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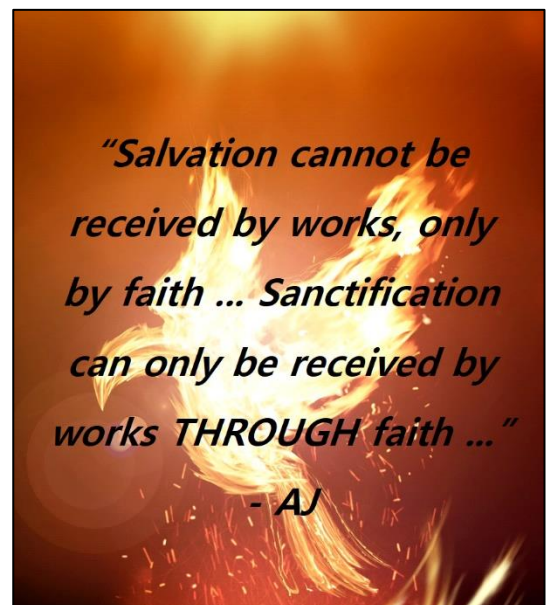
Dear Family,

We all know that salvation is a free gift that we receive from God through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ and that there is nothing that we can do out of our own strength to earn it. Sanctification though is built on our relationship with God and from this should flow a multitude of works as fruit that is evidence of the Holy Spirit present and operational in our lives.

Job 22:30 states that He will deliver even one who is not innocent, who will be delivered through the cleanness of our hands. This verse highlights God's grace and mercy, suggesting that even those who are not blameless can be rescued by God, particularly through the righteous acts of others.

Eliphaz, Job's friend, uses this verse to encourage Job to seek reconciliation with God, believing that if Job repents and turns back to God, even those who are not innocent can find salvation through his purity. This highlights the fact that divine grace and mercy are available to us. The verse emphasises God's willingness to forgive and redeem, extending His grace even to those who have sinned.

We now also know that intercession and righteousness go hand in hand. Eliphaz suggests that Job's righteousness and purity of hands can serve as a means of intercession for others, even those who are not innocent. This idea aligns with the biblical concept of a righteous



person's prayers having power and influence. With this comes repentance and restoration. The verse encourages Job to repent and seek reconciliation with God, believing that such actions will bring about deliverance and restoration, both for Job himself and for others.

Within the context of Job's suffering, this verse offers a message of hope and possibility. It suggests that despite his trials, Job can still find a path to restoration and blessing by turning to God. This resonates with the themes of God's mercy, the power of intercession, and the transformative power of repentance.

Make the choice today to live a holy life as our God that is holy commands us to be. Strive for a deeper relationship with Him, knowing that through that others might be saved through the purity of our hands.

André Binneman  
Senior Servant Leader

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## **DAILY CONFESSIONS**

The Bible teaches us that death and life are in the power of the tongue (Proverbs 18:21, and that Jesus Christ is the High Priest of our Confession (Hebrews 4:14). Many times, what we attribute to the devil is not really him at all. Instead, we are eating the fruit of our negative confessions. Our words will either bring life or death. SPEAKING and declaring the Word over every aspect of our lives on a daily basis is critical, because the Word teaches in Proverbs 6:2 we are snared by the words of our own mouth. Our tongues are powerful weapons that must be used to usher in the things that God has ordained for our lives. Notice that the confessions are in the PRESENT tense. The tense in which we declare something is crucial because if we are always future tense orientated, nothing will manifest today!

I decree and declare that a new day is dawning for my ministry, for my job, for my business, for my finances, for my relationships, and for my health, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

I download success, prosperity, health, wealth, vision, direction, ingenuity, creativity, spirituality, holiness, righteousness, peace, and resourcefulness, from Your Holy Spirit into my day, in the Name of Jesus.

I have a fresh excitement.

I have a fresh mind.

I have a fresh zeal.

I have a fresh anointing that is uncontaminated and uncompromised.

By the anointing on my life, every yoke is broken off and is destroyed; every burden is lifted. Your yoke, oh Lord, is easy and Your burden is light.

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## WHAT IS HAPPENING THIS WEEK – UPCOMING EVENTS

**Monday 10:00** – Prayer meeting, anybody is welcome. If there are any specific prayer requests, please send it through to us.

**Wednesday 18:30** – Community / Fellowship groups. We spend some time together getting to know each other while drawing nearer to God. Anybody is welcome to join us and please invite a friend.

If you have friends or family in hospital or that are unable to travel that require prayer and counselling, please let us know.

***If you are at all in any way uncertain of your salvation, please contact us so that we can walk this road with you to ensure that you do not miss out on this great opportunity and open invitation, to become a child of God.***

Both the first and second books in the **Back to First Love Basics Series**, "**Do You Know Jesus Christ?**" and "**Do You Know the Holy Spirit?**", are now available in eBook format. Contact us for your free copies.

**TAKE NOTE!** We are launching our Complete Sanctification Seminar / Course later in 2025. Exact dates are still to be determined but stay on the lookout for this.

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## IN THE PRAYER CLOSET

*"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."*

*Mark 11:24 (NKJV)*

Let us have a deeper look at this promise.

Mark 11:24 encourages bold and believing prayer. This verse emphasises the power of faith in prayer and assures believers that when they pray, they should have the conviction that God has already answered their request.

**Believing Prayer.** The verse highlights the importance of believing in God's power and His desire to answer our prayers.

**Confidence in God's Will.** It suggests that we should pray with the assurance that God is listening and will act according to His will.

**Faith as a Powerful Force.** The verse emphasises the power of faith in receiving God's blessings.

**Not a Promise for Everything.** While the verse emphasises faith and receiving, it also implies that our requests should be aligned with God's will and His purpose for our lives.

**Pray with Assurance.** When you pray, approach God with confidence, believing that He will hear your request and respond in His way.

**Align Your Desires with God's Will.** Seek to understand God's will in your life and align your prayers with His desires for you.

**Have Faith in God's Ability.** Trust in God's power and His ability to provide for your needs, even when you face challenging situations.

**Give Thanks in Advance.** As you pray, express gratitude for the blessings you believe God will grant you.

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## LIFESTYLEZ TRAINING CENTRE

We continue this week with the Armour of God, and up until now we looked at the Helmet of Salvation that protects our thought life; the Breastplate of Righteousness that protects our heart and our emotions; and also the Belt of truth that ties our identity to the identity of Jesus Christ. This week we look at the Shoes of Preparation of the Gospel, which is our mission.

**The Shoes Protects Us from Laziness.** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Cor. 15:58). That you do not become sluggish but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises (Heb. 6:12).

**The Shoes Protects Us from Division.** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Eph. 4:3).

**The Shoes Protects Us from Fighting and Unforgiveness.** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamour, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you (Eph 4:30-32).

**The Shoes Protects Us from Self-Righteousness.** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself (Phil. 2:3). For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith (Rom. 12:3).

**The Shoes Protects Us from Depression and Discouragement.** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world (John 16:33). Therefore, gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ (1 Pet. 1:13). Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer (Rom. 12:12). Then he said to them, Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the Lord is your strength (Neh. 8:10). Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful (Heb. 10:23). Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice (Phil. 4:4)!

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## ROOTED & REACHING

**A FIRM FOUNDATION.** Salvation is a decision we make when we choose to follow the Lord wholeheartedly. We do however live in a world ripe with temptation, and as we are not perfect we can fall pray to a number of things if we are not careful. Coming to repentance is essential the moment the Holy Spirit reveals truth to you, even in the midst of you turning back to the Lord the devil will try his utmost to keep you in bondage.

We need to be careful not to let temptation become a crutch in our lives so much so that we forsake the very decision that led us to accepting the Lord into our lives. It is never too late to turn back to the Lord, as long as you have breath you have the opportunity to live a Godly life. Your life is a precious gift, how you live it determines your eternity.

Choose to live a purposeful life with the Lord, it is a daily walk, a daily choice yet yields an eternal blessing. Keep your foundation firm and unshakable. The world may shift and change, but the Word of the Lord remains steadfast.

Nicole Binneman  
Senior Servant Leader

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## DAILY BREAD

**Day 1 – Christ Is Our Peace.**

*“Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh – who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands – that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the*

*commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”*  
*Ephesians 2:11-22 (NKJV)*

Throughout the centuries, the church of Christ has suffered from division and strife among believers. Pride, displays of power, and intense arguments over different interpretations have often given rise to this division.

Different forms of worship were often also a cause of division and great unhappiness, resulting in numerous rifts and the formation of various denominations.

The tragedy of this division lies in the fact that it has often given rise to lasting ill feelings between the different groups. In the distant past, there were instances where these differences led to persecution, and sometimes even violence and death, of so-called apostates. And then the people responsible for these acts also declared that they acted in the name of God.

On the eve of His death on the cross, Christ prayed for His followers: Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are (John 17:11). It therefore follows naturally that all Christians - despite their differences - must be one in Christ.

We may worship in different places; we may worship in different ways; but all that is precious to us is God's gift of Jesus Christ, and He is our peace and our unity. In Him we have everything and lack nothing.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. I pray today, Holy Father, that Your children throughout the world will be one: one in faith, in love, in confession, and in mercy. In Jesus' Name, amen.

## Day 2 – Be Still and Receive God's Peace.

*“But we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; nor did we eat anyone’s bread free of charge, but worked with labour and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good. And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet do not count him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother. Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all. The salutation of Paul with my own hand, which is a sign in every epistle; so I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.”*

*2 Thessalonians 3:6-18 (NKJV)*

There are few, if any, people who do not at one time or another in their lives urgently seek peace of mind and calmness of spirit. When the storms of life break loose and batter us all

around, even the most hardened people seek shelter and protection. They fear the pain and sorrow that the winds of adversity, disappointment, or failure can bring.

There are many man-made medicines that can restore balance and stability in our lives. But these medicines do not bring lasting healing. The human body later no longer responds to these medications, and a slump occurs. And then people always look for something stronger and more lasting. In some cases, there is also the possibility that someone can become addicted to the drugs to such an extent that it can cause great physical and mental damage in their life.

During His life here on earth, Jesus rebuked the wind and stilled the storm. And nature listened to Him. Wherever He went, He spread a Spirit of peace among people.

Through His Holy Spirit, Jesus continues to offer His peace to all who seek and ask for Him. When one day you are overwhelmed by doubts, fears, and problems that threaten to throw you off balance, turn to Jesus in faith and trust. He will calm the storms in your life and command the winds of destruction to cease.

God touched us, and ever since then we have been burning with longing for His peace.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. I praise You, Holy Jesus, that in You I find the peace that the world cannot offer me. In Jesus' Name, amen.

### **Day 3 – Peace On Earth.**

*“Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel*

*a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men! So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. Now when they had seen Him, they made widely known the saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all those who heard it marvelled at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told them.”*

*Luke 2:8-20(NKJV)*

Apart from what is happening to you personally at this stage in your life, and despite what is happening in the world around you, there is something inexplicable about the life of Christ that causes everything to become null and void, yes, everything – except for the glorious miracle of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who redeems us and makes us children of God.

So many people have questioned the virgin birth of the Christ child. There have been endless arguments about the exact day and date of His birth. And there are still a large number of people who do not believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Despite all these arguments for and against Christ, and despite all the different theories held by believers, one fact remains: The birth of Jesus Christ brings with it an experience of peace. And this special peace can have no other origin than the living God himself. In His great love He sent us His Son as the Prince of Peace. Together with the angels we can sing today: Glory to God in the highest heavens, and on earth peace to those with whom He is pleased (Luk. 2:14)!

As we celebrate this wonderful event for the umpteenth time today, let us thank, praise, and glorify God.

Bethlehem and Golgotha; the manger and the cross; the birth and death of Jesus must always be seen together.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Let me then rejoice in God the Lord, for He has healed me, saved me, adorned me with wedding splendour. I celebrate a victory feast! In Jesus' Name, amen.

#### **Day 4 – God Is Bigger Than We Think.**

*“Behold, God is exalted by His power; Who teaches like Him? Who has assigned Him His way, Or who has said, You have done wrong? Remember to magnify His work, Of which men have sung. Everyone has seen it; Man looks on it from afar. Behold, God is great, and we do not know Him; Nor can the number of His years be discovered. For He draws up drops of water, Which distil as rain from the mist, Which the clouds drop down And pour abundantly on man. Indeed, can anyone understand the spreading of clouds, The thunder from His canopy? Look, He scatters His light upon it, And covers the depths of the sea. For by these He judges the peoples; He gives food in abundance. He covers His hands with lightning, And commands it to strike. His thunder declares it, The cattle also, concerning the rising storm.”*

*Job 36:22-33(NKJV)*

From the earliest times, mankind has studied the secret or mystery of God. Fuelled by a strong desire to understand Him more fully, the mystery of the universe has always been viewed in the light of the truth of God.

No one can even begin to estimate how many books have been written about the nature, divinity, and nature of God. Even today, good and learned people reason about Him with the hope of gaining a better understanding of Who God is and how He works.

However, even though we are filled with gratitude and admiration for the leaders of religious thought, we must never forget that the intellectual and academic approach to God is not the only way to get to know Him. The Christian experience has taught us that those disciples who disciplined themselves to meet God in silence came to a greater and deeper understanding of His loving presence. In those quiet moments, when the searching mind and

the restless spirit seek unity with God, all our religious problems and questions may not be solved or answered. But when we quietly leave all temporary obstacles behind us and sincerely seek to find God, He will reward us with a deeper awareness of His Holy presence. And when that happens, despite unresolved questions, we will come to know the reality of God and begin to understand in some small way how great God truly is – and how vast all the dimensions of His love are.

Before we can begin to contemplate the love, grace, and mercy of God, we must begin with the holiness and greatness of God.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Great and Holy God, through the eyes of faith I find a nobler image of Your greatness and omnipotence. In Jesus' Name, amen.

## Day 5 – God Never Changes.

*“He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also He has put eternity in their hearts, except that no one can find out the work that God does from beginning to end. I know that nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good in their lives, and also that every man should eat and drink and enjoy the good of all his labour – it is the gift of God. I know that whatever God does, It shall be forever. Nothing can be added to it, And nothing taken from it. God does it, that men should fear before Him. That which is has already been, And what is to be has already been; And God requires an account of what is past. Moreover I saw under the sun: In the place of judgment, Wickedness was there; And in the place of righteousness, I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked, For there is a time there for every purpose and for every work.”*  
*Ecclesiastes 3:11-17 (NKJV)*

We live in a time of rapid and radical change. Scientific and technological progress is so rapid that new methods and inventions are barely discovered or are already out of fashion.

They are then pushed aside in favour of new discoveries that prove to be better than the previous ones.

While these advances are probably acceptable and desirable for those whose life's work is built around progress and who want to keep up with modern trends, the mass of rapid changes can be extremely confusing for ordinary people. As a result, they feel unsure about themselves and life, and therefore upset, confused, and insecure.

Despite everything that changes around you and makes the world you know look completely different, the Word of the Lord assures you that God never changes: I, the Lord, do not change; therefore you are not consumed (Mal. 3:6). In this statement lies the assurance that the Lord has given us time and again: Regardless of any changes that occur in the world around you, God still remains the unshakable Rock of the ages in whom you can place your complete trust and on whom you can rely in all circumstances.

So, remember every day: whatever happens in your life here on earth, you can hold on to the promises of the Lord. This will bring peace and tranquillity to your mind and your heart.

Nothing changes, except change - and God.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Unchanging God and Father, there are so many changes happening around me every day, and sometimes they scare me. Thank you for the assurance you give me in your Word that you will never change. In Jesus' Name, amen.

## **Day 6 – God Is Almighty.**

*"For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Nor has He hidden His face from Him; But when He cried to Him, He heard. My praise shall be of You in the great assembly; I will pay My vows before those who fear Him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; Those who seek Him will praise the Lord. Let your heart live forever! All the ends of the*

*world Shall remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations Shall worship before You. For the kingdom is the Lord's, And He rules over the nations. All the prosperous of the earth Shall eat and worship; All those who go down to the dust Shall bow before Him, Even he who cannot keep himself alive. A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation, They will come and declare His righteousness to a people who will be born, That He has done this."*  
*Psalm 22:24-31 (NKJV)*

People today often become distraught, and they easily lose hope, especially when they feel overwhelmed by the turbulent and confusing times we are experiencing. Despair over this world overwhelms them. They point to the wars, violence, and crime, to the lack of moral and ethical standards, and to the increasing abandonment of principles. They claim that all of these trends support their view that society, and with it the entire world, is collapsing.

Although it would be foolish to claim that our world is not in an unstable and sad state, we must never lose sight of one fact. The psalmist reminds us of this truth that we can cling to every day of our lives here on earth: The earth and everything in it, the world and those who live in it, all belong to the Lord (Ps. 24:1).

God constantly reveals His boundless love for His creation. And never has it been more clearly revealed to this sin-torn world than in the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

No matter how bleak the future may seem to you, and no matter how much evil and crime in this life upsets you, never dare to be discouraged. Place your faith and trust in the Almighty God.

No philosophical theory I have encountered is a radical improvement on the words of Genesis, which reads: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Lord my God, I praise and thank Your Holy Name that You will always remain in control of Your creation. In Jesus' Name, amen.

## Day 7 – The Mystery of God.

*“However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written: Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.”*

*1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (NKJV)*

Every form of religion contains a measure of mystery. No matter how deeply and thoroughly we study Christ and His teachings, there always remains deep mysteries that no human mind can fathom. But when our knowledge proves inadequate, worship and praise take over.

The lack of man's knowledge has led to strife and division in the church of God. So often it has happened that people who have drawn conclusions about God's character, being, and purpose have become narrow-minded fanatics who vehemently maintain that all who think differently from them are wrong.

God is so great that we will never be able to comprehend Him with our human minds. This is something we should be grateful for, because if we fully understood God, He would no longer be God. Then all the mysteries of the universe would be revealed.

One of the great mysteries of Himself that God has revealed to us is His unfathomable love for us. Why He loves us so much that He revealed Himself to us through the life and death of His Son, Jesus Christ, remains far beyond our comprehension. In the living Jesus Christ, however, we see God the Father in His relationship to man. People of all times can, through Jesus Christ, experience the power of the eternal God's love. He makes us new people and places us in an incomprehensible but real relationship with the eternal Father.

There are three things that only God knows: the beginning of everything; the cause of everything; and the end of everything.

**Prayer.** Father God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Holy and eternal Father, I thank you that I was able to come to know You, the unfathomable God, through Jesus Christ. In Jesus Name, amen.

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*"The Lord blesses you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace."*

*Numbers 6:24-26 (NKJV)*

