or promise” is manifest in the Earth*).”

Affirmations, confession, or anything else without joy behaviors unto joy emotion is not biblical faith. It may be your religious practice; it may be what others around you do, but without the exuberant actions of thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, *aiteo*, etc., then you are not yet in biblical *pistis* faith. So I added more “yahoo’s” to the latest version of the Affirmation Magnets in *OK, God, Now What, and Battle Prayer for Divine Healing-FM2*.

As such there remains a large realm of answered prayer or *pistis* faith you have yet to enter. That realm is available, but only to those who learn to do the basic actions of biblical faith, especially *aiteo* commands. ***Aiteo:*** Jesus said it this way:

John 14:12 “Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that *pisteuo*/believeth [*considers me and all that I am as the source of your blessing over any conflicting, resisting, or negative circumstances fears, worries, concerns, or facts, unto thanksgiving, praise, joy, blessings, courage, patience, aiteo commands, affirmations, and acts of agape love in confidence that I have the ability and will bring the promise to pass, by your continued right faith-actions, BEFORE and UNTIL it manifests*] on me, **the works** [*miracles, energy, and power results of God as opposed to normal men*] **that I do** shall he (*the one believing by right faith-actions*) **do also**; and **greater works** than these **shall he do**; because I go unto my Father.

13 “And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise in determined focused intention of will*) in my name, **that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise in determined focused intention of will*) anything (*of these covenant promises*) in my name, **I (Jesus) will do it.**”

Here Jesus said those who *pisteuo* believe on Him will release the power of God by the acts of *pisteuo* believing which include *aiteo* asking. Jesus says that the way He got answers from God was with *aiteo* prayer, and those who *pisteuo* believe on Him can do the same.

As part of the Jesus-defined law of *pistis* faith, that means, if your believing actions do not include *aiteo* asking in prayer, you will not be assembling the necessary parts of the law of faith for at least the “same works,” much less the “greater works” that Jesus did and promised.

Doing Greater Works:

Jesus said: John 14:10 “*Pisteuo*/Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, **he doeth the works**. 11 *Pisteuo*/Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else *pisteuo*/believe me for the very works' sake.”

Here Jesus says to Philip that he has seen the Father, both in the way Jesus lived, and also in the miracles of Jesus. Here Jesus tells us He did not make the miracles Himself, but that Father God did the miracles. Jesus put aside all His divinity to walk as a man. Jesus put aside everything that you or I do not have, so Jesus could be our example.

John 14:12 “Verily, verily, I (*Jesus*) say unto you, He that *pisteuo*/believeth (*with continual faith works*) on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, expect as due by covenant promise in determined focused intention of will*) in my name, **that will I do**, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

Jesus tells them that Jesus did the *aiteo* asking to Father God in His ministry, and Father God did the miracles of Jesus by Holy Spirit. But now in the completed redemption, it is not Father God, but Jesus who will do the miracles as we *aiteo* in the name of Jesus. And everything we have, Holy Spirit, *zoe* life, grace, redemption, and the Bible, is sufficient for us to *aiteo* as effectively as Jesus did. And that access is by *pisteuo* believing with right faith-actions in continually seeking the Lord to *koinonia* connect with Him.

- And since “will I do” of verse 13, could also be considered prophesy, this means there will be a people who will learn to *aiteo* ask in prayer to pro-

duce even greater works than Jesus did. And while you are already qualified by Jesus to do them, you have to do your part in *pisteuo* right faith-actions to produce them.

- And access to that prophesy is by learning to *aiteo* ask in prayer effectively.
- And by the definition of *pistis* faith/believing, this will include stirring yourself with thoughts, words, and actions unto exuberant and biblical joy. We are the “*aiteo*” gateway to the will of God being done on Earth. It is in our hands.

The bottom line is that, if your so-called profession of faith does not include exuberant joy, you are not in biblical faith. (We add “exuberant” to help our modern sensibilities cross the gulf between modern joy and biblical joy, which is always exuberant.)

So unless your process of believing does not stir you up into exuberant joy and *aiteo* commands, you have not yet believed by biblical standards for biblical results.

Believing: Many say if you are born-again, you are a believer, based on this Scripture: 2 Cor 6:15 “And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that *pisteuo*/believeth with an infidel?”

In this verse, God calls the born-again as “one who believes” or a “believer.” This is the way God looks at you, to Him you are a *pisteuo believer*, one that He has qualified and enabled by grace, to bless the Earth through right *pisteuo* believing-actions. When you do the actual works of *pisteuo* believing, God can move as you keep doing the works of *pisteuo* believing.

So rather than the title *believer*, a better understanding is *one who can believe with right faith-actions, and God can move through.*” The processes of *pisteuo* believing God are to exercise, force, shape, or train your mind to think and respond like Heaven thinks and responds about a situation. If you are looking at your situations with all of God’s promises that relate to it, with right faith-actions to make it happen, you and God are thinking alike. You have then set your mind on the “things above at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)”

***Pisteuo* Believers:** The world is full of believers in many things, from the power of money, the benefits of sexual appeal, the ability of candy to temporarily quiet children, and that cars will not run without gas and oil. And they believe so intensely in these things, it regularly governs how they spend their time, money, and what they measure and control constantly. This is what believing does, it controls how you live your life.

As a “semi-professional” grandfather, I would never think of taking my grandchildren anywhere without a set of candy, foods, drinks, spare clothes, wipes, spare toys, books, appropriate electronic devices, spare batteries, and something to put it all

in, and keep around me at all times. I am a *believer* in the power of all these things to make for a good time with young children. This is what God is talking about for “one who is a believer.” I am ready to head off, or to go into action at, any disturbance of the peace.

Right *pisteuo* believing is how God enters this world to bless through men. Bet you never thought of yourself as a Gateway for God, but just as Jesus is, so are you. Jesus came to set the record right on how and who God really is. To see more results in God, you need to adjust or change what you are thinking and believing – exercising assurance that it works as you do the right things. You display confidence to be confident.

As Christian musician most of my life, I know this in every performance event. You never really know how it is going to go. There are just too many variables. This is true with just me leading a small group in worship, or fitting in with a large band with a large audience. But you press on doing what you believe is right, do some rehearsals, and expecting God to fill in where I might miss it. My confidence is in a combination of what I prepared, and in God to help where I need it. I have seen Him do many marvelous things in the process.

In one case, I was invited to set an alcoholic free. I told them this would include casting out one or more devils. They had never seen anything like this before. There were five of us in the room, myself included. I commanded the demon to come out in the Name of Jesus, maybe 3-4 times quickly. Like sword strokes. Each one was intense focused intention of will. I did not get real loud, but at normal voice level, but with intense focus.

I asked the guy what was happening, he said he felt strange and somewhat better, and the pain in his back was gone. He claimed he drank to relieve the pain. The pain was gone. Then each of the other three said they had problems that were also gone, which I did not know about any of them. For me it was a good deal. Four healings is one *aiteo* command hit. I am not sure how it happened, because I was only focused on the one guy, and they all got healed in the mercy of God. I suspect it was because of the confidence I displayed and maybe the hour of tongues prayer on my way there. In this case I was God’s Gateway for blessing. Yes, I felt happy about it. Oh, and 5 years later, the guy was still pain and alcohol free.

Acting your way into believing is acting with the confidence of Jesus when facing an issue to heal. Jesus is in you, in your spirit, but not in your soul. Your soul will follow your thoughts, words, and behaviors. So like a professional actor, who can make any emotion or action with a few minutes to get their mind in order, you get your mind into the order of being like Jesus, and He can operate through your right words and behaviors through your soul.

A disciplined mind like Jesus has, keeps focused on the job at hand, and any sensitivities Holy Spirit might give. Just do your job like a soldier in combat. Pick an enemy, raise your weapon, aim, and fire. Your feelings do not matter. Just do your job. And for a soldier or policeman, then go home to live another day, or help someone on the way home.

As John Lake taught, you can act your way in to believing behaviors quicker than you can believe your way into acting. So start acting like a believer. Copy how Jesus, the disciples, even modern successful divine healers, and you can do the same with the same results. After a while, with constant repetition, your soul will catch on to learn. This is part of the mind-renewing process. You copycat, duplicate, imitate, and emulate first to learn and then get better at it. This is what training is all about. Renewing your mind is reprogramming and retraining your mind. Study alone will not do it, you have to practice right actions with much repetition.

Clear the Confusion: Use accurate definitions. For this we need to elevate the word *faith* to how to make the Word of God manifest in the Earth, because that takes biblical *pistis* faith, or *pisteuo* believing. And this is **not** how our culture understands these biblical terms.

In trying to make Bible “faith” work for you, we must use only biblical definitions. Otherwise your lack of faith results lies in stubbornness, rebellion, ignorance, arrogance, or blindness. James 1:21 “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and *lambano*/receive with meekness (*humility, openness, trust, confidence, no arguments*) the engrafted word, which is able to *sozo*/save your *psuche*/souls (*lives*). 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

Else we qualify for this rebuke from God: Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, *rightly applied*...” This is not just facts in a book, but a knowledge that comes by living and doing those facts well – i.e., repetitive training to apply them rightly for right results.

So read the Gospels and see yourself doing what Jesus did in ministry in your mind’s eye, i.e., imagination. Most movies of Jesus are not helpful in this. Seek Holy Spirit to guide you. Or watch some David Hogan or Curry Blake videos, or some of mine. You have to look quick, as it is not very dramatic.

Just like *zoe* means to press into the spirit you want, you must press into God with right faith-actions. You do them, not to attain some level, but to operate in the one you are in, which is the highest in the Universe, beside God and in Jesus. The highest title is a son of God, and the New Testament will tell you numerous time that is the born-again you. Gal 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.” You are a joint-heir with Jesus and, while He is ever preeminent, you have the same title, a son of God.

For example, you will never understand the power of the Name of Jesus until you resist and attack a demon until it is cast out and healing comes. Whether one word or that one word 10,000 times, when that devil goes at your command in the name of Jesus, you are now entering into “knowing” the power of the Name of Jesus. When it is your sick child suffering, until you win with the Name of Jesus, all this is theory at best.

And thus we could say: 1 Cor 11:30 “For this cause (*failure to properly discern the Lord’s body and apply that work to our areas of need in Communion*) many are weak (*no strength to impact the present world for survival, prosperity, good, or miracles*) and sickly among you, and many sleep (*with early death, usually from sickness, and retain hard hearts toward God so they cannot perceive to obey with gladness and joy, and are not effectively on fire for God*).” [Remember there is a wrong zeal for God, a fire for God without knowledge (Rom 10:2-3). Failure in Communion means a lack of right knowledge rightly applied.]

This passage of 1 Cor 11:30 is the great New Testament lament of God. It is not God who is the problem, but we and our lack of understanding of what Jesus accomplished for us in redemption, to us doing the right faith actions to release or operate the blessings.

The problem of a lack of the intervention of the Almighty Living God is not administrative decisions by God, (i.e., as if God is saying, “Let’s see, who can I bless or curse today?”), but: Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge *rightly applied...*,” on what biblical faith is and how to operate it. The Bible is a study and then a-go-do way of life. Most Pharisees were full of “knowledge,” most of it wrong, but little experience in *zoe* life.

The problem with most Christians is not a lack of knowledge, but an excess of wrong knowledge or traditions of men and not the Word of God. Jesus rebuked the leaders of His day with: Matt 15:4 “For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother (*unto money and help*): and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift (*to the temple at the expense of not providing for your parents*), by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; 6 And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have **ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.** 7 Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, 8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. 9 But in vain they do worship me, **teaching for doctrines (of God, but rather) the commandments of men.**” Many call this evil Christianity, religious form without supernatural power.

Doing *Pisteuo* Believing: John Lake, under whose ministry the city of Seattle was called the healthiest city in America around 1920, had this to say. “Now that we have prayed, let’s just believe God for the next 5 minutes with actions of joy.”

What you would do in those 5 minutes shows if you understand biblical *pistis* faith. And if you are doing it right, it would not matter what you did, it would only matter when we see the answer to that prayer. That is the biblical criteria for right *pistis* faith, or *pisteuo* believing.

And the same criterion fits right with the ancient Hebrew words *raah* looking to positive considerations, or *nabat* beholding to joy of Numbers 21:8-9, which God told the rebellious snake-bitten to do to get healed. Notice both these words are similar to *pisteuo* believing unto joy.

It is not, do and let’s see what God does, but do and know God is moving as you do, because you are a son of God, and God loves you and those you love. No right doing, no believing unto right faith-actions that God is moving in and by your right doing, and God cannot move the way He earnestly and passionately desires for your, and your nation’s good. For more on how the snake-bitten got healed see our book, *Spirit Power Dynamics – Freedom in a Snake-Bitten World*, a free eBook on the website Articles page.

The measure is God in power, grace, mercy, and love manifest in the Earth, not whether you put much or little effort into it. This is a case where results define success.

Or keep doing right faith-actions UNTIL success.

If you have no complete answer on what and how to do *believing* in those 5 minutes of John Lake, then you do not understand faith, or do not have the wisdom to do it properly, so God, who is eager beyond our imagination to bring His goodness to the Earth through you, remains limited, and cannot heal and prosper as He desires. You must understand that you are God’s gateway for *zoe* life, not God, Gen 1:26.

Ps 78:40 “How oft did they (*those who died in the desert of unbelief under Moses*) provoke him (*God and Moses*) in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and **limited the Holy One** of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. 43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.”

A simple way to understand this is that they did not keep in constant remembrance what God had done for them unto joy by right faith-actions. Instead they continually found fault with God, blamed Him for their discomforts, and did not trust His hand to help. They blamed God rather than draw on His strength. These are the works of unbelief.

Belief recalls the past victories to present courage and strength in right faith-actions. Unbelief focuses on past failures, and reports that God is not reliable or faithful, cannot be trusted, the work of Jesus is irrelevant or powerless, and God is a liar. Their main sin leading to this behavior was idolatry, as we are warned in 1 Cor 10:14 “Wherefore, my dearly *agapao*/beloved, flee from idolatry.” 1 John 5:21 “Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.”

Going Past the Limit: Notice people, by failure to keep remembering the works of God, limited God so they did not go into the land to kill giants, destroy large armies, take walled cities, and occupy farms already built for them. They could have, as this was the will of God for them, but they did not because they failed to recall, mix with right faith-actions, the great works of God, and apply it to their lives in the “now,” Heb 4:2.

We do the same when we do not know the facts of our redemption in the great work of God in Jesus, His Mighty Arm, into awareness, pleasure, happiness, and gladness unto joy, and apply these facts to our lives. We too can die in the desert of unbelief, while we have the God of all creation, not just with us, but living in us. Just as those in the desert limited the Almighty God, so can we.

1 Cor 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them (*those with Moses in the desert, and the sad history of Israel*) for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

Heb 4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (*that God would fight through you as you fight giants and impossible situations with faith, courage, and constant confidence in God – like they had seen God humble and destroy the mighty Egyptians; or for us, raise Jesus from the dead*): but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) in them that heard it.”

God’s definition of “rest” is not no work, but right work like fighting and winning a war, or a family and farm or a shop that requires daily effort to produce and it does with nothing missing, nothing broken, all things working to the super abundance of God, and overcoming any enemies that arise so you scatter them seven ways, Deut 28:1-14.

This will not impact whether or not you go to Heaven, but if you ever decide you are tired of living in hell on Earth, attitudes must change. And that is why these strong warnings are in the New Testament. And you will definitely not like your Day of Judgement in 1 Cor 3:10-15.

Sovereign and True God:

Those who say God is sovereign and can do anything He wants to, have never read and understood this great message of the Bible. And the great warning of the letter to the Hebrews is that we can do the same. God operates through our right faith-actions to make Heaven on Earth, by right faith-actions.

God has sovereignly chosen that He will only operate through people, human beings, by right faith-actions. We limit God by our ignorance of the Scriptures and power of God, and our lack of right faith-actions. We may be waiting on God, but He is waiting on us to start doing right faith-actions in gladness and joy.

James 4:8 “Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.” Ours is always the next move by doing right faith-actions. Notice He comes AFTER you do the right faith-actions to draw near to Him, setting your mind on things above, Col 3:1-4:6, and you may think it takes a long time. Just how important is it to you to seek the King of Kings until He comes? David Hogan talks about 40 day fasting, and months of 12-24 hours a day, seeking the Lord for situations and needed wisdom.

So all those prayers that say, “God, why won’t you,” or “When are you going to,” should be rephrased to, “Lord, get me to, so You can show me what and how to do it.”

No Respector of Persons: God loves you more than you can imagine. His law is that man must open the door for Him to work, Gen 1:26. He is no respector of persons, and says so some 13 times in the Bible, Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons: 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.” See also: Deut 10:17; 16:19; 2 Chron 19:7; Job 34:19; Ps 82:1-2; Matt 22:16; Luke 20:21; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:11, 25; James 2:4; 1 Peter 1:17.

As totally fair and just, God cannot alter His word for anyone. He is the stability of the creation. He does not pick and choose, we do.

Right faith-actions is one way to describe what righteousness action God is looking for. God has made His ways available in the Bible for those who will seek Him by continual right faith-actions to learn. Daniel was one such who did learn and saved Israel, God’s chosen people.

Here is God’s “Ne Respector of Persons” definition of those who do not seek Him continually: Ps 10:4 “The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.” Sure sounds to me like continual right faith-actions is required by all.

Or the reverse: Prov 3:3 “Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust (*cleave and adapt your mind to His with continual right faith-actions*) in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not

unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge (*know, recognize, greet, praise, glorify, honor*) him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.” See: Phil 4:4-8; and Col 3:17-23.

Not doing this is called forsaking the Lord, Ezra 8:22-23

Sovereign and True God: Many try to explain what has happened and will say things like, “God decided to ...” Or “God is sovereign, He can change the rules.” At best this is people trying to explain God in ignorance of His Scriptures, or the devil trying to convince you God is changeable (that way his judgment will not come) and God’s Word cannot be relied upon in a crises or for a need.

This is really very simple and based on God’s nature or His revealed self in the Bible. Mal 3:6 “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

And again: Heb 13:8 “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Israel ignored everything God provided to keep and prosper them, and God had every right to destroy them, yet He said He would not.

Num 23:19 “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

1 Sam 15:29 “And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.”

James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.”

Ps 89:34 “My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” What God has said as recorded in the Bible we have today will not change.

Rom 11:29 “For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”

Matt 5:18 “For verily I (*Jesus*) say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.” This is Jesus certifying the entire Old Testament in the original Hebrew. His main contention with the religious leaders of His day was they had modified the image of God and added traditions that negated the word of God. Or as 1 John 1:5 says, there is no darkness, shadow, or turning, iniquity, falsehood, or lies in God. He cannot lie. Titus 1:2 “In hope of eternal *zoe*/life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.”

Isa 40:8 “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.”

1 Peter 1:25 “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you, *(that got you born again, and on which your salvation depends)*.”

Ps 119:151 “Thou art near, O Lord; and all thy commandments are truth. 152 Concerning thy testimonies, I have known of old that thou hast founded them for ever.”

While God is sovereign, He has sovereignly bound Himself to His word. He does not change His mind or His ways. He is more stable than the sun and the moon. He does not change. That is why there is no shadow or turning in Him. There is no darkness in Him at all, 1 John 1:5 “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.” This is the message Jesus came to give. The only one fickle or changeable is man, not God.

Just because you want it a different way, or justify your theology by making God a liar, God is no respecter of persons. His ways are one way for all. He is truth and cannot change anything, else that would make Him a liar, and the assurance of eternal salvation a sham.

God has bound Himself to His word, Heb 6:16-17. He cannot lie, and He has no iniquity. Deut 32:4 “He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

Ps 119:89 “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled *(as a fence or impenetrable wall)* in heaven. 90 Thy faithfulness *(stability, reliability, truth)* is unto all generations: thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.” What God says is, is now what it is. He cannot lie because whatever He says is now truth and ultimate reality. God and His word are one.

Rom 3:4 “God forbid: yea, let *(make in your own mind by constant repetition)* God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.”

If God said this is the way the law of *pistis* faith works, then it is the way it works.

Just as God lived and operated through the body of the man Jesus, so Jesus, the Man on the throne at the right hand of God, can now operate in and through the Christian by His indwelling Spirit by our right faith-actions. In addition, this is not only in the individual, for Jesus also operates in and through His body, the corporate body of Christ, the Church, all those Christians on the Earth at this time.

Just as Jesus continually never sought His own will, but always sought the Father’s will of righteousness, John 5:30, we as individuals, and corporately as the church, should continually not seek our own will, but always seek by continual right faith-actions the will of God.

And in the case of healing, by Isaiah 53, and the life of Jesus, it is always God's will to heal. Hos 10:12 "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord (*in continual right faith-actions*), till he come and rain righteousness upon you." Jer 23:29 "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

In the New Testament, it is, "Till He rain righteousness **through you**."

Make this your affirmation and life actions: Jer 15:16 "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts." YAHOO!

Traveling With God: If you use an automobile to go to work and travel around, then consider this. You are God's car. You are His presence and power transmission vehicle. God has limited Himself to how well you drive Him around and release Him. If you have no gas, no oil, or do not know how to drive, no matter how wonderful and ready to go, and how awesome the passenger, the automobile is not going anywhere, and the passengers are all dressed up to go somewhere, but remain in the parking lot.

That car is you and me. It is our souls that are the door to the spirit gateway, as our spirit is made like Jesus' in the new-birth. The snake-bitten in the desert in Numbers 21, who *raah* looked or *pisteuo* believed unto joy successfully, knew, or learned quickly, how to control their souls to do it right. Otherwise they died.

So yes, you can start right faith-actions in evil fear, terror, and pain, but keep at it, and you can switch your soul and release God at the same time. This is not about perfection, but enough continual effort.

Believe is a verb, it means it has actions with it. God has defined each born-again Christian as a *believer*, *one who is capable of releasing God into the Earth through the right thoughts, words, and actions*. And when you are believing effectively, you are bringing God to the Earth for blessing. No right or sufficient right faith-actions, means God is sitting and waiting on you to move the car of *pistis* faith.

Without these defined elements of the law of *pistis* faith, the best you can do is to get the occasional, almost magical, success in working the laws of faith in answered prayer, but are very unreliable in reproducing them. So we start with understanding that biblical *pistis* faith has actions to operate the law of *pistis* faith, so that you can release God to do His goodness on the Earth.

James 2:17 "Even so *pistis*/faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast *pistis*/faith, and I have works: shew me thy *pistis*/faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my *pistis*/faith by my works (*right faith-actions unto joy*). 19 Thou *pisteuo*/believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble (*but you in your arrogance and vanity do not*). 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that *pistis*/faith without works is dead?" It takes right faith-actions to make *pistis* faith work.

Belief and Unbelief Exalts: One of the characteristics of belief is that what you believe in you tend to praise, honor, exalt, and advertise to others as good. You idolize, fixate, and exclusively focus on what you believe in. These are the actions of belief or trust.

Another characteristic of unbelief is that what others believe in that you do not; causes you to not just ignore, but also to mock, ridicule, disparage, and find fault with. You warn others not to trust what you do not trust. These are the actions of unbelief or distrust.

Faith does the same for what it believes. There are valid evidence points in biblical faith that you can use to check your progress.

Unbelief and How to Fight It

Both faith and evil fear are common in life, but they are powerful enemies and opposite spiritual forces. It seems to be a spiritual law that evil fear breeds a lack of confidence, unbelief, and produces defeat. Yet it is equally a spiritual law that *pistis* faith, by right faith-actions, breeds confidence and victory. (Merlin Carothers, *From Fear to Faith*, p. 32, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, 1997)

In the Bible we are commanded some 365 times to fear not. Jesus said: John 14:27 “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” Evil fear is a choice.

Replacement Actions: The first thing to understand is that just as much as evil fear is a choice, so is the ability to fear not. You do it, not by saying, “Do not think that,” but by replacement thoughts and words of the right faith-actions in God.

Ps 112:7 “He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting (*by continual right faith-actions*) in the Lord. 8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, until he see his desire upon his enemies.” Notice the righteous man attacks evil fear by right faith-actions, just as we are told in Phil 4:4-9.

To give thanks to God in the grip of evil fear, breaks it. You can say something like: “Lord, this is bigger than me, and I thank You that you are able, much bigger than this, and can see me through. I thank You that this has shown me I need you, and You will help me, thank You! Send me Your words to strengthen me.” Then open your Bible, and start reading it out loud. Ask Holy Spirit to guide you.

When you come across words like bless, praise, alleluia, thanks, or rejoice, even if not a direct command, stop, and do a few moments of blessing (speaking good about God), praise, thanks, or joy. This is doing entry level right faith-actions.

We are told evil fear keeps us in bondage: Heb 2:14 “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he (*Jesus*) also himself likewise took part of the same (*flesh and blood as a man*); that through death he (*Jesus*) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and deliver them who through *evil* fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

The sources of unbelief include Bible ignorance, offense, bitterness, and evil fear. There is a fear of the Lord that leads to *zoe* life, knowing God’s ways are best, as Jesus walked in. There is an evil fear that causes us to leave the living God for “other” answers. This is what crippled the generation that died in the desert with Moses. And we are warned the same can happen to us.

God gives us the cure for evil fear: Ps 34:1 “I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the Lord (*by right faith-actions*), and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.” Notice this starts with blessing and praising the Lord (right faith-actions) with our mouths as the first step in replacing the evil fear thoughts to raise up in confidence in God.

Your feeling follow your thoughts, words, and actions. Replace your evil fear thoughts with words of the goodness, power, and love of God in thanksgiving and praise. Keep at it until you have your soul back in control with right emotions. Psalm 23, 27, 46 and Ephesians 1-3 are great for this. Ps 56:3 “What time I am afraid, I will trust (*by doing right faith-actions*) in thee.”

Heb 3:12 “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the *zao*/living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

Exhortations and admonitions are strong words, much like a verbal kick in the pants. If no one will exhort you daily, then you must do it yourself. This is the best defense against evil fear leading to unbelief.

Psalm 103 is one such gentle exhortation: Ps 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.” This is how David got and kept his soul under control to walk in the spirit of the living God. This entire psalm is powerful in times of evil fear to counter unbelief.

Unbelief: Unbelief is not the absence of faith; it is faith in something or someone else other than God by His Word. We humans are 24 hour, 365 day, believing machines. It is impossible for a human not to believe in or for something. The issue is, what are you believing? What are your inner assertions of the future? What is your current self-talk? What are the words you seek agreement from others on? These define your current faith, your expectation of coming good of the future.

The challenge is how to replace your current assertions against God, your current unbelief, with God’s assertions, His promises of your future, and how to make that good future happen. Your current unbelief did not happen overnight, and it is usually not replaced overnight. For the biology of reprogramming your mind see my book, *OK, GOD, Now What?* Available in printed form on Amazon, and pdf at my website.

While you can operate in the Holy Spirit gift of faith, this is not a lifestyle change. Instead, it is a burst of Holy Spirit power for a specific need. It comes and then it goes. It does not change your heart or self-identity. The key is to overwrite our current lies and deceptions of unbelief with God’s *agape* love and truth by constant repetition.

1 John 4:17 “Herein is our *agape/love* made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he (*Jesus now*) is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no *evil* fear in *agape/love*; but perfect *agape/love* casteth out *evil* fear: because *evil* fear hath torment. He that *evil* feareth is not made perfect in *agape/love*. 19 We *agape/love* him, because he first *agape/loved* us.”

This love is not without power when you have the power of God, the Almighty Holy Spirit dwelling in you. Rom 5:5 “And hope maketh not ashamed; because the *agape/love* of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us. 6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.”
YAHOO!

Here is the battle cry of God against unbelief: Heb 3:12 “Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the *zao/living* God. 13 But **exhort (*verbal kick in the posterior*) one another daily**, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”

And this recovery process takes work: Heb 4:11 “Let us labour (*to exhaustion in continual right faith-actions*) therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (*lack, or no continual right faith-actions*).”

Remember *aman* and *pisteuo* (the Hebrew and Greek words translated as *believe*,) include nurturing, cleaving, and *lambano*, always actively holding onto, as part of their meanings. This means you spend time every day nurturing, cleaving to, reinforcing, and re-persuading yourself what you are believing. This can be intentional or unintentional, but nurturing always implies intentional activity. This nurturing is done by right faith-actions. As humans we are always nurturing our beliefs all the time. Choose right faith-actions in and about God to release His *zoe* life for manifestation of God’s promises.

The real issues of our heart are often discovered at the first signs of negative events in our grumblings, complaining, and disputes: Phil 2:12 “Wherefore, my *agape/beloved*, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own *soteria/salvation* with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmurings and disputings.”

And the source of these foul words and attitudes are various idolatries in our hearts: 1 Cor 10:10 “Neither murmur ye, as some of them (*in the desert with Moses*) also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is *pistis/faithful*, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to

bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly *agape*/beloved, flee from idolatry.” Idolatry = rebellion = complaining = unbelief.

It is our idolatries that cause us to fail in trials; between offense, grumbling, complaining, fault-finding, and idolatry, these are the source and measures of our unbelief.

God tells us, while there is breath, there is hope. Jesus says that even if we die, there is raising the dead. No matter what the trial, God can bring you through with right faith-actions.

Heb 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (*in the desert with Moses*): but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) in them that heard it.” The mixing of *pistis* faith is with right faith-actions.

Psalms of Lament: The first response to troubles offered by God is the Psalms, specifically the Psalms of Lament. Of the 150 Psalms, about half are classed as psalms of lament. This is where the psalmist is describing things are bad, often with much detail.

In the cry of lament there are words of trust in God. This positive trust in God can be a long discussion of God’s greatness, or just a short phrase such as: Ps 89:52 “Blessed be the Lord for evermore. Amen, and Amen.”

There are two general categories, with some crossover, Corporate or Group Lament, and Personal Laments.

Here are summary lists:

- Corporate Lament: Psalms 12, 44, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85, 90, 94, 123, 126, and 129.
- Personal Laments: Psalms 3, 4, 5, 7, 9-10, 13, 14, 17, 20, 22, 25, 26, 27*, 28, 31, 36*, 39, 40:12-17, 41, 42-43, 52*, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 64, 69, 70, 71, 77, 86, 88, 89*, 120, 139, 141, and 142

*These psalms fit more than one category.

These psalms of lament are the right way to complain about your troubles, lack of faith, and to calm your emotions for right faith-actions. There is little to no faith in evil fear, terror, fault finding, or grumbling. This may be where you are starting from, but the soul needs to be brought back into joyous confidence for more effective faith. The best thing you can do is shut your mouth until you can quote Psalm laments

We are commanded: Eph 5:17 “Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (*continually being*) filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (*including tongues*), singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in

the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the *right* fear of God.”

Being filled with Holy Spirit in your spirit occurs when you first get born again in Jesus. 1 Cor 6:17 “But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.” It is not two spirits in the same body, but one spirit, you and Holy Spirit made one by grace. In the new-birth you get everything to live the Christian life. In Holy Spirit baptism you get everything to do ministry. Life and ministry both require continual right faith-actions to success and freedom.

Now the issue is keeping your soul renewed and filled with Holy Spirit in right thought and attitudes, and in agreement with your born-again spirit. Per verse 19, this includes using the Psalms of Lament.

This helps in obeying: Eph 5:20 “Giving thanks (*and the other right faith-actions*) always for all things *of redemption* unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” This “all things” includes the facts of redemption, and whatever Scriptures counter the evil situations you find yourself in at the moment.

Both saying and singing Psalms and giving thanks to God, all the actions in this passage, release Holy Spirit in *zoe* life to build your faith, shatter unbelief, evil fear, and grumbling. The songs force truth into your spirit. They are the roadway to success in God to prepare you for the full suite of right faith-actions in confidence and power.

Praise Psalms: The goal is to move from Psalms of Lament to Psalms of Thanksgiving and Praise. Praise psalms are more focused on who God is rather than what He has done.

This listing is not exact, and many psalms fit more than one category, and some are listed more than once.

- Hymns - songs of praise include: Psalms 8, 19:1-6; 33, 66:1-12, 67, 95, 100, 103, 104, 111, 113, 114, 117, and 145-150.
- Covenant Songs - psalms directed toward the covenant relationships between God and others. Includes Psalms 50, 67, 72:17-19; 78, 81, 89, and 132.
- Hymns of Zion/Temple - psalms focused on Jerusalem, the place of the presence of God.
 - Of Zion – Psalms 46, 48, 76, 84, 87 and 122.
 - Of the temple – Psalms 15, 24, 68, 82, 115 and 134
- Royal Psalms - These focus on the human king of Israel or upon YHWH as king of Israel.
 - Enthronement – Psalms 2 and 110.

- Wedding – Psalm 45.
- War – Psalms 18, 20, 21, 24, 27, 33, 35, 46, 60/108, 138, 144, and 149.
- YHWH – Psalms 29, 47, 93:1-2, and 96-99.
- Messianic Psalms - predictions concerning God's Messiah or the kingdom He will rule.
 - The Kingdom – Psalms 2, 18, 20, 21, 45, 61, 72, 89, 110, and 132.
 - The Messiah – Psalms 8, 16, 22, 35, 40, 41, 55, 69, 102, and 109.

This listing is from: <http://www.xenos.org/classes/psalms/psweek5.htm>

- **Thanksgiving Psalms** include Psalm 8, 18, 19, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 36, 40, 41, 66, 103, 105, 106, 111, 113, 116, 117, 125, 133, 135, 136, 138, 139, 146, 147, 148, 150.
- **Lament Psalms**
- Corporate Lament: Psalms 12, 44, 60, 74, 79, 80, 83, 85, 90, 94, 123, 126, and 129.
- Personal Laments: Psalms 3, 4, 5, 7, 9-10, 13, 14, 17, 22, 25, 26, 27*, 28, 31, 36*, 39, 40:12-17, 41, 42-43, 52*, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 59, 61, 64, 69, 70, 71, 77, 86, 89*, 120, 139, 141, and 142

*These psalms fit more than one category. Many psalms have multiple category verses in them.

Aiming at Unbelief: The process of removing unbelief to enter *pistis* faith, the continual attack of significant impossible conditions against a promise of God, and overcoming them to victory, is described this way:

Rom 4:12 “And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also **walk in the steps of that *pistis*/faith** of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised. 13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of *pistis*/faith.”

Notice that this promise, “heir of the world,” is not just his immediate son, Isaac, but his generational son, Jesus, who is the heir of the Universe! In order to start the family line, Abraham needed his first son from Sarah.

Notice this passage, of Romans 4, is given so we can learn how to walk in the same path, take the continual repetitive steps of *pistis* faith that Abraham did, to become the heir of the world. A walk is a work, a labor, and actions that you do that keep you moving forward on the right path God can inhabit. A walk is many steps to

reach a goal, when easy and when hard. For Abraham this started with the promise of the conception and birth of his son, Isaac.

Pistis Faith Attacks: God gives the blessings, but it takes right faith-actions to make them manifest. This is the fight of *pistis* faith. Else the world would already be Heaven on Earth. There is not a lack of desire, but there is a real shortage of lifestyles of *pistis* faith in God by right faith-actions.

Abraham was given a promise, but it took right faith-actions on his part to make it manifest. Abraham did not accuse or beg God, he attacked unbelief with a vengeance and ruthlessness, UNTIL he and Sarah got their answer. He hated evil, iniquity, and loved righteousness, Heb 1:9. Right compassion hates the works of the devil enough to set people free with the Name of Jesus, which means “Salvation Now!”

This walk of *pistis* faith is not talking about a one-time event, but a series of progressive activities, which define a lifestyle that produced the results. Again, this is written to show us how Abraham did it, so we can do the same. So read and pay attention.

Rom 4:19 “And (*Abraham*) being not weak in faith, he considered (*called as lord*) not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 he staggered (*weighed down, cast away, withdraw from, dropped, found fault with God, murmured, or complained*) not at the promise of God through unbelief (*unpersuadableness, doubts, honoring thoughts of the present evil circumstances as greater*); but was strong (*empowered*) in (*and by*) *pistis/faith* (*considering Jesus as greater and Lord over the negative circumstances for blessing unto exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage, patience, fasting, right Holy Communion, acts of agape love, and aiteo commands BEFORE and UNTIL the answer comes*), giving glory (*loud, bold, exuberant, and continuous thanksgiving, praise, joy, aiteo, and affirmations*) to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he (*God*) had promised, he (*God*) was able also to perform (*do, make happen*). 22 And therefore it was imputed (*counted, considered*) to him (*Abraham*) for righteousness (*thinking like God so God could inhabit those thoughts, words, and actions to manifest the answer*).”

There is a lot here that we will get into later, but let us look at verse 20 and the phrase, “through unbelief.” Notice in verse 19 Abraham looked at the hindering circumstances, the impossibilities for the promise to come to pass. Unbelief in God considers and thinks on the challenges more than God as reason to not do right faith-actions in God. *Pistis* Faith proclaims that God is able and will do it over and against those impossibilities. Those impossibilities become possibilities in God.

These impossibilities were in verse 19, “He considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb.” Abraham looked at and acknowledged the impossibilities, as he understood

why the promise could not be. He did not ignore the negative circumstances or the doubts about God and His reliability the promise generated; he attacked them in heart by “considering not,” but by considering God instead. His mind of considerations became a furnace of praises to and about God.

He attacked each doubt (temptations to stop right faith-actions) with the promises and nature of God. He put a rigid clamp on his mind, and when negatives arose he countered with right faith-action thoughts until the evil fears and concerns were replaced with confidence in God. This is not an instant process, and may take many hours to win each battle. This is the fight of *pistis* faith.

The Bible names of God reveal aspects of His character and nature. For a listing of these names, please see the Appendix.

Replacing: And since the human brain cannot “not” think about something, he had to replace the anti-promise circumstance-thoughts with godly thoughts, words, and actions that addressed them, and then moved onto confidence in God over those anti-promise facts. We call this “**replacement control thinking.**”

It is impossible to “not think” something, but you can replace them with new thoughts. Using words, songs, writing, or listing on your fingers is generally faster to replace the current thoughts and emotions, rather than just thoughts by themselves.

If I tell you to, “Do not think about a pink elephant,” you will see one in your imagination right away. If you are thinking ungodly thoughts, you need to replace them with right thoughts, and not just keep shouting to yourself, “Do not think that.”

Here *considering* means pondering on as valid; call them lord, will produce the results they are headed toward; give honor to; chewing; pondering; muttering; make important in your mind and life; let those topics dominate in your thoughts, words, and actions; fixate on; if negative they cause evil fear and sorrow; if positive, they lead to joy; behold means to make you change your life direction and purpose to accommodate them.

Right Consideration: But instead of considering them, Abraham considered God, His character and power as greater than the doubts based on the present circumstances.

So whenever he became aware of a negative factor or doubt, he forced himself to look to

God and His Word as greater and more reliable unto joy. Abraham called the anti-promise, negative circumstances, doubts, and facts as real, but not “Lord” over the situation, and they would be removed or bypassed one way or another by God.

In this process, whenever he considered these negative facts and evil fears, Abraham was calling God “Lord,” and not the evil circumstances. This is very similar to how we are to bring salvation to Earth by confessing, calling Jesus as Lord, and extol-

ling all that Jesus is and has done in our redemption. Rom 10:9 “That if thou shalt confess (*agree as true*) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (*in all He is, has done, and will do*), and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be *sozo/saved*.”

“Saved” is not just getting a ticket to Heaven, but bringing Heaven to Earth in any situation in this life. This ranges from divine healing, to stopping a horde of locusts, to victory in battle, to getting a new job, or in the case of Abraham and Sarah, a 100 year-old man and a childless 90 year-old woman, conceiving and birthing a baby. This is the fountain of youth!

Since Abraham had been told by God he would have descendants like the stars in the sky, or the grains of sand in the desert, he considered that word as what would happen, and greater than the “anti-promise facts” of the present. Abraham attacked each doubt or evil consideration with immediate right faith-actions of God’s nature and power.

Abraham even saw his Seed, his Descendent, Jesus, as the One who would bring Holy Spirit, THE Blessing of God to all men. That Blessing is Holy Spirit dwelling and manifesting through men to produce the Kingdom of God on Earth.

This is described here: Gal 3:8 “And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through *pistis/faith*, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed (*to make and enjoy Heaven on Earth*). 9 So then they which be of *pistis/faith* are blessed with faithful Abraham (*to make and enjoy Heaven on Earth*). ...13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through *pistis/faith* (*to make and enjoy Heaven on Earth*).”

But notice, in Rom 4:20, Holy Spirit tells us that unbelief looks at the negative or anti-promise circumstances, doubts, and facts as greater than God and His promise. Thus unbelief declares that the negative circumstances and facts are “Lord” over the promise, and not God.

The simple way to explain “blessed” is that your right faith-actions work, i.e., release God in *zoe* life, not because you are good, but because God is good. Thus the great praise of God is: Ps 100:4 “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good; his *chesed/mercy* (*grace in action*) is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

Doubts: Doubt, is translated in the KJV from several different Greek words. In summary, they mean: to stand in two minds; be double minded and unable to make a

firm faith commitment; to express or talk hesitation, or waver between alternate acceptable options; will not adhere to in a single mind; stand in evil fear of another; hesitate or stop right faith-actions; no action as uncertain which way to go; suspend decision; and reject assertions.

Those doubt-assaults on his mind were Abraham's battle zone of *pistis* faith: Rom 4:19 "And being not weak in *pistis*/faith, he (*Abraham*) considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 he staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief (*unpersuadableness, lack of courage and/or offense in God, the lordship and doubts of the present evil circumstances, stopping his right faith-actions*); but (*grew and*) was strong in *pistis*/faith, (*as he was continually*) giving glory (*the exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, and aiteo of right faith-actions*) to God."

Biblically to doubt means to stop doing right. Doubts are second or multiple thoughts attempting to override your confidence in God over *pistis* faith-action target. They are often the current real circumstances and their proclamations of lordship as greater than the promise of God. The purpose of doubts is to get you to consider them as greater than the unseen promises of God, so you stop or never start right faith-actions.

You doubt when you stop, or never start, making right faith-actions in God to attack the doubts. If you do not attack them with God's truth and promises each time they come, they make you "careful;" they will slowly take over your mind; and you will stop making the right faith-actions for God.

In double mindedness, usually you keep doing right faith-actions, but lose assurance *zoe* life is flowing, then soon tire in bored duty. At best, you may do them at church, but elsewhere you are full of evil considerations of the very real negative facts. You may put on a good front among Christians, but your considerations are carnal, and lead to death.

Rom 8:6 "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded (*in the works of our redemption*) is *zoe*/life and peace (*to victory*). ...13 For if ye *zao*/live (*consider the natural facts as lord*) after the flesh (*five senses, natural world view*), ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit (*the words of our redemption in Jesus in right faith-actions*) do mortify (*call dead and now healed in Jesus*) the deeds (*works, effects*) of the body, ye shall *zao*/live."

Having the facts of redemption in your Bible, or even posted on the wall, does little to release the *zoe* life contained in those words of God. It takes the active thinking, mouth work, and full body work of right faith-actions to do that.

The attacks of the negative circumstances to invoke evil fear are the temptations to doubt, to stop doing right faith-actions. So the strength of Abraham's *pistis* faith

was to not give lordship to the negative circumstances every time he became aware of them, but to aggressively replace those thoughts with thoughts and words of God's power and faithfulness for having a baby right now.

Strong *pistis* faith attacks the negative circumstance's claims of lordship, doubts; it does not just ignore them. Strong faith immediately launches into aggressive continual right faith-actions against them and blasts them with the Word of God and His faithfulness and abilities.

Peter with Sinking Doubt: These doubts can come as bold anti-faith statements or as gentle remembrances of anti-faith statements, natural facts, or lies you have heard in the past. The process of *pistis* faith is to work with right faith-actions at every doubt or negative reminder, large or small, bold or whispers. Here is how Jesus described it to Peter.

Matt 14:29 "And he (*Jesus*) said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, **he walked on the water**, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he (*Peter*) saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, *sozo*/save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little *pistis*/faith, wherefore didst thou doubt (*waver in opinion from evil fear, follow the second evil fear/terror thoughts as greater than Jesus' command*)?"

First note that Peter did not sink like a stone, as he would with no power. Peter started a gradual sinking process. So when Peter called out, he acted as if sinking was sure; his mind was filled with failure, but he actually was still somewhat above the water.

This is an important lesson on *pistis* faith. Jesus often taught on *pistis* faith in the context of healing someone. The subject of doubt and its relationship to *pistis* faith occurs in many New Testament passages. In all these cases, it is obeying temptations to doubt, lessen or stop right faith-actions, which limits God doing His perfect will. For example, in this passage where Peter has just walked supernaturally on water, but began to sink as he saw the wind and the waves around him, Jesus says to Peter:

Matt 14:31 "And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of Peter, and said to him, "O you of little *pistis*/faith, why did you doubt?"

It is apparent from this question and rebuke by Jesus to Peter that the reason Peter was able to continue to miraculously walk upon the water was because of his *pistis* faith or obedience to Christ, i.e., "This will work, God is keeping me above the water, and this will work." The temptation to doubt was allowing the evil fear thoughts to dissuade him.

It is also obvious that the reason Peter began to sink was not the will of God, but that Peter began to doubt, i.e., "This will not work, this will not work. I can die, no

one is here to help me” Here doubt means no longer single-minded, but allowing other options, evil fear of failure, to divide his focus.

Clearly, Peter did not sink because it was God’s will for Peter to sink. Peter did not sink because it was God’s timing for him to sink. Peter did not sink because it was God’s mysterious purpose being worked out in his character. Peter did not sink because he presumed to test God by walking on water. Peter walked on water because he obeyed what Jesus said to do. This is called faith by Jesus. *Pistis* faith has obedience as part of it.

Peter sank because he doubted when he became afraid over the wind and the waves. Peter did not sink because Father God, Jesus, or Holy Spirit had somehow changed their minds about Peter walking on the water. No matter how frivolous Peter’s walking on water may seem to some, it was the will of God for Peter, and he was doing it. His right faith-actions, confidence, at the first, kept him above the water and walking on it.

Peter had spent his life handling wind and waves in the boat. He had seen those who had been lost overboard, and ships lost. He had seen wreckages on shore after storms. As he saw the waves, he did not say to himself, “God wants me on the water with no visible means of support. He will protect me and keep me standing. I don’t care if I have to crawl, I will stand against those waves.”

Peter did not say, “Now wind and waves, you calm down and go away; you will not knock me down or drown me. I will walk as Jesus told me to.” Instead he let thoughts like, “Do you see those waves? They will sink you! Even in a boat they can kill you.” He let evil fear, and not obedience to the will of God, control him. Right godly fear would have kept him in doing right faith-actions.

God’s empowering of Peter walking on the water was dependent upon Peter’s faith in Christ as superior to the other circumstances of the water, wind, and waves. Doubting evil fear overshadowed Peter’s faith; made it less, “of little *pistis*/faith,” and it was defeated by his doubting, double-mindedness.

Little faith includes right faith-actions sporadic and/or without intensity and courage to stand. Little faith on the waves has quick effects, little faith on dry ground may not be so quick in negative results, but no less deadly. In this case you lean into the challenge to resist failure so Holy Spirit, your Paraclete, the one who strengthens you as you stand against, can work, weak or little standing against can sink you.

David kept shouting his faith affirmations because as he ran at Goliath, the giant got bigger and bigger as David ran at him. David’s shouting right faith-actions kept his courage and certainty in God up.

Peter’ walking on the water was dependent on his *pistis* faith-actions, and his resistance to doubting by keeping thinking or shouting right faith-actions. Peter was

walking just fine until he started to see there could be problems and those problems could kill him. i.e., evil fear of death, Heb 2:15. Thus Peter's acceptance of the doubts stopped the will of God for Peter. Doubt tempted Peter to stop his right faith-actions confidence, thoughts, and words.

It is clear that Peter giving consideration, lordship, to evil fear caused him to limit and stop the will of God. Peter became just like the Israelites with Moses: Ps 78:41 "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand (*of power*), nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. 43 How he had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan." Nor did Peter recall all the miracles of God Jesus had done. And we can do the same today.

Taking Captive Every Thought: Unlike Abraham, who grew continually stronger in *pistis* faith by *continually* giving loud and bold glory to God, Peter did not counter the evil fear of the waves and wind with loud and bold right faith-actions. He let his past normal, "No one walks on water; waves and wind can cover you and drown you; they can sink your ship, you will sink like a stone and not bob up like a cork; you will be financially ruined if you sink yourself or the ship, etc." control his thinking.

And the amount of time Peter had to recover with right faith-actions was rather short.

2 Cor 10:3 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

By not countering his doubts, by not bringing them captive to the obedience of Christ, Peter's *pistis* faith was degraded down to little *pistis* faith, where no effort was made in spite of the obstacles, to re-affirm Jesus' command and acceptance that Peter was walking on the water. In fact, Jesus' comment was almost one of frustration. "Peter, you were walking on water, I was so pleased, and then you lost it." Unlike solid ground, water has no mercy if you stop your right faith-actions.

You can almost hear what Peter should have thought, "Waves, you stand back. I am walking and I am not drowning. Water be firm. I will walk to Jesus; I will go where God wants me to go. Now waves, stand back, calm down; water, hold me up; I am walking, now!"

Doubting with evil fear of death and failure overshadowed Peter's faith attitudes of success, and prevented the Father from doing what He was willing to do. Likewise, doubt often overshadows healing or other miracles that the Father is perfectly willing to do. In this way we limit God just as the ancient Israelites did. Ps 78:41 "Yea, they (*the Israelites in the desert with Moses*) turned back and tempted (*tested, called a liar*)

God, and limited (*confused, stopped*) the Holy One of Israel (*from getting His will done on Earth by their lack of continual right faith-actions to mix the words of God with words of right faith*).”

Or as God says, Heb 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being (*continually*) mixed with *pistis*/faith (*by continual right faith-actions*) in them that heard it.”

In a healing faith battle this is where you recall every healing miracle in the Bible as the will of God for you. I have a Bible highlighted for just this purpose.

Such giving lordship to evil facts and evil fear is called, drawing back: Heb 10:38 “Now the just (*those made the righteous of God in Christ Jesus*) shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. 39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (*death working in fast and slow forms*); but of them that *pisteuo*/believe to the *sozo*/saving of the soul.”

These right faith-actions in the face of often terrible and seemingly unstoppable evil fear are how we overcome to inheriting the promises, and convert, save, and renew our souls previously trained as experts in the lordship of carnal facts.

Peter’s doubts, drawing back, double-mindedness, wavering, took him from overcoming faith in confidence to continue walking, to doubt and sinking, when God wanted him to keep on walking on the water.

Yet today, many would say, “It was God’s will he sank,” Or, “Peter had walked enough,” or, “It was God building character into Peter.” Or “Peter should have given thanks and praise he was sinking,” but Jesus rebuked Peter!

Matt 14:31 “And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little *pistis*/faith, wherefore didst thou doubt (*waver in opinion from evil fear, follow the second evil fear/terror thoughts as greater than Jesus’ command*)?” Your stand in continued right faith-actions over the promises of God is you declaring Jesus is King, Jesus is Lord! YAHOO!

Jesus said it was against God’s will that Peter became fearful as he started sinking, and that the problem was doubt in Peter, and not the will, timing, training, or special purposes of God. His exercising little faith was against the will of God!

God did not make Peter pay, the devil did by letting water do what normal water does, i.e., natural law of the devil’s world system. Jesus rescued Peter in his new *pistis* faith steps, and chided him for his unbelief, or little *pistis* faith.

Pistis faith is a decision, not an “anointing” or “mantle.” Strong *pistis* faith stands against failure with continual right faith-actions. Strong *pistis* faith fights the fight of *pistis* faith no matter what, with continued right faith-actions. This is the disciplined

Christ-mind we are to renew our minds into. *Pistis* faith will not be denied and keeps in right faith-actions unto victory. YAHOO!

And yes, this kind of Christ-mind takes practice of continued right faith-actions while on solid ground, so on water, it is an automatic, trained response. You get this way and keep this way, by the constant repetition of regular right faith-actions daily on a multi-event schedule and as occasion serves. Since this is a mind-behavior response, or fastest results, it takes:

- a) Immediate deep immersion of 6-60 hours non-stop right faith-actions, or
- b) Continued work at 3-6 hours a day for at least 90 days for heart writing and then on to a lifestyle.

That is, unless you like the evil fear and terror of crises so much you wait for only deep immersion, or say, “It was God’s will they died,” Or, this is God training you.” Just like the rebuke of 1 Cor 11:30, these are not God’s will, but if you do not seek the Lord by right faith-actions, and learn to live the right faith-action lifestyle, you too will suffer in “weakness, infirmities, sickness, poverty, lack, short life, and live asleep to God, all the while calling yourself, “on Fire in God!”

Now, back to Peter and what we can learn. We see a two-step process, much as is described in the Parable of the Sower in Matt 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. Peter received the word and acted on it with joy, but when the devil attacked with present negative circumstances and evil fear in his mind, Peter lost the battle and doubted or “considered” them as lord of the future, as he sank.

Faith that fails the “doubt” test is called “little faith.” You have some faith, but if it does not blast through the doubts with right replacement thoughts, words, and deeds of right faith-actions, like Peter, you will sink into the evil circumstances, against God’s will. And this response needs to be almost immediate, or you will lose some ground, only to have to make it up again if you can.

If it is your child in the hospital with sudden bad news, are you going to stir up an effective prayer team, or hit the floor in your own intense right faith actions? Who will love your child more. OH, sorry forgot, you will spend hours moaning in internet groups with few solid believers, but gets lots of sympathy responses, and maybe flowers at the funeral. This is war, not a social media experiment in mutually supportive feelings. Fight like the Lion of Judah you are descended from! This is why God calls it the fight of *pistis* faith.

“Oh, not me, I am saved!” Then why the warnings of 1 Cor 10-11, and Heb 3-6, and the lament of 1 Cor 11:30? Your real *pistis* faith strength will be tested by the devil. God will control to what level, but from your side it will look like there is not hope but in God, which is the point.

Your *pistis* faith will be tested so you can develop godly patience, endurance. James 1:2 “Consider it wholly joyful, my brethren, whenever you are enveloped in or encounter trials of any sort or fall into various temptations. 3 Be assured and understand that the **trial and proving of your *pistis*/faith**, *faith testing*, bring out endurance and steadfastness and patience (*maybe right faith-action with tears of evil fear to get your mind in order*). 4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.” AMP Able to rise in continual right faith-actions that tell the devil no, and he must go!

But do not, as many pulpits do, attribute this testing, this temptation, this proving of your *pistis* faith be attributed to God. God is not doing the temptations, the devil is. James 1:13 “**Let no one say** when he is tempted, I am tempted from God; for God is incapable of being tempted by [what is] evil and He Himself tempts no one. 14 But every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire (lust, passions). 15 Then the evil desire, when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death. 16 Do not be misled, my *agapao*/beloved brethren. 17 Every good gift and every perfect (free, large, full) gift is from above; it comes down from the Father of all [that gives] light, in [the shining of] Whom there can be no variation [rising or setting] or shadow cast by His turning [as in an eclipse]. 18 And it was of His own [free] will that He gave us birth (*new-birth*) [as sons] by [His] Word of Truth, so that we should be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures [a sample of what He created to be consecrated to Himself].” AMP

Those evil lusts to faint in trials, temptations, provings, and testings are yours, not God’s. The devil built them into you by your lack of continual right faith-actions from a child to whatever age you are now. And these lusts are idolatries that you will sell your soul for as much as the complainers in the desert with Moses did.

And for any of these testings of your *pistis* faith, God will limit the devil. But know if you get converted to the right faith-actions lifestyle, the results will be what pleases God. But in the trial, if it is a trial for you, you will think it is beyond you, but it cannot be, but it will require you to convert to the right faith-action lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord. This is where you learn to hate the devil and his works with intense *aiteo* commands.

1Cor 10:13 “For no temptation (no trial regarded as enticing to sin, *testing of your pistis faith*), [no matter how it comes or where it leads] has overtaken you and laid hold on you that is not common to man [that is, no temptation or trial has come to you that is beyond human resistance and that is not adjusted and adapted and belonging to human experience, and such as man can bear]. But God is faithful [to His Word and to His compassionate nature], and He [can be trusted] not to let you be tempted and tried and assayed beyond your ability and strength of resistance and power to endure (*by the continual right faith-action lifestyle*), but with the temptation He will [al-

ways] also provide the way out (the means of escape to a landing place, *the right faith-action lifestyle*), that you may be capable and strong and powerful to bear up under it patiently (*in continual right faith-actions*). 14 Therefore, my dearly beloved, shun (keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be) any sort of idolatry (of loving or venerating anything more than God, *lusts of the flesh and mind, and the pride of bios life*).” AMP

John 2:16 “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of *bios/life*, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

Those that died in the desert with Moses, in various situations, refused to make the choice to mix the word of God continually with the continual right faith-actions in the lifestyle of continually seeking the Lord in spirit and in truth unto *zoe* life.

1 Cor 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them (*in the desert with Moses, and in the church for at least the last 1500 years*) for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition (A STRONG WAKE UP CALL), upon whom the ends of the world are come. 12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

Strengthening Faith: To get his victory, Abraham had to work at “not considering” the facts, doubts, and evil fears that assaulted him. He did not ignore these negative thoughts; he attacked them. He constantly replaced these doubt, evil fear, and unbelief thoughts or temptations, with truth and praise in God.

Abraham took his weaker *pistis* faith and made it, or grew it stronger, by exercising in the faith-gym with continual right faith-actions. He countered the negative facts, feelings, and evil fears by doing continually (on a regular schedule and as occasion serves) right faith-actions of success with the promises of God. Abraham did his right faith-actions three major times:

- a. His regular spiritual disciplines of seeking the Lord multiple times per day in continual right faith-actions (3 times a day in regular mode, or increasing to 24 hours a day for several days, to 7 to 10 times a day).
- b. Whenever he recognized a negative thought, especially about his fatherhood and/or Sarah’s motherhood. He immediately responded to bringing every thought captive of the obedience of Christ, 1 Cor 10:15, by right faith-actions.
- c. Whenever any events occurred that challenged his hopes. Be it stiffness in the morning, Sarah hurting, sheep sick, friends coming by, or people ridiculing or mocking him when he said his name was Abraham, Father of Many Nations. He attacked with continual right faith-actions, blessing them until the sting went away unto joy, while blessing those who cursed him, or despitefully abused him.

You can get ahead of the doubts by making it your goal to make your right faith-actions on a regular schedule of multiple events each day, i.e., you confession becomes,

“It will work, and God will work it, and I am doing right, I am working it,” while you are in the “meantime” between the promise and the manifestation. Start by making them a regular part of each meal. Write them down, post them on your refrigerator, and say them every time you pass by.

Faith is more than a positive attitude, but looks like a positive attitude, and continually affirms positive words and actions that release the *zoe* life of God.

Or get really serious and set a timer for every 15, 30 or 60 minutes, and then take 1-2 minutes each time the timer goes off to make your right faith-actions of godly success. The more you do this on a scheduled basis, you will start to notice the random times the doubts come, and soon you will attack them by giving glory to God and grow stronger. This is included in: Ps 119:164 “Seven times a day do I praise thee”

Upon rising and before you go to bed, review the promises you are holding onto. Make yourself do thanksgiving, praise, joy, and affirmation behaviors and righteous self-talk. Sing them until you are excited. Before going to sleep, stop and rest in God, see the victory and joy, then relax to sleep with thanks to God.

Right Consideration to Strong Faith: Who you praise and fear, as determining the outcome, this is the one you really are calling “Lord” in the situation. That adds a whole lot more meaning to this: Rom 10:9 “That if thou shalt confess [*agree as true that Jesus is of more authority and power than any circumstance, and will help because of covenant commitment to never leave or forsake you, so you can require or aiteo Jesus to be Lord through you, as you are a member of His Body, and glory in His work of redemption*] with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt *pisteuo*/believe (*unto joy and pleasure BEFORE and UNTIL the answer is manifest*) in thine heart that God hath raised him (*Jesus*) from the dead, thou shalt be *sozo*/saved.”

When God raised Jesus from the dead, God healed everything in your life to the level of Heaven at the throne with indwelling Holy Spirit. This is what *justified* means for spirit, soul, and body. Rom 4:24 “But for us also, to whom it (*righteousness*) shall be imputed, if we *pisteuo*/believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification (*or when we were justified to the level of Jesus as He is now in spirit, soul, and body, which is total healing as defined by God*)”

This part of the fight of *pistis* faith: 2 Cor 10:3 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and

bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (*by continual right faith-actions*); 6 and having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.”

Notice, this thought triggered in Paul his exposition and exhortation-admonition on the people who died in the desert with Moses. He was describing the fight of *pistis* faith, recalling those who lost it. And of course this leads to the lament of 1 Cor 11:30, for those were losing the same kind of fight unto: 1 Cor 11:30 “For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.” Which sadly seems to fit most Christian churches. If you want to change this destiny, make a lifestyle of doing continual right faith-actions.

For more on success in right Holy Communion to overcome the lament of 1 Cor 11:30, see *Discovering Our Redemption* at Amazon, and *Spirit Power Dynamics* as a free eBook on our website Articles page.

The thing that makes it (the yet unseen object of faith) happen, *sozo* saved, is the confession, proclamation, or affirmation that Jesus is Lord by the use of the name of Jesus on your lips to *aiteo* the *soteria* salvation promise to “be,” and not the negative circumstances. Rom 10:11 “For the scripture saith, Whosoever *pisteuo*/believeth (*by right faith-actions spoken out loud BEFORE and UNTIL the covenant promise manifests*) on him (*Jesus*) shall not be ashamed (*dishonored, confounded, embarrassed, disappointed, or defeated*). 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord [*aiteo command in the name of Jesus, command as if God were commanding through you,*] shall be *sozo/saved* (*healed, prospered, restored, strengthened, and blessed*).”

You treat every negative thought, not in evil fear and terror as some “positive thinkers do,” but in confident assertion of the Lordship of Jesus our King. Jesus is Lord!

And as Jesus taught in the Our Father, once you understand that Jesus is Lord over that situation through you, then you *aiteo* command the devil to get off, the *zoe* life of God to flow, and the situation be made into Heaven on Earth. This is you exercising the lordship of Jesus for Him as His agent, ambassador, or mouth on Earth. This is setting your mind on things above where you sit in Christ at the right hand of God (Col 3:1).

Salvation: Notice that word where Peter cried out, “Lord, *sozo*/save me.” Here saved means immediate rescue from negative circumstances.

Many evangelicals limit saved-salvation to mean only having a permanent home in Heaven with God after you die; while that is true, it means much more than that. This is like taking a teaspoon from the ocean, and calling the water in the teaspoon the

ocean. Yes, is it part of the ocean, but it is not the ocean. And neither calling salvation as fire insurance from hell even close to all God has in the great and mighty work of Jesus in our Redemption. Salvation is authorization to the Promised Land in the here and now.

A more complete meaning of *soteria* salvation is the state of Heaven on Earth with anything limiting the glory of God from manifesting removed, so all the promises of God are yours now and forever to bring Heaven to Earth by *pisteuo* believing. Rev 12:11

“And they (*the saints of God*) overcame him (*Satan*) by the (*redeeming, sin destroying, covenant making*) blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their (*redemption*) testimony (*in thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage, patience, and aiteo commands*); and they *agape*/loved not their *psuche*/lives (*souls operating by the worldly facts, fears, and conditions, to purifying their souls by right faith-actions over the as yet unseen promises of God*) unto the death.” Notice it is the saints with God who overcome Satan (Rom 16:20).

Here “loving not your soul unto death” means you are doing what Abraham did, considering not the present evil circumstances, doubts, and evil fears in unbelief as lord, so as to stop right faith-actions, but instead right considering God in His promises unto uproarious joy in right faith-actions. This is standing even if they are actually trying to kill you, as often happened in the life of Paul. This means taking time each day to do this. First on a regular, multi-event daily schedule, then whenever you are tempted to evil fear these negative facts and assertions as above God and His word.

1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory (*over death in any form by zoe life-releasing right faith-actions*) through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-action*) labour *to exhaustion* is not in vain in the Lord.” That means the worse it gets, the more you do the work of right faith-actions. Or, when in doubt, shout the victory! YAHOO!

You start by stirring up yourself with right faith-actions into confidence in God. 2 Tim 1:6 “Wherefore I (*Paul*) put thee in remembrance that thou stir up (*to hot flame*) the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (*timidity, evil fear, apathy, complacency, indifference, guilt, or shame*); but of *dunamis*/ (*miracle working*) power, and of *agape*/love, and of a sound mind (*a disciplined mind just like Jesus has in bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ with right considerations*).”

The author and enforcer of all the anti-promise circumstances is the devil, his world system, and his works. And we overcome all this with our *pistis* faith in God by

His promises. 1 John 5:4 “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world (*system or lordship*), even our *pistis/faith* (*by continuous and diligent right faith-actions*).”

A simpler summation of salvation could be that it is the opposite of: 1 Cor 11:30 “... weak and sickly among you, and many sleep (*early death, and keep hearts hard and blind to the Lord*).”

Or in salvation, by the process of *sozo* saving by *pisteuo* believing by right faith-actions, you are made strong, impregnable, sober, wise, wealthy, prosperous, healthy, restored, full and long life with continual heart on fire for the Lord with the *zoe* life of God as your possession and obsession, in gladness and joy, walking like Jesus, now and eternally.

Notice in Rom 10:11-13, right thinking on God and the facts of the Triumphant Great and Mighty Work of God in Jesus by the Cross, causes right words and actions that allows and releases God to bless in the Earth.

This is because Bible *pistis* faith is always based on humans speaking or calling words, and is successful and always releases God by His covenant promises. Mark 9:23 “Jesus said unto him, If thou canst *pisteuo/believe* (*with continual right faith-actions*), all things (*of God*) are possible to him that *pisteuo/believeth* (*with continual right faith-actions*).” Patience and endurance come as you stay at it UNTIL victory. If you won’t, they won’t.

And again: John 20:31 “But these (*the Gospel of John*) are written, that ye might *pisteuo/believe* (*with continual right faith-actions*) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that *pisteuo/believing* (*with continual right faith-actions*) ye might have (*possess to reign with*) *zoe/life* through his name.” See also Rom 5.

Just as God’s words have power, so do ours. And the power of both is released by what we are believing when we say them. Prov 18:20 “A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. 21 Death and life are in the power of the (*human*) tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.” Love right faith-actions to *zoe* life-release and application.

Evil Silence: In this context, silence in the face of anything is acceptance. And in the face of anti-promise “facts,” or doubts, silence is acceptance of their lordship. Just like the command in Rom 10:15 and 12:2 to continually renew the mind against the constant world pressure; silence or halfhearted attitudes are acceptance and agreement of the right of those evil pressures to reign. Thus that silence becomes seeds and nurturing of non-God seeds and produces non-God fruit in your life.

Since the joy of the Lord is our strength Neh 8:10 “... for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

And the Lord inhabits our praises: Ps 22:3 “But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest

(*as king to save and deliver through*) the praises of Israel.”

And in the presence of the Lord is fullness of joy: Ps 16:11 “Thou (*LORD*) wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.” Rejoicing in the face of death is what we are born-again for.

And belief speaks what it is considering:

2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith, according as it is written, I *pisteuo*/believed (*by considering God as my source of goodness over the present conditions unto exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage, patience, aiteo commands, fasting, and acts of agape love BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests*), and therefore have I spoken (*to proclaim what will be of God’s covenant promises in commands for them to be*); we also believe (*by considering God as my source of goodness over the present conditions unto exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage, patience, aiteo commands, fasting, and acts of agape love BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests*), and therefore *laleo*/speak (*to proclaim, command as what will be of God’s covenant promises to be in commands for them to be, BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests*).”

The purpose of man is to reign for and with God in the Earth, Gen 1:26. Silence in the face of negative situations allows them to rule, and not God. Or keeping in right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the promise is manifest at every hint of resistance or temptation, is breaking the lordship of the evil and establishing Heaven on Earth where you are.

Being One with God: Enthusiasm at its root means to be “one with God.” The God it is talking about is the One in whose presence is the fullness of joy. And enthusiasm is never quiet, but bubbling over with thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage, patience, *aiteo* commands, encouragement, creativity, determination, grit, energy, speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual song (including tongues), giving thanks always for all things of our redemption in the name of Jesus, exhorting yourself and others daily in God, and acts of *agape* love. Sound familiar?

Enthusiasm has joy, and makes that joy contagious. A lack of joyful enthusiasm shows unbelief in the possibilities of *pistis* faith in God, and says the current negative or evil facts rule. Enthusiasm fights the existing conditions with joy behaviors and attacks them to make the imagined better vision of God’s promise, a reality.

Enthusiasm is the fire and voice of *pistis* faith. Enthusiasm in God is voicing the fire and *pistis* faith of God. Enthusiasm is becoming one with the mind of Christ and God at the throne. This is when those who seek the Lord must rejoice!

Ps 105:1 “O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name: **let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.** 4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore. 5 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth...”

Enthusiasm is obeying: Col 3:1 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your *zoe*/life is hid with Christ in God.” At the throne of God the work of redemption is complete and of all power. There is more than enough power, strength, and patience to win the victory. The throne of God is full of enthusiasm in God and His work in the Lamb!

Enthusiasm can stir a lone hunter, salesman, mother, father, pastor, president, a sports team, a business group, or soldiers to do the impossible against incredible challenges. It is achieving the impossible with the improbable by redirecting our thinking. The opposite is called indifference, apathy, complacency, ridicule, mockery, scorn, depression, laziness, and silence in the face of the present negative conditions or threats.

Since God inhabits as king, or is present in our praise, and joy, a lack of thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, and *aiteo* commands is a withholding of God from the scene by you, and is permission to let the anti-promise circumstances of the evil world system have free reign. Silence or no fighting in prayer and *pistis* faith works is acceptance and permission of the ungodly reign of the world system. The first indicator is your loss of thanksgiving.

Heb 12:15 “Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled.”

In this case, silence is not golden, and can be very deadly and costly. This kind of silence is UNBELIEF in action. Remember, sin is in what we do wrong, and what we fail to do right. There are sins of commission and sins of omission. Sins of commission are easier to spot, but evil omission can easily hide with only the evidence of silence.

This kind of silence is committing the sin of omission. Since we are to seek the Lord continually to please Him, right seeking is joyous action. Ps 40:16 “**Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:** let such as love thy salvation say continually (*on a daily regular schedule and as occasion serves*), The Lord be magnified.”

And: 1 Chron 16:8 “Give thanks unto the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the people. 9 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him, talk ye of all his wondrous works. 10 Glory (*loud and bold*) ye in his holy name: let the heart of them

rejoice that seek the Lord. 11 Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually (*on a daily regular schedule, and as occasion serves*). 12 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done, his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.”

Remembering His works includes recalling the elements of the Great Work of the Mighty Arm of God in our redemption, the continual topic of the New Testament.

Silence, or limited faith-action, in the face of evil, is UNBELIEF in God.

Nagging or complaining means to express a point of view in an attempt to change behavior or change one’s emotions at every possible situation. Nagging needs no other requirement but that things are not what they want, or to keep things the way they are.

Consider this: *pistis* faith is “nagging” something into existence, and unbelief is “nagging” the present to stay like it is, or the threats to dominate unchallenged.

Sozo is the action(s) that cause *soteria* salvation of Heaven on Earth in your situation to manifest. The process of *sozo* saving brings Heaven to Earth. What *sozo* produces is *soteria*, the condition of Heaven on Earth. When you know of them and believe you can have them, we all want the blessings of salvation manifested in Holy Communion.

Countering Unbelief: As we see with Abraham and Sarah, *sozo* saved is Abraham getting “alive” to father children, and Sarah being rebuilt, made alive, to have and raise babies. Here having a child is in the meaning of *sozo* save to produce *soteria* salvation, a bit of Heaven on Earth, or God to inhabit as Lord and Almighty God to change and prosper the situation through you.

The counter to unbelief is not mental assent, or glib statements, no matter how good and articulate it looks, but right *pistis* faith by right faith-actions in God BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests in the face of anti-promise facts, threats, and evil fears.

Rom 4:19 “And being not weak in *pistis*/faith (*actions*)...”

Abraham used right faith-actions for considering unto exuberant joy as his defense and weapon against the anti-promise, negative circumstances, and impossibilities BEFORE and UNTIL the answer was manifest. He grew strong in *pistis* faith and then grew even stronger by continual right faith-actions. This is the walk God describes to us.

Make no mistake, this is defining a process where you are making bold right faith-actions while the circumstances appear unchanged, your mind is assaulted with evil fear, apathy, defeat, confusion, and despair. Yet, in the face of these assaults, you soldier on with right faith-actions as best you can, while your carnal mind rages against you.

There is nothing easy about this *pistis* faith battle, until you grow strong by constant repetition in the face of turmoil within and without, where it is always easier to give up and keep silent, or worse yet, get bitter.

This is not about your sin, but what you do right. By grace, you are made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, you are connected to God by Holy Spirit in your spirit. You are seated in Heavenly places in Jesus, at the right hand of the Father. God's ears are open to your cries. It is what you do like Jesus that counts. You do right works and God can inhabit them because of Jesus, not you. Right faith-actions are such right works.

Abraham did this effective believing every time he was tempted to consider the authority and power of the anti-promise, negative facts as greater than the promise, character, faithfulness, and power of God. And at first that was roughly every second or every minute.

I can hear it now, as a friend walks up to him. "Hi Abraham, great and respected elder." And Abraham responded, "I will have children like the sand of the sea, right now God is making Sarah and me able for children, and you will see them. Praise the name of the Lord who makes the barren fruitful." He did not let any opportunity to surrender to defeat go by, without attacking in right faith-actions. For us, Jesus is your worthiness to right faith-action victory.

Again this is "**Replacement Therapy**" where you replace existing thoughts with new, right, and like Jesus would, thoughts.

Otherwise, without replacing those thoughts, in unbelief you consider the negative circumstances and facts as greater BEFORE and UNTIL to prevent the manifestation of the answer. And this is called unbelief against the promise of God. Since our natural bodies receive natural information all the time, we need to do the countering *pistis* believing actions, all the time, until the answer manifests.

As a rule, for any promise of God, you will always have a strong set of counter or negative circumstances and facts, else you would not need to *lambano* a promise from God against the storms of the natural world, to make it manifest. *Lambano* is one way to describe operating the law of faith by right faith-actions against this constant pressure. No exercise of *zoe* life pressure means it is not *lambano*.

It is not that Abraham ignored the negative facts, but that he stirred himself up into joy over the fact that God was able and would deliver on the promise over and against the negative circumstances and facts. Abraham did this unto exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, and *aiteo* commands as part of operating the law of faith in God. He kept calling the natural facts as less than God's Word. Abraham continually reaffirmed that God was Lord, and not the negative facts by giving glory to God in right faith-actions.

This was not being run by Abraham's feelings, but by his cognitive choice in coldblooded logic on how to work the law of *pistis* faith. The negative facts trigger all kinds of negative feelings. It is in the face of these facts and often overwhelming feelings that you make your *pistis* faith stand in right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests.

This is the "good fight of faith" (1 Tim 6:12).

Notice the law of *pistis* faith does not care if you are believing God or the anti-circumstances and facts. All that matters is what you are honoring and fearing as greater in the situation. And what you operate is what you will get. But the law of *pistis* faith in God matters if you are *pisteuo* believing God for blessing or promise manifestations.

Adding Redemption: In the New Testament, besides the Old Testament promises, we focus in on what God said He did in Jesus 2000 years ago. This is rightly discerning the Lord's body in Holy Communion. Your right faith-actions work at one level, just like exercise in the gym, an entirely natural process. You keep doing them and you will get stronger in your confidence in God. Stop doing them, or never start, and you will get more confident is the triumph of the evil circumstances = weak, little, or no *pistis* faith.

At another level, right faith-actions work because you agree with what God said and this agreement fuels expectation. You agree Jesus took all your sins for you. He was wounded for your transgressions, sins. He was bruised, beaten on His body for your internal sins, and iniquities. The curse of everything you deserve in your outer life, the wrath of God, the chastisement of your peace was upon Jesus.

You have the same resurrection *zoe* life that raised Jesus from the dead with all the sin and curse of the world on and in Him. So by all this, by His stripes, you were healed to all righteousness as a Jesus duplicate or clone. It is by this work of Jesus that your right faith-actions are effective. God makes your efforts effective in Jesus as you see Jesus as your access to God.

Not how great you are at shouting, singing, or praying, but how great the work of Jesus is so God can heal you by you releasing His *zoe* life with right faith-actions over and with His Word of *zoe* life. And you do this in the face of conflicting evidence including limitation, pain, and agony in your own body, not to mention terrors within and without.

As Paul said: 2 Cor 7:5 "For, when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no rest, but we were troubled on every side; without were fightings, within were *evil* fears." Right faith-actions are what it takes to move you into the Spirit of God, the Christ-mind.

Perfection Not Required:

- You do not get defeated by the lack of “quality” in your right faith-actions.
- You get defeated by not doing them to any level.
- You do not get defeated by doing them only in the flesh without supporting feelings and emotions.
- You get defeated by not doing them at all in the face of contrary feelings.
- You do not get defeated by starting in the flesh;
- You get defeated by not starting in the flesh.
- You don’t have to prepare. You start from where you are.

It does not matter whether you like doing push-ups and jumping jacks or not. If you do these physical exercises, your body will get stronger. If your attitude is bad, it may not strengthen you as fast as enthusiasm would. But you will still get stronger, if you do them.

This is like pounding a big nail into hard wood. Every stroke helps, weak or strong. But nothing happens if you do not raise that hammer and hit that nail. It is only in hitting the nail, hard or soft, that does any good. The more you raise that hammer, the stronger your strokes will become.

So one way to define unbelief is that whenever you are tempted to consider the negative circumstances, the pain, the evil fear, and the facts, and do not attack them with immediate right faith-actions, you are now in unbelief until you again do the exuberant right faith-actions against the negative facts and for the power of God. That is why one of the first signs of loss or weak faith in God is a lack of thanksgiving or joy, i.e., silence or a lack of enthusiasm. Or as God says in Phil 4:4-9, you have “taken a care.” Instead we are admonished:

1 Thess 5:18 “In everything give thanks *over redemption facts*: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” Now, tell me what is left out of that word, “everything?” And for reference this term, “give thanks” can include all the right faith-actions, not just speaking words of thanksgiving for the answer coming anyway.

You are not giving thanks that you have the trouble (unless you are in *agape* love warrior mode and looking for a fight to set yourself or others free), but rather that Jesus is Lord by the promises of God, not the circumstances by the present limiting facts, and by continued right faith-actions you will overcome to the glory of God being manifest in the Earth by your efforts.

As you decide to overcome those negative facts, you do those good, faith works of thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, blessings, courage, patience, fasting, right Holy Communion, acts of *agape* love, and *aiteo* commands BEFORE and UNTIL you are thankful and no one can wipe that smile off your face.

This is what the real you, the born-again you wants to do continually, just like Jesus would. This education and training is so you can understand what Holy Spirit is

saying so you can go from the carnal mind to the spirit mind, or to keep staying in the spirit mind.

You go from doing thanksgiving works to actually being thankful. And depending where you are starting from, this could be minutes or weeks or months of doing unto being thankful for the triumph of Jesus through you in this situation. Human emotions depend on the previous thoughts, words, and behaviors. Do the actions of thanksgiving and you will eventually switch to the thankful emotions, i.e., become thankful.

It would be great if once or three times a week or even once a day was sufficient, but the temptations to doubt or faint, or allow unbelief to rule, come often moment by moment, every moment, and not just when you are in church or when you are doing morning Affirmation Magnets (see *Ok, God, Now What*).

So this is not just a church activity, but an every waking-moment activity until you “pray through” or “get the victory” unto continual exuberant joy BEFORE and UNTIL the answer is manifest. And when you do get the “victory,” your automatic response at these temptations is right faith-actions until you possess it again.

When you do “get the victory,” you will respond at every temptation or reminder with exuberant right faith-actions in the enthusiasm of Holy Spirit.

Or again as Holy Spirit commands (in expanded form): Phil 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation (*walking in Holy Spirit as Jesus would for the benefit of others*) be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand [*in power and authority for you to bring Heaven to Earth in anything you are aware of and decide to fight or lambano for*]. 6 Be careful (*anxious, concerned, troubled, fearful, worried, silenced, limited, terrorized, recognizing lack of Heaven on Earth, or ashamed*) for nothing; but in everything (*that causes you to take these cares, attack*) by prayer (*aiteo*) and supplication [*for all involved*] with (*continual*) thanksgiving (*unto doing exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, fasting, and aiteo command acts BEFORE and UNTIL you are thankful unto joy*) let (*make, or cause*) your *aiteo*/requests be made known unto God [*until you are confident that you have them as evidenced by your continual thanksgiving unto joy*]. 7 And the peace of God [*from knowing you are doing the right things of right faith-actions like Jesus would to release the manifestation of the answer*], which passeth all understanding [*in supernatural manifestations of God’s goodness over the “things” in verse 6*], shall keep (*or maintain by vigorous right faith-works*) your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus [*to operate just like Jesus would*].”

And you keep a rigid lock on your thoughts and habits so you always: Phil 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**,

think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

Destroying Fears: Paul faced numerous fears, and death many times, yet learned to exercise right faith-actions to go through them and walk in new *zoe* life. 2 Cor 1:8 “For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 but we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: 10 who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we (*pistis*) trust that he will yet deliver us.”

Notice that Paul “had the sentence of death in ourselves.” This means that he was not aloof from the threat of death, but saw it as a sure reality. This is not faith to avoid death, but to rise again through death. That even if he died, he would be raised again in this life, like Jesus was. Here Paul was looking at the worst of circumstances and developed *pistis*/faith to go through even death unto resurrection, to complete his mission.

Stoning: This could have been one such case: Acts 14:19 “And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city (*Lystra*), supposing he had been dead. 20 Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.” This happened in Asia Minor (modern Turkey), and could have been what Paul was talking about in 2 Cor 1.

After the stoning, Paul looked like he was dead. Those who stoned him, carried his body some distance out of the city; Paul appeared dead the whole time. The saints standing around him saw this, also thinking he was dead. This is what an outside observer would

say. We don’t know if Paul was dead or not, but a stoning is brutal, with many cuts, bruises, and probably broken bones, and on top of that, they did not stop stoning until declared dead or smash a rock into his head to make sure he was dead. So whatever happened to Paul, he got healed enough to depart the next day without any comment of wounds or troubles.

Here is a Psalm that asks the Lord to prepare you if troubles try to get you to turn away: Ps 61:1 “Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. 2 From the end of the Earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed [*in defeat, evil fear, and despair over threatening circumstances*]: lead me to the rock that is higher than I. 3 For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. 4 I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust (*cleave by right faith-actions*) in the covert of thy wings. Selah.”

You get out of evil fear to enter Jesus' dominion. The attitude of dominion is, "Devil, you are going down." Not, "The devil is going away," but, "You will bow at the name of Jesus and leave, now, GO! In the Name of Jesus!"

Applying Death: We are promised many afflictions. The devil uses threats of trouble to torment us and get us out of right faith-actions. One way to defeat this trouble is to take that evil fear to an extreme. Then get *pistis* faith that God will see and prosper you through that to blessing on the other side. Whatever it is, settle it that God will see you through, even if He has to raise you from the dead.

Work through all this in your imagination, getting or developing *pistis* faith to overcome this worse thing, by the Scripture promises. When you are settled that even if you go broke, are left homeless, die, etc., God will never leave you or forsake you, and you will come out better in the end. This attacks the various threats and evil fears, and gets you back into *pistis* faith. Heb 13:5 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. 6 So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me."

Pistis Faith is the joyful expectation of coming good from God. These evil fears are "cares" to be attacked per Phil 4:4-9. This thinking about the worst and getting faith to overcome it is included in Phil 4:9, "of good report." This good report is what Joshua and Caleb had when the other ten spies cried out in despair over the giants, walled cities, and vast armies in the Promised Land (Numbers 14). Joshua and Caleb said something like: "Yes, and God is with us; we can take it. Battles and hard days are ahead, we may suffer, but we will win with God!"

Working Prayer Requests: Often we get prayer requests that some event or report will turn out well. The requestor is full of evil fear. For example, a property permit will not be approved, the doctor says you have stage four cancer, their child is in jail, etc. Our first approach is to develop a good report that they will overcome and it will turn out for better and not worse. Often it takes working with the requestor to get them out of evil fear, and instead to believe that, no matter how bad it gets, God will see you though and they will triumph in it.

1 Cor 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is *pistis*/faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly *agape*/beloved, flee from idolatry." God has a way for you to endure through to victory, but idolatry will stop you and leave you in defeat.

This idolatry can include "worshiping" your evil fears and negative reports as greater than God by His word, and your potential in right faith-actions.

Some even say, "I cannot say that, it may happen!" Be real, you are already thinking and speaking it. If it is going to happen, then you need overcoming *pistis* faith to

see it through! And of long enough term to see the whole issue through. And if it is cancer stage four, get it settled, you will either be healed, or rise from the dead healed.

You can do this “worse case thinking” in your imagination, and proclaim the victory statement out loud. Now get busy defeating this potential fear or negative report of current facts, in your heart, and get you out of evil fear. This is obeying Phil 4:4-9.

There is no faith in evil fear. In order for your prayers to be effective, consider the worst, get *pistis* faith for it anyway, and start conquering that lying devil to win, just like Paul recounts in 2 Cor 1.

What I can guarantee you is that, if you will not do this, whoever can get *pistis* faith for you to victory, will be doing this. So get ahead of the evil fear and attack it first (2 Cor 1:8; Phil 4:4-9).

If you knew that the *zoe* life is in the spoken word, you would be jabbering *zoe* life all the time. This is why: the power of *zoe* life and death are in the tongue (Prov 18:21). This is what right faith-actions do.

Casting Cares: We have four major choices:

- a) Look for troubles and develop the faith to overcome them before they either happen or threaten to happen. This is advance planning as any good organization does on a regular basis to minimize the number of bad surprises.
- b) Response immediately at any care or concern with a vigorous attack in *aiteo* prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving (Phil 4:4-9) followed by lots of intentional godly thoughts (Phil 4:8).
- c) Recover after the trouble, trials, tests, tribulations, or pressures are upon you to go through and overcome to the glory of God.
- d) Look for ways to mitigate repeat issues, and ways to keep yourself in stronger *pistis* faith with more right faith-actions.

The second you are aware of a possibility, this is the time to attack it, before it gets bigger than your current faith strength. God tells us to do this in this way: 1 Peter 5:6 “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God [*to do it God’s way*], that he may exalt you in due time: 7 casting all your care (*anxieties, concerns worries, terrors, shame, apathy, despair*) upon him; for he careth for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 whom resist (*fight, wage war against by right faith-actions*) stedfast in the *pistis*/faith (*redemption facts*), knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.”

The great pride destroyer is to cast your cares, anxieties, evil fears, concerns, terrors, and angers on the Lord rather than trying to “handle them yourself.” You will

still have to handle them, but now it will be you and God working on them together in right faith-actions.

The reality is that Satan is looking for weakness, vulnerabilities, ignorance, addictions, idolatries, perversions, confusions, bitterness, unforgiveness, offenses, and any other opportunities to attack. His first thrust is to present you with thoughts to get us into evil fear, offense, or anger. That is, to take a “care.” This puts us right into Phil 4:4-9.

It is not God, but the devil, seeking to rob, kill, and destroy. The first sign he is looking for, is you lessening your thanksgiving, praise, joy, *aiteo* prayer, and gladness in trials, and instead ponder, wallow, get into depression, or terror, rather than rise and fight. When you tell your troubles and fears to others, the devil can hear you!

Of course the answer is to attack any care immediately per Phil 4:4-9. This will put you back on track with a life of thanksgiving, and get the devil back under your feet. Ps 34:19 “Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.” He delivers as you do right faith-actions to release Him.

Or as James commands: James 1:2 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; 3 knowing this, that the trying of your *pistis*/faith worketh patience (*consistency in continual right faith-actions*). 4 But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.”

Jesus warned: John 16:33 “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace (*victory by you doing the right things*). In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer (*gladness, joy, enthusiasm*); I have overcome the world.” Good cheer over this victory looks like bold declarations of happiness, gladness, strong affirmations, enthusiasm in the weapons of God you wield, and the other right faith-actions.

Jesus said: John 14:1 “Let not your heart be troubled (*this is for you to make a decision*): ye believe in God, believe also in me.” This is to make the choice to not get into evil fear of any kind, but to launch immediately into the right faith-actions of *pisteuo* believing.

Just as Jesus demonstrated to His disciples, the best defense is a life of continual right faith-actions of 3-6 hours a day, every day.

Included in this is to head off offense immediately with: Matt 5:44 “But I say unto you, *Agape*/Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”

Obviously Jesus did this often, especially toward the religious leaders who ultimately had Him killed by the cross. This is how we are to operate as sons of God: Matt 5:45 “That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he

maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”

Forgiveness is an attitude of the mind where you choose to not hold debts and offenses against others. Remission is a payment made to remove debt and change ownership. The more you major on knowing how forgiven you are, how remitted are your sins, and how healed you are in Jesus, how Holy Spirit is sealed in you unto the day of redemption, the easier it is to walk like Jesus and thus give no ground to the devil when he comes. Of course this is part of the purpose of the right faith-actions.

Eph 4:26 “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 neither give place to the devil. ...31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another [*because of your and their remission of sins in the blood of Jesus*], even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.”

There is a big difference in starting a conversation on all your troubles, and one where you start with, “I am in trouble, rejoice with me that Jesus will overcome this by my right faith-actions. So here are some I am going to use..., what do you think? Do you have any more?”

Our forgiveness of others means that we keep our minds renewed into our remission of our sin in the blood of Jesus. The source of this is knowing where you fall short of the glory of God, and yet God still resides in you just as He does in Jesus. This is why we confess our sins to God, agreeing Jesus already paid for, and got it healed, to give thanks and receive remission and healing, and make any reconciliations or restitutions needed.

We call doing this, “Keeping short accounts with God and man.” This is another active aggressive *pistis* faith practice that limits the devil being able to work in us or others.

You can know you have bitterness, offense, or unforgiveness when you cannot gladly obey Matt 5:21 for those that “bother” you, or you “dislike” in some way. To recover simply obey Matt 5:21 until you can do it in gladness and joy. And yes, this is included in the “acts of *agape* love,” in our listing of right faith-actions.

This shows it is right faith-actions in God by His word that breaks unbelief, not to mention unforgiveness, and bitterness against God or others, when you diligently continue to seek the Lord with right faith-actions.

We will in the next chapter look at the great Bible example of the people in the desert with Moses, and the clear warnings to us in our day.

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Pistis Faith is One Thing: Effective *pistis* faith means an exclusive expectation in one thing, and unbelief in a whole lot of other things. Active *pistis* faith narrows the options.

So when the Israelites were finding fault with God in Numbers 21, the manna and His man, Moses, the people were expressing a lack of faith in God, and a faith in something(s) else, or surrendering to hopeless evil fear and despair, or anger and rage. And rather than seeking the Lord for goodness, they accused God and attributed the Lord as the source of their problems.

Num 21:5 “And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread (*the daily manna*). 6 And the Lord sent (*could not stop*) fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died.”

7 “Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole (*showing that I have cursed it and its works*): and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he *raah*/looketh upon it (*stir themselves into joy in the goodness of God*), shall *chayay-zao*/live.”

9 “And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he *nabat*/beheld (*stirring up to strong emotion*) the serpent of brass, he lived.”

As a human, you are never without belief, it is just what or who you are believing in. For the snake-bitten, it could have been idolatry for the gods of the Egyptians or the Canaanites, or it could have been the non-specific idolatry of “the grass is greener on the other side of the fence,” kind of belief.

Often disappointment colors what you have little or no faith in, and that is offense, leading to unforgiveness, leading to bitterness. This stops your joy and thanksgiving over the word of God. So by their complaining, the desert people were expressing unforgiveness, bitterness, and doubt in God, and idolatry in something else. This is because God defines idolatry as trusting something or someone other than Him.

Paul summarized the core issue with these complainers, in the miseries of the desert, as idolatry: 1 Cor 10:14 “Therefore, my dearly *agape*/beloved, shun (*keep clear away from, avoid by flight if need be*) any sort of idolatry (*of loving or venerating anything more than God, i.e., iniquity, calling God inadequate and untrustworthy and therefore go looking and trusting in someone or something else in trials, or for gen-*

eral happiness)." And this is a New Testament warning for us not to make the same false "loves."

In verse Num 21:7 the people know it was their complaining that caused the serpents/snakes, and they looked to Moses to get them relief by or through God. So God tells Moses to make a brass version of a snake and affix or impale it on a stake, so the people could know that God hated the pain and death of the snakes as much as they did. God was cursing the serpents and their venom, and that God wanted that snake dead and the pain and death gone, and the people alive and well.

Brass Serpent: That impaled snake meant it was God's will they be healed, but they would have to do their part to make the will of God a reality on the Earth. God's will was healing. But without them doing their part rightly, just like the rebuke for us of 1 Cor 11:30, or Peter starting to sink when walking on the water, they would die.

Thus in the brass serpent, the snake-bitten had a continual reminder that God had given them authority from Him over the snake bites and death. Their part was to exercise that authority a certain way to execute that judgment of God against the serpent bites and resulting death. If they did not exercise that authority, they would die.

Note: God was requiring them in the midst of fiery pain and agony, to make the decision to look at, behold, the snake in such a way that led them to strong positive emotions unto joy for them to be healed. Unforgiveness, evil fear, right fear of God, and joy are decisions.

Pistis faith is a decision, as is deciding to do joy actions, thanksgiving behaviors, in the midst of trials, tests, and temptations. It may take much stability in your soul to make such right decisions in the midst of extreme pressures, but you, as a human, can do it. And that decision can lead to making right faith-actions to release the healing *zoe* life of God.

This is what God was saying in Num 21:9 "...when he *nabat*/beheld (*stirring up to strong positive emotion of gladness and joy*) the serpent of brass, he *chayay-zao*/lived." How did you know if you were doing it right? If you lived you were doing it right, if you did it wrong, you died.

In the same way as the serpent on a pole, Jesus was placed on a tree:

John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness... so must be the Son of Man..." Jesus was affixed or impaled onto the cross and placed high for all to see, for the same purpose and for the same result as the healing in the desert.

Jesus, the Curse: Before we go further we will examine one more key to this "overcoming snake-bites process" of God. In Galatians, we learn that Jesus being placed or nailed on the tree, stake, or cross was so that God could fulfill His promise to Abraham, and send the great blessing of Holy Spirit, God Himself, to dwell in men. That process required Jesus to become the curse that was upon all of mankind.

Gal 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (*just like the snake in Num 21*): 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through *pistis/faith*.”

Isaiah 53, Psalm 22 and 88 show the curse, the wrath of God, on Jesus for us.

Jesus says, declares (to paraphrase), “In the same way that what the desert people were to do to release the blessing healing from snake bites and sure death, we are to do the same kind of beholding Jesus impaled on a tree, for our divine relief.”

Mountain Melting: Notice the work of the cross was required before Holy Spirit could dwell in man. So, one of Jesus’ great purposes was to cleanse man of sin so Holy Spirit could dwell in our spirits without destroying us. Otherwise we would melt like Mt. Sinai when God touched it during the time of Moses, as seen in these following verses.

Judg 5:5 “The mountains melted from before the Lord, even that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel.”

Ps 68:8 “The Earth shook, the Heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even Sinai itself was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.” And again:

Nah 1:5 “The mountains quake at him (*the LORD*), and the hills melt, and the Earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.” See also Psalm 97.

This awesome and powerful God who melts mountains at His presence, is the same one who comes to dwell in us when we get born-again in Jesus, without “melting” us. That is a miracle. Think of the immense energy dwelling in each Christian, even you.

1 Cor 6:19 “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?”

This Great Redemption of God in Jesus is how imperfect people can become the dwelling place of a perfect God in spite of our sins and imperfections. The only standard of God for holiness is Jesus, but by grace we can operate like Jesus, while still imperfect, even with active sin. That is in the grace we have been given.

Desert Healing: For this, Jesus had to be placed on a stake just like Moses placed a brass serpent in the desert. Learning how to do the same kind of *raah* “looking” and *nabat* “beholding” unto pleasurable joy as the snake-bitten did is a key to our learning to do the same thing in our times of need. But we need to understand what these healing words of *raah* and *nabat* mean.

Num 21:8 “And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he

raah/looketh (look and think to stir yourself up into exuberant joy and pleasure) upon it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he nabat/beheld (behold to stir yourself up into strong emotion, here it is joy) the serpent of brass, he chayay-zoe lived (was healed of the snake bite)."

The fruit of stirring themselves up into joy over looking at the impaled snake to know God hated the serpent and its poison, that God had cursed the snakes and their poison so the people could be healed, and as they did the behaviors of joy continually, expecting good from God to heal them, they would be healed.

So we have: *raah* or *nabat* into joy behaviors = life, live and not die

Jesus made this important to us when He compared this same desert process to Himself on the cross.

John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up (*with the same result*): 15 that whosoever *pisteuo/believeth (with right faith-actions unto joy)* in him should not perish (*die from fast or slow death working on them*), but have (*operate, receive, release*) eternal *zoe/life (unto healing and blessing)*."

Jesus said: John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have *zoe/life*, and that they might have it more abundantly." "Might have" means you have to do something to release that healing *zoe* life.

This good *zoe* life manifests as *dunamis* miracle working power, and the wisdom and works of God, to heal every kind of robbing, killing, and destroying. As we release this *zoe* life in the right faith-actions of right considerations to pleasurable joy, we heal ourselves and others.

We learn from: Gal 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through *pistis/faith*."

This Spirit is the Holy Spirit of *zoe* life. This redemption is so great that it makes our spirits able to be united to Holy Spirit when we get born-again in Jesus. 1 Cor 6:17 "But he that is joined (*united, connected*) unto the Lord is one spirit."

Just like the snake Moses impaled on the stake, Jesus was impaled on the cross to be the curse that He might heal us so much that Holy Spirit could now live in us, to our and God's joy.

Jesus said the thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy, and that the opposite and healing of that is in His *zoe* life. The answer of God to any robbing, killing, and/or destroying is His very own *zoe* life to turn the devil's destruction into Heaven on Earth.

So in John 3:15, Jesus says that whosoever does right faith-actions over my work for them will not perish (be robbed, killed and or destroyed), but instead will have, release, and operate *zoe* life so they get healed and prospered just like the people did with Moses.

Or in an equation:

- *Pisteuo* believe, consider unto joy behaviors => life, live, and not die.

And compared to Moses in the desert:

- *Raah* or *nabat* consider unto joy behaviors => life, live, and not die.
- Jesus is telling us that the actions of *raah* is the equivalent of *pisteuo* believe.
- Therefore: *pisteuo* believe = *raah* or *nabat* looking = beholding to stir yourself up into joy of God's coming goodness => divine healing/blessing.

When Jesus linked this episode in the desert to His own crucifixion, He also linked *pisteuo* believing to *raah* looking unto joy. *Pistis* faith is expecting good from God by our right considerations as we do right faith-actions unto joy. Once again, we see *pisteuo* believing and *pistis* faith linked to joy. No joy, no *pisteuo* believing, and no *pistis* faith.

We cannot change the English language, but we can know that Bible faith and Bible believing means you will be doing exuberant joy behaviors. And this exuberant joy is the evidence of the Bible reality of *pisteuo* believing and *pistis* faith.

You can look at the FACTS of redemption, how God hates your being robbed, killed, or destroyed problem, and with right faith-actions of joy, you can be healed as you look to Jesus by stirring yourself up in pleasurable joy behaviors over the work of Jesus to expect good from God, "by His stripes you/we were healed," expecting *zoe* life to heal AS YOU DO the joy behaviors.

It is not the presence of problems, but how we handle them that releases God for our good. The quicker you get into right faith-actions, the better. 1 Thess 5:18 "In every thing give thanks (*by right faith-actions*): for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Hope for the imperfect: You may start with a rebellious attitude like the desert snake-bitten, but with continued right faith-actions, in matching thoughts, words, and deeds over expecting good from God, you will switch your soul into stirred up joy emotions. You just have to keep at it till you do. And once you are stirred up, your emotions will keep you in joy behaviors. And this joy is the evidence of right *pistis* faith.

Part of that faith-action is to aim your attitude of expected relief from anything else, to only God and His goodness. In the process of right *raah* looking, each snake-

bitten person with Moses was to look and consider the brass trophy displayed high on a pole so all could see, but especially the one bitten by a serpent.

They could see that God considered that serpent an enemy and wanted it destroyed, including the venom and death. But in order to release that healing from God, they were to look to God in love and goodness, get their mind off of other remedies, only focus on God, single-minded on God and His goodness, decide to forget their pain, get their minds off themselves and their misery, and decide to look to God expecting healing to come as they “looked” unto, and with joy actions.

They were to become “single-minded” on God. James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him *aiteo*/ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him *aiteo*/ask (*demand as due by covenant promise*) in *pistis*/faith (*by right faith-actions BEFORE and until THE ANSWER is manifest*), nothing wavering. For he that wavereth (*by stopping the right faith-actions*) is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

Notice that here, “Let him *aiteo*/ask in *pistis*/faith,” or as he does *pistis* faith-actions, in verse 6, means that *pistis* faith is more about the confidence, assurance, happiness, gladness, obedience to the law of faith, joy, thanksgiving, and praise of the right faith-actions. *Aiteo* is part of the right faith-actions, and doing proper right faith-actions will eventually stir you up into the glad and happy behaviors of all the other right faith-actions. As you do the right faith-actions, you know and continually confess, the healing is working, and it does.

The good news is that God did not require the snake-bitten to do anything other than

“behold” His love properly, expecting divine healing unto joy. They did not have to repent or make other sacrifices. They did not have to confess their sins or deny their idolatries. God did not say you must give up your idols, just learn to think right about me unto joy behaviors, expecting good from Me.

In this process you are forcing Holy Spirit *zoe* life into your soul so it can go out and do whatever healing is needed in your body, or in your life.

In spite of their decades of idolatry, iniquity, murmuring, grumbling, complaining, fault-finding, bitterness, and bad attitudes, they just had to “behold,” ponder, and consider in awareness, happiness, and gladness properly unto joy, to release God to bless them as they did the joy behaviors. And we can do the same with and in Jesus, now, today.

Joy Cure:

As we fill our minds with the hate God has for our problems, the indignation that this has gone on long enough, He will help us, the love He has for us in Jesus to heal us, as we major on the FACTS of redemption unto joy, we will release the healing *zoe* life. As we do the joy behaviors, we can believe God heals us and the situation(s) as we rejoice. There it is, shout, laugh, and dance to joy your way unto healing!

So not only does *pistis- aman* believing have joy, but we can believe, joy our way to health. Believe that God is healing you as you do the right faith-actions, and it will be so.

Gospel: Now let us apply this to the Gospel of *soteria* salvation and answered prayer. In the Bible, salvation means the state of Heaven coming to Earth, and things right now on Earth operating like they do in Heaven. This can range from passing a test in school, to Jesus coming down off the cross before He died, to divine healing, financial problems solved, a marriage restored, families reunited in love, drug addicts delivered, or Jesus returning to the Earth. All these are in the meaning of the Greek word, *soteria*, translated as salvation.

So consider: Rom 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the *dunamis*/power of God unto *soteria*/salvation to everyone that *pisteuo*/believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from *pistis*/faith to *pistis*/faith: as it is written, The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith.”

The meaning of the word “gospel” is: news so good you can only respond in joy. It is news so good it is hard to believe it is true. For example, hear what the angels said to the shepherds concerning the birth of Jesus: Luke 2:10 “And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you **good tidings of great joy**, which shall be to all people.”

The expression, “good tidings of great joy” is summarized as “the Gospel,” or “the Good News” of God that is so great and wonderful, every time you think of it you respond with joy that the news is so great, it is hard to believe it is true, and when you think on it, the only response is “great joy.” This is how God sees it. This is the meaning of the Greek word translated as “gospel.” When you learn to see it as God sees it, joy will be your response. And as you joy, you confess the healing is working, it is yours.

Notice the word “ashamed” in Rom 1:16. This has several meanings. One is fear that your prayers will not be answered. You will be humiliated if you claim to trust God. Things will go wrong and you will look foolish. What you are doing is not enough, and it will fail or be inadequate.

So Paul is saying that he is not ashamed or proved a failure and without God, because he preaches the good news of God in Jesus.

“For this good news of God is so great and powerful that it is the *dunamis miracle working* power of God, to bring Heaven to Earth for anyone that *pistis*/believes *unto* joy it with right faith-actions over these “good news,” redemption facts.”

Or Rom 1:16-17, in even more expanded form, “For this good news of God in Jesus is so great and powerful that this good news releases the *dunamis miracle working* power of God to bring Heaven to Earth, for anyone that *pistis*/believes it with glad and great joy right faith-actions of coming good from God in the Name of Jesus.” As you do the right faith-actions over who Jesus is and what He has done in our redemption, you release the *dunamis* miracle power of God to make Heaven on Earth in any situation you aim it. This is born-again living, this is the good news of God.

What do you mean, “aim it?” For the desert snake bitten, it could be, “Yahoo, I healed and I am being healed with every Yahoo!” Or when ministering to others, “Yahoo, _ (name them) _ is healed, they walk in it now, thank You, Lord Jesus!”

Or in other words, “the Blood Covenant Jesus offered Father God rules now.” So the key to miracle power is not more Holy Spirit, you already have Him. But more Holy Spirit in your soul. Such as: Eph 5:18 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (Greek: *continually being*) filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things *of our redemption in the blood covenant of the Lord Jesus Christ*, unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

The key is to know the facts of redemption, what you already have in Jesus, and do right faith-actions over these facts, with emphasis on happiness, gladness, joy, thanksgiving, and praise. It is doing the right faith-actions; believing, or confessing that, as you do them, miracle working, *dunamis* power in *zoe* life is released. You obey and expect Him do His part as you obey.

Now for the second part: Rom 1:17 “For therein (*the awesome good news of what God did in Jesus for you that causes you to stir up into joy every time you hear it or think of it*) is the righteousness (*the right and good nature*) of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall *zao*/live by *pistis*/faith (*in continual right faith-actions unto God’s zeal, enthusiasm, gladness, and joy over a coming good by God*).”

And you believing as you proclaim this that *zoe* life is healing the situation as you do right faith-actions and you give thanks that it is working deliverance now.

This gospel is the rightness and justice of God to get each person, you included, into the awesome work of Jesus, so you can live in all its benefits. This goodness was first revealed in the Old Testament, and is now revealed at an even greater level of “Christ in you the hope of glory,” in the New Testament. That is the “faith to faith” here. The Old Testament faithfulness in seeking the Lord to New Testament, redemp-

tion covenant in the blood of Jesus by right *pistis* faith-actions so you can manifest the Lord Jesus by grace as a Jesus-duplicate.

And then God gives a process description of how this works. The just, those made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus by the new-creation, shall have and operate in the miracle-working *zoe* life of God by continued and regular faithfulness in consistent and diligent *pistis* right faith-actions over redemption facts in the blood of Jesus. YAHOO!

More Power: So here we have that you do exuberant and continual (*faithful*) right faith-actions over the work of Jesus by the cross, and you will release the *zoe* life of God in *dunamis* miracle power. If you want more miracles, major on the facts of Redemption with happy, glad, and joyful right faith-actions, and you will walk in more miracle power of God.

This is exactly what Paul says here: Philem 6 “That the communication of thy *pistis*/faith may become effectual by the *continual* acknowledging of every good thing which is (*already*) in you in Christ Jesus.”

Or in expanded form, “That your life in cooperation with Holy Spirit in your right faith-actions over the facts of redemption will make your life effective in miracle power as you continually acknowledge and operate in the facts of Redemption just like Jesus does in doing them as master craftsman just like Jesus, and discipling others to become master craftsmen in operating just like Jesus, in every good thing which is already in you by your redemption in the blood of Jesus Christ, so Jesus can fully manifest Himself in and through you to your and His joy.”

This is the promise of doing right faith-actions over the promises of God BEFORE and UNTIL you walk freely in them!

Of course, this means you are putting on Jesus in your inner man to think, speak, and act like Him UNTIL your mind is renewed into Him, as your new-creation self-identity. Eph 4:22 “That ye put off (*like an old rotten coat*) concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind [*with continual happy, glad, and joyful right faith-actions*]; 24 and that ye put on (*like a new coat*) the new man (*like Jesus in your self-identity*), which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness [*just like Jesus is*].”

Now go back and pray Eph 1:16-23 till you get it. How will you know you - got it? Easy, by your shouts of YAHOO!

Rom 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

As T. L. Osborn used to say, “If you want more power; get more gospel in you.” This means you would major on the facts of Redemption in the body and blood of Je-

sus, and do exuberant right faith-actions over them to release the *zoe* life of God in *dunamis* power. This is one of the reasons we wrote the Power Trilogy book, *Discovering Our Redemption*. And now the free eBooks of *Walking in Life*, and *The Joy Cure, Spirit Power Dynamics-Freedom in a Snake-Bitten World*.

Sing Your Way In: We end this chapter on overcoming unbelief to put a smile on your face. This little song, sung to the tune of “London Bridge Falling Down,” has helped many fight out of unbelief into confident *pistis* faith in God (Carothers, op. cit., p. 173.).

*God is working for my good, for my good, for my good.
God is working for my good; yes, He really is. YAHOO!*
Or:

*God, You're working for my good, for my good, for my good.
God, You're working for my good; Good come, in Jesus' Name.*

And some recent variations we use:

*I was healed by Jesus' stripes; by Jesus' stripes; by Jesus' stripes.
I was healed by Jesus' stripes; body be whole, in Jesus' Name, thank You, Lord.*

Or:

*By Jesus' stripes, I was healed; I was healed; I was
healed. By Jesus' stripes, I was healed; thank You, Lord.
YAHOO!*

Or:

*Thank You, Lord Jesus, by Your stripes, I was healed; I was healed.
Thank You, Lord Jesus, in Jesus' Name, body be healed. YAHOO!*

Or: replace “healed” with, “blessed,” “loved,” “helped,” “prospered,” etc.

*I can do all things by Christ who strengthens me, strengthens me.
I can do all things by Christ, in Jesus' Name, strength be, strength be, thank You,
Lord.*

Or:

*God meets all my needs, all my needs, all my needs.
God meets all my needs, through Christ Jesus, answers come.*

Or:

*God meets all my needs, by His riches in glory, by His riches in glory, by His
riches in glory.*

God meets all my needs, prosperity come, in Jesus' Name, prosperity come.

Or,

Body be whole, body be whole, body be whole, body be whole

By Jesus stripes, in Jesus' Name, body be whole, body be whole YAHOO!

[Adjust your words to fit whatever melody you are working with, make it fun!!]

Empty Pisteuo Believing: A friend said he was believing God for his wife. So I asked what he did in his believing times. He asked, "What do you mean?" So I asked him when he prayed for his wife. He said he did not pray in any particular times, but just sort of "felt like she was doing OK."

Now, his wife suffers from several major medical conditions, and every day she can barely walk around the house, much less do any house work. For these conditions, she is seeing specialists on a regular basis. There is nothing about her life that is OK, yet he said he did not pray for his wife except if there was some major medical diagnosis or report.

I have gotten tired of this kind of "believing" so I said, "If you are not commanding *zoe* life for her at least twice a day in *aiteo* prayer, you are not in the business of believing

God for her. You are just lazy, slothful, in deception, and you are letting her die."

Now we have been friends for a while, and I have been mentoring him, and he has worked a variety of what most would consider powerful miracles. Yet he only responds in crises. And he calls his inactivity between crises, as "believing."

When I proved to him from the Scriptures believing is a verb, and if you are believing you are doing things at least twice a day, or you are not meeting the Bible definition of a "believer." This got his attention. He has now started a true believing program.

One great benefit of right faith-actions is that they help clear your heart of offense, frustration, unforgiveness, and bitterness towards God, and other people. This releases more power or commitment into your right faith-actions, and thereby releases God even more.

This is a case of the more you give, the more you get: 2 Peter 1:10 "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence (*in right faith-actions*) to make your calling and election sure (*as released by continual right faith-actions*): for if ye do these things (*released by abundant right faith-actions*), ye shall never fall: 11 for so an entrance (*in more power and answered prayer*) shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Remember, the Kingdom of God is seen in answered prayer. The more answered prayer, the more of the Kingdom is manifest, and the greater your joy. John 16:24 "Up to this time you have not *aiteo*/asked (*demand, expected, and required as due*

by covenant promise in determined focused intention of will) a [single] thing in My Name (*Jesus*) [as presenting all that I AM]; but now *aiteo*/ask and keep on *aiteo*/asking and you will receive, so that your joy (gladness, delight) may be full and complete.” AMP

The Kingdom of God Jesus preached requires signs and wonder by Holy Spirit to manifest the Kingdom. No miracles, no Kingdom in operation. Matt 12:28 “But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.” Jesus called casting out demons as miracles of the Kingdom.

Acts 2:22 “Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, **which God did by him** in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.”

Rom 15:18 “For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, 19 **through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God**; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, **I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.**”

***Pistis* Faith Processes**

The *Pistis* Faith-action Process has Evidence: Paul makes this statement that shows his *pistis* faith had evidence of his *pistis* faith-action process: 1 Thess 1:6 “And ye became followers (*copycats, imitators, duplicates*) of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.”

The effect of the word of God on them was to get them to do the same practices of a devout that Paul and Jesus did. What Paul did in the spiritual practices had characteristics that others could see and copy easily toward Jesus. These included seeking the Lord continually, stirring themselves up into Holy Spirit, praying the Scriptures, mediation in the Scriptures, praying and singing often in tongues, and doing good deeds for others.

Most of the instructions on how to live in the New Testament are for non-Jewish, Gentile believers to do what Jesus and other devout Jews did, now Christians, did daily, except for the Temple observances. The differences are: Holy Communion replacing Passover and the Temple, and lots of Holy Spirit gifts and tongues. You could say that right Judaism is 80% of Christianity, or Christianity is 120% of Judaism (the average Jew did not do miracles like new Jesus believers).

The Bible gives several measures or evidence of *pistis* faith, and if these items or characteristics are not present, then a biblical *pistis* faith process or effort is not present. These measures are the characteristics that biblical *pistis* faith is present.

We are going to go over some of the key items. There are more, but these are ones expressly defined as part of effective Bible *pistis* faith doing.

***Pistis* Faith Works Constantly:** The Bible words for faith are where we will start. The Hebrew word *aman*, is translated as *pisteuo* in the Septuagint, meaning the Greek word, *believe*, means roughly the same as *aman*, so believe and trust mean the same throughout out the Bible.

Pistis Belief constantly nurtures that which is believed of God. This is like a nursing mother. Here a woman may nurse or feed a baby 4-8 times over a 24 hour period. So belief nurses a word you are believing God for throughout the day. The actions of nurturing these words, ideas, and concepts are the actions of *pistis* faith. No nurturing means no faith or trust, and that baby dies.

Aman clarifies the description of believe, and also means like the ground that holds a tent peg, a believer is in constant nurturing and strengthening of the word they are believing and obeying. *Aman*, believing, holds, adheres, and cleaves to the word of God. When something adheres or cleaves, it never stop holding on. The ground

holds the tent peg constantly with no stops or let-up. That means the word of God you are believing never leaves your thoughts and mouth by constant repetition and celebration.

This is much like God told Joshua, which the Lord Jesus also obeyed: Josh 1:6 “Be strong and of a good courage (*continual right faith-actions*): for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous (*continual right faith-actions*), that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law **shall not depart out of thy mouth**; but thou shalt **meditate** (*murmur, mutter, sing, chew with repetition*) **therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe (*see yourself doing it in your imagination and then go do it*) to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage (*continual right faith-actions*); be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

Notice per verse 8, it was the constant nurturing meditation, keeping in your mouth, of the word of God, and in your imagination, which made your way prosperous, and will give you success. As you keep the word in your mouth, you see it happening in your imagination to then go do what you are seeing of the word. So you are looking how to do or implement the word all the time. This means success is up to the one obeying or exercising faith in God by right faith-actions, and not God.

Of course “being strong and of good courage” means the same as *pistis* faith, has the same bold actions of faith, and is loud with confident proclamations of what God said by His promises will happen, will happen. This includes the right faith-actions of happy and glad, exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, right *aiteo* commands, right affirmations, and right considerations.

The issue is the frequency. By the definition of *aman*, it means constantly, without stopping UNTIL you get what you are believing God for. This is explained in: Josh 1:8 “This book of the law **shall not depart out of thy mouth**; but thou shalt **meditate** (*murmur, mutter, sing, and chew with repetition*) **therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe (*see yourself doing it in your imagination and then go do it*) to do according to all that is written therein.”

Day and night could be twice a day, but “not depart out of your mouth” is much more. This would be some greater frequency for both day and night.

Schedules: Again, so you do not get overwhelmed, the Bible words constantly, continually, always, not depart out of your mouth, without ceasing, and diligently range from non-stop to multiple scheduled events every day as a regular schedule of

spiritual disciplines, and as occasion provides opportunity (serves). This frequency can range from non-stop for many days to every hour or some other schedule per day. So as a minimum, this could be twice a day, or as described in Ps 119:64 “Seven times a day do I praise thee for thy righteous judgments [*against the devil and for us*].”

In times of crisis, this can ramp up to continuous, non-stop right faith-actions such as when Ester asked the nation to fast and pray for three days (Ester 4), or the people prayed without ceasing, non-stop to get Peter out of prison (Acts 5:4-17).

For example, in David Hogan’s ministry in Mexico, the people are organized to pray round the clock for issues in groups of 2 people for every one or two hours. This is one of the ways they see so many dead raisings. They do the same for any critical issue that needs immediate answers.

For an individual or group, we wrote the book, *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – Field Manual 2*, where focused or round the clock praying is needed. You can use the book to stay focused over many hours of *aitéo* prayer.

In John G. Lake’s healing room ministry in the early 1900’s, they would often pray for hours or days to get people healed, or if needed, raise them from the dead. In one case Dr. Lake prayed three days straight, about 72 hours non-stop, to get victory for his son. In another case, one of his ministers prayed frequently over several months, for a baby that subsequently died, and then continued praying, and raised it from the dead while the baby was in the hospital mortuary.

And all this fits within the meaning of *aman* or *pisteuo*. Often the reason for unanswered prayer is that the Christians just do not stay at it long enough. The key here is that all this is included in the Bible words translated as faith, trust, or believe, and doing it is the characteristic of active *pistis* faith.

Care Trigger: Besides these set schedules, Paul explains another time to trigger right faith-actions. Phil 4:4 “Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be careful (*concerned, worried, anxious, terrified, apathetic, indifferent, terrified, or fearful*) for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let (*make*) your (*aitéo*) requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me (*of the right faith-action lifestyle*), do: and the God of peace shall be with you.”

With this command in Phil 4:4, God expects the Christian to be doing joy behaviors always on a regular daily, multi-event schedule, and as occasion attacks with troubles, doubts, evil fears, evil reports, and unbelief. Of course these joy *pistis* faith behaviors are to be “always,” part of your life in verse 4.

Verse 5 can be paraphrased: “Let all men know that you abide within the gospel of Jesus Christ, that Jesus lives in you and that you can get the glory of God for any problem they may have as God is in and with you in power, i.e., at hand.”

In verse 6 he says, “Be careful for nothing.” This means let nothing, no care, anxiety, fear, dread, terror, apathy, complacency, or indifference stop your right faith-actions of thanksgiving, praise, and joy. If you faint, stop doing the right faith-actions, then you have taken a “care,” lost your thanksgiving, praise, or joy, and you are to immediately attack the situation with prayer in *aiteo* commands, supplications for all the people involved, and do thanksgiving behaviors UNTIL you are thankful, to “make your *aiteo* requests known to God.” You make the decision to do thanksgiving, praise, and joy actions.

The key step is to see if you have lost your bubbling over joy in your salvation, i.e., the good news of great joy. You do not ignore the care, apathy, complacency, or anxiety, but list them out, great and small, and attack them with *aiteo* commands (another faith-action) and then thanksgiving. “I’ll do it later,” is the path to complacency.

One of most valuable lessons I do is to keep short accounts with God and the devil. “Oh, bother pray for my___” My response is, “I’ll do it now,” then minister in *aiteo*. Or stop and take a few moments to deal with a worry or concern or terror, Phil 4:4-9.

***Pistis* Faith Keeps Going:** Now, here is a part about not stopping. You are to do thanksgiving behaviors UNTIL you are thankful. From the outside it looks the same, but on the inside, you start with doing the exuberant thanksgiving behaviors expecting your emotions to catch up and keep you going with thankful emotions.

Emotions follow what you think, speak, and/or do. To get any emotion, just start thinking the thoughts, say the words, and do the actions of that emotion. If you have no offense, then you can get into, or stir up, the thanksgiving emotions usually within 2 minutes. If you are offended, it may take longer, even hours longer. If you keep at it, your emotion will change to fit your thoughts, words, and actions anyway. You can force this to happen. You decide what emotion you will walk in, not they decide for you.

When you have gotten your emotions in line, then you will continue the thanksgiving behaviors, and will not want to stop. So you look on the outside the same, whether you are doing them by duty, or process, and when your emotions are stirred.

But when your emotions are stirred, then you do not want to stop. This is where you keep going, dealing with God until you know you have been heard.

Remember, the prayer of Phil 4:6 is *aiteo* prayer. You are already commanding the covenant promises of God. So in *aiteo*, you know you are speaking God's will on Earth for God to do it.

Notice verse 6, "...let (*make*) your (*aiteo*) requests be made known unto God." You make your *aiteo* requests, prayer, known to God by your thanksgiving actions. You are commanding covenant promises to come to pass, to happen right now. You are calling those things that be not as if they were, and you are giving God thanks that He has heard you express His will for the situation, and you will have it. You keep at it until you know God has heard you. This is the constant nurturing or adhering of *aman* or *pisteuo*, i.e., *pistis* faith unto joy.

So the typical process, especially if you did not see an immediate answer on the first *aiteo* prayer, can be 10-20 seconds of *aiteo* prayer followed by hours of thanksgiving, or the reverse. There are many variations.

Raising the Dead:

[For more detail on raising the dead, please see our free eBook, *How to Raise the Physically Dead*, on our website Articles page.]

When his daughter fell out of a window and died, Curry Blake commanded non-stop for about 45 minutes to raise her from the dead. When David Hogan's son died, they commanded 4-5 hours before he was fully raised. In both cases, they did not stop UNTIL they got their full answer, raised and fully alive. For such continuous battles, consider the Power Trilogy book, *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – Field Manual 2*.

For healing and casting out demons, then mostly *aiteo* seems to be the biblical standard. For issues involving people's actions, then a combination of right faith-actions seems to be more effective. Here we are still talking *aiteo* commands, and more time in thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, etc.

For personal development, all the right faith-actions are used. Of course asking God to lead you in this is part of the process, Ps 139:4. If doing right faith-actions seems to be a struggle, keep at them letting the Scriptures work on your soul to convert it.

Who Said This is Easy: If you give thanks, praise, and joy for more than 2 hours and your heart is still heavy, start removing offense and unforgiveness. Ask God to show you the problems, Ps 139:4. Start with forgiving God and praise His superior wisdom for your good, no matter the issues you have. Thank Him for His love even if you have to struggle. He has no evil in Him, so He is not the source of your troubles,

and He is your way through them. Start with blessing God first, then move onto your enemies.

God is not controlling the devil, that is our job by Jesus, but continually redeems us from the devil's snares to bring us to good. Ps 34:19 "Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all (*by your right faith-actions*)."

God's power to rescue is unlimited and gracious. If you have breath, your job is to praise the Lord to power His strength in your heart. Ps 27:14 "Wait (*entwine with continual right faith-actions*) on the Lord: be of good courage (*bold assertions of God's goodness and power*), and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait (*entwine by acknowledging Him in all the good and bad things of life by right faith-actions*), I say, on the Lord."

Ps 150:6 "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." This is your way out of offense, confusion, and into courage, hope, *pistis* faith, love, and the goodness of God manifest into the Earth.

You may not get out of all your troubles, and those you must bear, suffer, and endure, you can do it releasing the glory of God, as you stay in right faith-actions. You can turn the devil's snares into paths of victory with right faith-actions. We are the releasers of God's *zoe* life, and we release Him by right faith-actions, even sacrificial right faith-actions full of tears and confusion. This is the job of a right Gateway of God.

Jesus told how to jump-start your heart when many things appear wrong. Luke 6:21 "Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. 22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. 23 **Rejoice ye** in that day, and **leap for joy**: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets."

Here Jesus tells us to leap for joy, no matter how bad your troubles. This will get you into right physical actions even if your mind is swirling. Remember, your soul will follow your thoughts, words, and actions. Replace your fears, unforgiveness, fault-finding, and offense with truth of God's goodness, power, and ability. Speak them out loud or silently with passion until you get your soul switched into agreement with God by His Word.

One of the great praises of God is: Ps 100:5 "For the Lord is good (*powerful, bountiful, cheerful, kindly, sweet, gracious, forgiving, tender hearted, almighty, and the best of everything*); his *chesed*/mercy (*grace, lovingkindness, determination to help you in spite of you, blessing, healing, and prosperity*) is everlasting; and his truth (*word, faithfulness, commitment, a fixed and unmovable position, reliability, firmness,*

security, power, stability, understanding, office, position, and honesty) endureth to all generations.”

Willing Prayer: If this seems to be a challenge for you, consider this prayer: “Father, in the name Jesus, get me to be willing to do it Your way. Strengthen me where needed. Fix me to do Your will that I can give thanks and praise You in all things. Thank You, Father, in the name of Jesus. Amen so be it. Thank You, You are doing it now, and I will see it in the land of the living. Strength COME, wisdom COME, courage COME, willingness COME, praise COME, prosperity COME, in Jesus’ Name. Thank YOU! YAHOO!”

Pistis Faith Commands: Faith gives *logos* – *dabar* – *laleo* - *aiteo* commands. As we saw before: 2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith, according as it is written, I *pisteuo*/believed, and therefore have I *logos*/spoken; we also *pisteuo*/believe, and therefore *laleo*/speak (OT: *dabar*).”

Here God plainly says: If you are *pisteuo*/believing, trusting, having, or holding *pistis*/faith in God, then you are speaking in authority and dominion commands for thing to change! If you are not speaking in *logos* type command or instruction by *laleo* commands, you may not be believing. You are in belief, trust, confidence, persuaded, or *pistis* faith only when you are speaking God’s words over the situation, with the intent that it be subdued and be conformed to God’s will, i.e., command. You usually start with speaking words of belief, trust, confidence, persuasion, redemption facts, or *pistis* faith to get into that state of continued action.

From the 2 Cor 4:13 quote of Ps 116:10, we see *pisteuo* believing issues *dabar*, building, shaping, and destroying commands, for the desired end condition to become. *Aiteo* is a special type of *dabar-laleo* demand, based on a promise made with the conditions now met, i.e., a promise now due.

Pistis Faith Aiteo Commands: We see Jesus commanded in John 14, 15 and 16 that we use His name for *aiteo* commands:

John 16:23 “And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements in determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to act*) the Father in my name, he will give it you. 24 Hitherto have ye *aiteo*/asked nothing in my name, *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements in determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to act*), and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

In John 14, Jesus explains that the miracles He did were by Father God as Jesus did the *aiteo* commands, and that we are to do the same now: John 14:10 “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you

I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else *pisteuo*/believe me for the very works' sake. 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that *pisteuo*/believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements in determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to act*) in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements in determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to act*) anything in my name, I will do it.”

Notice, because of the work of the cross, rather than Father God, Jesus, by the same Holy Spirit, Jesus tells us He will do the works we *aiteo* in His name as if we are Him, which we are by redemption's covenant identification.

Working Pistis Faith: Jesus explained how *pistis* faith works. We are commanded to operate *pistis* faith like God and Jesus do. Mark 11:22 “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have *pistis*/faith in God (*marginal note: like God does; the AMP adds “constantly”*). 23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith (*command, direct, or instruct*). 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye *aiteo*/desire (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise of God in determined focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to act*), when ye pray, *pistis*/believe (*constantly in right faith-actions*) that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

For, “Have faith in God,” the marginal note in my Bible says, “the faith of God.” The Amplified Bible adds *constantly*, which is right in line with the words *aman* and *pisteuo*. This means you are to operate *pistis* faith like God does, and since Jesus is explaining this, like Jesus does.

Remember as a righteous Jew, Jesus spent 3-6 hours a day, every day, in the scriptures. This means Jesus spent every day declaring that God cannot lie and that God was able, and that He would do what He said He would do. Jesus never came to a *pistis* faith need “cold.” He had a lifestyle of right faith-actions that kept Him ready for any need.

Notice the conflict here: Mark 11:23 “...and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) that those things which he saith shall come to pass (*is happening now*)...” Notice you are to replace all doubt thoughts with overcoming *pistis* faith thoughts as described in Phil 4:8. Then you seal them with continued thanksgiving, calling those things that be not as if they were.

Here is the conflict: *pistis* faith => <= doubt.

Pistis Faith is action toward God and against the world.

Doubt is action toward the world and against God.

Pistis Faith is based on God from God; doubt says God will not do it, and hope, if any, lies elsewhere.

Pistis Faith means to be in happy, glad, and joyous right faith-actions of a coming good from God. Doubt is to usually be in dread of a coming evil, or at least, no assured good from God.

Doubt is sin for: Rom 14:23 “for whatsoever is not of *pistis*/faith is sin.”

Doubt is to hesitate or stop doing right faith-actions in God. *Pistis* Faith is to be doing right faith-actions. Doubt thoughts, evil fear and unbelief tempts us to give up, to faint in God. *Pistis* Faith, the Holy Spirit of *Pistis* Faith, tempts or leads us to stay in right faith-actions to keep doing right faith-actions to release more of God.

It is like your countering right faith-actions, “prayer, supplication with thanksgiving,” of Phil 4:6 attack and replace the doubts, fears, and unbelief, and empowers or releases the *zoe* life so God can work. This is part of the “good fight of *pistis*/faith,” of 1 Tim 6:12. This is the constant fight of keeping on affirming the facts of God by right faith-actions against the evil conditions, doubts, evil fears, and unbelief.

The way God gets His will done is to have us born-again Christians continually do the right faith-actions that release Him in power. This is walking in the Spirit. It is obeying the Scriptures. It is doing what Jesus would do in our place. No constant *aman pisteuo* right faith-actions, no *pistis* faith, and no results. And in particular, praying with *aiteo* commands.

Speaking to the mountain and telling it to be removed and cast into the sea is *aiteo* commands for God and His “Earth Voice.” Jesus said: 24 “...Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye *aiteo*/desire (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise of God*), when ye pray....”

Here Jesus is defining the kind of prayer that uses *aiteo* commands is what moves the mountains. Not begging God, but telling the problem to go in the name of Jesus as you speak for God who hates iniquity, or devil works, of any kind. Sufficient is that you know the command has to be performed by God. So while God is not mentioned in verse 24, the intent for power or action from God is there.

As Jesus said in: Matt 6:88 “Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise of*) him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, *AITEO*: Hallowed be thy name...”

Here Jesus tells you that while God knows, and has ready what you need, you must *aiteo* for Him so He can release the answer. Jesus then follows with the “Our Father,” which is full of *aiteo* commands in the Greek imperative case.

Matt 6:9 “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in Heaven, *AITEO*: **Hallowed** be thy name. 10 *AITEO*: Thy kingdom **come**. *AITEO*: Thy will **be done** in Earth, as it is in Heaven. 11 *AITEO*: **Give us** this day our daily bread. 12 And *AITEO*: **forgive us** our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 *AITEO*: And **lead us** not into temptation, but *AITEO*: **deliver us** from evil: **PRAISE**: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

I underlined and put in bold the Greek imperative case verbs of this *aiteo* prayer. Jesus said to pray this way. This is repeated in the commands on prayer in Matt 7:7-11; Luke 11:9-13; John 14:12-14; 15:7; 16:24; Phil 4:4-9; James 1:5-8; 1 John 3:22; and

5:15-16. In these verses every word on how to pray translated as “ask,” “desire,” or “request,” is based on the Greek word *aiteo*.

Thus commands in general, and specifically *aiteo* commands, are the characteristics or evidence of *pistis* faith.

Pistis Faith is Intensity: We already have described that thanksgiving, praise, and joy are highly dynamic and intense, or exuberant. This is most often seen in happy, glad, and joyous shouting or loud sounds. It is not so much the loudness as the intensity.

Here are some scriptures on this: Ps 5:11 “But let all those that put their trust (*i.e., right faith-actions*) in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. 12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous (*who do right faith-actions continually*); with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.”

Ps 32:11 “Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous [*this includes all born-again Christians*]: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart. 33 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.”

Rev 1:15 “And his (*Jesus*) feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters (*in intensity and strength*). 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength.”

The intensity comes with desire for something, or just plain fed up with a negative condition. The more fed up you get, the more you rise in the zeal and indignation (righteous anger) of the Lord, the more your right faith-actions have focus, intensity, and determination that you will not be denied.

See how the Lord stirs Himself up to get into action: Isa 59:17 “For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.”

Notice how Jesus responds in indignation, fed up that this has happened and lasted long enough at the death of Lazarus: John 11:33 “When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, **he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled.**”

When Jesus saw their weeping, and total lack of expectation in Lazarus rising from the dead, He became agitated in His spirit. “He groaned” in the Greek means, “He became agitated as a war horse getting ready for battle, indignation (anger aroused to make something right).” This was not sadness, but Jesus stirring Himself in indignation. “Was troubled” in the same verse, in the Greek means agitated, ready to fight, indignant.

Pistis Faith Stirs-up: This is what Paul told Timothy: 2 Tim 1:6 “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up (*to white hot flame*) the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (*timidity, apathy, complacency, indifference, or sloth*); but of *dunamis*/power (*miracle working ability*), and of *agape*/love, and of a sound (*disciplined*) mind (*that does not get intimidated at the circumstances, but deals with them as Jesus would*).”

When you get stirred up, you get enthusiastic, excited, and invigorated. You force your soul to get into the passion, compassion, and confidence of Holy Spirit by the word of God. You can do this in your outward man with shouting, jumping, arm waving, etc., or be contained and burn inside with a rage, while on the outside you look calm.

God makes it very clear in Ephesians 6, we are at war with the devil, and we are the warriors He will use to destroy the devil and his works. Rom 16:20 “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (*as shattered glass*). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (*to know, be, will, and do this as Jesus would*). Amen.”

This is a clear image of Joshua taking the Promised Land. And we do it by copying, or acting as God would (Eph 5:1), just like Joshua and the people did. This is the attitude of Joshua, Caleb, David, Jesus, and Paul: Isa 42:13 “The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies.” This jealousy is the desire of God to free us from any kind of bondage or hold by the enemy.

Getting loud, roaring, is not what gets the results, although it helps. First getting loud brings you out of yourself and into the fight. So that is good. If you are serious and totally engaged, you will tend to get forceful and therefore loud. It is not how

loud you yell, but that you are totally engaged in this. The more you are fully and totally engaged, the less you need to be loud.

Just like dealing with children, you can release the power of God with a look. You can release it with a word, with a look, with a touch, by pointing, blowing on someone or thing, your shadow, or even a thought. In other words, anything that you do that you are totally engaged with, you can release the power of God that way. Any of these actions you can do half-way or half-hearted, or you can do totally engaged, and it works to the level you are engaged.

The good news is that as you continue in regular right faith-actions, your heart will become united in God and His word, and your intensity and engagement with God will increase.

This is not just your actions, words, or thoughts, but your confidence in the words you are using or thinking, your confidence in God that He is there. Your confidence is that this will work and it will happen, because you are fully engaged with and in God. Part of it is intense, and part of it is relaxed. Intense in that you are opening the way for God; relaxed that God is going in to do it through your right faith-actions.

You cannot base your warfare after the flesh, what you see or feel. You base your warfare on what the Bible says, and using biblical words and obedience to them. You have to decide when you speak, God is speaking in you, if it is for His will and His word. You may not be aware it is Christ in you, but you have to believe it is, Gal 2:20. When you use His word, nothing can stand against it. To do this you must be fully engaged or focused with God, against the devil, and for the person.

All this stirring up is to get your soul emoting like Holy Spirit in you, in zeal and enthusiasm, who is going to do the work you *aiteo*.

Acts 4:12 “Neither is there *soteria*/salvation in any other: for there is none other name (*Jesus*) under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be *sozo*/saved (*Heaven on Earth, healed, and prospered*).”

At the point you quit, that is where you have decided God will not perform His word for you. The moment you quit is when you decide God is not for you. You were created to exercise the dominion of God against all that resists Him, and this is not a flesh and blood battle, but against the devil. You were created to have dominion over the devil and all creation for God by God and in God.

When you speak, you are the grace-enabled, deputy sheriff of God, for God, in the full authority of Jesus, who has all authority, speaking God’s Bible Words. Therefore the devil has none, as Jesus has all authority. In Jesus, you are the most powerful spiritual authority on the scene. And no devil can resist, until you quit.

Study the Bible. You make the decision that what you say is Scriptural, so know the verses you are using. And when you speak, God is speaking through you, or God

is in those words, and nothing can stand against it. You believe the process of the bold, intent, focused, and serious speaking is God's method of 2 Cor 4:13. And the moment you quit, is when you decide God does not keep His word. Instead you keep at it; you decide this is God speaking through you. How long? BEFORE and UNTIL the answer comes.

2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith, according as it is written, I *pistis*/believed [*in unity with and empowered by Holy Spirit of faith by right faith-actions*], and therefore have I spoken (*in bold commands, aiteo*); we also *pistis*/believe [*in unity with and empowered by Holy Spirit of faith by right faith-actions*], and therefore speak (*in bold commands, aiteo*).” (Ps 116:10)

Your calling is to be, walk, and talk as and in Jesus, wherever you are, for and in God by Jesus. With indwelling Holy Spirit, you have the power to set people free from the dominion of the devil. But the problem is not the devil, it is the strongholds of the devil in your mind.

If the devil can resist, he will so you will give up on thinking he has to go. The devil will press you to find the point where you will give up. Not in just to keep praying, but where you will stop being fully engaged in the situation at the moment. This is where the doubts like, “This is not going to work,” or “I am not doing it right,” seem to come.

You have to ignore the doubts, or if you have time, attack them as in Phil 4:4-9, but you have to exert the commands to make it go the way you want. You have to set yourself that this is the way it will be, so you will know when to finish – when it is fully done. You decree what winning looks like from the beginning. You call those things that be not as if they were. You get it back, reconcile it to the way it would be in Heaven. Little faith stops before you get full manifestation of the Heaven on Earth results.

Pistis Faith: Shout Silently: The gospel is that God reigns through imperfect humans by the grace of God. You hold the sword of the word of God that sets the prisoners free. God will crush Satan under our feet as we operate like Jesus, just like He did in Jesus. We lay hands on the sick and they do recover. We send in *zoe* life, and it flushes out death and the people are healed. The words of God on our lips can be just as powerful as they are on Jesus' lips. The word of God on our lips is the sword of God that we are to wield, just like Jesus does. We are one with Him in all these aspects. We are bone of His bone and flesh of His flesh. This is our calling and fellowship.

Eph 5:30 “For we are members of his (*Jesus*’) body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”

The voice of triumph includes shouts and yells with and without words, and thanking God for the victory in advance, and proclaiming what will be with words.

For example, “We have it, we have it, they are healed, they are risen from the dead, and they live and do not die. Thank You, Father God, it is done and they live. YA-HOO!”

It includes calling those things that are not yet of God’s promises as if they were. God subdues through us, as we shout and exert His intention through us. It is like God rides on our commands, righteous imaginations, joy, and shouts of His promises to be, to make them happen.

When you shout, you involve your soul and your spirit, in both Holy Spirit tongues and in your own language. It brings up the fight in you; it focuses your imagination; and you see the answer in your mind’s eye, which is a key. That fighting rage makes you want to shout. For me, I am seated next to God in Jesus at the throne, but all those angels praising and the seraphim shouting, “Holy, holy, holy” can be quite a racket! Your shouting is for you, not God.

It gets your soul more in line with God. This is part of what it takes to stir up yourself into the Lord. It is not about God coming down, if you are born again, He is inside you. Holy Spirit was poured out upon the Earth on the Day of Pentecost. He will never leave you or forsake you, Heb 13: 5-6. It is not about calling God down, it is about getting truth into your soul so God can come out through you.

If God has to stir up Himself, you, who are made in His image, need to do likewise: Isa 42:13 “The Lord will go forth like a mighty man, He will rouse up His zealous indignation and vengeance like a warrior; He will cry, yes, He will shout aloud, He will do mightily against His enemies.” AMP

This is what God is looking for: Isa 64:7 “And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of (*unite himself with, koinonia*) thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities.”

And the continual command of the New Testament to put on and operate in the triumphant, dominion mind of Christ: Rom 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

1 Peter 1:13 “Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: 15 but as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (*habits, thoughts words, deeds, and purposes*); 16 because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

And again: Col 3:1 “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” You don’t have to look up, but beside you.

This is not about you begging God, but God begging you: 2 Cor 5:20 “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech (*beg*) you by us: we pray (*beg*) you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him (*Jesus*) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (*Jesus*). 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, **now is the day of salvation.**)” YAHOO!

It is not God hiding Himself; it is our worldly lusts and idolatries that blind us to Him, just like it did to those in the desert with Moses, who, when it got hard, denied and limited God's purpose for themselves. 1 Cor 10:13 “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 14 Wherefore, my dearly *agapao*/beloved, flee from idolatry.”

I shout because it gives God pleasure. Ps 5:11 “But let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them **ever shout for joy**, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. 12 For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous; with favour wilt thou compass him as with a shield.” For those that trust in the Lord, which means believe Him with continual right faith-actions, let them shout for joy continually.

Ps 147:11 “The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy (*by continual right faith-actions*).”

Ps 149:3 “Let them praise his name in the dance: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp. 4 **For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people:** he will beautify the meek (*who seek Him continually with right faith-actions*) with salvation. 5 Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; 9 To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord.”

The more I shout, the more I am committed in spirit and soul. All committed warriors and athletes shout in combat, and serious exercise and competition. If they are not shouting, they are grunting and snorting. Champions may be quiet on the outside, but inside they are a raging inferno, like Jesus is shown in Rev 1. Come to think of it, when Jesus is speaking, it is like a raging of waters. No whispers there. Rev 1:15 “And his (*Jesus*) feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters.”

For the one who tells you not to shout, put that teacher on your prayer list so they can get more accurate. In their defense, he may have been thinking of those people that interrupt meetings with shouts of tongues without knowing if an interpreter is there (1 Cor 14:27-28, 39). That is a different issue, and on that point, in a church meeting, I agree with him. But in ministry, edification, and maintenance, shout loudly or shout silently, in tongues or your own language, for more results.

In a public group, like on the Day of Pentecost, then you have to shout so those people from foreign lands can hear you praise God in tongues of their language (Acts 2:5-12). Or to stir yourself up when running a healing line in a church, shout in tongues.

Now, depending on the situation, I can shout without making a lot of noise, but that comes with some practice, as without shouting, it is harder to keep focus. In a hospital or during a church service, I can shout without making sounds, and the effect on me and the devil can be the same as if I used loud words and sounds.

While my words may be silent shouts, my inside is a raging inferno that God's will is going to be done. This is good for hospitals and other places where they may chase you out for the noise you are making.

Pistis Faith Rage Paths: Smith Wigglesworth said things like: "If the Spirit is not moving, I move the Spirit [with right faith-actions]. I pray to move Heaven to Earth, not to see what God will do." This is not begging God to come, but stirring yourself up and into the dominion of Jesus in His triumph for the will of God to be done. You are the deciding factor. Start speaking or shouting like God thinks, His Words, and you create the path He can inhabit.

Think of shouting as starting a dynamo, you know, one of those things you crank to run lights or an emergency radio? Shouting gets you more into it. I may shout as I do the last of my morning push-ups, or those last curls at the gym. That is why, if you have time and results are slow, you can go outside, say at a hospital, and shout thanksgiving, praise, joy, *aiteo* commands, and affirmations, in your own language or in tongues, to stir yourself up for a while, and come back when you are in a fed-up rage against the devil and his work, and full of the confident consciousness of the power of God in you.

This is how you act like Jesus. Isa 42:13 "The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy (*zeal, indignation, rage, commitment, fury, determination, "it must happen now," "it has gone on far too long," "I am fed up," and focused*) like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies." He prevails through us as His mouths, hands, and feet, as we stay with tenacity and dominion until victory. Love never gives up and neither does Holy Spirit in us. We determine who stands.

Notice to destroy His enemies, God works Himself up into a holy rage. To get in agreement with Him as a co-worker, fellow laborer, we must stir up to match Him. We start doing the right thoughts, behaviors, and words until our soul catches up. Your soul will follow whatever are your thoughts, words, and behaviors. Change them to war and righteous indignation, and you will get stirred up. Depending on where you are starting from, that may take only a few seconds to a couple of hours. Do the behaviors first and the emotions will follow. Right affirmations of redemption facts are handy for this.

We are not to stop at just our own personal indignation, but enter into Jesus'. Here is one way God says to do it. We are commanded by God to "Put on" Jesus in our attitudes, self-concept, and self-identity to start thinking, speaking, and acting like He would.

Rom 13:10 "Agape/Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore *agape*/love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore **cast off** the works of darkness, and let us **put on** the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But **put ye on** the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof."

Jesus is that "armour of light." Be Jesus in that moment. By this you have the right and the command to make Jesus your self-identity, so that you think and act just like Jesus in His self-identity and fullness.

Since Jesus stirred Himself up into indignation, so should you. This includes your access to God and using Jesus' name in authority over the devil and his works, and your own body, soul, and spirit.

As John Lake said, "You can act your way into believing, quicker than you can believe your way in to acting." Start doing to *pisteuo* believe. Act like you believe in confidence, to believe in confidence.

This is part of the process of: Eph 4:13 "Till we all come in the unity of the *pistis*/faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect (*fully mature*) man, unto the **measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ**: 14 that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 but speaking the truth in iagape/love, **may grow up into him in all things**, which is the head, even Christ."

This shouting works when you are alone, say at home, or in a car, but when with other people, it may cause some issues. Instead you can mouth the words, even

without sounds, and *aiteo* command, or shout in joy. What matters is your intensity and intention.

Pistis Faith Speaks Courage: Those that believe do not give up, but speak words of great courage, much like David did as he charged Goliath. Ps 27:13 “I had fainted (*stopped doing right faith-actions*), unless I had *aman*/believed (*by continued right faith-actions*), to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait (*entwine, acknowledge in every part of life*) on the Lord: be of good courage (*bold proclamations, loud shouts, right faith-actions*), and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait (*entwine by continual right faith-actions*), I say, on the Lord.”

Here the believing one proclaims the end from the beginning, calling those things of God’s promises that be not yet, as if they were. God strengthens you AFTER you shout in courage. That stirred up rage and confidence is God emoting through you.

This description of faith as courage in the face of impossible challenges and fears, is repeated in Joshua 1:6-9, and: 1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-actions*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-actions*) labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

Pistis Faith Leads; Signs Following: Jesus made it clear that when the gospel He wants preached is preached, those listeners who *pisteuo*/believe will have miracles and supernatural signs follow their right faith-actions. Mark 16:15 “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that *pisteuo*/believeth and is baptized shall be *sozo*/saved; but he that *pisteuo*/believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that *pisteuo*/believe (*right faith-actions*); in my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into Heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.”

This means Jesus expected the new believers to start operating in supernatural signs and wonders right away upon hearing His gospel proclaimed the work is done. This is not the standard in most churches today, where often few experience such wonders, and thus many take issue with the Bible, and this supernatural normality of Jesus’ gospel. Defending this lack of basic supernatural power causes many to defend their state of powerlessness, and thus seek to refute or ignore this passage. A few comments about this supposedly controversial passage:

- While some debate its authenticity, recent scholarship has proved Mark 16:15-20 to be found in the best ancient documents, and many formerly dissenting translations no longer footnote this passage.
- Additionally, Irenaeus (estimated to live 115-210 AD) quotes these verses as a part of Mark's Gospel, and he was a pupil of Polycarp, who in turn was a pupil of John the Apostle.
- As it is a summary statement, you can also build this passage from other New Testament verses. So even if you refute this passage, its message is still part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

These are three critical proofs that Mark 16:15-20 is genuine, and for us today.

Pistis Faith Preaches Jesus' Message: The primary issue is to preach words of grace Jesus can confirm with signs following. Jesus is not confirming the messenger, but the right message of grace. This is the same way the gospel is to be preached, proclaimed as done: Rom 15:18 "For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ hath not wrought by me, to make the Gentiles obedient, by word and deed, 19 through mighty signs and wonders, by the *dunamis/miracle* power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ." The Gospel fully preached includes signs and wonders.

And again: Acts 14:3 "Long time therefore abode they (*Paul and Barnabas*) speaking boldly in the Lord, which **gave testimony unto the word of his grace**, and *gave* signs and wonders to be done by their hands."

Our faith is to rest, and be established on supernatural signs from God. 1 Cor 2:5 "That your *pistis/faith* should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the *dunamis/miracle working* power of God."

The records of both early Christians and the Roman government record that the average Christian worked miracles. Not just the leaders, but the ordinary Christians. It was not until after 450-500 AD that miracles started to move to just the leadership.

We now understand this move to just the leadership was a function of what they had faith for. Today, all over the world, both leadership and ordinary people of *pistis* faith in Jesus Christ are working miracles on a regular basis, "with signs following" their right faith-actions.

Holy Spirit is the Signs: Holy Spirit is the church, and as long as Holy Spirit in on Earth, those who believe can operate in the signs or gifts He gives to the church as described here, for any spirit-filled meeting: 1 Cor 12:7 "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of **wisdom**; to another the **word of knowledge** by the same Spirit; 9 to another *pistis/faith* by the same Spirit; to another the **gifts of *iaomai/healing*** by the same Spirit; 10 to another the **working of miracles**; to another **prophecy**; to another **dis-**

cerning of spirits; to another **divers kinds of tongues**; to another the **interpretation of tongues**: 11 but all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”

That phrase, “severally as he will” for Jesus meant whatever was needed at the moment. As Jesus-on-the-scene, you can make the same kind of decision as you already have authority, pre-permission.

Holy Spirit wants all healed and helped yesterday, every day. He needs you to will and to do of His good pleasure (Phil 2:13). Here is the command of God: 1 Cor 14:1 “Follow after *agape*/charity, and desire (*intensely with diligence all the*) spiritual gifts (*whatever is needed*), but rather that ye may prophesy [*like Jesus where what you say happens*].”

History records that the church was mainly Pentecostal or Charismatic from the beginning to about 500 AD. The gifts and power did not stop at the last apostle, around 150 AD, but operated as men and women continued to do right faith-actions to manifest them. And the same is being repeated today, all over the world. Holy Spirit, the doer of the works, is alive and well for those who *pisteuo* believe on Jesus with right faith-actions.

Notice there is a gift of *pistis* faith, 1 Cor 12:9, usually for a specific situation and then is gone, and the fruit of faith. Gal 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is *agape*/love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, *pistis*/faith, 23 meekness, and temperance: against such there is no law.”

The fruit of *pistis* faith, like any of these fruit, takes longer to develop, but once developed, is available for any situation or need at will. This is operating where God wants us to be. But whether you operate in the gift of *pistis* faith, or the fruit of *pistis* faith, they will both have the same actions and evidence, because that is the definition of *pistis*.

***Pistis* Faith Decrees in Affirmations:** We use the word affirmations as that means to strengthen an assertion of truth or what will be. Confession means to agree that it is true, and profession means to declare what is or it will be. For our purposes we use the word affirmation. Do them in the Name of Jesus and they can become *aiteo* commands.

Affirmations of what is or will be of God’s truths are usually vocal, and when pumped with courage or joy, can be loud. Whether spoken out loud or thought, they are godly self-talk that will transform your life. To improve your life, improve your self-talk to match what God says about you.

The Bible is full of affirmations, and as we speak them, they become our declarations of calling those things that be not as if they were, what will be Lord over the situation, and the side benefit of writing that affirmation on our heart in our subcon-

scious mind, to reprogram it against the constant pulls of the world system. For example Psalm 23 and 91 are major affirmations for us to work.

Here we are commanded to make professions/affirmations of our faith, the set of redemption facts in Jesus: Heb 10:23 “Let us hold fast the profession (*speaking in bold affirmations, confessions, declarations, intentional self-talk*) **of our pistis/faith** (*redemption facts and promises in right faith-actions*) without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).”

Jesus is declared to be the One who carries out our professions: Heb 3:1 “Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the Heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.” As we work the word of God in professions, in affirmations, Jesus can work with answers to prayer and signs following, as our High Priest.

Multiple confessions or affirmations are what you do to get to *pisteuo* believe. After you *pisteuo* believe, they are your *aiteo* commands that must become (2 Cor 4:13).

Even God makes affirmations to us. This is one about His love and faithfulness:

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3:6 “For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.”

Bold affirmations, godly self-talk, for us include Psalms 23, 91, 119 and 121, not to mention Gal 2:20-21, 2 Cor 5:21, Eph 1-4, and many, many others. Jesus stated, affirmed 5-9 times that He would be scourged, killed, and rise the third day (since the gospels often record the same event, this count is probably more like 5 times). Jesus constantly reaffirmed who He was, His relationship to the Father, and what His mission was.

Each affirmation, or godly self-talk, is an *aiteo* prayer for God to make happen, and at the same time to magnetize your heart so you always seek the Lord. This is included in: Ps 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not all his benefits**: 3 who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with *chesed*/lovingkindness and *racham*/tender mercies; 5 who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment *through us* for all that are oppressed.”

To make this an affirmation, just change it to the first person: Ps 103:1 “Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **I forget not all his benefits**: 3 who forgiveth all *my* iniquities; who healeth all *my* diseases; 4 who redeemeth *my* life from destruction; who crowneth *me* with *chesed*/lovingkindness and *racham*/tender mercies; 5 who satisfieth *my* mouth with good things; so that *my* youth is renewed like the eagle's. 6 The Lord executeth

through me righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed *just like He did in Jesus, Peter, Stephen, Philip, and Paul.*”

For effective mind renewing, you need at least 3-6 hours a day of the same material, repetition with lots of affirmations, godly self-talk, and every day for 90 days minimum. Habits come in 21 days, but attitude and lifestyle changes take longer. It is not by accident that what modern science has found for lifestyle changes is what God told the ancient Jews to do, as He commanded Joshua in Josh 1:6-9, and us in Phil 4:4-9.

The Power Trilogy book, *OK, God, Now What*, goes into this with more detail, and provides a whole program of mind renewing into who you are in Jesus by the new-creation, so you can more effectively obey: Rom 13:14 “But put ye on (*like a coat*) the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

We find the best affirmations, and most effective, use the Scriptures as we did in Psalm 103 above, rather than just independent, standalone statements based on Scripture. When you change them to first person or the matching verb tenses, the Scriptures then become paraphrases. We always use *italics* in the scriptures to highlight these changes.

Pistis Faith Attacks the Devil at least twice each day: This parable by Jesus is on prayer: Luke 18:1 “And he (*Jesus*) spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: 3 and there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. 4 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 5 yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her **continual coming she weary me**. 6 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 7 And shall not God avenge his own elect, which **cry day and night unto him**, though he bear long with them? 8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find *pistis/faith* on the Earth?”

Notice the description of the unjust judge, “Which feared not God, neither regarded man.” This is a good description of the devil. The woman came to him, “Continually.” This means she demanded he give justice at least twice a day. Remember “Continually” means from non-stop to multiple times per day.

The command, “Avenge me of my adversary,” is an *aiteo*-type command.

Then God says He is looking for people who will cry out to Him day and night. This can mean continually throughout the day and night, and as a minimum, at least twice a day, once in the day hours, and once in the night hours. To be like the woman,

this crying out to God will include *aiteo* commands, which are you commanding as God would.

Jesus did not say, “Father God, raise Lazarus.” No, He commanded, “Lazarus come forth” as a duplicate, son of Father God, John 11:43.

And by the new-birth you are a Jesus-duplicate and son of God. 1 John 3:2 “Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.” If this is not you, get born-again now, see the salvation prayer after the Ministry Page in the Appendix.

From Luke 18:1-8 we see Jesus looking for the kind of *pistis* faith that results in *aiteo*-type demands for justice against ones like the devil, the ultimate unjust judge. And the frequency of these demands are continually, or at least day and night. Jesus defined this a *pistis* faith in Luke 18:8. If you do not like this, take it up with Jesus.

Cry for wisdom and God will give it you, James 1:5 “If any of you lack wisdom, let him *aiteo*/ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him *aiteo* ask in *pistis*/faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.”

The statement, “Crying out to God,” would include *aiteo* demands to God as in the
“Our Father” and against the devil. This would include the crying out of Jesus at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:43), and of course Joshua stopping the sun and moon for a day (Joshua 10:11-12). In Psalm 55:16-19 we are told to cry out “morning, noon and night.” This would be *aiteo* commands, UNTIL you get your answer from God.

In Mark 11:24, we are to stay *pisteuo* believing by right faith-actions, BEFORE and UNTIL the answer comes. So our believing right faith-actions become a “pressure” or force that drives the desired result. So here *pistis* faith is defined by speaking and staying in continual right faith-actions, where to stop doing *pisteuo* believing actions would be called “doubting,” and thus limit or stop the answer. As you do right faith-actions, you are keeping doubts and fears out, and overwriting confidence in your heart. Thus with right faith-actions you “doubt not,” but “hold in *pistis* faith.”

In Phil 4:4-9 we are to make our *aiteo* requests known to God with thanksgiving. So from Hebrews 11:1, where *pistis* faith has the characteristic or evidence of the joyful expectation of a coming good, we are to include thanksgiving, and joy in our *aiteo* demands.

As Jesus related in John 14:11-14, we are to *aiteo* command as He did to release Father God. Jesus said: John 14:13 “And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand*, *ex-*

pect, and require per covenant promise) in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

If you are hungry for answers from God, this is your open ticket, do it!

In this Luke 18 parable, Jesus defines right faith-actions or works as those who will cry out in *aiteo* commands at least twice a day against the devil to deliver themselves or others. Settle it now that you want to be doing what God is looking for, and that you will every day, command at least twice a day, deliverance for someone against the devil.

Jesus commanded us to use *aiteo* prayer: John 16:24 “Hitherto have ye *aiteo*/asked nothing in my name: *aiteo*/ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.” You want to walk in fullness of joy? Learn to *aiteo* for and in God.

Such behaviors, as defined by Jesus, are the characteristic or evidence of biblical *pistis* faith.

***Pistis* Faith is a Law**, which means it has solid rules that make it work. Rom 3:27

“Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? Nay: but by **the law of faith**. 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by *pistis*/faith without the deeds of the Law of *Moses*.”

Laws work by principle and rule. God is no respecter of persons. There are no “special” people, only those who do enough of the right things to release God. God is not deciding who to bless, we are. Do the right things to get the right results. Just like flying is overcoming gravity with rightly applied energy, our *pistis* faith works overcome doubt, evil fear, unbelief, and the structure of the universe, to make the Word manifest.

We are justified both in the eternal sense and in the physical, right-now world, by right faith-actions. As we keep in right faith-actions, we keep up the mustard seed pressure to produce the fruit of that Word, i.e. that promise of God.

Biology says it takes about eight years of constant growth pressure for a mustard seed to grow into a tree. For long-term life change, keep at it. For an immediate crisis you can increase your faith with the immersion cramming process we described before. For simple directions, use the Power Trilogy book, *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing-FM2*. But after your cramming, unless you maintain that focused mind-immersion, just like a college student cramming for an exam, you will lose that hot effective-faith in 1-5 days, but you can release the blessing for the immediate need.

Kingdom Secrets – Joy Growth: Here is what Jesus said was the secret of manifesting the Kingdom of God, or making the promises of God manifest in the Earth: Matt 13:20 “But he that received the seed [*of the promises of God by making a hole and inserting the seed and covering with soil in his heart, by the process of joy behav-*

iors] into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon **with joy** *lambano*/receiveth it (*to continually hold onto it and nurture it with continual right faith-actions*); 21 yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth (*in joy right faith-actions*) for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended [*so that offense and fear keep him from continual, joy faith behaviors*]. 22 He also that received seed [*of the promises of God by making a hole and inserting the seed and covering with soil in his heart, by the process of joy behaviors*] among the thorns is he that heareth the word (*with joy*) and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful [*so he stops doing joy behaviors over that word*]. 23 But he that received seed [*of the promises of God by making a hole and inserting the seed and covering with soil in his heart, by the process of joy behaviors*] into the good ground is he that heareth the word [*with joy*], and understandeth it [*to stay in joy behaviors and the other right faith-actions over that word*]; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

Because *pistis* faith is a law, God cannot lie, and God is no respecter of persons, keep up the right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the answer manifests.

Pistis Faith Mechanics: Faith does not work by love; it works by right actions. We get the benefit of *pistis* faith on the Last Day if our *pistis* faith is generated by *agape* love, but *pistis* faith does not depend on *agape*/love. 1 Cor 13:2 “And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all *pistis*/faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not *agape*/charity, I am nothing.”

Now if you move a mountain by faith, and Jesus commanded us to, then the mountain is moved. The Earthly benefit is the manifestation. The benefit for us on the Day of Judgment is, if we worked these miracles motivated by *agape*/love. So work *pistis* faith and develop *agape* love. Do *pistis* faith works for others because it helps them and delights God. You have the Scriptures, power, Holy Spirit, and the name of Jesus, use them.

Many preach the warning of Matt 7, where the workers of iniquity produced many miracles. The devil does not want you to know this. This has been preached in sin consciousness to those already justified, made eternally the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus for so long, many are afraid to even try to believe God for miracles, much less answers to prayer. Instead, take hope. If these workers of iniquity can get their sick mother healed, and God lets them, you do the same.

Let no disease, disaster, maiming, poverty, death, or any other work of the devil stand just because you are confused over some twisted concept of sin-free. The only one sin free is Jesus. By grace, in spite of your sins, you can work miracles like those in Matt 7:21 did. Preach the word of grace, which says, even in your sins, God will

work miracles for you as you preach His grace in the Name of Jesus. His grace is He will heal anyone sin or not. This is what Jesus can confirm and does.

What does this word of grace look like? “In the name of Jesus, by His stripes and not my perfection, be healed!” There you go, the Word of Grace in Jesus. Now go do it!

Pistis Faith, Raah Power: We see these mechanical aspects of *pistis* faith, obedience to God in His word, in the healing of the snake-bitten desert people of Numbers 21:8-9.

Here they were to *raah* look and behold, consider rightly unto exuberant joy over God’s desire to heal them. These were rebellious, bitter, murmuring, and fault-finding against God and Moses. This cannot change overnight. So they obeyed in dutiful, mechanical, intentional laughter, and dancing, but their hearts could not be fully in God.

It takes a minimum of 90 days of 3-6 hours a day to write on your heart so it works to become a heart-response. So all those preacher who say, “From your heart,” are putting people under the devil’s condemnation and does not help. I have never heard one who says, “From the heart,” tell anyone how to do that.

Well, here you are being told dutiful obedience will get it done. If it worked for the evil, wicked, snake-bitten in the desert with Moses, the law of *pistis* faith, can work for you.

Keep at right faith-actions over any Word of God, for 90 days, 3-6 hours a day, and it can be “From your heart,” but not before. But like in cramming, 1-3 days, by right faith-actions, the law of *pistis* faith can work. Best is 24 hours per day, not a few hours a day.

Truth immersion can get you there close enough. If your heart already has some truth, maybe it will take only 30 seconds or 12 hours, and release enough *zoe* life to get the job done. It depends on the current state of your heart, not on God, but on you.

If you have the 3-6 hours a day right faith-action lifestyle for the last 90 days, then maybe 30 seconds will do it. If you are doing the 3-6 hours per day lifestyle, then when hell calls, you will not panic in evil fear and terror, but answer like the person of God you are, and get it done by determined, focused intention of will, right faith-actions. Awesome!

We see this miracle release again in Numbers 21, a few verses later, where they sang to bring water up from the desert (Num 21:16-18). These again, did not have pure hearts, and not much later, fell into idolatry (Num 25). They simply obeyed in the physical actions with the command of God, and got the results of God. No one could say they had converted, and because of this temporary obedience, they got healed of the snake bites, but still later died in the desert. If they had turned like Josh-

ua and Caleb did, they could have lived to fight to enter and win the Promised Land by dealing with the merciful God.

We see this again in: Matt 7:21 “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in Heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful *dunamis*/works (*miracles*)? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”

These had learned the principles of *pistis* faith, like the one in 1 Cor 13:2, or the faithfulness desert people, who refused to continually mix the word of God with right faith-actions (Heb 4:2). So they work the miracles of God in prophecy, casting out demons, and working other miracles, yet Jesus said they were driven by iniquity, worldly power, or money, and not the *agape* love of God. They did the power works, but it did not profit them on that Day. They were just like the snake-bitten or water raising singers.

Some say they were lying. It is hard to believe they can stand in front of the God who reads hearts, who Daniel and John fell down before in fear, and lie. This will be a Day of Truth, and no lie will stand. If the faithless desert people who were continually mixing the word with iniquity can work miracles, so can these. Both groups (Numbers 21, 1 Cor 13:2; Matt 7:21) got miracles, but it will not profit them on their Last Day.

Like any law, you can work the principles of *pistis* faith, the elements that make it work, and you will get the results, whether you know or love the Lord, or not.

Work Miracles until You Love: Jesus wants us to work miracles, whether our hearts are right or not. Here is what happened when John found one working miracles, but who did not follow Jesus. Mark 9:38 “And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is on our part.” See also Luke 9:49-50.

Notice Jesus called casting out a demon just as much of a miracle, as raising the dead, or healing the sick. God wants people healed. He loves us and hates any rulership of the devil in our lives, whether we earned them or not. God has more invested in divine healing than we can think or imagine. He spent His beloved Son so we could have it.

This is like a good and a bad doctor, or a good and a bad airplane pilot. Both can do the same procedure, and get the same good results. This shatters lots of false religious traditions, but it is the “gospel truth.”

God, being the eternal optimist, hopes that as you continue to work miracles, you will learn to love Him by His awesome power. The power is in the word, not the person. Do the right things with the word, *pisteuo-aman* believe, preach His grace in Jesus, and you can release God with a corrupt heart.

It is not about you, but Christ in you that is the hope of glory. Jesus is your righteousness, not you. Your sin does not matter, only your right obedience. God will deal with your sins on your Day of Judgment, but do right now so He can bless. For most, because of our sins, the devil does enforce the illegal law of sowing and reaping, unless we deal with them in this life with redemption truth.

Now there is hope for all of us, who are not yet fully walking in Jesus as He did. Healing and being healed are by grace. In spite of our sins, we can still work miracles by the law of *pistis* faith, to release God in divine healing and other acts of His power. I don't know about you, but this gives me hope.

And if you find yourself in a long faith battle, dive back into the redemption facts and keep doing right faith-actions to victory knowing no labor in the Lord is in vain (1 Cor 15:57-58).

A little about *agape* love. As a word it was not used much in the times of Jesus, it had long fallen into unused. It means covenant commitment to those you are in covenant with at your expense and for their good. It is much like the Hebrew word, *chesed*, translated as loving kindness or grace. It means grace goodness and blessings to those you are in covenant with.

Agape-chesed is not a feeling, it is a decision to bless, to do good for. It is measured by good, kindness, charity acts, not feelings. That is why the KJV translates *agape* as charity, good deeds, not feelings like *eros* or *phileo*. Jesus, as a Jew, is in covenant unity with every Jew, and by the New Covenant in His body, the entire human race, past, present, and future.

Father God is in covenant with the entire human race by the New Covenant in Jesus. Therefore God commands: Gal 6:9 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of *pistis* faith." And divine healing is such a "good" work.

In simple terms, do work miracles of any kind, doing good, for all men and especially fellow Christians, is a command to work miracles for any and all. If you *agape* love Jesus you will obey His commandments and they are not grievous to you, all 1,050 of the New Testament.

1 John 5:2 "By this we know that we *agape*/love the children of God, when we *agape*/love God, and keep his commandments. 3 For this is the *agape*/love of God,

that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.” So we see several levels of *agape* love:

- a. In obedience to Jesus to do His commandments, including healing the sick, casting out devils, and raising the dead, among other good works that we are ordained to do by the new-birth.
- b. We do them for other Christians, the household of *pistis* faith.
- c. We do them for non-Christians because God and Jesus are in covenant with them and therefore we are also.
- d. We do them in enlightened self-interest as a way to seek the Lord: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis*/faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) that he is, and that he is a rewarder (*gives payment for your efforts*) of them that diligently seek him (*by continual right faith-actions*).”
- e. Right faith-actions include doing miracles and healings as Jesus would and commanded.
- f. Because God rewards us for seeking Him, pays us for good works, usually above that we can think or ask. It is appropriate enlightened self-interest to operate as Jesus duplicates, so God can meet all your needs according to His riches and glory in Christ Jesus. (Many have sought and started doing Jesus works as a means to earn a living, enter the ministry, or just meet their bills, and the laborer is worthy of his/her hire. Luke 10:7 is aimed at those working miracles, and God says He will meet your needs in doing the Gospel in miracle events, 1 Tim 5:17-18).

Jesus on using miracles to get money: Luke 10:7 “And in the same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house.”

The closest to *agape* love, is compassion, which again is only measured by what you do and Jesus healed by compassion, Matt 15:32; 20:34; Mark 8:2. Compassion is not sympathy, but a “This ought not to be and I’m going to fix it,” lifestyle.

Doing miracle works in the Name of Jesus for any or all of the above reasons is doing miracles in the *agape* love of God, and not doing them means you are not exercising in God’s *agape* love, which is only measured by what you do, and not what you profess, unless it leads to right acts of *agape*/charity. By this dictionary definition, currently many Christians are not actively *agape* loving God in divine healing, and many other things. Doing all the right faith-actions gets you to right *agape* love working.

The more you do right faith-actions over redemption facts, the more you will be filling your mind with *agape* love, right attitudes. The closest to not knowing the Lord

are the Corinthians, and God commanded them to keep doing the acts of Holy Spirit, 1 Cor 14:1, and in the expectation they would transition to *agape* love more often.

The miracle works of God are far more mechanical than many think, as they work by the law of *pistis* faith, as the snake-bitten in the desert with Moses found out.

Temptations: The devil will tempt you in many ways to stop these joy, right faith-actions. One of the most common is, “It is not working. Where is this God of yours?”

Your best answer is often, “Shut up devil; it is working, for it is written:

It is written in the Holy Bible that God cannot lie. Titus 1:2 “In hope of eternal *zoe*/life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began.” He said, “If you lay hands on the sick in the Name of Jesus, He will recover them, Mark 16:18.

It is written: Jesus said to lay hands on the sick in His name, and they will recover.

Mark 16:18 “(in my Name,) They shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”

It is written: Isa 53:5 “But he (*Jesus*) was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

It is written: 1 Peter 2:24 “(*Jesus*), who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins (*by remission of sin in the blood of Jesus*), should *zao*/live unto righteousness (*just like Jesus is now*): by whose stripes ye were healed.”

It is written: Jesus said: John 14:13 “And whatsoever ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise*) in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise*) anything in my name, I will do it.”

It is written: Mark 16:20 “And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working and confirming the word (*of grace healing in Jesus*) with signs following. Amen.”

It is written: Jesus has commanded me to manifest the Kingdom of God by *aiteo* prayer: John 16:24 “Hitherto have ye *aiteo*/asked (*demand, expected, and required as due by covenant promise*) nothing in my name: *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise*), and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.”

It is written: it is not about me, but Jesus. It is not: Acts 3:12 “By our own power or holiness,” but by: Acts 3:16 “His (*Jesus*) name through *pistis*/faith (*by right faith-actions*) in his name hath made...,” this *aiteo* command manifest.

It is written: about the name of Jesus: Acts 4:12 “Neither is there *soteria*/salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be *sozo*/saved (*healed, delivered, prospers, and blessed*).”

Therefore: I do these right faith-actions, so I have it; it is mine by the name, blood, body, and stripes of Jesus, and the word of God; and I will see it. I will stay in continual joy-right faith-actions UNTIL the answer manifests. It is not about how good I am, but it is about how good Jesus is with what I do, for through me, a member of the body of Christ, with and in the name of Jesus: Psalms 103:6 “The Lord executeth (*through us*) righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.” God has done it, and I will see it.

Thank You, Lord Jesus! Yahoo!”

This is operating the law of *pistis* faith by right faith-actions.

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Rom 5:2 “(*Jesus Christ*,) by whom also we have access by *pistis*/faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Everybody wants the grace of God. We have access to the grace of God in Jesus by *pistis* faith, which operates by continual and diligent right faith-actions. Your access to grace is in right faith-actions.

God says: we stand or wage war by those same continual and diligent right faith-actions, which includes joy behaviors. Not joy just once, but continual and repeated rejoicing. The second part of Rom 5:2 tells us we stand for God and remove the works of the devil to bring blessing to Earth by our continual right faith-actions.

Here is a brief summary of the evidences of biblical faith.

- *Pistis* Faith is active with right faith-actions.
- *Pistis* Right faith-actions have evidence that others can confirm.
- *Pistis* Faith is continuous, daily, and with multiple events per day.
- *Pistis* Faith operates by law, not feelings or the whim of God, Rom 3:27. God is no respecter of persons. Your success in God does not depend on God, but your obedience to right faith-actions within the law of *pistis* faith determine your success in God (Josh 1:5-9; Acts 10:34-35).

***Pistis* Faith Has Joy:** Biblical joy is not quiet or subdued. It means exuberant shouting, yelling, and screaming, laughing, smiling, dancing, prancing, jumping, clapping, arm waving, singing, twisting, and turning. It is greater than just “bubbling over with joy.”

The Bible words for thanksgiving and praise are similar. The only difference is that, in thanksgiving and praise, the words generally make sense, while in joy, the sounds are generally unspeakable or unintelligible in yelling and screaming. But the other exuberant behaviors are the same for all three.

Pistis Faith has the evidence of doing these thanksgiving, praise, and joy behaviors. Besides Heb 11:1, where we see faith has the joy behaviors of hope (the joyful expectation of coming good), we see other Scriptures showing this linkage to joy: Phil 1:25 “And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide and continue with you all for your furtherance and **joy of *pistis*/faith**; 26 that your **rejoicing** may be more abundant in Jesus Christ for me by my coming to you again.”

The more of the FACTS of the LAW of faith you walk in, the more you will do the behaviors of joy. Joy provides lots of evidence you are doing right faith works.

As Jesus said: John 7:17 “If any man will do his (*Father God’s*) will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.”

Here is another passage showing joy is part of faith: 2 Cor 1:24 “Not for that we have dominion over your *pistis*/faith, but are **helpers of your joy**: for by *pistis*/faith [*with joy*] ye stand.”

***Pistis* Faith Joy in the Seed:** Jesus described the word of God as a seed. In the parable of the Sower and the Seed of Matt 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8, the hard hearted are described as rocky ground, where the seed does not enter. The next kind of soil is thin, but has no strength.

Matt 13:20 “But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon **with joy *lambano*/receiveth it**; 21 yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended [*to stop his joy right faith-actions*]. 22 He also that

received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.”

The thin soil of verses 20-21, receives the promises of God with joy. Today, we see few do this. Seems as if many Christians are afraid to receive a promise of God with joy. They are afraid they will be ashamed, it won't work, and they will look like fools for that joy. As Bob Dylan sang, “Be a fool for Jesus or be a fool for the devil, but you are going to be somebody's fool.” Go with King Jesus!

Note that implied is that the other two soils, the distracted and the fruitful, initially received the word, the promise, the blessing, with joy. Both the offended and the distracted dropped their joy behaviors over the coming good from God. The fruitful kept in joy no matter the offenses or the distractions. The tribulations and persecutions of verse 21, are not from God, but the devil, who only comes to rob, kill, and destroy (John 10:10).

Note how they were in joy while they believed. The evidence of the believing is the joy behaviors they exhibited: Luke 8:13 “They on the rock are they, which, when they hear, **receive the word with joy**; and these have no root, which for a while *pisteuo*/believe, and in time of temptation fall away.” Here temptations come to get them to take “care” and lose their confident joy in God. Or they become offended at God or others. In either case, the lack of joy is called “falling away.” They fall away from confidence that God will do what the word said He will do. By the process described, it does imply that fruiting or results process does take a little time.

There are many today, who, when they hear a critical promise of God, such as you will live and not die, with a cancer report, they do not enter into joy behaviors. In fact, many Christians are so confused, who, when they hear a wonderful promise of God, instantly relegate it to myth or foolishness, knowing God will not do it for them.

This is usually because of sin consciousness taught in many churches. Sin consciousness gives you no confidence in God, especially for yourself. This is when a minister must have the *pistis* faith for them, as Jesus and the disciples often did.

As a result of this lack of joy, happiness, and gladness that God will do it, they hold back, ponder, and stay cold hearted. Evil fear and shame, evil fear of man, holds them back. They do not know to do right faith-actions when it hurts; to bless those that curse you, and move on in the sacrifices of thanksgiving, praise, and joy.

Jer 33:11 “The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the Lord of hosts: for the Lord is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: and of them that shall bring the sacrifice of praise (*including thanksgiving, happiness, gladness, and joy*) in-

to the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord.”

Here the sacrifice of joy is described: Ps 27:6 “And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.” You do the sacrifice of joy with right praise behaviors, which look much like joy.

Notice in Matt 13:21 and 22, there are some who do receive it with joy, but while the thin soil receives the word with joy, i.e., good tidings of great joy, they do not hold that joy. The devil immediately comes to steal the joy with offense. For them, the hard heart of bitterness is just below the surface.

This is just like in Phil 4:4-9, where we are commanded to rejoice always, choose joy and then attack any “care” that stops our joy. This is describing the same kind of thing. The thin soil takes “cares,” and does not recover, i.e., stays offended at God or others.

The next two soils, the distracted and the good hearted, still maintain the joy, at least for a time. The distracted also gets filled with cares, loses its joy, and while the seed started, the fruit never matures due to a lack of joy, or regular and consistent right faith-actions.

The good ground avoids, prays, and plows through the offenses, cares, and anxieties, and keeps in joy, and of course, the other right faith-actions, to bear abundant fruit. The sacrifice of joy includes shouting with your teeth clenched, and/or tears in your eyes, but you obey to glory.

You can hear the shouts: “God is good. He is faithful. I have it. I will see it because God cannot lie. As I rejoice, I am healed, Yahoo! In the name of Jesus, devil go, body be whole, mind be right, life of God set me free. Situation get right. It is happening now, and I will see it! In the name of Jesus! Father, You cannot lie. Thank You! Yahoo!”

Your walk needs to get stricter to walk in this. But not in your holiness, but to be ruthless against anything other than the grace of God working in you, knowing you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus by grace (2 Cor 5:21). You have and will use it, and deny your personal holiness at any attack of self-righteousness.

As Peter said: Acts 3:12 “And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? ...16 And his (*Jesus*) name through *pistis*/faith (*by continual right faith-actions*) in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the *pistis*/faith (*by continual right faith-actions*) which is by him (*Jesus*) hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”

Joy Can Release Zoe Life: This is one of the great promises of the Bible, now that we see joy is a critical element of biblical faith, this chapter from Isaiah makes a lot more sense: **Isa 12:1** “And in that day thou shalt say, O Lord, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. 2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust (*cleave by right faith-actions*), and not be afraid: for the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. 3 **Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.** 4 And in that day shall ye say, Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. 5 Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the Earth. 6 Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.”

Note verse 2, “God is also become my salvation.” So how do you get that salvation to be released? Look at this amazing verse 3: “Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.” You draw salvation out of God with joy to release God’s goodness, *zoe* life, to produce Heaven on Earth; you do it with joy behaviors.

This is not “feeling” joy, it is doing joy behaviors, asserting or believing that as you do joy behaviors, God’s salvation, His *zoe* life is growing. Remember, emotions follow thoughts, words, and deeds. Start on the expected good from God with glad thoughts, speak joy words, and do the dancing, smiling, yelling, and laughing of joy, and the emotions will come. If they do not, no matter, keep at it until they do.

Joy behaviors of coming good from God manifesting His promises is the evidence of *pistis* faith, and a mechanism for making that faith assertion become a reality is joy. One of the elements of faith is you believing that, as you do joy behaviors, it is releasing God by His *zoe* life for your answers. You are not looking to see if it happens; you profess it is happening. And you keep professing it is until it does.

Rev 22:17 “And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of *zoe*/life freely.” And you draw out, or aim, this miracle *zoe*-life water with joy.

And again, Jesus said: **John 7:38** “He that *pisteuo*/believeth (*with right faith-actions, especially joy*) on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of *zoe*/living water.”

Putting these together, we see that joy releases Holy Spirit, who is your *zao* living water, the spirit of *zoe* life. *Pisteuo* believing includes stirring yourself up to do joy behaviors. This is a critical part of answered prayer. **Rom 8:2** “For the law of the Spirit of *zoe*/life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death (*operating in slow and fast forms*).” Freedom comes from right faith-actions releasing *zoe* life.

Ministry Joy: There is no record of direct ministry joy, such as Jesus or the apostles during healing the sick. But that does not eliminate joy in the Lord before or after ministry, or as part of a personal prayer process. Here is what Paul says: Phil 1:4 “Always in every prayer of mine for you all making **request with joy.**”

And of course the 70 when they returned: Luke 10:17 “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.” They were obeying: Ps 107:21 “Oh that men would praise the Lord for his *chesed/goodness (grace, love in action)*, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and **declare his works with rejoicing.**”

And rejoicing is a key part of seeking the Lord: Ps 40:16 “Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad (*dance, spin, twirl*) in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.”

Ps 105:2 “Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.” These commands tell you, if you want to find the Lord, choose to rejoice! This is being the priests and kings Jesus has made us to be.

1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood (*kings and priests unto God*), an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.”

We do see joy in ministry with those in the desert getting themselves healed of snake bites. Num 21:8 “And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he *raah/looketh (to consider, ponder to rouse themselves to happiness, gladness, and joy over God’s goodness in healing them)* upon it, shall *chayay-zoe/live [with zoe life to heal them]*.”

One key is that: Neh 8:10 “...for the joy of the Lord is your strength.” And this joy with exuberant behaviors is the evidence of active, biblical, *pistis* faith.

So whether it is joy before ministry, during ministry, or after ministry, biblical, exuberant joy is an integral part of *pistis* faith. And these joy behaviors are one of the evidences of *pistis* faith.

***Pistis* Faith Has Thanksgiving:** Walking in the faith of Christ, the FACTS of our Redemption, means we will be doing more and more exuberant thanksgiving behaviors. Col 2:7 “Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the *pistis/faith*, as ye have been taught, abounding therein (*the pistis faith*) **with thanksgiving.**”

Here rooted in Jesus, established in the faith, and the facts of redemption, you will abound with thanksgiving. Here it is clear, your lack of exuberant thanksgiving is proof you are not rooted and grounded in Jesus and His redemptive work.

You can grow in *pistis* faith by more knowledge of the FACTS of our Redemption, and how to respond properly to these facts. 1 Thess 3:10 “Night and day praying exceedingly that we might see your face, and might perfect that which is lacking in your *pistis*/faith?”

This means *pistis* faith can be increased by teaching; it is transferable. Learn the truth to do the truth, and you will operate *pistis* faith successfully. John 8:31 “Then said Jesus to those Jews which *pisteuo*/believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free [*to operate like Jesus*].”

Here God says it directly of our life of *pistis* faith. The more you understand and do right faith-actions over the facts of redemption, you will be abounding in thanksgiving. Col 1:12 “**Giving thanks (*continually*) unto the Father**, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the *aphesis*/forgiveness (*payment unto remission, purging, and obliteration*) of sins: 15 (*Jesus*,) who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.”

In the Bible, thanksgiving has two major meanings. One is just giving of thanks; the other is all the right faith-actions in a thanksgiving event. In the Old Testament, the same word is often translated as thanksgiving, praise, joy, worship, and prayer. One Hebrew word into 5 different English words. In God, thanksgiving is a big word.

And of course, we are commanded to give thanks always. 1 Thess 5:18 “**In every-thing give thanks** (*over redemption facts*): for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” In our understanding, this could be just as if He said, “No matter what happens, good or bad, do right faith-actions over redemption facts, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

You are not giving thanks for the evil of your problems; you are giving thanks that as you do right faith-actions, you will see God’s goodness to overcome and set yourself and others free, calling those things of God that be not as if they were.

Part of the element of *pistis* faith is obedience, and if you are obedient to the commands of God, you will be in continual thanksgiving also. Like joy, thanksgiving is the evidence of *pistis* faith. And biblical thanksgiving is full of energy and enthusiasm.

***Pistis* Faith is a Fight:** You have to fight to stay in *pistis* faith, and to use or work *pistis* faith effectively. 1 Tim 6:12 “Fight the good fight of *pistis*/faith, *lambano*/lay

hold on eternal *zoe*/life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.” This is not easy on the flesh or carnal mind, the mind that is based on the current negative facts, or sticky offense; and requires diligent right faith-actions when it is not easy.

This is a fight of *pistis* faith in at least two ways:

1. Fight to find and keep the time and priorities to do *pistis* right faith-actions.
2. In your right faith-actions, you wage war with war words, *aiteo-dabar* words, affirmations against the devil, his works, and his agents.

You make your *pistis* faith stronger by speaking in tongues. Jude 20 “But ye, *agape*/beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy *pistis*/faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.”

For general maintenance we recommend you speak in tongues a cumulative 2 hours a day, every day. When in a *pistis* faith battle, increase to 3-6 hours a day, or more, preferably all loud, hard, and fast. Take a walk, and pray and sing in tongues the entire time.

Jesus tells us several times to operate *pistis* faith like a mustard seed does, where we do not stop UNTIL we get the promised answer. Specifically in Matt 7:7-8 and Luke 11:9-10 to *aiteo* ask, and keep on *aiteo* asking, UNTIL we get our covenant promise answer. We are talking 3-6 hours a day, or more, depending on the urgency or severity.

A growing mustard seed is in a constant battle of pushing against the ground, and it never gives up. To grow into a tree this is eight years of constant, non-stop work. The evidence of *pistis* faith is your constant war attitude with war tongues, and war words of understanding.

There is a rest in *pistis* faith, but it takes labor to get there: Heb 4:11 “Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (*unpersuaded to do continual right faith-actions over God’s nature and promises*).”

And this rest is not entertainment or pleasure-seeking, but like the Jews with Joshua, this rest is confident war to win your Promised Land. God’s rest is so you can fight the fight of *pistis* faith and win.

The rest, the happy place, is doing the right faith-actions knowing that as you do them, you are releasing the miracle working and blessing producing *zoe* life of God. God’s Promised Land is like a working farm, not a indolent, cruise ship trip.

In James 5:17-18 we are told to keep praying like Elijah did, where he prayed 8 times UNTIL he got his answer. And we are to pray with some “fervency,” and not just as dull duty. We call this *aiteo* commands, requirements, and expectations of cov-

enant promises due with determined, focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to move and the devil go.

To get into such fervency, it may require you to fight, to stir up, or to wake yourself up. This is the challenge of not praying the “token” prayer, but instead working to make compassion and indignation build for *aiteo* prayer.

You grow strong and more effective to produce Kingdom results by majoring in and operating the FACTS of our Redemption. Philem 6 “That the communication (*in the outworked life with Holy Spirit*) of thy *pistis/faith* (*redemption facts and right faith-actions*) may become effectual (*in producing the Kingdom miracle results like Jesus did*) by the *continual* acknowledging (*knowing and walking as a master craftsman like Jesus did and able to train others to walk as master craftsmen to being like Jesus*) of every good thing which is [*already*] in you in Christ Jesus [*in our Redemption*].”

Faith, without faith works, is dead. James 2:14 “What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath *pistis/faith*, and have not works? Can faith *sozo/save* him? ... (*Feed the hungry, clothe the naked*) 17 Even so *pistis/faith*, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. 18 Yea, a man may say, Thou hast *pistis/faith*, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my *pistis/faith* by my works. 19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. 20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Seest thou how *pistis/faith* wrought with his works, and by works was *pistis/faith* made perfect (*complete*)?”

Pistis Faith Works the Works of God: We are to work *pistis* faith, and it will be a fight. 2 Thess 1:11 “Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and **the work of *pistis/faith*** with *dunamis/miracle* power: 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Jesus said this is how we produce the Kingdom: Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

Luke 16:16 “The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and **every man presseth into it.**” This includes women also.

John 6:28 “Then said they unto him (*Jesus*), What shall we do, that we might **work the works of God** [*like you do*]? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the **work of God**, that ye *pisteuo/believe* (*with the work of continual right faith-actions*) on him whom he hath sent.” Here Jesus defines *pisteuo/believing* right faith-actions as the right works for man to release God to do His works.

Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful (*apathetic, indifferent, lazy, or distracted*), but followers (*copycats, duplicates, imitators, emulators*) of them who through *pistis/faith* (*right faith-actions*) and patience (*consistency in continual right faith-actions*) inherit the promises.” The opposite of slothful is diligent and glad hard work, Heb 11:6.

This means to pick up the shield of *pistis/faith*, and with right faith-actions destroy all the fiery darts of the devil. Eph 6:16 “Above all, taking the shield of *pistis/faith* (*by right faith-actions*), wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.” Attack every fiery dart with *aiteo* commands and other right faith-actions to work the shield.

1 John 5:4 “For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world (*system*): and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our *pistis/faith* [*evidenced by right faith-actions over the facts of redemption, and to bring Heaven to Earth continually*].”

God will give us the victory as we remain in the labor of the Lord, including right faith-actions. 1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory (*zoe life*) through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-action*) labour (*to exhaustion*) is not in vain in the Lord.” This means to keep *pistis* faith fighting with right faith-actions, even if it looks like you are losing.

1 Tim 1:5 “Now the end of the commandment is *agape*/charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of *pistis/faith* unfeigned [*by a mind constantly renewed by constant right faith-actions*].”

Pistis Faith is Persistent: Persistence does not give up, does not accept “no” for an answer, and keeps at it when it is easy and when it is hard. Persistence could give up any time, could murmur, and complain, but it does not.

Persistence is described as pluck, endurance, faithfulness, patience, consistency, reliable, doggedness, stamina, grit, resolution, holds on no matter what, constancy, continuance, durability, backbone, resolve, and based on the meaning of *aman* and *pisteuo*, is the definition of *pistis* faith and *aman* trusting.

Persistence means continual, long term, after everyone else has given up, exuberant effort nurturing on and with the Word of God. Instead, persistence with insistent *pistis* faith, keeps in right faith-actions UNTIL you release what God has promised. Your right faith-actions keeps up the constant pressure against the devil to victory.

My goodness, if Abraham and Sarah could get young and supple enough to father, conceive, birth, and raise a baby, what cannot we heal, recover, reinvigorate, and even raise from the dead, if we just will not give up doing right faith-actions over the promises of God you need answered and delivered?

Or as God said: Job 33:25 “His flesh shall be fresher than a child's: he shall return to the days of his youth.” Both Abraham and Sarah walked in this kind of *zoe* life as a result of diligent right faith-actions. They both walked in the days of their youth by *zoe* life.

You know you are in the realm of *pistis* faith in persistence, when people say of you, while you remain steadfast in right faith-actions over and in the promises of God: Ps 3:1 “Lord, how are they increased that trouble me! Many are they that rise up against me. 2 Many there be which say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. Selah. 3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.” YAHOO!

Often, this is more than the “seven times a day will I praise thee for thy righteous judgments for me and against the devil,” of Psalm 119:164, but every seven seconds as you are assaulted with evil fears, pain, doubts, ridicule, mockery, depression, and unbelief day and night, day after day, second by second. Shout louder than the voices in your head.

These voices may never stop, but as you seek the Lord in persistence right faith-actions, they will lose their power over you to terrorize, instead each will be a call to right faith-action war. These voices followed Jesus right to the cross, but He stayed steadfast into rising from the dead! This is the stuff we are made of in the new-birth!

Jesus said it this way concerning prayer: Matt 7:7 “Keep on *aiteo/asking (demanding, expecting, and requiring as due by covenant promise)* and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who keeps on *aiteo/asking (demanding, expecting, and requiring as due by covenant promise)* receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, [the door] will be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you, if his son *aiteo/asks (demands, expects, and requires as due by covenant promise)* him for a loaf of bread, will hand him a stone? 10 Or if he *aiteo/asks (demands, expects, and requires as due by covenant promise)* for a fish, will hand him a serpent. 11 If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in Heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on *aiteo/asking (demanding, expecting, and requiring as due by covenant promise with focused intention of will)* Him!” AMP See also Luke 11:5-13

Bible *pistis* faith keeps on *aiteo/asking (demanding, expecting, and requiring as due by covenant promise in determined, focused intention of will for Holy Spirit to move and the devil to go)* BEFORE and UNTIL it get the promise it desires. The point in Matt 7 and Luke 11 is, if you do not see the answer at first, keep in *aiteo* UNTIL you do get it. It is not just one *aiteo* command, but continual commands UNTIL the answer is fully manifest.

Jesus described this as the kind of *pistis* faith He and the Father are looking for. Luke 18:1 “ALSO [Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not to turn coward (faint, lose heart, and give up). 2 He said, In a certain city there was a judge who neither revered and feared God nor respected or considered man. 3 And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, Protect and defend and give me justice against my adversary. 4 And for a time he would not; but later he said to himself, Though I have neither reverence or fear for God nor respect or consideration for man, 5 Yet because this widow continues to bother me, I will defend and protect and avenge her, lest she give me intolerable annoyance and wear me out by her continual coming or at the last she come and rail on me or assault me or strangle me. 6 Then the Lord said, Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not [our just] God defend and protect and avenge His elect (His chosen ones), who cry to Him day and night? Will He defer them and delay help on their behalf? 8 I tell you, He will defend and protect and avenge them speedily. However, when the Son of Man comes, **will He find [persistence in] *pistis*/faith on the Earth?” AMP**

Persistent, will not give up and will not stop, does not accept “no,” as an answer of a promise or ability of God, but keeps seeking the Lord until you get it, is the kind of *pistis* faith Jesus is looking for. If you know this is what pleases God, for you to be attacking the devil at least twice a day, if not all day and all night, then this is what we are to be about.

Jesus made it clear in His teachings and ministry, our problem is not God, but ignorance and the devil. We are to keep attacking ignorance with Scripture study, and the devil, commanding him and his works to go, UNTIL it is gone, and they are fully healed.

Luke 18:1-8, is a clear request of God to find someone’s troubles, yours and others, and keep blasting the devil with *aiteo* commands UNTIL that defeated devil bows at the name of Jesus. This is how we school devils into the name of Jesus. Like a hammer on a rock, or a torch on a steel wall, we keep at it UNTIL we get the promise. So include this kind of prayer in your regular right faith-actions.

Eph 3:10 “To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known (*taught, demonstrated*) by the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

This was the attitude of two women in the Bible. The first was not in covenant with God, but wanted God to heal her child anyway. The other was in covenant, but had a disease, and got healed in spite of the difficulties.

Here this persistence is called great faith. What makes it great is that she was not in covenant with God, but she sought Him anyway. Mark 7:26 “The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the

devil out of her daughter. 27 But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs. 28 And she answered and said unto him, Yes, Lord: yet the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. 29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the devil is gone out of thy daughter. 30 And when she was come to her house, she found the devil gone out, and her daughter laid upon the bed.” See also Matt 15:22-28.

Notice in verse 27, deliverance and healing is the children’s bread. You are born-again of God; you are back in the family by new-birth and adoption. This is your heritage, your inheritance, and your Promised Land. Go after it against the devil until you get it. It may not be fast, and may not be pretty, but you can get it with persistent right faith-actions.

This woman with the issue of blood broke some rules to get her healing. She did not shout, “Unclean, unclean,” as she went through the crowd. She risked death to get to Jesus, and He did not even know she was doing it. Her persistence paid off. This was really between her and God, with Jesus as the vessel or ambassador of God, just like we are.

Matt 9:20 “And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment: 21 for she said (*kept saying*) within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole. 22 But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy *pistis*/faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.”

Notice Jesus called this insistence, persistence, and *aiteo* command as *pistis* faith.

And here is the kicker, God wants you to keep *aiteo* asking. So your persistence is the will of God for you. Some may say if you pray more than once, then you are in unbelief. That is not what Jesus said, He specifically told us to pray in *aiteo* UNTIL we get it.

This “praying more than once is unbelief” is attributed to Smith Wigglesworth. This was what he learned worked for him. Get yourself solid in redemption truth prior to your prayer, and then pray as if you get only one chance. Smith lived this way and produced uncountable and awesome miracles, including raising the dead. But Smith also prayed/commanded multiple times to get a healing result. This was not a law to Smith, but a guideline, and kept him in diligent daily right faith-actions as a disciple of Jesus.

But this “pray only once” statement is a clear violation of the word of God. We are told to pray like Elijah, who prayed 8 times to get some rain: James 5:17 “Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not

rain: and it rained not on the Earth by the space of three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again ($1 + 7 = 8$), and the Heaven gave rain, and the Earth brought forth her fruit (1 Kings

18:42-44).” Each time Elijah prayed like it was the last time he needed to pray. And he did this 8 times. This is persistent actions in *pistis* faith with focused intention of will.

We are called to the attitudes of vigilant and diligent warriors, who will not give up. 1 Thess 5:6 “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the **breastplate of *pistis* faith** (*by right faith-actions*) and *agape*/love; and for an helmet, the hope of *so-teria*/salvation (*to rigidly control your thinking to only redemption facts*).”

Notice that your breastplate is right faith-actions. This breastplate is not only the badge of your authority, but protects your vital parts so you can continue to remain in right faith-actions.

1 Thess 5:16 “Rejoice evermore (*persistently*). 17 Pray without ceasing (*persistently*). 18 In everything give thanks (*persistently*): for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

And again: Heb 12:1 “THEREFORE THEN, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight, and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us (*doubt, fear, unbelief, offense, and sloth*), and let us run with patient endurance **and steady and active persistence** the appointed course of the race that is set before us.” AMP

Notice the example in Hebrews is as a runner, a long distance runner. Such running is persistence in action. Running is work, labor, sweating, and we are continually to be in the labor of the Lord. 1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye stedfast (*persistent*), unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-action*) labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

You do not tell people to keep at it, “Knowing no (*right faith-action*) labor in the Lord is in vain,” unless it looks that way, and perhaps they had fainted, stopped doing right faith-actions. Here the results were not immediate, and God says to keep at it in persistence. So in this situation of verse 58, they had stopped. And God’s answer to your tiredness, evil fear, and frustration is, “Keep at it until you win!”

And the grace of God impels us to do more. 1 Cor 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

Keep at it in persistent right faith-actions UNTIL victory. The only reason for defeat in the name of Jesus, is either ignorance, or you just quit too soon. Faint not!

We are attacking ignorance in this book. The *pistis* faith and patience part are yours. Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful (*couch potato students, ever learning but never getting into action to know truth by action*), but followers (*copycats, imitators, duplicates*) of them who through *pistis/faith (right faith-actions)* and patience (*consistency in right faith-actions*) inherit the promises.” You have the nature of Jesus, tap into Him!

Rom 13:14 “But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.” Get in right faith-actions now!

How do you “put on Jesus?” You do it by constant repetition of redemption facts and right faith-actions, see any of our Power Trilogy books for more on this.

Persistent Jesus: If Jesus persistently spent 3-6 hours a day, or more, 1-4 all nights a week, often arose early in the morning for right faith-action, Scripture prayer, and occasionally all night, and Peter, James, Paul, and other disciples did the same, and all taught their disciples to do the same, along with 1-6 hours a day in Holy Spirit tongues, why not you? So if you wonder where your answers from God are, now you know.

We are warned we will face many battles in this life. If you did not spend the time and “Jesus-effort” before the battle, do not be surprised if you have to spend it in the battle to get victory. Otherwise learn to accept defeat, and, as many do, blame it on something else rather than your slothful lack of diligence in right faith-actions.

If you are a child of God, born-again in Jesus, you have all the power of God there is. Holy Spirit, the power of God, the *zoe* life of God, now dwells in you. The issue is you effectively renewing your mind, and then stirring yourself up in God to walk in Him, to release God in power.

It is not “more anointing,” or “grace,” but how you use your time. This kind of persistence is summarize this way, in this definition of persistent *pistis* faith: Heb 11:6 “But without *pistis/faith (in right faith-actions)* it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must *pisteuo/believe (with right faith-actions)* that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently (*persistently*) seek him (*by right faith-actions*).”

Keeping in multi-event right faith-actions per day seeking the Lord is diligent and persistent faith in action.

Speaking *Pistis* Faith: In Mark 11:22-24, we are told to speak to the mountain and tell it what to do. In 1 Cor 4:13, we are told to operate in the spirit of *pistis* faith, Holy Spirit, we need to stay in right faith-actions and speak *logos dabar* commands to tell the problem what to do.

The woman with the issue of blood used her *pistis* faith to get herself healed, and Jesus was not even aware it was happening, until after the fact. Her *pistis* faith work was to keep saying to herself what would happen when she touched Jesus' garment, or his prayer shawl, known as a *tallit*: Matt 9:20 "And behold, a woman who had suffered from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His garment; [Matt 14:36.] 21 **For she kept saying to herself**, If I only touch His garment, I shall be restored to health. 22 Jesus turned around and, seeing her, He said, Take courage, daughter! Your *pistis*/faith has made you well. And at once the woman was restored to health." AMP See also Luke 8:43-48.

Her *pistis* faith, the facts of redemption, was probably based on this passage: Mal 4:2 "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with **healing in his wings**; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." Here the "wings" are the front edges of the prayer shawl, *tallit*, as it was draped over the head. So she was saying that Jesus is the Messiah, and if she touched his prayer shawl, she would get healed.

The equivalent *pistis* faith behavior could be the joint method of Curry Blake, or for the minister simply saying over and over prior to ministry, "When I lay hands on (or *aiteo* for) them, Jesus heals them. It is not about me, but Jesus in me. When I minister, Jesus heals through me." See the Appendix for more on this.

And like Abraham in Romans 4, we grow strong in *pistis* faith by considering not the evil circumstances, but instead considering God as willing and reliable to do what He has promised, while growing and being strong in *pistis* faith with continually giving glory to God, which includes right faith-actions. We do not deny the evil circumstances, but we deny their right to be Lord over the situation, and instead we proclaim Jesus is Lord by right faith-actions over His promises to us. And giving glory to God is speaking His praises and affirmations with thanksgiving and joy.

1 John 4:17 "Herein is our *agape*/love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no *evil* fear in *agape*/love; but perfect *agape*/love casteth out *evil* fear: because *evil* fear hath torment. He that *evil* feareth is not made perfect in *agape*/love. 19 We *agape*/love him, because he first *agape*/loved us.

Evil fear is anti-faith. *Pistis* Faith is the joyful expectation of coming good; evil fear is the opposite. Submitting to *evil* fear is to never start, or to stop once started, the right faith-actions. *Pistis* Faith does not have or tolerate evil fear; when your love is made perfect, as evidence by continual right faith-actions, the evil fear will go. This is the message of Phil 4:4-9.

Replace the Thoughts: The right faith-actions are the replacement thoughts and words repeated multiple times each day. The negative thoughts will never stop until Satan is thrown in the Lake of Fire. Until then, we will constantly be assaulted with doubt, evil fear, depression, and unbelief thoughts.

The issue is not the thoughts, but how you handle them. The devil has been at this a long time. He knows if he is persistent, then it is more than likely that you will eventually give up, until you learn of his game and beat him with your consistent right faith-actions. And speaking the words of thanksgiving, praise, joy, *aiteo* commands, and right affirmations is the best way to get control of your thoughts.

Just like sights, sounds, and smells, you cannot stop thoughts from coming, but you can control how you respond to them and what you let stay. You say godly replacement words/Scriptures to get control of the thoughts.

We are called to this war: 2 Cor 10:3 “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” So controlling your thoughts is your new normal.

Again the best way to control thoughts is to speak right affirmations over the negative events. Regular and consistent, spoken right faith-actions are one of God’s ways to do this. Replace doubt, temptation thoughts with right faith-actions.

Faith and Fasting: Fasting does not change God; right fasting changes you. Fasting humbles your soul. Your body can do fine without eating, but plan on fasting, and all the sudden hungers you never knew you had, will attack you. And friends will want to take you out to eat and bring you treats. So yes, fast, and make sure others do not know you are fasting (See Matt 6:16-18).

This is the fast that God desires: Isa 58:6 “Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? (See Acts 10:38) 7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? When thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh? ...9 If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger (*accusation, mockery, and fault finding without getting them blessed and healed*), and speaking vanity (*words that will not survive the Day of Judgment, words*

of death, and legalism, and not zoe life and grace); 10 And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul.”

We categorize all of these in our listing of right faith-actions under “works of *agape* love.”

As a new-creation Christian, this includes healing the sick, raising the dead, casting out demons, and cleansing the lepers. All of these remove burdens from people.

Here are the blessings for those who fast from their own plans and do these works of God’s *agape* love: Isa 58:8 “Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy rearward. 9 Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and he shall say, Here I am. 10 ...then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noonday: 11 And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not. 12 And they that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.”

Note, by this, the best way to get your healing is to remove the burdens of others by getting others divinely healed. This is included in sowing to the spirit of: Gal 6:7 “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption (*death in fast and slow forms*); but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap *zoe/life* everlasting (*right faith-actions*). 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” This clearly states that it is not up to God, but you.

Jesus said we would fast, as in not eating (Matt 6:16-18), but we are to go for the deeper things also. Matt 10:8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” And work justice at every level of society.

John Wesley required all of his minsters and workers to fast at least two meals, if not two days, a week. This is a great place to start changing your nation for God.

***Pistis* Faith calls those things of God that be not as if they were:** God has the titles of the one who raises the dead, and who calls those things that be not as if they were. God is The Dead Raiser and The Future Teller, and we are to be like Him.

Rom 4:17 “(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he *pisteuo*/believed (*by continual right faith-actions*), even God, who

zao/quickeneth the dead, and **calleth those things which be not as though they were.**”

God called Abram the father of many nations, long before Abraham and Sarah had their son, Isaac, much less their future generations. Notice that last word, “were.” It is not going to be, but already is, and is done already. *Pistis* faith calls tomorrow as if it were yesterday.

As God said to those who claimed to be of power: Isa 44:7 “And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people?

And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.”

And talking about Gentiles who appeared to hate the God of Israel: Rom 9:26 “And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the *zao*/living God.”

Jesus commanded that we are to have the *pistis* faith of God (Mark 11:22), which is a way of thinking, and we are to be imitators, copycats, children, duplicates of God (Matt 5:44-45; Eph 5:1) in thinking and doing like Jesus does. So if God is the one who calls those things that be not as if they were, so are we.

Jesus included this in: Mark 11:23 ”...But shall *pisteuo*/believe (*with right faith-actions*) that those things which he saith shall come to pass (*is happening now*); he shall have whatsoever he saith.” In order to do this you must treat what you have commanded as if, not only did the process start, but that it is already done. You decree the end state before it is. *Pistis* faith calls tomorrow as if it were yesterday, and gives thanks in advance.

2 Cor 4:18 “While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.” So you ignore what is now, and it’s right to remain, and see the answer as already in place, and the only acceptable condition.

We are in faith because the promise is not yet, and the current conditions are not in agreement with the promise. *Pistis* Faith is what you do between the promise and the manifestation. This time is often very “mean.” Mean with assaults of doubts, evil fears within, and turmoil without. *Pistis* Faith is a battle with present reasons why the promise of God cannot be. Spend time looking at why it can be, because of Jesus. Start from there.

If you are looking at the promises of God, and have entered into right faith-actions to manifest them, then you too need to call it already done. That means your primary focus is, “Thank You, Lord, it is already done. I receive it and I will possess it, thank You!” So a good rule to follow is to make your *aiteo* prayer and then spend 5 minutes or more in thanksgiving and other right faith-actions. So the time is spent

mostly, not in *aiteo* commands, but in thanksgiving, praise, right affirmations, and joy, along with the other right faith-actions.

The evidence of your *pistis* faith will be your right faith-actions, first of *aiteo* command, and then rejoicing that it is already done. Mark 11:24 “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye *aiteo*/desire, when ye pray, *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.” Here you are to do right faith-actions that you already have it, and you will possess it.

If you shall have it, and already have it, then your only logical response is excessive and exuberant thanksgiving.

Pistis Faith Mixes the Word: It takes continual right faith-actions on the promises and FACTS of Redemption to mix the word of God into your heart, so you inherit the promises and fulfil your calling in God.

Heb 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (*those in the desert with Moses*): but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed (*forced into your heart*) with *pistis*/faith (*right faith-actions*) in them that heard it.”

At the end of the day, as seen in Eph 1, the gospel is of such great, glad tidings, where the only response is rousing thanksgiving, praise, and joy, as you remember it, because it is to your great profit. What you can get out of it, far exceeds what you put in.

As Jesus said: Matt 5:12 “Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in Heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.”

Eph 2:7 “That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye *sozo*/saved through *pistis*/faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 not of (*Moses Law*) works, lest any man should boast.”

In Hebrews 11:6 we are told we must believe that God is, this means giving Him regular right faith-actions, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. This seeking the Lord is part of the process of mixing the word with right faith-actions.

Pistis Faith Sings Praises: So faith includes diligent or continual seeking the Lord, which is again in regular right faith-actions, including rejoicing, singing, and shouts of “The Lord be magnified.” Ps 106:12 “Then *aman-pisteuo*/believed they his words; they sang his praise.” *Aman-pistis* faith sings praise!

God describes how they failed to mix the word this way: Ps 78:40 “How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, and grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy. 43 How he

had wrought his signs in Egypt, and his wonders in the field of Zoan.” This is a lack of thanksgiving and praise for the past works of God.

And the opposite, mixing the word rightly, is described in seeking the Lord: Ps 105:1 “O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people. 2 Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works. 3 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. 4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore. 5 Remember his marvelous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth.”

And of course, on how to make our *pistis* faith effective: Philem 6 “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the *continual epignosis/acknowledging* of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus [*by our redemption*].”

Praising God is part of our purpose: 1 Peter 2:9 “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood (*king and priests unto Father God*), an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10 which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

Such *pistis* faith causes praises of God as we do what Jesus commanded: Luke 18:43 “And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.”

Praising and thanking God keeps our hearts right in God: Rom 1:21 “Because that, when they knew God, they glorified (*extreme praises*) him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.” We give praise and thanks over the work of our redemption: Eph 1:6 “To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the *agape/beloved*.”

The *Pistis* Faith Cure: Praise often needs to be done for long periods of time. Here is one Biblical standard: Ps 113:3 “From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.” This is every day, forever.

And: Ps 119:164 “Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments [*for the oppressed, and against the devil and his works*].”

And: Ps 119:62 “At midnight I will rise to give thanks (*includes praise, joy, and aiteo commands*) unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.”

Ps 134:1 “Behold, bless (*speak well of, praise, and thanks*) ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, which by night stand in the house of the Lord. 2 Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless (*speak well of, praise, and thank*) the Lord.”

And here is non-stop praising: Ps 34:1 “I will bless (*speak well of, encourage His glory, help, strengthen, to make well and strong, obey and believe*) the Lord at all times:

[*to do this*] his praise shall continually be in my mouth.”

Ps 43:5 “Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope (*rejoice in coming good*) in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance (*attitudes and physical body*), and my God.”

To this end the early Pentecostals would take a “Praise Cure” for blessing and healing. For example, in some divine healing ministries, they would instruct people seeking divine healing to praise God for about 8-24 hours straight. For more on this see Carrie Frances Judd Montgomery (1858 –1946), and articles in her periodical *Triumphs of Faith*, published from 1881 to 1946. Remember, right faith-actions release *zoe* life which often manifests in miracle power. In one ministry they reported about 80% got healed as they praised for 8-12 hours. The others not yet healed were then healed quicker by the subsequent prayers of the workers. Many other kinds of problems and needs were answered the same way. Occasionally battles of many days were required to obtain answers. They did not give up until they won.

This is not much different where in modern medicine medications are prescribed over weeks and months to effect cures. There you take medications multiple times per day, often with other considerations such as food, therapies, and exercise. Strange, people will go to great lengths to follow doctors’ orders, or travel at great expense for some new technological hope, yet resist doing the free and simple labor of right faith-actions to enter and release God’s healing.

Derrick Prince, while a British soldier in Africa in Word War 2, got himself cured of an incurable and painful skin disease by obeying over some 6 months: Prov 4:20 “My son, attend (*pay attention to obey gladly*) to my words (*the Scriptures*); incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart (*memorization, frequent reciting, and songs*). 22 **For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.** 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence (*in glad expectation and against cares, unforgiveness, offense, and bitterness against God and man*); for out of it are the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a froward (*bitter, accusing*) mouth, and perverse (*twisted, lying*) lips put far from thee.” The key is believing that as you work God’s word, His *zoe* life is healing you. Of course right faith-actions will put lots of glad words in your mouth.

And also: Prov 3:6 “In all thy ways (*whatever you are doing, or happens to you*) acknowledge him (*God*), and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 **It shall be health** to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones.”

And for the one who does regular right faith-actions in thanksgiving, praise, joy, right affirmations, and *aiteo* commands, etc., you will sound merry: Prov 17:22 “A merry heart (*laughter in the Lord*) **doeth good like a medicine**: but a broken (*sad, shamed, bitter, offended, criticizing, fault-finding, unforgiving, arrogant, or prideful*) spirit drieth the bones.”

I know of one man, who after several leg surgeries, was in intense pain. No pain killers were working. After he heard about praising God, in just a few moments for thanking God for his problems and the pain, and with praise, all the pain was gone and never returned. When he opened his mouth in praise, all his mother’s prayers found him and worked to heal him. Parents keep praying for your children.

Not all “praise cures” are this fast. A lady had been sick a long time and almost died at least three times. She heard God say, “Why don’t you praise Me?” At first she rejected the idea with, “How can I praise you in such a state?”

She had thanked God for her healing, but could not understand how to rid herself of the symptoms. In an hour she was up praising God. This started the healing or symptom removal process. Over the course of time, with continual praising God, and to the amazement of her doctors, she was fully healed. Right faith-actions at work.

She shared her story and found many could not take it. They preferred the old, dead way, being “dressed in Satan’s shroud” of defeat, depression, bitterness, and complaining, rather than dressing themselves in the garment of praise (Isa 61:3). She found that, while many did the same thing and experienced freedom, some would not obey God’s numerous exhortations to give thanks, praise, and rejoice no matter what.

Merlin Carothers, in his many writings from 1970 to about 2005 records numerous similar “praise cures,” where praise with the other right faith-actions released God for blessings of all kinds of impossible situations. You can read about it, but it does you no good, until you do the right faith-actions.

Ps 150:6 “Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord.”

Ps 103:1 “Bless (*speak good with authority to and about*) the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3 who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; 4 who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with *chesed*/lovingkindness (*grace*) and *racham*/tender mercies (*love*); 5 who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle’s. 6 The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.”

Biblical praise is much like joy, except the words are intelligible. In biblical praise there are lots of sounds and visible actions. Such praise actions give the evidence of *pistis* faith. If your window is open while you do biblical praise, your neighbors will hear.

Pistis Faith Aims the Actions: Consider how Moses commanded rain to come on the land: Deut 32:1 “Give ear, O ye heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. 2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, my speech shall distil as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender herb, and as the showers upon the grass: 3 because I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

There is a lot here, and we are picking out just a few points. Verse 4 is one of the great praises of God.

Remember, Moses learned the ways of God. First Moses starts by speaking to the heavens and the earth, where the rain will come from and where the rain will go. Then he commands that his speaking truth will release the water for life in the crops. Then Moses explains why it will happen, because he commands the praises of God to release the water. This is *aiteo* command in full swing. Moses says what will happen and he expects God to make it so.

Notice the hammer is the praise. Moses says that as he speaks praises, the water will come. This is aiming the faith-action of praise to produce results on the earth. In this way you can aim any faith-action to release the *zoe* life of God. So whether it is shouts of joy, clapping, or dancing, you can aim your actions to release the blessing of God and see it happen, as you believe it is working as you say (just as those rebels in the desert did Numbers 21).

Many times my prayer for healing follows a similar path. For example consider this: “Father, I thank You, this is already done in Jesus. Now devil, in the name of Jesus, you hear and obey the voice of the word of God through me now. I break your power and I command you and your works to go off this person and never return. Person, you will live free and healthy. In the name of Jesus, devil go, body be whole, mind be right, life of God set them free, now. So be it, in the name of Jesus, Amen and Amen. Yahoo! It is done. Life, life, life in the name of Jesus, RECEIVE now! Amen and so be it. Yahoo!”

I know of one who ministers healing by clapping. He sets it that as he claps, God’s life goes in and heals them. Moses commanded the water of life flow as he gave praise. You can do the same as you speak exuberant thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmations, *aiteo* commands, or any other faith-action. You say how it will work, and then you work it.

Pistis Faith Building with Tongues: And of course praying in tongues to build yourself up in faith as directed in Jude 20 “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy *pistis*/faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (*tongues, singing*), 21 keep yourselves in the *agape*/love of God (*by your obedience*), looking for the mercy of our Lord

Jesus Christ unto eternal *zoe*/life.”

Tongues for all is a unique focus of the New Testament. And if you do not yet speak in tongues, seek it, study it, learn it, and build faith for it by right faith-actions until you do, just as we are commanded for all the gifts. See the prayer after the Ministry Page below.

1 Cor 12:31 “But covet (*desire to passion and labor*) earnestly the best gifts (*those listed in 1 Cor 12, including tongues, and the gift needed for the moment*): and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way [*of using the gifts in agape love*].”

1 Cor 14:1 “Follow after *agape*/charity, and desire spiritual gifts (*those listed in 1 Cor 12, including tongues*), but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. ...4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth (*builds up, strengthens God in*) himself.”

Look at that tongues edifies you in 1 Cor 14:4 and Jude 20. Want strength, do it.

Both these passages tell us to go after all the gifts of Holy Spirit, and this includes tongues; not casually but with intensity using words like “covet” and “desire.” Doing this is mixing the word with *pistis*/faith.

There is a special place for tongues as it builds you up in courage, confidence, strength in God, and in your most holy *pistis* faith, so you can believe God and keep doing right faith-actions against all resistance and impossibility.

We recommend every Christian make a practice of at least 2 hours a day in tongues, speaking or singing, and in times of need, this may go to all day. Since tongues builds you in your most holy *pistis* faith, and *pistis* faith comes from hearing the word of God to glad obedience (Rom 10:17), especially focused on redemption facts, and “Christ in you the hope of glory,” then include listening to or reading Scripture during your “Tongues times.”

Jude 20 “But ye, *agape*/beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (*tongues*), 21 keep yourselves in the *agape*/love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal *zoe*/life.”

Tongues are not the least gift, but the gateway gift. It can build your faith so you can operate in all the gifts and other powers of God.

In fact, at the end of a whole chapter devoted to the right use of tongues in meetings, Paul says: 1 Cor 14:39 “Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.”

“Forbid not,” means to encourage and learn how to use tongues effectively, for both personal development and edifying the group. One of the evidences of faith is speaking in tongues.

***Pistis* Faith Evidence Summary:**

The biblical signs of faith, or the evidence of *pistis* faith, include:

a) Desires based on biblical covenant promises and right applications and goals of God. *Pistis* Faith in God is based on God’s will as revealed in the Scriptures coming to pass on the Earth. *Pistis* Faith in God knows what Scriptures it is working with.

b) Regular, daily, at least twice a day, speaking and crying out loud with some strength in *aiteo-logos-dabar* commands for the devil, nature, in Jesus’ Name to obey.

c) Followed with extended times of exuberant praise, thanksgiving, joy, and affirmations, along with speaking and singing in tongues, and then maintained with continual right considerations of God and His goodness unto joy.

d) Continual muttering and speaking the promises of God prior to ministry, such as the woman with the issue of blood did, or using the Joint Method (See the Appendix).

e) Regular calling to mind the great acts of God in the Bible, the FACTS of our Redemption, and your own or other’s testimonies, i.e., Hebrews 1-4, Eph 1-4, and Col 1-3.

f) Continual right faith-actions from at least twice a day to multiple scheduled times per day, every day, i.e., Psalm 119:164 “Seven times a day will I praise thee for thy righteous judgments (*for and against the devil*).”

g) Maintain a “war attitude,” which includes continual focus, in the fight of *pistis* faith.

h) Grow strong *pistis* faith with persistent and continual right faith-actions, giving glory to God, BEFORE and UNTIL the answer comes, i.e., continual mixing the word of God with right faith-actions.

i) When tempted to consider the present evil facts as greater, rehearse-proclaim the promises of God, and the FACTS of our Redemption, followed by exuberant right faith-actions like Abraham did in Romans 4, and obey Phil 4:4-9. *Pistis* Faith attacks any notion of evil fear or failure of a relevant promise of God with Phil 4:4-9.

j) *Pistis* Faith knows you must stir yourself up in the compassion, dominion, “fed up” (agitated to make a change), and the indignation of God, so your right faith-actions are focused, intense, and with force. Often this is loud,

but you can do it quietly or silently, while on the inside you are a raging inferno of Jesus' authority and dominion.

k) Continually seeking the Lord, His face, not just knowledge of the Scriptures, but God Himself in power, with right faith-actions, as a regular life-style in multiple scheduled events per day, every day. With rejoicing and shouts of, "The Lord be magnified who delights in my prosperity!" "Lord send prosperity now."

l) *Pistis* Faith decrees the end from the beginning, calls those things of God's promises that be not yet, as if they were, and does not stop the right faith-actions until it gets what it came for. *Pistis* Faith is persistent and intense with much thanksgiving, it will not be denied.

Of course, the measures of *pistis* faith are twofold.

- First is how much you actually do these right faith-actions or evidences of faith.
- And secondly, what results you actually get in releasing God to manifesting the Kingdom, in power and love like Jesus and the disciples did, through your diligent and consistent right faith-actions.

When results in God are no longer the criteria, you get 4000 Christian denominations who are all 100% correct, but cannot rise the dead in the Name of Jesus. Things get focused when Jesus manifesting Himself in your ministry is Key. My goal is not to please the people, but to please my King Jesus and let Him reign through me.

***Pistis* Right Faith-Actions:** For summary purposes we call the right faith-actions done over the Scriptural facts of redemption, the promises of God, and the nature of God as:

- Thanksgiving, praise, and joy;
- Right *aiteo* commands and affirmations;
- Right considerations unto joy and gladness;
- Right speaking in tongues;
- Right Holy Communion;
- Right fasting;
- Singing, speaking and praising God in/with the psalms;
- Exposing yourself daily to right exhortation and encouragement;
- Speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, making melody in your heart to God, give thanks always for all redemption things to God the Father in the name of the Lord Jesus, submitting yourselves to one another in the fear of God;

- Studying and meditating the Scriptures to show yourself a workman approved unto God and able to manifest any aspect of salvation like Jesus did;
- And doing acts of *agape* love; all centered on right reading and application of the Scriptures, especially the New Testament revelation of, “Christ in you the hope of glory,” and other redemption facts.
- Proclaiming the wonders of God in the Scriptures and testimonies such as David Hogan, of God is still working signs and wonders.

Moving Forward: This is rather direct. If you are not doing the *pistis* faith-action evidences shown in the Bible, then perhaps you are having faith in someone or something else other than God. *Pistis* Faith includes the meaning of obey to do: 1 Sam 15:22

“...Behold, to obey [*God by His word*] is better than sacrifice...”

Now the rewards of God are astounding, so work for the promised joys set before you.

Can you do other right faith-actions than the Bible calls out? Sure, for example the Bible says nothing about cell phone and computers, and they can be valuable tools for right faith-actions and scheduling. But your focus is to be on the actions and words as described in the Scriptures.

I suggest you major first on what is defined, and then once you get them working, and can heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out devils, restore the maimed, make the blind to see, and the deaf to hear, then spread out and see what keeps your heart right to godly results. We are looking for the thoughts, words, and actions of grace Jesus can confirm. So work with His ways first.

While the prophetic manifestations are incredibly important and crucial, nothing brings us back to basics better than when you can get a sick child healed. This is why these are signs for all believers (Mark 16:15-20), not just for leaders, the prophetic, apostolic, teacher, evangelist, or any other kind of ministry.

This is not about “your way,” versus “my way.” It is about a more accurate understanding to the evidence of right action of God’s word, where God confirms with answered prayer.

God does not confirm people; He confirms His word rightly applied in and of grace. Your measure should be in answered miracle results, and not just in what you like to do.

The easiest way to test if you are in mental assent, is to tell others what you are believing God for, or if you have some things that you just never would pray about.

I know a lady who said she got answered prayer every day, because she woke up each morning; but to get healed of cancer or a heart problem, she agreed that God could heal today, but then she said, “I could never pray about that!” Or if she did pray, it would have to include, “If it be Thy will.” Sounds like mental assent to me. Mental assent is not effectual faith in God, and lacks in *pistis* faith evidences.

We have listed the biblical evidences of active and effectual biblical *pistis* faith and of seeking the Lord.

The question is, what are the evidences of your life? How do you fit the biblical standard?

We provided this so you could know and adjust so you can see more of God and His goodness manifested in your life, and in the lives of those you care for.

Conclusion

No Respector of Persons: Bottom line, God is no respector of persons. Rom 2:11 “For there is no respect of persons with God.”

This means it does not depend on who you are, what level of “anointing,” or church position you have, whether God “decides” to heal or not, but what you do. It is not about being a specially called person. If you are born-again in Jesus, you are already all the “specially-called” it is possible to be. It is about you doing the right things rightly.

John 1:12 “But as many as *lambano*/received him (*Jesus*), to them gave he *exousia*/power (*authority, commission, the resources of Heaven, and pre-permission*) to become (*and operate as*) the sons of God [*just like Jesus to the fullness of Jesus*], even to them that *pisteuo*/believe (*by continual right faith-actions*) on his name (*that releases Jesus as Lord into the situation*): 13 which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.” Since you now have the authority in pre-permission, the next action is always up to you, not God.

Prayer failure or troubles are not God making administrative decisions, as He is no respector of persons, but us. Hos 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge *rightly applied to right results...*”

Anointing: The word anointing means a calling or purpose. We all have the same anointing, Holy Spirit, when we get born-again. 2 Cor 1:21 “Now he (*Father God*) which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.” Because you are anointed, God has sealed Holy Spirit to you. You did not make this seal, and you cannot break it.

And again: 1 John 2:27 “But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth (*gladly*) in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”

It is not a lack of *dunamis* power, as the greater one is in us. 1 John 4:4 “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them (*Satan and all his works, and those who he works through*): because greater is he (*Holy Spirit*) that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

Jesus said: Acts 1:8 “But ye shall receive *dunamis*/(*miracle working*) power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the Earth.”

The next “anointing” is on the word of God: Jer 1:12 “Then said the Lord to me, You have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over My word to perform it.”

AMP What you want is to release that power in the Word for blessing people.

Luke 1:37 “For with God nothing is ever impossible and no word from God shall be without power (*anointing*) or impossible of fulfillment.” AMP

Heb 4:12 “For the word of God is *zao*/quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.”

We are commanded to put the word of God in our mouths, as the weapon of God, to destroy the works of the devil: Eph 6:17 “And take the helmet of *so-teria*/salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

We keep at it with the word God like a hammer, hitting again and again until victory. We renew our minds into the truth of redemption and the Lordship of Jesus. We let the consciousness of the dominion of Jesus rise in us like a fire, and put that force and indignation into the situation, in *aiteo* commands, with the power of a sword or hammer, and keep at it UNTIL victory. Jer 23:29 “Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”

Jesus’ words in your mouth can be just as effective as they were in Jesus’: John 6:63 “It is the spirit that *zao*/quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are *zoe*/life.”

John 15:7 “If ye abide in me (*Jesus*), and my words abide in you, ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise*) what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

And as we all have the same Bible; it matters what we do with the Bible facts: Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness (*Jesus duplicate*), is accepted with him.” Right faith actions are such righteousness works.

God Does Not Change The Rules: This message that God is no respecter of persons is found throughout the Bible some 13 times: Deut 10:17; 2 Chron 19:7; Job 34:19; Matt 22:16, Luke 20:21; Acts 10:34; Rom 2:11; Gal 2:6; Eph 6:9; Col 3:25; and 1 Peter 1:17.

In every nation, he who fears God by His Word, to doing righteous works, is accepted with God, to answered questions and power manifestation of His glory and power.

Do the right things with the best right attitude of the right fear of God you can, and you will see God in power, because you are already accepted to God in Jesus: Eph 1:5 “Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children (*sons*) by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted** in the *agape*/beloved (*Jesus*). 7 In whom (*Jesus*) we have redemption through his blood, the *aphesis*/forgiveness (*payment unto remission, purging, obliteration and putting away*) of sins, according to the riches of his grace.”

So the only reasons we do not see God in power is:

- a) Ignorance, and
- b) Not doing the right things rightly.

And if the rebellious in the desert in Numbers 21 can work miracles of healing by laughter, unto joy behaviors over the goodness of God to them, without asking any forgiveness of sin, anyone can do it. They knew by the process that as they did the joy behaviors, the *zoe* life of God was healing them.

The issues is doing those right faith-actions to release the results of God. It is not God withholding anything; it is us doing the right things rightly, in the confidence that God will do what you *aiteo* in the name of Jesus. As Jesus said: John 14:14 “If ye shall *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require of God by covenant promise, just like I did,*) anything in my name, I will do it.”

Answered *aiteo* prayer depends on your confidence in God: 1 John 3:20 “For if our heart condemn us (*due to sin consciousness in heart ignorance of our redemption in the blood of Jesus*), God is greater than our [*ignorant and untrained carnal*] heart, and knoweth all things [*of our redemption in the blood of Jesus*]. 21 *Agape*/Beloved, if our heart condemn us not [*from our perception of a perfect walk, or our knowing of our redemption in the blood of Jesus, unto being made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, unto zoe life in the new-birth*], **then have we confidence toward God.** 22 And whatsoever we *aiteo*/ask (*demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements for us*), we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 And this is his commandment, That we should *pisteuo*/believe (*by right faith-actions*) on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and *agape*/love (*in right acts*) one another, as he gave us commandment.”

Notice: it is our confidence that God has heard and will do what we *aiteo* of Him that brings the answer. This confidence comes from having a clear heart of being fully persuaded of the work of Jesus in our redemption, free of sin consciousness by redemption facts, and you are doing those righteous things that release God.

You build confidence in two ways:

- 1) Constant repetition of the facts and resolving all lies, deceptions, and confusion.
- 2) Start doing these facts and commands, to build practical confidence, and keep checking back with the facts.

And that means to use this book, and our Power Trilogy series, to convince yourself that in doing the right faith-actions that are the evidence of *pistis* faith, you are doing the right things and you will do them **UNTIL** victory.

Knowing Enough: If you are constantly looking for the, “Next best thing to do to release God,” you will never have the confidence you need to release God effectively. Instead you will be constantly chasing the next fad of the, “Next best thing,” of God, and always thinking, especially when you run into resistance, “You just do not know enough to make this work.”

6-Pack Bible Study: We have surveyed the right faith-actions in the Bible enough for you to know what they are, so you can go about doing them in confidence. When in doubt, keep it Bible simple. Do right faith-actions first and let that be your foundation. Go back and look up every reference in this book, then read the chapter it is in, two chapter before and two chapters after the reference chapter to get what the reference says in context. Yes, that is 6 chapters total. Then re-read the referenced passage. This repetition will persuade of what God is saying, and whether my comments fit or not. Not your past ideas, but what God says. If you finds any conflicts after this process, please let us know by the contact page on our website.

And yes, getting back to the basics, knowing of the Great Work in redemption is how God tells us to make our faith effective by right faith-actions: Philem 6 “That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the *continual* acknowledging of every good thing which is *already* in you in Christ Jesus [*already in the new-birth because of our redemption in the blood of Jesus, to being made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus unto zoe life*].”

And that confidence is not in how holy you walk, but 1 John 2:23 “And this is his commandment, That we should *pisteuo*/believe (*by doing right faith-actions continually*) on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and *agape*/love one another, as he gave us commandment.”

Agape loving one another is best defined, as Jesus said: Matt 7:12 “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.”

And “believe” means to continually do right faith-actions over the power we release or control in the name of Jesus. The main issue is, are you doing the works or actions of *pistis* faith that release God when you use His name? We call those things, as those that produce the evidence of godly *pistis* faith. That you would know them, is

the purpose of this book. Your godly right faith-actions are what release a willing God.

It is not so much the words of our prayers, but our confidence that Jesus inhabits in power His name on our lips, or in our mind: Acts 3:16 “And his (*Jesus*’) name through *pisteuo*/faith (*by continual right faith-actions*) in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the *pistis*/faith (*continual right faith-actions*) which is by him (*Jesus*) hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.”

Now you can function in, “God is no respecter of persons,” and you can start doing what it takes to release God in the confidence of Bible spirit and truth, unto *zoe* life.

Radical Concepts: For this we introduced some of what many would consider radical concepts. A first radical concept for modern Christians is that the operation of biblical *pistis* faith or *pisteuo* believing has evidence, things that others can see and hear.

A second radical concept for modern Christians is that biblical faith or believing, has actions. While based on a set of facts, *pistis* faith is actions inspired by, over and through these facts, specifically the facts of our redemption in the blood of Jesus. We show these facts in detail in the Power Trilogy book, *Discovering Our Redemption*, and show you how to apply them in *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing- Field Manual 2*, and how to renew your mind to them in *OK, God, Now What*. All available at Amazon. Then there all the free material on our website Articles page.

You will never know the depth and power of the facts of our redemption, until you have done right faith-actions over them to significant answered prayer.

Action Purposes: These right faith-actions are in two areas or purposes.

- 1) Right faith-actions to understand and see God better by His Word, i.e., as part of your mind renewal or personal development program.
- 2) Right faith-actions to release the *zoe* life of God in *dunamis* power to make Heaven on Earth where needed in ministry, for yourself or others. This is bringing salvation to Earth in ministry, and not leaving it in Heaven. That is, your prayers work.

The evidence of *pistis* faith are seen in doing the right faith-actions, described in the Bible. As you do the right faith-actions, you accomplish several things, if you submit, humble yourself, and meekly commit to a regular, daily schedule of faith-action spiritual disciplines:

- a) You attack doubt, evil fear, and unbelief, and replace them with vibrant and effective *pistis* faith in God with happy, glad, and joyous right faith-actions.

- b) You strengthen your soul so that you can handle prayer needs in victory.
- c) You can strengthen your soul in the midst of a *pistis* faith battle to victory.
- d) Doing right faith-actions is how you seek the Lord, since by Heb 11:6, this is part of *pistis* faith, your right faith-actions eventually turn your heart into a God-seeking magnet, so no matter what happens, you seek the Lord to manifest His answers with Him.

Discipline Levels: There are several different levels of right faith-actions or spiritual disciplines:

- a) New Christian development with once a week moving to once a day to multiple times per day. For the newly born-again in persecuted lands, or those in dire conditions, this can become hour by hour. For those living comfortably, then once a week is the level they will respond to.
- b) Regular maintenance, every day, 3-6 hours/day, in multiple events.
- c) Need-focused with increased right faith-actions, 4-10 hours/day, in multiple events.
- d) Crisis with continual non-stop right faith-actions, 10-24 hours/day, in multiple events.
- e) Token, only occasionally, twice a year to once a week.

It is through *pistis* faith and patience we inherit the promises of God (Heb 6:12). This is up to you and not God. God will help you, but you have to do the works of *pistis* faith and patience.

- No right faith-actions – little to no inheritance
- Some right faith-actions – some inheritance
- Lots of daily right faith-actions – lots of inheritance This inheritance

is at two levels:

1. What you experience of Jesus' Kingdom blessings in this life.
2. What stands as gold, silver, and jewels on the Day of Judgment.

Both these are up to you, and not God. He will help, but you have to do the doing.

Getting Started: At its basic, *pistis* belief is deciding to ponder a truth of God, relative to a need you or others have, to stir yourself up into thanksgiving, praise, and joy. This is what Jesus said: John 3:14 “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: 15 that whosoever *pisteuo*/believeth (*by right faith-actions unto joy*) in him should not perish (*death in any form*), but have (*control, release*) eternal *zoe*/life [*to healed and prospered*].”

Since Jesus said this was exactly the same as with the serpents in the desert under Moses, *pisteuo* believe = *raah* looking to stir yourself up into joy, where, as you joy, God's good *zoe* life is healing you right now. And you keep in this joy, happiness, gladness, pleasure, and affirmation mode, UNTIL you are healed, or whatever the situation, is fixed.

If they could, so can you: The only criteria seems to be to understand this process enough to do it. If the rebellious at heart in the desert with Moses could do this, to get healed of snake bites, so can we. The key is to believe or have confidence that the process can work.

This is what happened to the disciples as they ministered for the Lord. Luke 10:17 "And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name."

Note how this sounds like they were surprised at the results, like they did not expect them. They simply did what they saw Jesus do in daily right faith-actions, commanded in His name, and saw the power of the Name in action. They obeyed in unbelief, got results, and confidence started to grow to believing joy.

How do you start in simple obedience, but still filled with unbelief? Act like Jesus. This is what the 70 did. It is a law of the human mind that you can act your way into believing quicker than you can believe your way into acting. Rather than need more information, go start using what you now have.

Or in biblical terms: Rom 13:14 "But put ye on (*in your self-identity, as a new coat with the full authority of Jesus and His connection to God*) the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof."

The biblical word *thanksgiving* means either the specific behaviors (thoughts, words, and deeds) of exuberant thanksgiving, and also to launch into all the right faith-actions. As God commands in: Phil 4:6 "Be careful (*anxious, worried, terrified, apathetic slothful, indifferent, or evil fearful*) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let (*make*) your *aiteo*/requests be made known unto God."

Or in expanded form: "Be careful (*anxious, worried, unsure, fearful, apathetic, indifferent, terrorized, or shamed*) for nothing [*by noting that you have lost your vibrant confidence of thanksgiving, praise, and joy that God is with you in power for you to solve any problem by His grace and zoe life, in dunamis power*]; but in every thing (*that makes you careful, worried, unsure, anxious, fearful, apathetic, indifferent, terrorized or shamed, evil fear God will not do it, you attack it*) by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving (*behaviors or actions*) let (*make*) your *aiteo*/requests (*demands, expectations and requirements of God's covenant promises in righteous indignation at the devil*) be made known unto God [*with stirred up, fervent prayer*]."

Suggested Order: A suggested order to do this is to first give thanksgiving, praise, joy, speaking in tongues, and right affirmations of redemption facts over the situation, then *aiteo* commands based on covenant promises, then repeat at least the thanksgiving until you have stirred the emotions of exuberant thanks and joy, much as in *raah* looking or *pisteuo* believing. Now you are working *pistis* faith for the will of God to be done on Earth as it is Heaven, the way God says to do it. For example, consider saying something like:

“Thank You, Father, this is already decreed in Heaven and ready for me/us. Jesus already obtained it for me/us/them by our redemption in the blood of Jesus. By Your grace to me, it is mine. Thank You that Your ears are open to me, and you are making this manifest now. I receive it, and I thank You for it. Thank You, I have it and will possess it. This is done, and I will see it in the land of the living. Glory to You, and thank You, in the name of Jesus. Now, in the name of Jesus, devil, you and your works go now; body be whole; mind be right; life of God set me/them/us, free, in the name of Jesus.

Thank You, Father, this is already done and I/we/they shall walk in it. Amen and so be it. Thank You!” Now repeat in thanksgiving.

Then repeat something like: “Thank You, I have it and will possess it. This is done and I will see it in the land of the living. It is mine by the work of Jesus. By His stripes I am/they are healed, made whole. Glory to You, Father God, and thank You, in the name of Jesus,” and do this 200 times or so in repetition.

The words can be just, “Thank You, in the name of Jesus, and by the blood (stripes) of Jesus, I have it,” to more expansive versions. The words are not as important is knowing that you are connected to God and Jesus already got it for you by His stripes.

It is who says it, a son of the living God, which matters. The key is to give God glory that He will do what He has promised and you will see it.

Entitlement says someone will have to do this for me. That is demonic, learn the facts of redemption until you know, as Jesus is now, so are you in this world, now go for it.

Gumdrop Cancer: I had a growth on my back right shoulder blade, about the size of a gumdrop. It hurt. And you could see it sticking out all of my shirts, even my business shirts. Every time I hit it, on the back of a chair or while washing, or just bending over and pulling my shirt tight around my shoulder, it hurt. I decided to get it divinely healed.

In the morning I *aiteo* commanded healing in the name of Jesus for the devil to hear, obey and go, my body to be healed because of the stripes of Jesus, and thanked God it was already done. Then throughout the day, every time I was reminded of it,

pain or no pain, I thanked God I was healed by the stripes of Jesus. Before I went to bed, I repeated the *aiteo* prayer.

My method was a combination of John 14:13-14; Luke 18:1-8, and Phil 4:4-9.

I did not go to the doctor; I knew this growth was wrong and probably cancerous. I wanted it gone by the word and work of Jesus, as this is my inheritance. I did this for about 6 weeks. Then it started to bleed around the edges. I had my wife put a tape bandage over it to not spot my shirts. This went on a few days.

Then, one morning, as I was taking a shower, I saw the bandage on the shower floor. I felt for the growth, but could not find it. I asked my wife, and then later my daughter, to look for the spot where it had been. They could see no scab or scar, my back was perfectly clear.

We looked it all over the shower, it was a small cubicle type shower stall, and the bathroom floor, but could not find it. Amazing, bleeding, but no scab. Big enough to see, too large for the shower drain, but nowhere to be found, and no mark on my back. This was supernatural.

How many times a day did I give thanks? I do not know, probably between 25-200 times, depending on the day and when I was aware of the growth. There were some times when I gave thanks for more than just a moment, such as driving to and from work, or during lunch times, but I kept no records.

Diligence Pay-off: It seems that practicing or exercising *pistis* faith by right faith-actions may take hundreds of times a day for many days to get a mild cold or a major illness healed (Carothers, op. cit., p. 74.). The size of the problem is not the issue, but the starting place and diligence of the believer.

Jesus is King, He is in no hurry. Will you wait for Him, or is your schedule your god? You wait for Him with continual right faith-actions. Holy Spirit will let you know if one is more important for the moment or not.

Notice I said diligence, and not the perfection of the believer. In the gospels Jesus counted no person's sins against them. He spoke or touched, and God healed all. The devil and other people, even yourself, may count your sins against you, but God does not count your sins against you because of Jesus. It is a matter of what you do right. Right faith-actions are right doing.

The 200 times a day for right faith-actions is an estimate to get your emotions and confidence stirred into vibrant thanksgiving with praise, and joy. Expand with other faith-action elements as seems right to you and Holy Spirit. Remember, part of the definition of *pistis* faith in Heb 11:1, is "*Pistis* Faith is the substance of things hoped for," and hope means the joyful expectation of a coming good from God. This is one place where we see *pistis* faith has the evidence of joy.

The words are not as important as you knowing the will of God by the Scriptures, and that you are connected to God in Jesus by Holy Spirit, for Him to manifest His will on Earth through you. This is what you are anointed for, it is your calling of God. You are to use Holy Spirit to manifest the glory of God on the Earth. While it may seem strange at first, this is what you are made in Jesus to be and do.

Remember, demons and sickness go rather fast, but people's hearts typically take longer to change, yours included. It is *pistis* faith and patience that inherits the promises. So faint not, keep at it UNTIL victory.

Once you start at this level, look for ways to do regular right faith-actions every day. When you know the only difference in working miracles and powerful prayer answers is your attitude in a renewed mind, to confidence in your redemption in the blood of Jesus, then doing the spiritual disciplines of right faith-actions gets a lot easier.

By the finished work of Jesus: The basis for answered prayer is what Jesus accomplished for us in our redemption. It is by grace in the shed blood and stripes of Jesus, and not the works of the law, or your perfection. The actions of *pistis* faith continually writes this truth on your heart, so you can get all parts of your heart in agreement with God.

2 Cor 1:19 "For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timotheus, was not yea and nay, but in him was yea. 20 For all the promises of God in him (*Jesus*) are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us. 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (*guarantee*) of the Spirit in our hearts."

Your prayer, based the good covenant promises of God, means you are praying the will of God. Then the answer already belongs to you because of the work of Jesus. Once you make your *aiteo* prayer commands, a major portion of your effort should be in thanksgiving, praise, joy, right affirmations, and the other actions of faith. See Phil 4:4-9; Rom 4; 2 Cor 4:13; Ps 116:10, Matt 13, Mark 4, Luke 8 and Mark 11:22-24.

When you are ministering to, or interceding for, others, the basis for answered prayer is the grace given in the finished work of Jesus. The answer from the covenant promises already belongs to them by our redemption in the blood of Jesus. It is by grace through your right faith-actions, and already theirs. You are simply the delivery person. This answer already belongs to them by the work of Jesus. And there is no hindrance from God.

Finishing What Jesus Started: 1 John 3:8 "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

So when Jesus commanded: Matt 10:8 “Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.” Doing this is part of the work of destroying the works of the devil. Every sickness, leprosy, premature death, or demonic thinking bondage is the work of the devil, and to be destroyed by *pisteuo* believers.

This is what Jesus has commanded us to do, just as He did, and He has given us His Holy Spirit to do the same: Gal 4:6 “And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son (*like Jesus is*); and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.”

Gal 5:25 “If we *zao*/live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit [*by right faith-actions*].”

If you are going to walk in Holy Spirit, you will be doing the actions of *pistis* faith because that is what He does. 2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith, according as it is written, I *pisteuo*/believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also *pisteuo*/believe, and therefore speak (*in aiteo commands*).”

And again: Eph 4:22 “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness [*just like Jesus is right now*].”

And in order to be a human copycatting, being an imitator of God, Eph 5:1, awake and: Eph 5:18 “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be (*continually being*) filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things *of redemption* unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” This is part of right faith-actions.

And with these right faith-actions, the actions of *pisteuo* believing, operates the same anointing and power of Jesus, to do and finish what Jesus started: Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace (*victory over the oppressions of the devil on Earth*) by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed (*under the lordship, rulership, and control*) of the devil; for God was with him.” Here peace means going around and doing miracle good like Jesus did.

This shows that every miracle or healing Jesus did was an act of war against the devil, and deliverance from the devil. It is the opposite of robbing, killing, and destroying.

2 Tim 1:6 “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear (*timidity, apathy, complacency, indifference, being ashamed, or fear that God will not show up*); but of *dunamis*/ (*miracle working*) power, and of *agape*/love, and of a sound mind (*disciplined like Jesus has*).”

You have the mind of Christ (1 Cor 2:16), a mind capable of thinking like Jesus (Phil 2:5), and the mind of Christ gladly obeys: Josh 1:5 “There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good courage (*by continual right faith-actions*): for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous (*by continual right faith-actions*), that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate (*chew, mutter, speak, or sing*) therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage (*by continual right faith-actions*); be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

The message here is very plain, it is as you do these right faith-actions that you make your way successful. God does not do it automatically. It is as you do them, you make your way prosperous in God, and this includes answered prayer.

This is not about God “choosing: to bless you,” but you doing the glad labor of right faith-actions to release your success into the Earth.

Up To You: So every time you stir yourself up with right faith-actions into the truth, compassion, zeal, jealousy, purpose, courage, strength, and indignation (anger that it must stop now) of Jesus, like He walked in, then you will go and destroy the works of the devil, going about doing good and healing all that are oppressed of the devil with right faith-actions, as Jesus did.

- You will destroy sickness, disease, and infirmity of any kind, for these are the works of the devil, and you have Holy Spirit in and with you, to do what Jesus did in setting people free by healing them.

- You will destroy leprosy of any kind for these are the works of the devil, and you have Holy Spirit in and with you, to do what Jesus did, in setting people free by healing and restoring them.
- You will destroy premature death of any kind, for this is the work of the devil, and you have Holy Spirit in and with you, to do what Jesus did, in setting people free by raising them from the dead.
- You will destroy demonic influence and control of any kind, for these are the works of the devil, and you have Holy Spirit in and with you, to do what Jesus did, in setting people free of the lordship of the devil by casting out demons to heal them.

Pressing In: And you force your soul to walk in continual joy, knowing, not that these miracle works are your inheritance, but that your name is written in Heaven as an ambassador of God, just like Jesus is, to do what Jesus did and still does through His body, us, the born-again of God in Jesus: Luke 10:19 “Behold (*stop and make this change your life with constant repetition and mind renewing, and right now, make your next actions consistent with this*), I (*Jesus*) give unto you *exousia*/power (*commission, authority, the resources of Heaven, and pre-permission*) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the *dunamis*/power (*works, ability, control, and lordship*) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven.” YAHOO! My name is written Heaven as one of His! YA-HOO!

This is how you obey and work in cooperation with God, for why He called you: Rom 16:20 “And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly (*as shattered glass*). The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you (*to know, think, be, will, and do as Jesus would*). Amen.”

And what are the works of the devil? Consider: John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I (*Jesus*) am come that they might have *zoe*/life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”

Does cancer, early death, sickness, insanity, drug addictions, maiming, stroke, poverty, lack, famine, confusion or the myriad of other miseries on this Earth, rob, kill or destroy? Yes, then they are works of the devil; then *zoe* life of God released in right faith-actions can heal and restore any, or all of them.

Any resistance or delay, different than what Jesus got, is not God withholding the answer, but it is the devil and/or lies we believe. Now blast the devil off of them in the name of Jesus, fill your mind with truth by right faith-actions over redemption facts, (not your church’s doctrines), to overcome doubt, evil fear, and unbelief, and to put on the godly pressure to release the blessing with more right faith-actions.

This is how you do what Jesus would have us do: 2 Cor 4:13 “We having the same spirit of *pistis*/faith (*as Jesus has in doing right faith-actions*), according as it is written, I *pisteuo*/believed (*by continual right faith-actions*), and therefore have I spoken (*in dabar command*); we also *pisteuo*/believe (*in continual right faith-actions*), and therefore speak (*in laleo-logos, aiteo commands*) [*for the will of God to manifest per His word*].” As Jesus commanded in the “Our Father,” we pray in *aiteo* commands in the name of Jesus, to set people free of the devil’s robbing, killing, and destroying.

This is how you *zao* live unto Jesus, and not worldly lusts: 2 Cor 5:15 “And that he died for all, that they which *zao*/live should not henceforth *zao*/live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.”

God has given us the mind of Christ to use to think just like and in agreement with
Jesus by Holy Spirit: 1 Cor 2:16 “...But we have the mind of Christ.” This mind of Christ would have us do what Jesus did.

As God pleads with us: Phil 2:5 “Let (*make, agree with*) this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.”

Knowing: 1 Peter 2:24 “(*Jesus,*) who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree; that we, being dead to sins, should *zao*/live unto righteousness (*just like Jesus is now*): by whose stripes ye were healed (*to the level and blessing of Jesus*). 25 For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.”

How to Press In: This is how you press in for the prize of God for you: Phil 3:12 “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus (*by continual right faith-actions*).”

As Jesus said: Luke 16:16 “The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it (*by continually seeking the Lord in continual right faith-actions*).”

And again: Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.” And we now know this “force” is the spiritual pressure of continual right faith-actions, started, and maintained in a life of disciplined, regular, and continual right faith-actions, just like Jesus did.

Knowing your calling of God to be just like Jesus, His Ambassador, bone of his bones, and flesh of His flesh: Eph 5:30 “For we are members of his (*Jesus*’) body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”

And why you pray: 2 Cor 5:20 “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he (*Father God*) hath made him (*Jesus*) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (*Jesus*).”

This means your desires for good from God is your real, inner man, born-again, Jesus-you of the spirit, urging your soul to do the right faith-actions to release God to make Heaven on Earth, wherever, whenever, and for whoever needed. And you do this as an act of constant and continuing decision: Rom 13:14 “But put ye on (*in your self-identity as a new coat*) the Lord Jesus Christ (*in your self-identity to think, speak, will, and do as Jesus would*), and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.”

Fruit: Doing this kind of prayer and right faith-actions once is a single act of belief. If you released enough *zoe* life, then the job is done, either instantly or by process over time. If you did not release enough *zoe* life, or you did not yet see the answer, then keep nurturing it with continued *pisteuo* believing actions. Now you enter into a daily, multi-event, day after day, process UNTIL victory, and now you are *pisteuo* believing God by His definition of what *believing* is.

Congratulations, if this is your testimony, then you got the message. Not in more understanding, but understanding to doing a disciplined life of right faith-actions like Jesus, Peter, James, Paul, and all the other early disciples did, and taught and showed their disciples to do. Phil 4:9 “Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace (*victory over death in any form with zoe life*) shall be with you.”

What you regularly do is what you really believe. The results you get are what you are believing, as you are doing continual right faith-actions to keep in your heart. To change your results, to change your life, to change your heart, to change what you believe, start changing your right faith-actions and self-talk, to those of God. And yes, this is found in our Power Trilogy Series, especially in *OK, God Now What*, and *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing, FM2*.

This is the fruit of Holy Spirit in you: 1 Cor 15:10 “But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; **but I laboured** more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

Knowing unto doing: 1 Cor 15:55 “O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory (*zoe life over any form of death in any*

fast or slow form) through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape*/beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the (*right faith-action*) work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your (*right faith-action*) labour is not in vain in the Lord.”

So you become and operate: Heb 6:11 “And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence (*reliability, motivated, and glad work, when it is hard and when it is easy*) to the full assurance of hope (*the joyful expectation of coming good from God*) unto the end (*for all your time on Earth now*): 12 that ye be not slothful (*lazy, rebellious, apathetic, indifferent, half-hearted, or soul asleep*), but followers (*imitators, copycats, and duplicates*) of them who through *pistis*/faith (*in continually, daily multi-event, every day right faith-actions,*) and patience (*consistent, faithful, dedicated, motivated with good cheer, when easy and when hard*) inherit (*release, operate, control, and enjoy to the delight of God,*) the promises (*of good from God in the Bible*).”

This is like a good coach who says, “If you will run every day, and stretch yourself each time, you will run faster than you have before. If you will stretch yourself in the gym every day, you will be stronger than you were before.” If you will do a life of right faith-actions as God describes them, and stretch yourself in going deeper, you will see more of Jesus in more power than you have before.

And if you have backslidden, and your past is greater than your present, now you know how to get it back, and go even deeper in God. Yes, start doing right faith-actions.

The Message: Your problems are not God withholding anything from you.

Here is the message Jesus came to give: 1 John 1:1 “That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of *zoe*/life; 2 (for the *zoe*/life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal *zoe*/life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;) 3 that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.”

This is the message Jesus came to give, this is the key to the gospel of the Kingdom of God: 1 John 1:5 “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**”

Unanswered covenant promises are included in the term “darkness.” The problem of unanswered prayer is not God, but us. And the first step to freedom is: James 1:2 “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (*trials, troubles, or tribulations*); 3 knowing this, that the trying of your *pistis*/faith worketh patience

(consistency of right faith-actions, when all things, in you and outside of you, are shouting at you to give up on God). 4 But let patience *(consistency in right faith-actions)* have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect *(mature)* and entire, wanting nothing.

5 “If any of you lack wisdom *(on what to do other than right faith-actions)*, let him *aiteo/ask (demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise)* of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. 6 But let him *aiteo/ask (demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise)* in *pistis/faith (with continual right faith-actions)*, nothing wavering *(of those continual right faith-actions)*. For he that wavereth *(in holding onto the promises of God with right faith-actions)* is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. 8 A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

And when the answer seems long in coming: James 1:13 “Let no man *(or woman)* say when he *(or she)* is tempted *(in trials, troubles, tests, sickness, defeat, despair, depression, evil circumstances, delays, or tribulations)*, I am tempted *(in trials, troubles, tests, sickness, defeat, despair, depression, evil circumstances, delays, or tribulations)* of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth *(in trials, troubles, tests, sickness, defeat, despair, depression, or tribulations)* he any man *(or woman)*.”

We do not have at this time the ability to understand, or even think on, how valuable you are to God. God spent Jesus for you. This is His cry to get you to move out in right faith-actions of Him. As you do, your value and the love of God for you, will become one in you. This is part of your heritage in Him. Go for it, in the name of Jesus!

This is ever the path to success, no matter what happens: Ps 18:2 “The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust *(by right faith-actions)*; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. 3 I will call upon the Lord *(in aiteo commands against any evil)*, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.”

Being Who You Are: You are righteous because of Jesus. You are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus because of Jesus (2 Cor 5:21). Your job now is to become a person who can pray an effective fervent prayer. Not a halfway cold prayer. And effective prayer means done right to God’s results. Fervent, which means white hot, stirred up, and fervent. In other words you have got to want it. Jesus already got it for you or them.

If you cannot remember the last prayer you prayed, it was probably not fervent, then it probably did not get answered, because you were not fervent. This is why some scream and holler. It is not the loudness, which does help, but what matters is the intensity of heart produced by constant repetition of right faith-actions to convert your

heart into the mind of Christ. You have it, but you must stir up to get in tune and confidence with Him.

Is this your confession, goal, and affirmation that you will work with God to make it so? Will you set aside times each day to obey God in this? Ps 34:1 "I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. 3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. 4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears."

Heb 13:15 "By him (*Jesus*) therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

God has already given you *pistis*/faith to the level of Jesus; activate it with right faith-actions. This is your real nature. Get in integrity with your real, Jesus-self, and start now.

Covering It: We have talked about three major things:

- 1) What is *pistis* faith?
- 2) How do you do effective biblical *pistis* faith?
- 3) How do you develop more *pistis* faith in God?

I hope you agree we have done this. If not, please send us your suggestions.

Please share your testimonies of how this has helped you to be more effective in all kinds of prayer results.

Now go out and produce the evidences of *pistis* faith in:

- a) Right faith-actions done rightly, and
- b) God manifesting answers to prayer in His power and *agape* love through you.

Your potential is shown in Jesus; in God you are made to be like Jesus, one who Jesus is not ashamed to call you, brother or sister. But the issue is how you spend your time.

If Jesus spent 3-6 hours a day, 1-4 all nights a week, and often arose early in the morning for Scripture prayer in right faith-actions, and Peter, James, Paul, and other disciples did the same, and all taught their disciples to do the same, along with 1-6 hours a day in Holy Spirit tongues, why not you? So if you wonder where your answers from God are, now you know.

We are warned we will face many battles in this life. If you did not spend the time and "Jesus-effort" before the battle, do not be surprised if you have to spend it in the battle to get victory, provided you know how to take it by force. Otherwise learn to accept defeat, and blame it on something or someone else, rather than your lack of diligence.

If you are a child of God, born-again in Jesus, you have all the power of God there is. Holy Spirit, the power of God, now dwells in you. The issue is you effectively renewing your mind, and then stirring yourself up in God to walk in the mind of Christ to release God in power. 2 Tim 1:6 “Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God... 7 for God hath not given us the spirit of *evil* fear (*timidity, cowardice, apathy, complacency, fear, anxiety, care, or indifference*); but of *dunamis* (*enthusiastic miracle working*) power, and of *agape*/love, and of a sound mind (*disciplined like Jesus*’).”

Child-like Joy: Jesus said we must become as little children (Matt 18:3-4). One of the features of children is that if they see, hear, or taste something they like, they burst into joy. They laugh, smile, clap, shout, and dance. You do the same at any good thing you read in the Bible. Take a few moments to smile widely, shout, and clap your hands. Act like a child. This is making the good news of God good to you with a little taste of joy.

In Bible joy there is no room for the concept of quiet or silent joy. Bible joy is action. And that makes a big difference in terms of *pistis* faith results.

In Greek, the word for gladness, *agalliao* (Strong’s NT: 21), means to exult, rejoice greatly, to leap around, much jumping. There is nothing quiet about biblical gladness.

In Hebrew, one word for joy is *gil* (Strong’s OT 1523). It has as the root verb to jump and spin in circles, or spin around in strong emotion. Thus dancing, singing, and playing musical instruments are part of joy. It means excited to actions of happiness, gladness, and joy, and can lead to extreme good feelings. It includes dancing as well as a celebration meal or event. It is the opposite of still and quiet, and well beyond quiet contentment.

The other attitude of children is they receive any word given with meekness, glad obedience, and expectation. When you see a Scripture you want to resist, you are not receiving it in meekness, but evil fear and pride. Take that word and meditate on it till you get some truth.

I meditated on Gal 2:20 for over 40 years. The first light was when I discovered about the word translated life, was *zoe*. I am still mediating on it, and when I feel afraid, I do right faith-actions to Jesus. Every verse is a window into God, and as He is infinite, the more you meditate, the bigger He gets. For more on *zao*, see our Glossary on the Articles webpage.

James 1:21 “Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and *lambano*/receive with **meekness the engrafted word**, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.”

Gal 5:22 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 **meekness**, temperance: against such there is no law.”

In James 1:21 you are to hold onto the word of God in meekness, not arguing but humbly submitting to it. If your past doctrinal teaching is hindering you, hold onto the word and not your teachings. Then verse 22 tells you to do that word. Do not put it on a pedestal, but use it to glorify God in right faith-actions.

Gal 5:22 tells you meekness takes time to develop, so give yourself some grace.

You are worth the Price: God spent the wonder of the Universe, Jesus, for our healing and blessing. The issue is not God withholding anything. The issue is us doing the right things rightly to release Him, as God is no respecter of persons, nor can He show partiality (Acts 10:34-35).

There was a Christian family in a hospital room. They were quoting Scriptures, praying and speaking in tongues, yet their mother was dying. It was her last hours. They were waiting to see if God would do anything.

Another came in and commanded healing in the name of Jesus, knowing that God would do it because God cannot lie. This visitor would lay hands and she would recover, because the Bible said so. He proclaimed that she would be healed. Jesus in him would do it. The Kingdom of God was at hand. *Zoe* life would go in and things would change.

He laid hands on her in the name of Jesus. She arose healed in a few hours. He was one who practices the 3-6 hours a day in scripture mind-renewing with right faith-actions. He is a *pisteuo* believer who believes with right faith-actions every day.

A Bible not devoured is like bags of seed stored away. The potential of God into the Earth is there, but rarely a harvest is made. Jesus is the Seed. The only soil that matters is your heart.

The truly difficult thing is the consequences of not managing your thought life.

Keep Working the Word so God can Work!

God Bless You and Yours in the Name of Jesus to be more noble in Him (Acts 17:11-12)

Jesus is Lord of Heaven and Earth – Through You!

Appendix

A: Desert Prayer for Christians

This is my estimation of the style of the desert snake-bitten of Numbers 21, who knew they sinned and got the curse of the snakebites for their sin. This statement that sin releases sickness or death is not a popular teaching today. The other side is also in error, seeking a sin for every sickness.

Modern science shows the biblical truth that un-biblical thoughts, words, and deeds attack our bodies with toxic thoughts and damage our immune systems. This allows germs to damage us, and for us to make poor decisions that put us in harm's way. (See the Power Trilogy Book, *OK, GOD, Now What*, for more on this.) This is how sin generally causes sickness, by damaging your immune system, so whatever sickness you are exposed to, gets you. To be healthy learn to think like Jesus by His Word.

But whatever the cause of any weakness in body, soul, finance, abilities, or mind, or hard hearts toward God, the answer is the same. In the same way God wants each of us born-again in Jesus; God wants us healed 100% of the time, and right always. God does not work His purposes with curses of any kind. The troubles are the devil exercising his evil lordship to rob, kill, and destroy us. This is the message that Jesus showed with His teaching, life, stripes, death, resurrection, and glorification.

When we discover the symptoms of lack, poverty, sickness, death, or hard hearts we are to seek the Lord with *raah* looking/*pistis* right faith-actions BEFORE and UNTIL the healing or prosperity manifests. This is no different than making the decision to *pisteuo* believe God raised Jesus from the dead to be made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus in the process we call "born-again in Jesus." You are to make the decision to *lambano* receive the Redemption facts by right faith-actions to manifest on the Earth.

If you hear the message of the gospel, and do not believe Jesus was raised from the dead, you will not be born-again in Jesus, even though it is waiting for you. This is not much different than hearing the message of divine healing and prosperity in Jesus, and refusing to do the right faith-actions to release the blessings. That God shows no partiality to anyone means you need meet the conditions, for you to release the blessings. That is how we get born-again and divine healing and prosperity as all are included in the word, "*soteria* salvation/*sozo* healed/saved."

Those with fervent present-tense faith can say little and God's answers manifest by Holy Spirit action in *zoe* life, just like they did with Jesus. For those with doubts and ignorance, the answer includes the scriptural emphasis of right faith-actions until your mind is renewed sufficiently to release God to manifest His blessings.

From the Bible, curses, miseries, and lack, as described in 1 Cor 11:30 come from these following major sources. In most cases our lack of experiencing Heaven on Earth is from a combination of these.

- a) Our sins (commission or omission).
- b) The sins of others (commission or omission).
- c) Attacks of the devil.
- d) Ignorance of the facts of Redemption or failure to *lambano* them to manifestation.
- e) Failure to keep ourselves protected per Psalm 23, Psalm 91, the Our Father, and Luke 10:19 against the many ways this fallen world can attack and harm us.
- f) Failure to rightly judge the body of Jesus in Communion for healing and prosperity.

Other than the few instances such as in the snake-bitten in the desert, the Scriptures show no direct correlation between the type of sickness and the sin that may have caused or allowed it. As in the case of the snake bitten, the issue is not confession of sin, but seeking the Lord in *raah* looking or *pisteuo* believing unto joy with right faith-actions based on the symptoms of the devil ruling in a situation. Confession of sin alone is not healing. Seeking healing with right faith-actions can lead to healing.

Per 1 Cor 11:30 these issues in our age are the result of our failure to take Communion properly. We may get the curse or sickness attack us, but however it came, our job is to get healed in the name of Jesus. God's healing is always 100% available in Jesus. Right judging during Communion is part of the divine healing and prosperity process for us today. See *Joy Healing: Spirit Power Dynamics*, free eBook on the Articles page

All explanations on how to operate *pistis* faith to release God was summarized when God promised that those in the desert with a snake bite who *raah* "looked" properly unto joy would live and not die. Their *pistis* faith gave them permission for healing.

We have shown that Jesus said that *raah* looking and *pisteuo* believing are essentially the same thing. John 3:14 "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up (*for the same purpose to accomplish the same thing*): 15 that whosoever *pisteuo*/believeth (*doing right faith-actions unto joy*

continually and with diligence) in him should not perish (*die, have the devil continually lord over them in fast and slow forms of death*), but have eternal *zoe*/life [*have more Heaven on Earth just like the snake bitten got healed with raah looking and nabat beholding unto joy*].”

Notice Jesus said, “Whoever *pisteuo* believeth” by right faith-actions leading to joy is doing the right things to release the blessings of *zoe* life. Whosoever means, as God is no respecter of persons, if you do the right actions of *raah* looking or *pisteuo* believing, blessings are released. It is not God making the decision on who to bless, but they are for whosoever will do the right actions with diligence to release them.

Blessing are like grapes hanging high and you have to climb to get to them.

God’s universal solution for making Heaven on Earth is the effective operation of *zoe* life. This is what Holy Spirit does to work the miracles and blessings of God. So remember our general relationship:

Raah looking = *nabat* beholding = *pisteuo* believing = right faith-actions unto joy > *zoe* life > divine healing > *dunamis* miracle power of God > more Heaven on Earth.

So what does all this look like to an Israelite in the desert with a snake bite and now in pain, and who absolutely knows, if God does not help, he or she will die? They were writhing in pain and agony, and had to put that aside to right considerations. Since their prayer is not recorded for us, this is my best guess on the process, but is by no means the only way it could have happened.

It may have gone something like this, starting with his hands raised to the LORD, as best he could. He would not have been on his face as Moses often did, as he was to look at the statue of the serpent, while he thought right thoughts, spoke, shouted, and sang right words, and did right actions leading to pleasure and joy in God’s goodness. So he may have been standing, sitting, on his knees, or lying under the statue facing up so he could see it:

The following prayer is to heal unbelief and any sickness or diseases in your body, in the style how a snake bitten one in the desert may have prayed.

Prayer: Doing *Raah* Looking to Joy, or Successful Desert Healing for Christians

[Remember *raah* means to look and behold to stir yourself up into rousing joy over good, and then to keep in joy behaviors, knowing that as you do, God’s *chayay-zoe* life will heal you as you do the joy behaviors. Not by feelings, but by decision.]

“Ha, ha ha! Yahoo! As I speak O God, You are healing me. Ha, ha, ha. Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, Your kingdom, O God, come and rule in all the Earth. Forgive us our trespasses and let us not suffer any longer, but deliver us from this evil per Your promise in Jesus. For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory and there is no other God but You, and You, O God, have the power to heal

me. O God, You are my covenant Lord, and I need your help. Come, O God, let your covenant love in Jesus rule in me now and set me free as you promised. Come and let Your tender love in Jesus rule through me as Your child. I forgive You, O God, for all the times I have judged You wrongly. You are the only God who is living, holy, good and just. You are the only God of salvation. I look to You, O God, by the stripes, death, resurrection and glorification of Jesus. I look to You for Your goodness which You want for me. I look to Your hate for this poison (*problem*) in me. I release Your goodness to come into this snake bite, into this poison, (*problem*) into my body to heal me now according to Your word. You said as I *raah* look or *pisteuo* believe in right faith-actions on Jesus, I will be healed, and so I will be. So, goodness come; evil leave now, in the name of Jesus. Thank You, for Your great salvation to me, O God. Yahoo!

“Lord, I sinned in my words, thoughts, attitudes and deeds; I brought this curse on myself by what I have done or failed to do, and You are right to let it come on me because I deserve it. I opened the way to the great serpent, Satan, Your and my enemy. You are good and I brought or allowed the curse of Satan on me by my sin and bad attitude. So I put off my old attitude of unbelief and put on my trust in You, O God by honoring and loving actions. I put on the new-man in Christ Jesus and I know I am healed in Jesus for manifestation in this life now. You are wise and right in all Your commands. For You, O’ God, had Jesus become my curse so I might be free: Gal 3:13 “Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 that the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.” And: 1 Peter 2:24 “[*For it was Jesus*] who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should *zao*/live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. 25 For *we* were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of *our* souls.”

Father, Your commands are my deliverance. Your commands are *zoe* life to me. You want me healed and hate this (*problem*) snake and its poison and pain in me. You are great, good, kind, wonderful and loving to me. I have made You evil in my mind, and now I am getting the evil I sowed. So thank You for the mercy You had on me in Jesus. Just as in battle where You strengthen my hand against the enemy, strengthen my words and thoughts now against Your enemy, this curse in my body and/or life. So I command this pain (*problem*) to go now; I command this poison (*problem*) to go now; I command my body to be healed now. I command my mind to get right, all in Your great name, Jesus. You are Jehovah Rophi, my Great Healer. You are my salvation. Jesus, You are Lord of all and my Lord. I use Your great name, Lord Jesus, to bring Your goodness just as You did with Moses when You showed Him Your glory, Your goodness, and Your great power. You delivered them from Egypt; You kept them alive with daily manna and water for 40 years, thank You. You showed Yourself

in a fire by night, and a cloud by day to keep them from burning in the sun. How much more You will do through us now that we are in Christ.

No one has ever seen such goodness for those 40 years in the desert. No one has seen such great goodness as in the gospels with Jesus, in Acts with Your disciples, and in all the miracles Jesus now does all around the world. You have a great plan for us. You are our goodness and greatness, thank You. You are our salvation to make Heaven on Earth through us. Thank You! Now I command Your *zoe* life, O God, to fill me and make me whole. Blast this thing off of me as I command. So, in the name of Jesus, body be whole with the *zoe* life of God. Devil, hear, obey and go. *Problem GO*. Body be whole; mind be right; *zoe* life of God set me free. Life, life, life, life, life, life, and life! I am free! Thank You, Father God, thank You. Yahoo! Thank YOU!

“Lord, by You putting the brass serpent on a stake You declared that the snake and its works are cursed by You. By putting Jesus on the whipping post and the cross You showed You hate everything that is not Heaven on Earth in my life. Therefore this poison (*problem*) will be destroyed, any damaged repaired and I will live and be prosperous as I praise and *aiteo* command. Therefore You have given me authority, pre-permission to curse the work of this snake (*or any other problem*) in me, and that means I will live and not die as I rejoice in You and Your great goodness. Yahoo! So devil, hear, obey and go; poison die; damage be made whole; mind be right; pain go; and body *zao* live, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth. I am free! Your *zoe* life is moving now by Jesus. Thank You, Father God, thank You.

“You are so good to me God; I thank You for Your great mercy and love. I look to Jesus at the whipping post, on the cross as my curse knowing You want every evil work in me destroyed and me healed, I see in Jesus’ resurrection my total healing including this (*problem*,) and I must do my part, and *raah* look at it to consider and stir myself unto joy in You, so count my joy acts as real joy to You. Now I proclaim and sing as they did after the mighty crossing of the Red Sea on dry ground:

“Ex 15:1 “... I will sing unto the LORD, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea [*and nailed the serpent to the stake*]. 2 The LORD is my strength and song, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will prepare him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt him. 3 The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name.”

Ex 15:11 “Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?”

Deut 32:3 “... I will publish the name of the Lord: ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.”

Ps 100:5 “For the LORD is good; his *chesed*/mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.”

Ps 68:32 “Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the Earth; O sing praises unto the Lord; Selah: 33 to him that rideth upon the Heavens of Heavens, which were of old; lo, he doth send out his voice, and that a mighty voice. 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is over Israel, and his strength is in the clouds. 35 O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people.

Blessed be God.”

Eph 1:2 “Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly places in Christ: 4 according as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in *agape*/love: 5 having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the *agape*/beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption (*full payment*) through *Jesus*’ blood, the *aphesis*/forgiveness (*the payment unto remission, purging, removal, and obliteration*) of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in Heaven, and which are on Earth; even in him: 11 in whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 that we should be to the praise of his glory, who ...trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye ...trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of *our soteria*/salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.”

And I do as Jesus commanded: Luke 10:19 “Behold, I give unto you *exousia*/power (*authority, commission, pre-permission, and the resources of Heaven*) to tread on (*crush, destroy and remove from active power*) serpents and scorpions, and over all the *dunamis*/power (*ability, works, or lordship*) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in Heaven [*as full citizens and agents of God*]. YAHOO! My name is written in Heaven, I am known to you, YAHOO!

Lord, You have commanded me to put on Your strength: Eph 6:10 “Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.” Father, I put on Your strength when You raised Jesus from the dead and seated me and Him besides You at the throne. As I speak, Your redeeming strength is setting me free in this *problem*. Thank You, Father God, in the name of Jesus! Thank You!

By Your grace I have Holy Spirit in power for I am anointed in Jesus: Acts 10:34 “Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. [*Father, as I raah look and pisteuo believe with right faith-actions unto joy behaviors I am obeying Your righteous commands so I will see Your goodness in this land of the living.*] 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ [*as He healed the sick, cast out demons, and raised the dead*]: (he is Lord of all:) 37 that word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with *du-namis*/power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed (*under the active lordship of the devil in poverty, darkness, sickness, hard hearts, and death*) of the devil; for God was with *Jesus*.” Thank You, Father, that as You were, and still are with Jesus, so You are with me. 1 John 4:17 “Herein is our *agape*/love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as *Jesus* is, so are we in this world [*with His Spirit of boldness, dunamis power, agape love, and a strong and disciplined mind like Jesus has*].”

“So I exercise your judgment against this snake and poison (*or any other problem*) with my mouth in the same way I exercise Your judgment with a sword, and command Your *zoe* life to my body now, in Your name, Lord Jesus. So I proclaim Your good *zoe* life is flowing in me now and healing me now. Situation be right. Now pain GO; swelling GO; body be WHOLE, mind be right, in the name of Jesus. Thank You, Father God, thank You. Jesus, You are my strength. Jesus, You are my glory. Jesus, You are my victory. This is already done and I receive that *zoe* life now. Thank You!

“For Father God, You have shown that Your glory is Your goodness and that Your goodness is greater than this snake bite (*problem*). As You said through Moses, Your anointed: Ex 33:18 “And he (*Moses*) said, I beseech thee, shew me thy glory. 19 And *You (the LORD)* said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the *LORD* before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.”

I proclaim: Ex 34:6 “... *the LORD*, The *LORD* God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in *chesed*/goodness and truth, 7 keeping *chesed*/mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the

children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation.” Even in your goodness, if we will not return, You will stop the curse in the third and fourth generations. Great is Your mercy, O God.

“Father God, You have a good plan for me. Your inheritance is for me; I put Your mercy, Your *chesed* loving kindness on me, let me live that I may walk in it to your glory. I curse this snake bite and all its poison and effects. Body be whole and LIVE, in the name of Jesus. Jesus, Salvation of God be in me NOW! Thank You, and Amen. YAHOO!”

I am redeemed in the blood of Jesus. Yahoo!

Col 1:9 “For this cause *I* also, since the day *I* heard it, do not cease to pray for *myself and mine*, and to desire that *we* might be filled with the knowledge of Your will, *Father God*, in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that *we* might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to *Your* glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; 12 giving thanks (*continually*) unto *You*, the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of *Your* dear Son, *Jesus*: 14 in whom we have redemption (*full and eternal payment*) through *Jesus*’ blood, even the *aphesis*/forgiveness (*the payment unto remission, purging, removal, and obliteration*) of sins: 15 by *Jesus*, who is the image of *You*, *Father*, the invisible God, *Jesus*, the firstborn of every creature: 16 for by *Jesus* were all things created, that are in Heaven, and that are in Earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by *Jesus*, and for *Jesus*: 17 and *Jesus* is before all things, and by *Jesus* all things consist. 18 And *Jesus* is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things *Jesus* might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased *You*, the Father, that in *Jesus* should all fullness dwell; 20 and, having made peace through the blood of *Jesus*’ cross, by *Jesus* to reconcile all things unto *Yourself*; by *Jesus*, I say, whether they be things in Earth, or things in Heaven. 21 And *we*, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *our minds* by wicked works, yet now hath *You*, *Father God*, reconciled 22 in the body of *Jesus*’ flesh through death, to present *us* holy and unblameable and unproveable in *Your* sight [*Father God, just like Jesus is now*].” Thank You, Father God, Your *zoe* life is flowing in me right now because You said it would. Thank You, in the name of Jesus. Thank You! Yahoo!

Rev 1:4 “... Grace be unto *us*, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; 5 and from *Jesus* Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the Earth. Unto him that *agape*/loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6 and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”

1 Tim 1:17 “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Rev 5:13 “Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.”

And then perhaps sing a little song from Numbers 21:17, like this with shouting joy:

Body be whole, in the name of Jesus. You sing unto it.

Body be whole, in the name of Jesus. You sing unto it.

Devil, hear, obey and go, body be whole, mind be right, in the name of Jesus. You sing unto it.

Devil, hear, obey and go, body be whole, mind be right, in the name of Jesus. You sing unto it.

Jesus, Your *zoe* life is in me healing me. Thank You, Thank You, thank You! For You, O Lord, are good, and your *chesed* mercy is everlasting, and Your truth endures to all generations. Praise be Your Holy Name. I am free! Hallelujah! Yahoo!

Then proceed to raise your hands, sing, speak, and sing in Holy Spirit tongues, clap, shout, dance in joy with all the right faith-actions, before the Lord (as best you can) until you get healed, and then keep on going after you are healed, and so will your family. And/or you keep repeating the above, expecting not to die, but to say and sing good words, recounting all the goodness described in the Bible, especially seen in Jesus and the New Testament church, and keep doing right faith-actions until you do not die, get healed, or fall asleep to wake up again.

Now do joy behaviors (along with other right faith-actions) for at least 10 minutes. Repeat the prayer and the joy behaviors as necessary until healed and prosperous in God.

B: The Joint Method of Ministry

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Someone must have *pistis* faith to minister divine healing. Jesus had the *pistis* faith necessary and noted when the person also had *pistis* faith. Jesus never sent anyone away and told them to develop more *pistis* faith before He could heal them. He took each case as it was, knowing He had sufficient connection and confidence in God to release God to get it done. Jesus taught his disciples to do the same.

The woman with the issue of blood had her own *pistis* faith and pulled a miracle from Jesus, and Jesus did not even know it was happening. This is a case where, just like at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5), the person determined the time of their healing: Mark 5:24 “And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged (*large crowd pressing in on*) him. 25 And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, 26 and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 when she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment (*Jewish prayer shawl*). 28 For she said (*had been saying continually within and to herself*), If I may touch but his clothes (*garment, prayer shawl*), I shall be *sozo/whole* (*healed, delivered, blessed, and prospered*).”

29 “And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was *iaomai/healed* (*physically made whole, delivered*) of that plague. 30 And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that *dunamis/virtue* (*miracle working power*) had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? 31 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging (*touching, pressing in on*) thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me?”

32 “And he (*Jesus*) looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 33 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. 34 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee *sozo/whole*; go in peace, and be *hugies/whole* (*physically made sound, healthy, delivered, restored*) of thy plague.”

God did not determine her healing, she did. Jesus even said, in verse 32, “To see her that had done this thing.” Jesus was the vessel; God agreed, her *pistis* faith created the permission, and she pulled the healing *zoe* life, *dunamis* power, out of Jesus. Jesus was not an active participant in the process other than keeping Himself full of *zoe* life with a regular and diligent lifestyle of right faith-actions.

Her faith evidence was in her constant saying in verse 28, “If I may touch but his clothes (*garment, prayer shawl*), I shall be *sozo/whole (healed, blessed, and prospered)*.” See also Math 9:20-22 and Luke 8:43-50.

Thus she lived out and enforced the promise of God: Mal 4:2 “But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings...” Here wings means the sides of the Jewish prayer shawl, where when pulled over the head, the sides came down like wings of bird over the head.

By her continual saying, she was decreeing, *dabar, aiteo*, when and how she would release the promise of God, and the good news for us is that this still works today.

When Curry Blake, overseer of John G. Lake Ministries, first started his ministry (around 1995), he prayed for people. The results were 30% healed, then 50%, then 75%, then nearly 100%. Then Curry found himself distracted by the cares of this world and dropped to 30-75%. It went back up to 90-95% as he focused on the immediate need, refused the cares and distractions, and stirred himself back into God’s healing truth.

The first healings early on in his ministry were where he led them in shouting along with him. We call this the, “Joint Method.” This is based on the principles seen in the woman with the issue of blood and 2 Cor 4:13. They did not know that most of the time they got themselves healed as they shouted with him.

Learning of this Joint Method and using it is what created Curry’s initial improvement in ministry. This is a process of helping them build their faith for healing similar that Dr. Lake appears to also have used (and Curry learned). Later Curry grew in Dominion Ministry where he does not use the Joint Method, but gets 90-95% results with continued *aiteo*, dominion commands independent of the person’s response.

Divine healing is easier if the client and the minister both agree on when the healing will be done. If the client is in a “let’s see what happens” mode, then that unbelief must be overcome by the minister’s faith. The Joint Method can bring the client and the minister into agreement on when the healing will occur. Otherwise the minister must overcome all the resistance the client presents. Often in the Joint Method the person gets themselves healed and don’t even know it at the moment.

Many ministers often try to build faith in the people before they minister, but do not lead them in these Joint Method Confessions. As a result, healing results can be few.

When Curry first started, he had people come over to his house on Saturday nights for prayer. He did some teaching, with lots of time in prayer, like John Lake had done, an hour at a time. Some he prayed for 45 minutes, and if he had time and it needed it, for 3 hours, or as long as he could. There were some instant or “then healings,” after the 45 minutes to 3 hours of ministry (usually the Joint Method below).

Others took coming every Saturday night for 3, 4 or 9 weeks. They would come back each week, say what was happening to them, and if needed, they would go at it again, repeating the same basic speaking to that particular mountain or sickness in the Joint Method. This coming back for more teaching and ministry is a key part of the process of building a working expectation in the people.

There are three main ways to get people divinely healed in direct ministry:

- a) The minister has all the *pistis* faith – dominion ministry
- b) The minister uses or stirs the person's *pistis* faith (this usually gets both of them into the prayer of agreement which is guaranteed to release God when done right.)
- c) The third way is that they have all the *pistis* faith, and pull the *dunamis* power out of the minister, like the woman with the issue of blood pulled it out of Jesus.

The praying for people consisted of:

- 1) Teaching the facts of redemption and *pistis* faith, especially concerning divine healing
- 2) Continual loud commanding until healed, or as time permitted, per session
- 3) Leading them in the Joint Method
- 4) Praying for them by himself during the week in English and in tongues 5) Them coming back for repeated sessions until fully healed

Joint Method – Adapted from Curry's "Demonstrating the Kingdom of God" CD.

The assumption in this method is that the people have had some training in healing truth, and are understating healing is by grace. You can do nothing to earn it, God is not holding your healing back, and the time for healing is now from God's perspective. Jesus paid for our healing with His stripes 2000 years ago, Jesus will heal them though you by grace, and it is now ours to take or deliver. God wants them healed yesterday, for today is the day of salvation, and healing (2 Cor 6:2).

Preparation for Healing (When Curry is not feeling aggressive)

He has the person say by repeating each phrase in this paragraph after him (either present or over phone):

He does tell them that their honest enthusiasm does help and makes a big difference, so please cooperate as best you can. Jesus came to give us *zoe* life, the devil comes to rob, kill and destroy.

Jesus has already healed every part of your life: physical, spiritual, financial, emotional, relational; political; and anything that stands between you walking in victory for, with, in and by Jesus. Because of the work of Jesus, it already belongs to

you/them. And here is how you help them and yourself get aligned with enough truth to release it.

- 1) “Father, in the name of Jesus, I believe, when my brother (lays his hand on / speaks over) me, I shall receive my healing. I’m going to get it because You bought it, You paid for it. You paid for it with the blood of Jesus. Jesus paid for it with those stripes on His body.

“I can’t do anything to deserve it, and I can’t be good enough to deserve it. And I can’t be so bad that You, Father, won’t give it to me. But I can take it, just like a hug, and that’s what I do now. And when my brother (lays his hand on / speaks over) me, I am going to have my healing, today/tonight, right now/this time. Your *zoe* life goes into me now. I’m not leaving here without it, in the name of Jesus.”

Minister asks, “Is this so?”

The answer: “Yes!” Good, strong and firm. If not, go back around statement 1) again until it is; repeat until healed

Minister, when responses are clear and bold:

- 2) “Right now, in the name of Jesus, RECEIVE (lay hands if near / speak firmly); so be it, in Jesus’ name. Disease/problem I command you to GO! So be it, in the name of Jesus!”

While the minister does paragraph 2), the person goes into neutral of having it be done to them, or says “Thank You.” Ask them not to pray. Just receive. Some even take a deep breath showing they are receiving when the minister commands “receive.”

Curry would tell them to get into neutral, telling them, “Let me do it, you just relax and receive from God through me. Take it like a hug.”

Part of the purpose of 1) is to align the heart with truth, and get past mental assent. Obviously the people need enough teaching prior to the ministry to begin to believe statement 1) could or is true for them now.

Usually people balk at several points in the paragraph, and the minister goes back around adding truth and getting them to repeat the whole paragraph again, until they can do every phrase with solid enthusiasm.

Problem areas include:

- a. *Right now*. Many think it could never come or not right now. Jesus healed most people right now.

- b. *Not Worthy; False Humility.* Many think they are too imperfect or bad to get healed; they have been taught sin consciousness believing their sin is greater than Jesus' blood and love. They think their sin stops the healing. Jesus never told anyone they had to resolve their sins before they could be healed, yet the continual command to repent means they were all still sinners and got healed by Jesus and the disciples anyway.
- c. *Pride* – thinking they are good enough, or have done enough in the past to deserve it, God “owes” them the healing, and they may be mad at God for not healing them yet.
- d. *When the worker ministers, many times they think, “He/she is not Jesus, he/she is not qualified,”* – but Jesus dwells in him/her and words are the primary tool of the spirit world, where Jesus sits at the throne. We are qualified by grace to minister healing, and we are healed by grace. It is not about us, but it is about Jesus and His mighty work by the cross for us in the love of God.

For self-ministry: You can say paragraph 1) for yourself or even as you pray for others. Then, when you are ready, say paragraph 2) as needed. If the minister is near, say “lays his/her hands on me,” otherwise at a distance or over a phone/radio, say, “speak over.” Below is paragraph 1) revised for when you are ministering to others and called paragraph 3).

The words are not nearly as important as aligning the attitude and intention of the heart with God, and knowing that you are connected to God, and He is moving in you for this. You are God's anointed representative, and you are saying what God would say if He had a body of flesh like you do.

Repeat as needed, adding more *zoe* life of God until sufficient *zoe* life is deposited or grows to produce healing. Life grows, so keep it alive and nurtured by right faith-actions. This could be in the first ministry or the 10,000th ministry. If more than once, it is not that nothing happened before, but the seed was not nurtured enough.

You add more *zoe* life each time you minister. How much *zoe* life delivered depends on how stirred up you are in Jesus. Here it is for the minister to say unto enthusiasm, to stir up their faith.

3) “Father, in the name of Jesus, I come to You, and I believe when I (lay my hand on / speak over) ___, He/she shall receive their healing. I'm going to deliver it because You, Father God, bought it. You paid for it. You paid for it with the blood and stripes of Jesus, and You are in me to do it.

I can't do anything to deserve giving it, and I can't be good enough to deserve giving it. It is by grace in the stripes and blood of Jesus. And I can't be so bad that You won't give it to them through me. But I can deliver it, just like giving a hug, and that's what I do now. And when I (lay my hand on / speak over) him, he is going to get healing, today/tonight, right now, this time. Your *zoe* life goes into him/her/them now. I'm not leaving here without giving it to him/her/them, in the name of Jesus."

Confession: "This healing belongs to me because of what Jesus has done." Encourage them to make the decision to no longer believe what the doctor says or what they feel is lord over this situation, but that Jesus is Lord and by these words, this healing will be, now.

- 4) Then tell them to do what they could not do before. But to do it looking for healing, where it is better, not the old pain. As you discover some evidence of healing, do more and praise God for healing. You are not looking for the pain, but looking for healing. Push against the old pain as if you are pushing against the devil and keep commanding the pain and problem to go, and thanking God for the healing and that you will get more. Show the devil you are not afraid. You are looking for the healing, not the pain.

Now, keep knowing you have deposited God's *zoe* life in them. That *zoe* life will grow and nothing can stop it, because it is the unstoppable, indestructible, eternal, all powerful Word of God. If they did not get healed right then, they will later, but they will be healed.

You increase or firm up your believing with right faith-actions like tongues, thanksgiving, praise, joy, affirmation magnets, and *aiteo* commands. This means to keep reminding yourself that you did deposit *zoe* life and it is growing, even if it is every minute for a week. And yes, you will be attacked, first with thoughts that "This will not work," "I did not do enough" or "I did not do it right," and then with "It is not working." Curry reports he is attacked with these thoughts each time he ministers still today, and I know I am.

1 Cor 15:57-58 "But thanks be to God who gives to us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. So that, my brethren beloved, keep on becoming steadfast, unmovable (*by continual right faith-actions*), always abounding in the (*right faith-action believing*) work of the Lord, knowing that your fatiguing labor (*by continual right faith-actions*), is not unproductive of results, as this labor is done in the Lord." KSW

Or, this can be summarized as, "No labor in the Lord is in vain; don't let the lack of immediate results stop you. Keep at it with right faith-actions until victory."

The Joint Method is a process of working with people in sequence to stir up their *pistis* faith when you feel weak:

If it's real faith, I can't talk you out of it – I tell people all of the time, “Are you going to get it?”

“Sure” (Shaky voice)

“You sure? Are you going to get it when I lay my hands on you?”

“Yes” (Shaky voice)

I can hear that hesitation. If I can talk you out of your healing, you aren't going to get it using your faith. If I can talk you out of it, that's not faith.

***Pistis* Faith grabs hold, and hangs on until it gets what it wants, with continual right faith-actions.**

“Is there any sin you can commit that will cause God not to heal you? No.

Is there anything you can do to deserve that God will heal you? No.

Then it is by grace and love; does God love you? Yes.

Do you have the grace of God now? Yes

So what is stopping God from healing you? Nothing.

Is He going to do it now? Yes.

When I lay hands on you, He will do it now? Yes!

Then in the name of Jesus, I take authority over you, devil, and all your works; and I command you and all your works to go NOW, and never return, in the name of Jesus! Clap hands-Bam. “Receive” Bam-loud. Stay for a minute, then, “Thank You, Lord.”

They may say, “Well, how do I know what I want is what God wants?”

Well, if you don't know that, you can't have faith in Him anyway. You can't have faith for something that you don't know is God's will. The Bible says that you have to know His will before you can have faith for it.

But it's real easy. Your will can become His will. Matter of fact, your will should be His will. Here is God's will we are making manifest on Earth: 1 Peter 2:24

“(Jesus,) who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree; that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness (*healed and made whole just like Jesus is now*): by whose stripes ye were healed.” This is God's full and complete statement on divine healing for us today. “Living unto righteousness” includes divine health and godliness in every part of your life.

Keep at it. It will work when you will believe it works based on God's word. When you say, "Lord, You said right here, when I lay hands on the sick, they will recover. When I *aiteo*/ask (demand, expect, and require as due by covenant promise) anything in the name of Jesus, You will do it. Therefore the word was planted, *zoe* life was given, and it will happen, and it is happening now. Thank You!"

It works as you believe God is connected to you so you can do this for and with Him. As you do, He can do. Acting like it is sufficient. Put on Jesus, and think, speak and do as Jesus would. And since it is working, part of your response is, "Thank You!" (Rom 13:14)

I believe paragraph 1) is what Curry learned from Dr. Lake's training manual.

This was the method Curry used after he got a copy of Lake's DHT materials. The cases would come to the healing rooms, get the teaching and then were encouraged and ministered to with combinations of Dominion Ministry and the Joint Method, multiple times each time while they were there. Of course for near death, babies, young children, drugged, deaf, unconscious or dead, only the Dominion Ministry will work.

- In the Joint Process, the minister is stirring up the person (and themselves) to active, hot faith.
- In the Dominion Method the minister stirs themselves up into active, hot faith.
- In the Joint Method, it matters what the person believes.
- In the Dominion Method, it does not matter what the person believes, only that the minister needs to be fed-up with the devil, and stirred up into hot, fervent faith in God.

Now, depending on the situation, not everyone can participate in the Joint process and say paragraph 1). But the minister can say it to themselves, or out loud before and as they administer God's *zoe* life as in 3).

Another great secret of Dr. Lake was you knowing that each time you deposit God's *zoe* life, it will grow as you keep in faith it is growing. And if in doubt, get more redemption facts and obey Phil 4:4-9 and minister more *zoe* life again.

If you do not see immediate results, in 2-5 minutes, know that you have spoken Jesus' word of *zoe* life and spirit as the seed of the Word of God, deposited *zoe* life to nurture it, and it is now growing and you will see the result. Speed up the process by adding more *zoe* life to nurture what you have deposited with thanksgiving, praise, joy, tongues, and worship in spirit and in truth, and more *aiteo* commands. And each time you minister, either in the present session or another,

you are not starting over, but adding more *zoe* life to the seed of the Word of God for it to grow larger until healing.

In a prayer group response, you can command for 5 minutes, then worship, praise, etc. for 25 minutes and hit is again. Repeat as needed. We are talking 20 minutes to 3 days non-stop, each time.

In a healing line process, after the first ministry, have those not yet manifesting healing come back around if you can. They can come back around as many times as they can.

You are doing the stirring up and the right faith-actions, not to get more power, as you already have all the power of God there is, what you are doing is forcing your and/or their mind to agree with God in love and truth, so He can move in power. Right faith-actions are the process of exercising the real, born-again man in your spirit through your soul to remove the worldly parts, so you can let God flow, i.e., less blockage and more freedom for God.

The attitude is more of: “Devil, get off the so the healing can appear. The healing is done and you are resisting it, so you spirit of death and infirmity, GO, in the name of Jesus. Life of God, now flow!”

John Lake said with the cry of his heart to God, “God, in the name of Jesus Christ, blast this curse of hell and burn it up by the power of God. God, kill the devilish disease by the power of God. Let the Spirit live in him, let it move in him.” Then Lake would command healing in the name of Jesus.

We used a similar approach with a man in bed with intense pain and breathing symptoms. After we ministered, we asked, “Did Jesus heal you 2000 years ago?” Answer, “Yes.” “Did you get prayed for?” Answer. “Yes.” “Was it in the name of Jesus?” Answer, “Yes.” Then did God’s life go into you.” Answer, “Yes.” “Then are you healed now?” Answer, “Yes.” Say it again – are you now healed? “Answer, “Yes!” “Then get up, now!” And he got up healed.

The devil attacked again about 2 hours later, and he was back in bed. We repeated the same of first ministering *zoe* life, addressed some specific issues, and then asked him the same questions. He responded the same way again, and then we commanded, “If you are healed, then get up and praise Jesus.” He did get up and did praise Jesus, and he was healed.

This was more about getting him to act on the belief that *zoe* life had flowed and he was healed, so he got up. He did what he could not do before. This was a combination of Joint Prayer and the working of miracles in Dominion Ministry. And we won!

The advantage of the Joint Method is that the case participates in the process, and if the symptoms come back, then they are better prepared to fight back. It does not work for

those in a coma, the deaf, babies, or raising the dead, but it is a great fallback approach if you are not fully operating in the spirit of faith and dominion in Jesus.

And advantage of the Joint Method is that the case participates in the process, and if the symptoms come back, then they are better prepared to fight back. It does not work for those in a coma, the deaf, babies, or raising the dead, but it is a great fallback approach if you are of course the minister can use the same process to stir themselves up into effective faith. Another great tool for this are the A-Z Confessions found in the power trilogy books, *OK, GOD, Now What*, and *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – Field Manual 2*.

This Joint Method, as the word “joint” describes, is how you stir one in need to rise in their *pistis* faith sufficiently by right faith-actions to get themselves healed. Or the minister can use the same right faith-actions as part of right affirmations, *aiteo* commands and right considerations (like Abraham did) to stir themselves up into effective ministry. In both cases, the job is not done until there are excited, glad, and confident shouts of expectation.

So how do you build *pistis* faith? Simple, rehearse with enthusiasm the facts of our redemption in the blood of Jesus, our guaranteed healing and wholeness by His stripes, our commission to destroy the works of the devil with bold right faith-actions over the work of Jesus, and the nature and character of God revealed in the Bible with thanksgiving, praise, joy, right affirmations, *aiteo* commands, right consideration to bring every thought to the obedience of Christ, right Holy Communion, doing acts of *agape* love, speaking in tongues, exposing yourself or them to right exhortation to more right faith-actions, right fasting, studying the Scriptures on any aspect of salvation needed, and showing yourself self a workman approved of God by working the Word of God to manifestation.

The Joint Method is one application and useful to get yourself and others stirred up into confidence in God for effective ministry, and others healed. This is summarized in this expanded verse: Philem 6 “That the communication (*thoughts, words, and deeds in unity with Holy Spirit*) of thy faith (*by continual right faith-actions over the facts of our redemption in the work of Jesus*) may become effectual (*powerful in answered prayer to manifest Heaven on Earth*) by the continual acknowledging (*the facts and exercising them with right faith-actions to being a master craftsman of manifesting Jesus in power in any situation or need, and able to train others to be master craftsmen in being like Jesus*) of every good thing which is (*already*) in you in Christ Jesus [*by being born-again in our redemption in the blood of Jesus with indwelling Holy Spirit, and baptized in power by Holy Spirit*].”

If they are not healed right away, repeat as needed, UNTIL healed.

Matt 11:12 “And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.”

The Joint Method is one form of such spiritual violence to deliverance and healing. Or

“pressing in” to as Paul described: Phil 3:12 “Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus [Eph 4:13 “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 that we (*or I, Paul*) henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 but speaking the truth in *agape/love*, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in *agape/love*]. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”

Notice Paul tells us we have to press in, labor, to apprehend, appreciate, and walk like Jesus in continual right faith-actions.

And as the writer of Hebrews exhorts us to right labor in mixing the word of God continually with right faith-actions: Heb 4:1 “Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith (*by continual and diligent nurturing of the word and promises of God by right faith-actions*) in them that heard it. ... 11 Let us labour (*work, consistent diligent, and continuous right faith-actions with good cheer*) therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (*unpersuadableness, lack of right faith-actions*).”

And again: Heb 6:12 “That ye be not slothful (*lazy, apathetic, indifferent, or rebellious*), but followers (*copycats, duplicates, disciples*) of them who through faith (*by right faith-actions*) and patience (*consistent diligent and continuous right faith-actions with good cheer*) inherit (*enforce, fight through, occupy, and enjoy manifesting*) the promises [*of God*].”

As Paul encourages us all to labor in the Lord: 1 Cor 15:57 “But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my *agape/loved* brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [*in continual and diligent right faith-actions*], forasmuch as ye know that your labour (*works, right faith-actions*) is not in vain in the Lord.”

Such is the evidence of effective biblical *pistis* faith in right faith-actions. The evidence is the right faith-actions, the fruit is the joy of manifested promises of God as Jesus said: John 15:7 “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you (*with constant repetition unto thanksgiving, praise, gladness, and joy, i.e. right faith-actions*), ye shall *aiteo/ask* (*de-*

mand, require, and expect as due God's covenant promises knowing Jesus has met all the requirements for you) what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

And: John 16:24 "Hitherto have ye *aiteo/asked (demanded, required, and expected as due God's covenant promises knowing Jesus has met all the requirements for you)* nothing in my name: *aiteo/ask (demand, require, and expect as due by covenant promise knowing Jesus has met all the requirements for you)*, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full."

And again as our command to Christian life: Rom 13:10 "Agape/love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore *agape/love* is the fulfilling of the law. 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore **cast off** the works of darkness, and let us **put on** the armour of light. 13 Let us **walk** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 But **put ye on** the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision** for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." We made bold the commands we are obey to walk in the *agape/love* of God we are called to.

The Joint Method is just one effective way to obey: Eph 2:10 "For we are his (*Father God's*) workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (*do right faith-actions diligently and continually as your lifestyle just like Jesus did*)."

Here some scriptures on healing, accurately translated by Corky Snell that apply to use today:

Psalms 91:10 "There shall no evil befall US, neither shall any plague come nigh OUR dwelling."

Proverbs 3:8 "It shall be health to OUR navels, and marrow to OUR bones."

Malachi 4:2 "But unto US that fear His name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and WE shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall."

Mark 16:18 "WE shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt US; WE shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Psalms 30:2 "O LORD my God, WE cried unto thee, and thou hast healed US."

Isaiah 57:18 "WE have seen his ways, and he will heal US: He will lead US also, and restore comforts unto US and to OUR mourners."

1 Peter 2:24 "Who his own self bare OUR sins in his own body on the tree, that WE, being dead to sins, should *zao/live* unto righteousness: by whose stripes WE were healed."

Use the Joint Method on yourself, or for others, to release divine blessing. Shout these Scriptures right in the face of any sickness that is stupid enough to fasten itself on you, or them.

Do this over and over and over until you break that sickness off you and/or them. Never let up! Use the name of Jesus like a sledge hammer and watch that name break the sickness to pieces, as you exercise bold right faith-actions.

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G: Names of God

How do you learn about God? One way God has provided is the names used to describe Him in the Bible. These names are statements of His nature and commitment to man. Learn the names and you will learn of God.

The following is a summary of the Bible names of God. Each describes an aspect of God's love and nature. Each name is how God has chosen to reveal Himself, His character and nature to man. Each name of God is worthy of study and to praise God over. They are the power source of Abraham, David, Jesus, the Apostles, miracle working believers through the ages, and around the world today, and they can be for you also. Source: <https://bible.org/article/names-god>, and JaySnell.org.

Names of God

The great purpose of man, especially the believer in Christ, is to fulfil man's original purpose for Adam, which is to subdue, establish and maintain the Kingdom of God on Earth (Genesis 1:26-28). Jesus showed what this is to look like in His earthly ministry. Just as seen in Jesus' ministry, this is how we are to glorify God. "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God," just like Jesus did (1 Corinthians 10:31, John 20:21; Gal 4:6; 1 John 4:17). We are heaven's hope for the glory of God to fill the Earth as Jesus started and left us to finish (Matt 28:18 and Col 1:27). Essential to our ability to glorify God by fulfilling His purpose for us is the knowledge of God and knowing Him personally in view of that knowledge.

The word "glory" in the Greek New Testament is *doxa*, which means an opinion, an estimation, or reputation in which one is held as seen in exuberant thanksgiving, praise, and joy. It refers to that which should accrue to God as praise, thanksgiving, obedience, reverence, and service because of who God is and what God does (past, present, and future). In other words, giving and releasing glory to God is tied in with the knowledge of God (revelation of God), and knowing God personally (response to God) and our own purpose (Titus 2:14 and 1 Peter 2:9).

The Lord Jesus said: John 17:3 "And this is eternal *zoe*/life, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent." The many names in Scripture constitute additional revelation of God's character, His works, and His relationship to us based on His character and works. The names which God chose for Himself and which are ascribed to Him in the Word of God are additional revelations of the, who and what of God that we may know and relate to God.

Note David's declarations about God's name and word in Psalm 138:1-2. God's name declares much about His person, but it is God's Word that reveals God and His name.

We know what God is like, not only by His perfections and works, but also by His names. They tell us many things about God's care and concern for his own. This is one of the fascinating studies of Scripture. The various circumstances which bring forth each of the names of God are important.

The Significance of the Names of God in Scripture

In our twentieth century Western culture, personal names are little more than labels to distinguish one person from another. Sometimes nicknames are chosen which tell something about a person, but even this is a poor reflection of the significance of names in the Bible.

Unfortunately, to many the names *God* or *Lord* convey little more than designations of a supreme being. It says little to them about God's character, His ways, and what God means to each of us as human beings. But in Scripture, the names of God are like miniature portraits and promises.

In Scripture, a person's name identified them and stood for something specific. This is especially true of God. Naming carried special significance. It was a sign of authority and power. This is evident in the fact that God revealed His names to His people rather than allowing them to choose their names for Him. This is also seen in the fact that God often changed the names of His people: Abram to Abraham, Sarai to Sarah, Jacob to Israel. Note also how this concept of authority and power is seen when Nebuchadnezzar changed the names of Daniel and his three friends.

The Name of God in General

There are a number of instances where no name of God is employed, but where simply the term "name" in reference to God is used as the point of focus:

- (1) Abraham called on the *name* of the Lord (Gen 12:8; 13:4).
- (2) The Lord proclaimed His own *name* before Moses (Ex 33:19; 34:5).
- (3) Israel was warned against profaning the *name* of the Lord (Lev 13:21; 22:2, 32).
- (4) The *name* of the Lord was not to be taken in vain (Ex 20:7; Deut 5:11).
- (5) The priests of Israel were to minister in the *name* of the Lord (Deut 18:5; 21:5).
- (6) The *name* of God is called "wonderful" in Judges 13:18.
- (7) To call on the *name* of the Lord was to worship Him as God (Gen 21:33; 26:25).

Consequently, from this we can conclude that such phrases as "the name of the LORD" or "the name of God" refer to God's whole character. It was a summary statement embodying the entire person of God.

When we turn to the New Testament we find the same. The name *Jesus* is used in a similar way to the name of God in the Old Testament:

- (1) Salvation is through His *name* (John 1:12).
- (2) Believers are to gather in His *name* (Matt 18:20).
- (3) Prayer is to be made in His *name* (John 14:13-14).
- (4) The servant of the Lord who bears the *name* of Christ will be hated (Matt 10:22).
- (5) The book of Acts makes frequent mention of worship, service, and suffering in the *name* of Jesus Christ (Acts 4:18; 5:28, 41; 10:43; and 19:17).
- (6) It is at the *name* of Jesus that every knee will one day bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (Phil 2:10-11).

So, just as the name of God in the Old Testament spoke of the holy character of God the Father, so the name of Jesus in the New Testament speaks of the holy character of God the Son.

Overview of the Names of God in Scripture

(1) ***Elohim***: The plural form of *EL*, meaning “strong one.” It is used of false gods, but when used of the true God, it is a plural of majesty and intimates the trinity. It is especially used of God’s sovereignty, creative work, mighty work for Israel and in relation to His sovereignty (Isa 54:5; Jer 32:27; Gen 1:1; Isa 45:18; Deut 5:23; 8:15; and Ps 68:7). Compounds of *El*:

- ***El Shaddai***: “God Almighty.” The derivation is uncertain. Some think it stresses God’s loving supply and comfort; others His power as the Almighty one standing on a mountain and who corrects and chastens (Gen 17:1; 28:3; 35:11; Ex 6:1; and Ps 91:1, 2).
- ***El Elyon***: “The Most High God.” Stresses God’s strength, sovereignty, and supremacy (Gen 14:19; Ps 9:2; and Dan 7:18, 22, 25).
- ***El Olam***: “The Everlasting God.” Emphasizes God’s unchangeableness and is connected with His inexhaustibleness (Gen 16:13).

(2) ***Yahweh (YHWH)***: Comes from a verb which means “to exist, be.” This, plus its usage, shows that this name stresses God as the independent and self-existent God of revelation and redemption (Gen 4:3; Ex 6:3 (cf. 3:14); 3:12).

Compounds of *Yahweh*: Strictly speaking, these compounds are designations or titles which reveal additional facts about God’s character.

- ***Yahweh Jireh (Yireh)***: “The Lord will provide.” Stresses God’s provision for His people (Gen 22:14).
- ***Yahweh Nissi***: “The Lord is my Banner.” Stresses that God is our rallying point and our means of victory; the one who fights for His people (Ex 17:15). □ ***Yah-***

- weh Shalom:*** “The Lord is Peace.” Points to the Lord as the means of our peace and rest (Jud 6:24).
- ***Yahweh Sabaoth:*** “The Lord of Hosts.” A military figure portraying the Lord as the commander of the armies of heaven (1 Sam 1:3; 17:45).
 - ***Yahweh Maccaddeshcem:*** “The Lord your Sanctifier.” Portrays the Lord as our means of sanctification or as the one who sets believers apart for His purposes (Ex 31:13).
 - ***Yahweh Ro’i:*** “The Lord my Shepherd.” Portrays the Lord as the Shepherd who cares for His people as a shepherd cares for the sheep of his pasture (Ps 23:1). □
 - ***Yahweh Tsidkenu:*** “The Lord our Righteousness.” Portrays the Lord as the means of our righteousness (Jer 23:6 and 2 Cor 5:21).
 - ***Yahweh Shammah:*** “The Lord is there.” Portrays the Lord’s personal presence in the millennial kingdom (Ezek 48:35) and right now.
 - ***Yahweh Elohim Israel:*** “The Lord, the God of Israel.” Identifies Yahweh as the God of Israel in contrast to the false gods of the nations (Jud 5:3; Isa 17:6).
- (3) ***Adonai:*** Like *Elohim*, this too is a plural of majesty. The singular form means “master, owner.” Stresses man’s relationship to God as his master, authority, and provider (Gen 18:2; 40:1; 1 Sam 1:15; Ex 21:1-6; Josh 5:14).
- (4) ***Theos:*** Greek word translated “God.” Primary name for God used in the New Testament. Its use teaches: (1) *He is the only true God* (Matt 23:9; Rom 3:30); (2) *He is unique* (1 Tim 1:17; John 17:3; and Rev 15:4; 16:7); (3) *He is transcendent* (Acts 17:24; Heb 3:4; and Rev 10:6); (4) *He is the Savior* (John 3:16; and 1 Tim 1:1; 2:3; 4:10). This name is used of Christ as God in John 1:1, 18; 20:28; 1 John 5:20; Tit 2:13; Rom 9:5; Heb 1:8; and 2 Pet 1:1.
- (5) ***Kurios:*** Greek word translated “Lord.” Stresses authority and supremacy. While it can mean sir (John 4:11), owner (Luke 19:33), master (Col. 3:22), or even refer to idols (1 Cor 8:5) or husbands (1 Pet 3:6), it is used mostly as the equivalent of *Yahweh* of the Old Testament. It too is used of Jesus Christ meaning (1) Rabbi or Sir (Matt 8:6); (2) God or Deity (John 20:28; Acts 2:36; Rom 10:9; and Phil 2:11).
- (6) ***Despotes:*** Greek word translated “Master.” Carries the idea of ownership while *kurios* stressed supreme authority (Luke 2:29; Acts 4:24; Rev 6:10; 2 Pet 2:1; and Jude 4).
- (7) ***Father:*** A distinctive New Testament revelation is that through faith in Christ, God becomes our personal Father. Father is used of God in the Old Testament only 15 times while it is used of God 245 times in the New Testament. As a name of God, it stresses God’s loving care, provision, discipline, and the way we are to address God in

prayer (Matt 7:11; Jam 1:17; Heb 12:5-11; John 15:16; 16:23; Eph 2:18; 3:15; and 1 Thess 3:11).

(8) **Jesus:** a modernized transliteration from Latin Jesu, to English; means God's salvation is now, or the Lord saves (now). Same as Joshua or Yeshua in Hebrew.

(9) God: The one who raises the dead and calls those things that be not as if they are. These two names are found in the same passage: Rom 4:17 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he (*Abraham*) believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were." This reveals some of the titles or names of God that Abraham knew. In particular it is by these two names Abraham and Sarah did right faith-actions to release the blessing so Abraham could father and Sarah could conceive, bear and raise a child in their old age.

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Heavenly Father, I come to You because of Jesus. Your word says that "Whosoever will call upon the Lord will be saved." (Acts 2:21) Lord, I am calling on You. I pray and ask Jesus to come into my heart and be Lord over my life according to Romans 10:9-10: "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that You, Father God, have raised Jesus from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." I do that now. I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe that You, Father God, raised Jesus from the dead.

I am reborn now; I am a new-creation in Christ Jesus. You have recreated my spirit on the inside and Heaven is now my home. I am saved! You also said in Your Word: "If ye then, being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will You, Heavenly Father, give Holy Spirit to them that ask You?" (Luke 11:13) I am asking You to right now fill me with Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, rise up in me now as I praise God. I fully expect to speak in other tongues as You give me the utterance (Acts 2:4). In Jesus name, thank You, Father God, thank You!

Begin to praise God for making you born-again and filling you with His Holy Spirit. Speak those words and syllables you receive – not in your own language, but the language given by Holy Spirit. You have to use your own voice. God will not force you to speak; it is an act of your own will. Holy Spirit provides the sounds; you provide the mouth and voice. Do not be concerned how it sounds. It is a Heavenly language!

Continue with the blessing God has given you and pray in the spirit with tongues every day. You are now a born-again, spirit filled believer. You will never be the same!

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Rom 1:16-17, in expanded form, "For this good news of God in Jesus is so great and powerful that this good news releases the *dunamis miracle working* power of God to bring Heaven to Earth, for anyone that *pistis*/believes it with glad and great joy right faith-actions of coming good from God in the Name of Jesus." As you do the right faith-actions over who Jesus is and what He has done in our redemption, you re-

lease the *dunamis* miracle power of God to make Heaven on Earth in any situation you aim it. This is born-again living.



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