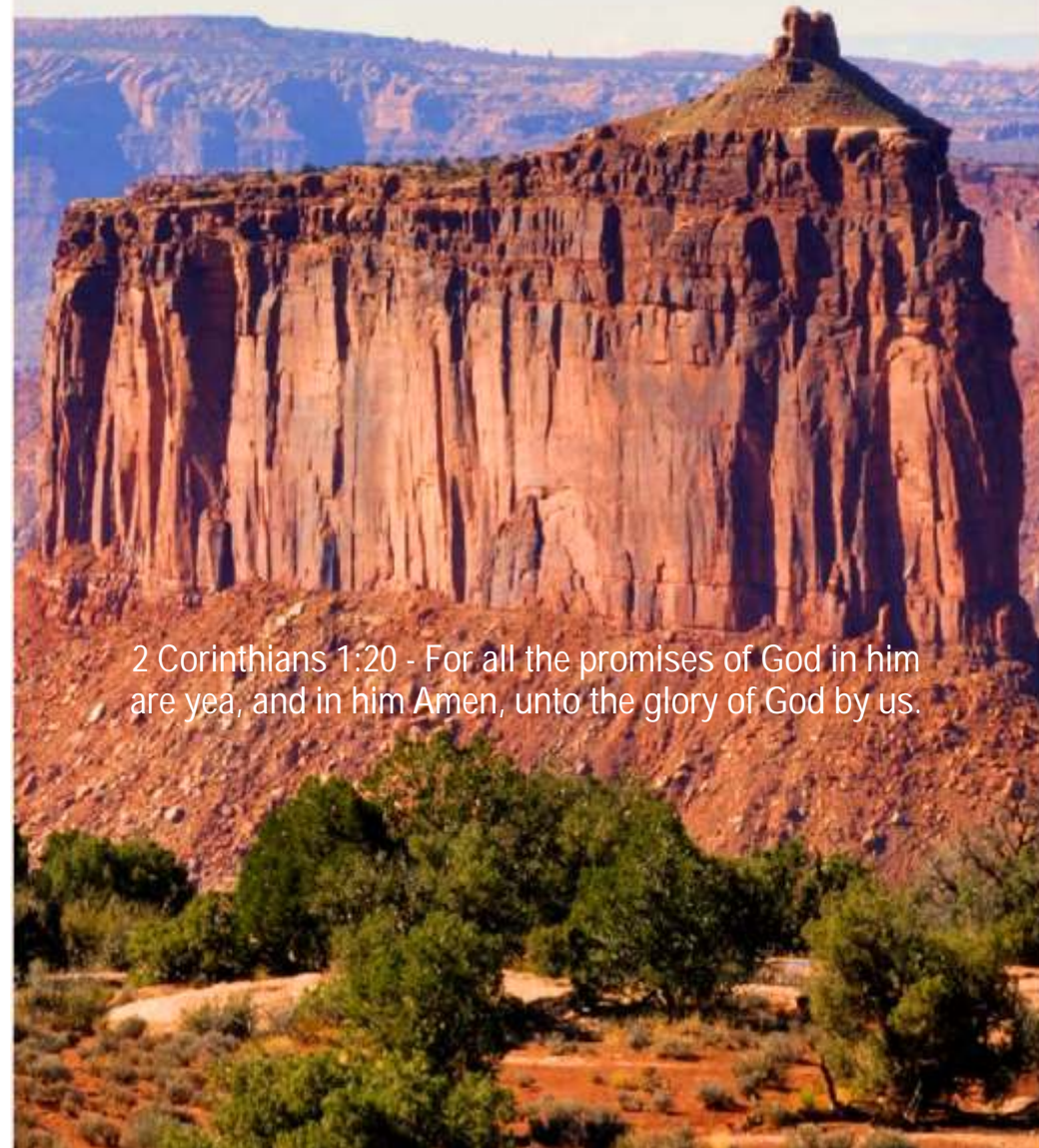


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## 'How to Receive the 'Promises of God'



2 Corinthians 1:20 - For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.

# How to Receive the 'Promises of God'

Part 2 in the Series

Romans 14:23

*And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.*

In the September's edition of Rock Solid Truth, I began a series entitled "How to Receive the Promises of God". Since there was simply too much information to convey in a single newsletter, I am continuing with this message until I have exhausted the truths that God desires me to teach you concerning these promises.

We have received wonderful and encouraging responses concerning this topic. We are blessed that our readers are receiving God's truths. Minds are being renewed as the Holy Spirit unveils the deep things of God in the utter simplicity of the Gospel. God longs for his children to grasp these basic truths so our lives can be filled with abundance and not lack, joy and not sorrow, peace and not distress. These are the revelations that every child of God needs to hear and understand. I believe that it is spiritually instinctive that every believer in Christ longs to know truths that set them free. Their desire to know them is evidenced by the testimonies we receive daily. Many are saddened that they never hear these teachings in their own churches. In most cases they tell us that what they're hearing is likened unto "a starvation diet of spiritual truth". We hope to change that through Rock Solid Truth. You be the judge. Ask God if what you're reading is truth and see if the Holy Spirit won't confirm it with your spirit.

## A) What Faith Is

In the first installment I mentioned that we, as children of God, must seek wisdom and then we must get, or gain understanding. These are vitally important. Neither can operate independently. They must work together or there is error. We cannot believe and then stand on something that we do not fully understand. For example, when the body is determined to keep sickness and disease that challenges the promise of God, "ye are healed", we must fight the good fight of faith by standing and believing for healing. We must also be careful and alert so we are not influenced by the negative responses of those who do not believe. The flesh has its wisdom, our well meaning families who believe they have our best interest in

mind, have their wisdom, but the ways and the wisdom of God are higher than man's ways and thoughts. His ways need to be our ways, his thoughts our thoughts, and his understanding our understanding. We must reject whatever stands in the path of God's purposes for our good. Those who do are never disappointed. They go from glory to glory. Their testimony is one of constant victory, which in itself, is a healing balm to those many "nay sayers". Resting in the hands of God will provide hope to those longing to be free and desiring intimacy with Christ.

Prosperity is no different. The same promises apply to financial success, as to deliverance and healing. Many are traumatized when faced with the onslaught of never ending bills, pink slips in the mail, shutoff notices, economic pressures, unemployment or a failing economy. Rising above these earthly pressures can never be accomplished in the flesh. The flesh will drag you down time and time again, discouraging you at every turn. It'll take something greater than your flesh to get you through. To believe for prosperity in the midst of poverty we must have wisdom and understanding concerning the promises of God. The promises will focus us on what has already been accomplished through Christ's sacrifice. We must believe that it was for our good that all of these promises were made possible through his death. A couple of verses of a song I recently wrote tell the whole story - "You can't have what you don't know", and "you can't receive what you won't believe." These lyrics are so true. Freedom comes through the renewing of our minds, through knowledge and understanding of God's word, not the self efforts of mortal men.

In order to believe for deliverance and the perfect law of liberty in our lives so that we can walk and be fulfilled in the fullness of Christ, we need to have wisdom and understanding concerning the word of God. There is no substitute. You must have wisdom and understanding concerning those things that you believe in so that you can fight the good fight of faith and receive what has already been given to you.

*Proverbs 4:7 says. . . Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*

*Proverbs 24:3-4 also. . . Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established:*

*And by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.*

## B) Fighting the Good Fight

*Colossians 2:6*

*As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

The same way that you receive salvation and become a Son of the living God, is exactly the same way that you are made free in healing, deliverance, and prosperity. It is also the same way that you are forgiven and receive the Baptism of the Holy Ghost.

*Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:*

You must believe that the work which Christ did on the cross was both finished and completed - once for all time - never to be repeated - sufficient and adequate. By faith, we take hold of what was provided for each of us. It is a work of faith. It takes effort and you must "fight the good fight of faith" to acquire and keep it.

*1 Timothy 6:12 - Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.*

You can not be passive in this good fight and you can not be a conscientious objector. This is warfare. A conscientious objector does not believe in going to war. They do not want to bear arms. They will not engage the enemy. They simply do not want to fight. Ignorance of God's word keeps us in a place of this same passivity. Many believers remain passive and allow Satan to do whatever he wants to do in their lives. They hate what the enemy is doing and hate the destruction at his hands, but fighting is out of the question. If we are willing to fight the good fight and renew our mind with the promises of God, the enemy's plans will be foiled and we no longer become the victims of lies. We will live our lives in victory.

We often associate warfare with an enemy who bears arms against the nation in which we live. What if that enemy is cancer or a disease that is waging a war against your body? What if, perhaps, the enemy is poverty trying to keep you in financial disaster and ruin, or oppression which depresses your general mental well being? Are these enemies any less important an enemy to be fought? Often we give no consideration to them as enemies but as natural conditions of fallen mankind; something to endure until our

death. No wonder there are vast numbers of Christians who seek out and rely on doctors, institutions, and medications to help "get them through" their trials. If ignorance is bliss, we are the most blissful people on the earth.

We must "fight the good fight of faith". You cannot be passive, inactive, or submissive. You must move past the place of hoping and desiring and into the place of knowing who you are in Christ. You must know and come to complete understanding of the fullness of what has been provided for you through the Atonement of Christ. What has been provided is yours for the keeping as Children of God. You are never to settle for anything less. What you receive from God is going to come because of the application of the faith he has given you. It isn't even your faith that performs the work. It is his faith, in you. You simply believe in the use of his faith where "all things are yea, and in him Amen". It is done simply because he has done it. Believe it, and then receive it.

## C) Faith Can Not Operate Alone - It Must Have Works

*James 2:17-18*

*Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

*Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works.*

Faith alone is dead. Listen to what Paul is saying. You may say that you have faith, but it is your works, deeds and actions that will verify that you do indeed have faith, and are walking in it. The Word of God is very clear friends. Faith without works, deeds, or actions, is dead. It is worthless, in fact.

*James 2:14-17*

*What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?*

*If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?*

*Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.*

*James 2:19-20*

*Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.*

*But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?*

This statement couldn't be anymore straight forward. There is no room for misinterpretation here. It is as plain as the nose on your face.

Do you believe that there is one God? Big deal! The devils also believe! Simply believing hasn't given you an edge over what the devils believe, so you haven't done anything special by your believing. Believing hasn't changed them, or their condition. Though they tremble, it will not effectuate change in you. But you possess one thing that Satan and his minions do not possess the application of your belief through faith by reaching into the supernatural and laying hold of truths and promises. These can be applied in the natural realm of man to your circumstances, i.e. Healing, deliverance, prosperity, etc. In other words, taking what rightfully belongs to you by force. Force is action that accomplishes the desired objective.

Simply acknowledging a truth or promise is not faith. "Oh vain man know, faith without works is dead". You being passive does not release the power within faith, but action does. You must enter into a place beyond having a passive knowledge.

How then do you receive the promises of God? You receive them by faith, but more specifically you receive them through faith that acts. Faith action is strong and brings to you what belongs to you.

How do you act in faith to receive the promises of God? First, believe in what he has given to you through redemption and then start doing, by faith, the things you could not do before. Take healing for example.

These are faith steps to take.

- 1) You begin meditating on the word of God concerning healing.
- 2) You begin speaking and proclaiming that you are healed.
- 3) You begin praising God for your healing.
- 4) You begin doing what the body said you could not do before you exercised your faith, such as. . . moving injured limbs, standing, walking, running, breathing deeply, etc, etc, etc. Your 'faith action' breeds confidence and joy in God's faithfulness.

All of this is faith in action. All of this is faith with works.

Confirming scriptures. . .

*Matthew 9:20-22*

*And, behold, a woman, which was diseased with an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the hem of his garment:*

*For she said within herself, If I may but touch his garment, I shall be whole.*

*But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole. And the woman was made whole from that hour.*

*Matthew 9:18-19*

*While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came a certain ruler, and worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live.*

*And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples.*

*Mark 5:36*

*As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.*

*Matthew 8:8-10*

*The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed.*

*For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it.*

*When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.*

Here are three instances of 'faith action' and three instances of healing where faith did something. In every instance they were healed according to their faith. Glory to God! Christ always demanded 'faith action' which established the promised healing in their flesh.

There are instances in the Word of God where the individual being healed did not exercise his faith to be healed. The reason that he was being healed was for the purpose of glorifying God.

The blind man in the Book of John does not show his faith through his works, or through his deeds.

*John 9:1-3*

*And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.*

*And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?*

*Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.*

As Jesus passed by, this man did absolutely nothing. It was Jesus who brought timely attention to this particular man. His disciples asked him why this man was blind, and who it was that sinned.

Throughout the discourse, this man remained silent. He never once cried out for mercy as Bartemaus did, nor pleaded for healing as the ten lepers. He did not exercise faith as the Centurion did, nor crawl through a crowd to touch the hem of his garment.

John 9: 6-7

When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, and said unto him, go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.

Watch what happens. The pool of Siloam is over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile from the place where Jesus has spit on the ground and made clay of the spittle and placed it on this blind mans eyes. Jesus expects this blind man to walk through the busy streets of Jerusalem over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile with mud and clay hanging on his eyes.

This man was going to suffer mocking and ridicule on his journey to the pool and bound to be humiliated as a result. As he groped his way through the city streets searching for the pool of Siloam, who knew what he was thinking. Perhaps, he thought to himself, "How is clay spittle going to solve my problem? Are they just making fun out of a blind man again?" he might have wondered.

The reason he was told by Christ to do this was because he did not come with faith. Since faith by itself is dead anyway, the only way he would receive sight was through the demonstration of obedience by works. He obeyed Christ and went to the pool and received his sight when he washed in the pool of Siloam. It became faith as he walked.

#### **D) Acting in Faith is Vital to Receiving from God**

You must believe to the place where it causes action to occur, whether coming or going.

One of the hardest places to have faith is in financial abundance. Let me give you revelation concerning financial blessings.

I believe that the primary reason God instructs us to give is so we'll appreciate prosperity. Prosperity is a promise that already has been given us. Most of God's children have been taught that the reason for giving is that it is a religious duty and therefore required.

Do not misunderstand me. Tithing should be a part of your worship, but tithing does not bring prosperity. Most of God's people "tithe" grudgingly, or it is not in their hearts to give at all. Often they see it as being pressured to give. You can tell who they are. Their checks are never written in full amounts. You'll see it calculated to the very penny, i.e. \$86.13, or in the case of cash, it will be the smallest bill in their possession, or some odd change in their pockets. These individuals will never experience the full potential of God's prosperity. They limit themselves and restrict God.

Tithing, according to God's word starts at 10%, which is considered a minimal sum. When there is heartfelt joy in giving the tithe, in time, it will grow to larger amounts. Your love of Christ and trust in his promises will grow. Since God rewards faithfulness, you will experience greater prosperity. It doesn't happen overnight, as is the common belief in 'name it and claim it' ministries. Cheerful givers learn the principles quickly and see no difficulty in giving abundantly to God's ministry. You should never give to get, but look forward to receiving more so you can continue to give more. As the old saying goes, "If God can get it through you, he'll get it to you" certainly applies. Giving is an act of faith, just like salvation and healing.

Prosperity has but one true purpose for the true Child of God, and that is to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ; to win the lost by making true disciples. Don't worry; you won't be left out in the cold. God always sees to it that there is more than enough to meet the needs of the church and of your family.

The more that is given the more 'faith action' is being expressed. More life is then released, then more faith to release more life, and on it goes. God has given us access to his great riches. We honor

him by appropriating them for the purpose of giving them back. That is why it is impossible to “out give” God. This is so awesome. It's God's plan, and it is his way, and he is honored by it. Release what you have so that you can have more to release to others. The plan of God is for you to give so that you can receive.

*Luke 6:38*

*Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

This scripture pertains to every single promise of God, and is the one scripture that the Lord spoke specifically to me about when dealing with my own personal finances.

*Proverbs 3:9-10*

*Honor the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:  
So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*

Notice how honor is given to the Lord. When honor is given unto the Lord, he fills your barns. “:Your presses shall burst forth with new wine”. Think and meditate, “Lord I honor you with my giving.”

May all that God has, come to you in waves of inexpressible glory!

## OCTOBER Special

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This 7 ½ hours series will challenge you to ask a very pointed question. Who am I in Christ and do I really know what he has done for me?

One of the most disturbing things that I have ever heard from the mouth of a professing Christian is their proclamation that they do not know who they are in Christ. How tragic. Most believers have sat under their pastor's teaching for years and they still have

absolutely no understanding of what Christ has done for them through salvation. Because of it, they do not experience the great freedom that comes from walking in the knowledge and truth that God desires for them. This is prevalent in the body of Christ today, due in large part to their unchecked and undisciplined emotions. It is a real dilemma which needs to be corrected quickly.

When human emotions are unchecked, and out of control, they always lead you in the wrong direction. You constantly search for happiness, but find it in all the wrong places, as the song goes. Human emotion can never take us to a place of understanding God, or having intimacy with him. He does not work through our five senses as many would have you believe. When there is no intimacy with God, humans resort to the only thing they know - emotion. The five senses are the barometric gauge they use to determine if they have successfully communicated with God. When they are euphoric emotionally they feel they have been successful in reaching and pleasing God and they find satisfaction in the experience; enough so that they use them over and over again. The use, or misuse of emotions is a trap of the devil. Because you do not understand God's ways, or his word, you have allowed the devil to deceive you. His lie is simple. If you work up enough sweat emotionally, God will be pleased with you and your effort. A second lie is that emotions are your key to gaining true spiritual insight; the more you give in to them the more freedom you'll have. It is not so. God rejects it all.

Additional examples of uncontrolled emotions that separate us from God are – low self esteem – feelings of inadequacy – unworthiness – disgrace – shame. These emotional attributes becomes a part of your personality, and lifestyle. Whenever we confess that these things are prevalent in our life, we are told and comforted by well meaning friends, Christians, psychologists, even pastors and church leaders, that there is really nothing to worry about. They tell you that what you really need to do is to simply start feeling good about yourself and then do positive things that'll make you feel better. What a lie! The truth is that we need to put our faith in something greater than our emotions and this can only come from Christ. A lack of maturity is demonstrated when we are so easily moved by emotion. It's a sure indication that you are not really what you profess to be in Christ.

Don't let the devil rob you of knowing who you are in Christ.

# Rock Solid Truth - Testimonies

I know Rock Solid Truth is the inspired word of God. I am sure of this because of the way my life has evolved over the past 5 years since listening to God's message of life-altering truths through this ministry.

Prior to God doing a makeover in me, I was involved in numerous things that were not becoming as a woman, wife and mother. I often used alcohol, drugs, profanity, and smoked. My marriage existed but I had no real concept of what love was. I'd figured I could get out anytime I decided I had enough. I was very emotionally unbalanced. I'd been taking an anti-depressant for 15 years. Even so, some days I would be so sad and other days I would be seeking to fill myself up with something (cigarettes, marijuana, Prozac, going out to bars with girlfriends) trying to fill a void. I didn't know what that void was. For years I thought maybe all the broken relationships in my life had broken me, or that poor parenting on the part of my mother and father destroyed my ability to parent well, or that I was not capable of loving anyone as much as I needed to be loved. I didn't know the truth so how could I possibly know what was a lie! Through this ministry I learned these were lies..

The majority of my life I attended church. My parents sent me to a religious grade school. Even so, there was no victory in my life. I continued enduring an empty experience. For over 30 years of going to church I didn't open a bible or know how to look up scripture. There were no bibles in the pews. I would read from a pre-printed sheet. I could recite an entire mass. I would chant prayers. Still, I would experience no results. I was simply going through the repetitious motions of a religious denomination. I wasn't affected inwardly. It didn't change my lifestyle. Life continued to disappoint me. I was starved and exhausted from trying in my own strength to find contentment.

After sharing time with a girlfriend of mine (who had been hearing the word of God through Pastor D.K. Grooms, Rock Solid Truth) I noticed a sense of peace about her and she spoke with such wisdom. I asked what it was that gave her such contentment. She said it was hearing and understanding the word of God at church. She invited me to go. I went. At first I was skeptical but then as I continued to listen and take notes, I realized that God's word was a road map for me to follow for a life filled with peace, joy and love. I began to acknowledge a genuine concern and desire for knowing who God was.

There was no struggle in quitting the bad habits. God gently

"cleaned me up" from the inside. Within months, alcohol, drugs and smoking simply left my mind and disappeared into the past. God has graciously delivered me from these deadly desires. The Word has showed me the power of the tongue. I came to realize how God wants to use my mouth to glorify Himself and encourage others as well. I look forward to offering up praise and worship to my Lord each service. I realize and look forward to serving God by being a godly wife and mother. I now shine His light in our household. What a life of blessings.

Rock Solid Truth handed me reality. I live in anticipation of what God is going to reveal to me on my journey of abundant living here on earth and in heaven. Now, my days are filled with listening to God's promises and believing them through the faith of Jesus Christ. I find "joy unspeakable" in being a Godly woman, a loving wife and privileged to have God to assist me in raising my children. God's word fills my void and refreshes me daily. His word is life to me. I continue to receive many of God's truths through the ministry of Rock Solid Truth. Thanks Rock Solid Truth for exposing me to the Master of extreme makeovers!!

Linda Schillinger - Geneso, IL

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## An Urgent Need!

We are asking that the friends of this ministry help us send a recently acquired 50 X 100 ft tent, to a brother in Jamacia who is losing his church building shortly. A brother in the Lord, and approximately 50 families are desiring to start a new work in the Montego Bay area, and this tent will supply them with the temporary structure until a permanent building can be acquired.

If you are interested in helping, or have the financial means to underwrite this blessing personally, then please contact us immediately. Others may send in their contributions as the Lord moves them to do so. Excess funds will be used to further the ministry of Rock Solid Truth. Remember, all contributions are tax deductible. Our address is P.O Box 804, Moline Illinois 61266-0804

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Here are 60 things that Christ has done for us through redemption that the average Child of God is completely unaware of. Through it, you will gain an appreciation of what Christ's atonement includes. It will literally transform your life, and help you understand how all inclusive salvation is.

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Every Child of God needs to hear this awesome and inspiring message. This revelation teaching will show you what initial step(s) needs to be taken, following salvation, to insure that our foundation is secure and steadfast in Christ. Perfect love removes all fear.

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As a ministry, Rock Solid Truth has but one transcending purpose, and that is to help the spiritually hungry, emotionally, and physically hurting, and those disillusioned by religion. It is a tremendous undertaking, and a great challenge, but we serve a victorious and overcoming God. Our message is simply 'his message.' It is not a new message; thank goodness no. It is simply the old, old story that Christ taught while here on this earth, some 2000 years ago, and still, by us, today - to those who would have their minds renewed by his Holy Spirit, to know the truth that makes people free.

Our message is the 'Too Good to Be True, Good News' Gospel that sets at liberty the captive, by breaking the bonds of false religious teaching, and training. God would not have us ignorant brethren, but that we know that deliverance, understanding, and healing, and intimacy, has come through his precious word. Death is swallowed up in victory. This victory is not for a few only, but to all who come to the water and drink.

Does the fire of his everlasting truths rage, and burn within you, when you hear these words of life? Then the Holy Spirit has done his work. We must get the message out! The cry is simply too loud to ignore any longer, and we, like Isaiah, say unto God, "send me."

Here it is! Its the message you've longed for the world to hear. Now partner with us so we can deliver it.

Do we need your prayers? - Absolutely! Please pray for us daily. But friends, the need is greater than prayer alone. We need the financial support of those who hear the call of the Master, and are prompted by the Holy Spirit to give. God has blessed a great many with the financial resources to help. He has placed it in your hands, for such a time as this, to use for his glory. Heed his call today! Send your gift! Don't put it off! Rock Solid Truth is the vehicle in these troublesome times, and you are the fuel. Give now, as never before and God will surely bless it.

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D.K. Grooms