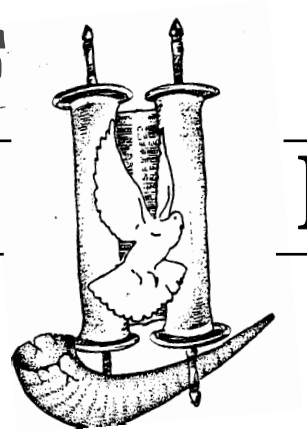
GELOOF In Die Woord



FAITH In The Word

Geloof is uit die gehoor en die gehoor is deur die Woord van God Rom. 10:17

Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Rom. 10:17

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..... AS JY KAN GLO, ALLE DINGE IS MOONTLIK VIR DIE EEN WAT GLO
(Markus 9:23)

Die elfde hoofstuk van Hebreërs deel uitsluitlik met die tema van geloof. Die eerste vers voorsien ons met 'n definisie van geloof, soos dit in die Bybel voorkom: **Die geloof dan is 'n vaste vertroue op die dinge wat ons hoop, 'n bewys van die dinge wat ons nie sien nie (Heb. 11:1).**
Hierdie vers sê vir ons twee hoof dinge oor geloof. Eerstens, **"geloof is die vaste vertroue op dinge wat ons hoop."**

Geloof is so 'n werklikheid dat dit 'n ding genoem word. Die Griekse woord wat hier vir 'n ding genoem word is **sis.** Letterlik beteken dit "dit wat onder iets anders staan" of "wat die basis voorsien vir iets anders".

Dieselfde woord, **hupostasis,** kom in **Heb. 1:3** voor, waar vir ons gesê word dat Jesus die presiese "**afdruksel van sy (die Vader) se wese"** is. Die woord hier wat as "wese" vertaal is, is **hupostasis.** Die betekenis is dat God die Vader die ewige, onsienlike, onderliggende werklikheid is, waarvan Jesus Christus die Seun die sigbare uitdrukking is.Voeg hierdie betekenis by **Heb.1:3**, dan kan ons sê dat geloof die "onderliggende werklikheid" van dinge is wat ons hoop. Geloof is werklik; geloof is 'n substansie.

Tweedens, geloof is **'n bewys van die dinge wat ons nie sien nie (Heb.11:1).** Die "New American Standard Bible" sê, "**the conviction of things not seen".** Ongeag die vertaling wat ons verkies, bly die belangrike punt dat geloof deel met dinge wat ons nie kan sien nie. Geloof staan in verband met die onsigbare.

Twee verse verder, word die verhouding van geloof met die onsigbare weer beklemtoon: **"deur die geloof verstaan ons dat die wêreld deur die Woord van God toeberei is, sodat die dinge wat gesien word, nie ontstaan het uit sienlike dinge nie" (Heb. 11:3).**
Die skrywer lig hier die kontras uit tussen die dinge wat gesien kan word en die wat nie gesien kan word nie, tussen die sigbare en onsigbare. Ons sintuie verbind ons met die sigbare wêreld, "met wat gesien word". Geloof neem ons egter agter die sigbare na die onsigbare; na die oderliggende werklikheid waardeur die hele heelal gevorm was, dit is, die werklikheid van die Woord van God.

Dus geloof staan in verband met twee ewige, onsigbare werklikhede: met God Homself en met Sy woord. Bybel se geloof

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het slegs hierdie twee voorwerpe. In sekulêre spraak, praat ons natuurlik in baie ander kontekste. Ons kan praat oor om geloof te hê in die ekonomie, in 'n medikasie of in 'n politieke leier. Geloof word egter nie op hierdie manier in die Bybel gebruik nie. In die Bybel word geloof alleeenlik en uitsliutlik verbind met twee werklikhede, wat ons nie met die natuurlke oog kan sien nie: met God en met God se Woord.

Die teenoorgestelde tussen geloof en sigbare word deur Paulus gegee in **2 Kor. 5:7: "Want ons wandel deur geloof en nie deur aanskouing nie."** As ons deur aanskouing wandel, het ons nie geloof nodig nie. Die een kanseleer die ander.

Dit is in teenstelling met ons natuurlike denkwyse. Die wêreld sê: "Om te sien is om te glo". Die Bybel keer dit egter om: ons moet eers glo, dan sal ons sien. Hierdie beginsel is so belangrik dat ons na sommige gedeeltes uit die Skrif gaan kyk wat dit illustreer. In **Ps.27:13** sê Dawid: "**As ek nie geglo het dat ek die goedheid van die Here sal sien in die land van die lewendes nie..."** Wat was eerste, om te glo of om te sien? Om te glo. Wat vir Dawid waar was, is vir ons almal waar. As ons nie kan glo dat ons die goedheid van die Here sal sien nie, sal ons wanhopig wees. Die ding wat verhoed dat ons nie wanhopig raak nie is nie wat ons sien nie, maar wat ons glo.

Dit stem saam met die stelling wat in **Heb.11:27** oor Moses gemaak word: "**Deur die geloof het hy Egipte verlaat sonder om die toorn van die koning te vrees, want hy het volgehou soos een wat die onsienlike sien."** Niks in Moses se omstandighede in daardie tyd kon hom enige hoop of aanmoediging gegee het nie. Tog ten spyte van alles wat teen hom was, het hy volgehou omdat hy by magte was om die onsienlike te sien. Hoe het hy dit gedoen? Deur geloof. Geloof stel ons in staat om die onsienlike te sien en so doende ons in staat te stel om te volhard wanneer die sigbare wêreld geen hoop of aanmoediging bied nie.

Die eerste hoofverskil is dat geloof in die hart is, terwyl hoop in die denke is. In **Rom. 10:10** sê Paulus: **"want met die hart glo ons tot geregtigheid en met die mond bely ons tot redding".** Ware Bybelse geloof het sy oorsprong in die hart. In hierdie vers word dit uitgedruk deur die werkwoord glo en dit word gevolg deur die voorsetsel "tot" wat die resultaat wat dit voortbring aandui: geregtigheid. Die woord "tot" beteken beweging of 'n soort oorgang. Geloof is nooit staties nie. Dit word altyd uigedruk in beweging, verandering en aktiwiteit. 'n Persoon wat werklik glo sal verander word deur wat hy glo.

Aan die ander kant sal 'n persoon wat slegs deur sy intellek waarheid aanvaar, onveranderd bly. Aanvaarding met die verstand is nie geloof nie. Om geloof te verkry moet die waarheid verby die bewussyns denke deurdring tot binne die binneste kern en oorsprong van lewe, wat die hart genoem word. Waarheid wat met die intellek ontvang word mag steriel en ondoeltreffend wees, maar waarheid wat deur geloof in die hart ontvang word is altyd dinamies en lewens veranderend.

In **Spr. 4:23** waarsku Salomo ons: **"Bewaak jou hart meer as alles wat bewaar moet word, want daaruit is die oorspronge van die lewe."** Alles wat uiteindelik die rigting van ons lewe bepaal kom uit ons harte. Ware Bybelse geloof kom vanuit die hart en bepaal ons lewens wyse. Dit is nie net 'n intelektuele begrip nie, onderhou deur die denke nie; dit is 'n werklike, aktiewe mag wat in die hart werk.

God los egter nie die denke sonder sy regte voorsiening nie. Geloof wat in die hart werk skep hoop in die denke. Ons sien dit in die definisie van geloof, wat reeds bespreek is in **Heb. 11:1: "geloof dan is 'n vaste vertroue op die dinge wat ons hoop"** Geloof in die hart is die vaste vertroue, die onderliggende werklikheid. Dit voorsien 'n geldige, skriftuurlike basis vir die hoop wat ons in ons denke onderhou.

In **1 Thes. 5:8** noem Paulus die verskillende areas van ons persoonlikhede wat beïnvloed word deur geloof en die wat deur hoop beïnvloed word: **Maar laat ons**

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wat van die dag is, nugter wees, met die borswapen van geloof en liefde aan, en as helm die hoop op die saligheid. Geloof en liefde is die borswapen en dit beskerm die hart. Hoop is die helm en dit beskerm die hoof of denke.

Die eerste hoof verskil tussen geloof en hoop is dat geloof in die hart is, terwyl hoop in die denke is. Die tweede hoof verskil is dat geloof in die teenwoordige is, terwyl hoop in die toekoms is. Geloof is 'n stof, iets wat alreeds hier is; hoop is 'n verwagting, iets wat noodsaaklik is en na die toekoms kyk.

Baie mense wat sê: "Ek glo dat God my wil genees" bedoel eintlik: " Ek hoop Hy genees my more." Geloof is iets wat ons nou het. As ons aanhou om ons verwagtinge na die toekoms te skuif, maak ons hoop 'n plaasvervanger vir geloof.

God stel egter nie uit tot more nie. Hy sê: **"Kyk nou is dit die tyd van die welbehae; kyk, nou is die dag van heil" (2 Kor. 6:2).** God leef in die ewige **nou.** Met geloof openbaar Hy Homself nooit as "Ek was" of as "Ek sal wees" nie, maar altyd as "Ek is". Wanneer geloof God kontak, is dit altyd in die teenwoordige.

Wanneer ons hierdie beginsel toepas wanneer ons versoeke aan God rig, sal dit die aspek van ons gebedslewe geweldig verander. In **Mark.11:24** sê Jesus vir ons: **"Alles wat julle in die gebed vra, glo dat julle dit sal ontvang, en julle sal dit verkry."** Wanneer sal ons ontvang, sê Jesus, wanneer ons bid? In 'n onbepaalde tyd in die toekoms? Nee, maar die oomblik wanneer ons bid. Ons vra, en op daardie oomblik ontvang ons. Daarna weet ons dat wat ons gevra het sal aan ons gegee word. Die **gee** is steeds in die toekoms, maar ontvang deur geloof, weet ons dat op God se vasgestelde tyd, sal die dinge wat ons ontvang het met gebed, werklik vir ons gegee word. Geloof om te ontvang is in die teenwoordige, die manefistasie van dit wat ons ontvang het is in die toekoms. Sonder teenwoordige geloof, is daar geen sekerheid van toekomstige manefistasie nie.

Skatkis

Toe draai Hiskia sy gesig na die muur, en hy het tot die Here gebid (38:2).

Hoe interessant is dit dat hierdie inligting gegee word: sy gesig na die muur gedraai. Daar is letterlik aan hom die "doodstraf" oorgedra. Hy het teen 'n muur gekyk maar nogtans gebid, en die Here herinner aan Sy getrouheid aan Hom en God hoor sy smeekbede.

Moet nooit vir Jesus of gebed opgee nie! Jy mag 'n Jerigo of 'n muur , soos Hiskia, langs jou siekbed in die gesig staar, maar jy kan soos hy gedoen het, jou versoeke aan Jesus rig wie se oor op Sy kinders gerig is. Ons kan Hom genoeg vertrou om te weet dat Hy hoor en dat Hy altyd sal reageer in ooreenstemming met ons beste belange.

Want ons wandel deur geloof en nie deur aanskouing nie (2Kor. 5:7).

Mure van twyfel word oorwin deur Hom te vertrou ten spyte van die aanslag.

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WHY MUST I BE BORN AGAIN?

Why must I be born again? And how can I be born again? are two questions which Jesus answered in John chapter 3 verses 1-21. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews came secretly to Jesus to enquire about the Kingdom of God and eternal life and Jesus told him clearly that he would not have a hope of entering God's Kingdom unless he was born again. Jesus explained, that which is born of the flesh is flesh but that which is born of God's Spirit is spirit. You cannot perceive the things of God nor have eternal life unless your spirit has been brought to life (quickened or re-born) by the Spirit of God and this takes place only when you receive Jesus as your personal Saviour. (John 3:16-18)

Just before Jesus ascended to His Father in Heaven, He said in ***Mark 16:15: Go into all the world*** (that includes your town or city and mine), and He commanded: ***preach the Gospel to every creature.***

The word Gospel means GOOD NEWS! What is the Good news you may ask? It is the GOOD NEWS of what Jesus did for us when He died on the Cross. He paid the penalty for our sin, and made possible our deliverance from the result of that sin. How did He do that, you may ask.

In order to fully understand it we must start at the beginning. In the beginning according to God's Word in Genesis, God made man perfect, sinless without sickness or any other evil, but Adam and Eve sinned against God. They were disobedient, and thereby violated His instructions in the Garden of Eden where they were living. NOW THROUGH THEIR OWN CHOICE TO DISOBEY they were separated from God and experienced Spiritual death. They now were directly under the influence of the enemy, Satan and became his victims of sin and its consequences.

Many generations lived and died in bondage to sin and sickness. God however, in His infinite love looked upon His suffering creation with compassion and in His mercy He sent His only begotten Son as His plan of salvation for man. A salvation which would take man out of the hopeless situation of degradation in which through disobedience he had landed once again, and restored his fellowship with God. God sent Jesus to die a gruesome death to set us free from our sin and to make our healing possible. Jesus carried the penalty of death that was due to us because of our sin, and He did this by means of His voluntary death on the cross. In other words, you and I through disobedience have broken God's law and should be punished accordingly. That punishment is death according to God's Word, and because of our sin we deserve that penalty! It is written ***"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*** Rom 6:23.

The Bible tells us that, **All have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.** (Rom. 3:23). This means that we all should die as a result of our sin. God's love is so great however, that He wishes that none should perish, but that all should come to eternal life.

IT IS BECAUSE OF HIS GREAT LOVE THAT HE SENT JESUS, HIS SON to die in our place, to take upon Him our sin and pay the ultimate price that only He could pay as the sinless, spotless Lamb - a living sacrifice with the shedding of His precious Blood as an atonement for sin for each one of us individually.

He was crucified that we might spend eternity in heaven. He took our sins upon Him so that we can be righteous in His Righteousness. He took our place in death so that we can have His Eternal Life!

The Bible tells us that **HIS BLOOD WAS SHED TO PAY FOR OUR SINS.** We read in 1 John 1:7: **…… *the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

He broke the enemy's power over us, triumphing over him and made an open show of him on the Cross. (Col. 2:15) He also took our sicknesses and diseases (Math. 8:17) Jesus, a living sacrifice, who suffered the most horrifying death, gruesome beyond imagination, died to pay for the sins and sicknesses of each one of us, and to break Satan's hold.

He cried out on the Cross ***"It is finished"*** - with reference to His mission to this world, which was to reconcile man once again to God. Restoring fellowship between mankind and our Heavenly Father had been accomplished. It is complete. Nothing can be added to it or taken away from it. Only Jesus, the spotless, sacrificial Lamb could pay the price - **AND HE DID!** He filled all the legal requirements according to God's Word. It is all up to us now. Do we believe this and will we receive from God's Hand this great work of salvation through Jesus from the Hand of God? It is a free gift of God to you and me - we need just to believe and receive it by faith and then act upon our belief.

WHY DID HE DO IT? He did it to enable man to be reconciled to God and to have fellowship once again with his Creator, man who, since the fall of Adam had been separated from a loving God. (Joh. 3:16)

Part of the penalty of sin is sickness and pain, which are the result of fallen man. When Jesus died on the Cross He took the complete penalty upon Himself, so that we

could be **COMPLETELY FREE.** 1 Pet. 2:24**:** ***For Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness - by whose stripes you were healed.*** This is the Gospel - the Good News that brings salvation to those who believe. The way in which we are thus saved and delivered is by the POWER of the GOSPEL! It is by BELIEVING this Good News and REACTING to it. *WHAT A WONDERFUL SAVIOUR!*

Each of us has sinned and needs a Saviour. The Good News tells us that Jesus was the only possible Saviour for man. He alone was sinless. He alone could pay the eternal price. He alone was fully God and fully man - God made flesh (John 1). He alone could stand between God and man to reconcile them once again through His death. He alone could be the mediator between God and man because He was both! Now He sends His disciples, messengers of this Good News into all the world to tell them the Good News and every person who believes this wonderful message and reacts upon it IS FREE, becomes BORN AGAIN!

When Peter preached this message in ***Acts 2:38*** the people cried "What must we do? ***And Peter said: "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."***

Repent means turning your back on your old lifestyle and reaching out to Father God confessing that you are a sinner in need of salvation. Believe on the completed work of Jesus upon the Cross and receive Him as your personal Saviour and Healer. The Word of God tells us that there is no other mediator between God and man but the man Christ Jesus - ***1Tim 2:5: "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus…."***

Jesus' message is ***"Rejoice! You no longer have to die for your sin. You no longer have to suffer. I have paid the price. My Blood was shed for the remission of your sins. My Body was broken for you and by My Wounds you are healed!" (1 Pet. 2:24)***

This is the **Good News** for every sinner - Jesus Christ carried your sins so that you need not carry them. This is what it means to become Born Again, and to receive Eternal Life. When we accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, our spirit becomes regenerated, quickened by the Spirit of God and we are able to communicate with God who is Spirit.

The Bible says: ***"The Gospel is the power of God unto Salvation to <u>everyone</u> who believes" (Rom 1:16)***

BELIEVE that Jesus died for **you**! That His Blood flowed for the cleansing of **your** sins. We bring this into remembrance when we partake of the "cup" at the Lord's Table. The "cup" is symbolic of the Blood of Jesus. BELIEVE that His Body was broken so that healing can come to you.

We bring this into remembrance when we partake of the bread at the Lord's Table. The Bread is symbolic of the Body of Christ. This is **GOOD NEWS**! God's power is present to save and heal you!

Daily at the Centre and also at outreach meetings we see how this **GOOD NEWS** sets people free, saves souls and heals bodies when people HEAR it BELIEVE it and REPENT. ***Jesus said: Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15)***

This is the first part of the Great Commission and brings with it eternal life. The rest reads as follows (verse 17 and 18) ***And these signs will follow those who believe: In My Name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will take up serpents and scorpions; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."***

God reaches out to you personally today and wants to cleanse you from all sin and heal your body. All He asks of you is that you **BELIEVE ON HIS SON JESUS WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART** and that you give yourself completely to Him to rule and reign in your life.

Are you prepared to take this step? It is the most important decision you will ever make. Salvation is God's **FREE** gift to you, but it will mean that you must follow Him. I want to pray for you now.

My Heavenly Father, I bring this precious person to your throne of grace. You know his every need. Please meet each need according to Your promises in Your Word. There may be much sin, fear and confusion, but I pray that you will give Your assurance that the Blood of Jesus was shed for the atonement of ALL his sin. Please give him the faith and trust to accept You right now as his Lord and Saviour. Give him your perfect peace which comes as a result of Your forgiveness. Place Your joy within his heart and soul at this very moment. The Joy of Your Salvation. If there is sickness in his body, Lord I pray that You will reach out Your healing hand and in Your great mercy and compassion heal now completely just as in Bible days, because You are the same today and for eternity, and never You change. Let faith arise in his heart that he might to react upon Your Word and Your promis-

es which are forever established. In the Name of Jesus I ask all these things. Amen.

Now that you are ready to receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour, pray the following prayer aloud with sincerity in your heart meaning every word as you speak to your Heavenly Father.

Dear Heavenly Father I thank You for the Gospel - the Good News about what Jesus Your Son did for me personally on the Cross at Calvary. I acknowledge that I am a sinner and in need of salvation. I turn my back on my old life of sin and I want to follow You. I believe with my whole heart the Good News that Jesus took my sin and sickness on the Cross to pay the penalty which I deserved. I believe that He paid the price that I could never pay and I thank You for Your great Gift of Your Son who freed me from damnation. I thank You for salvation. I thank You for forgiveness, because Jesus suffered in my place. I thank You, Lord Jesus, for taking my sicknesses and pains in Your body and by Your wounds I have been healed. I thank You for Your complete work of salvation and regeneration which You accomplished for me at Calvary. You took my sins and my sicknesses with You on the Cross. I believe this Good News, and thank You for my salvation and healing. I receive You now, by faith and confess You, Lord Jesus, as my Lord and my God. Please help me from this day forward, to serve You, with my whole heart. Amen.

You will probably want to make a note of this date - the most important day of your life - and write it in your Bible as a remembrance. Know that at the same time an angel of God has written your name in the Lamb's Book of Life, where it will remain as long as you continue to follow the Lord and are obedient to His Word. Know this, that your Heavenly Father has heard your prayer and has answered it and that a new life has begun for you from today. You have now become born again by the Spirit of God and are a child of God as the Word declares: John 1:12-13: **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His Name: who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

God provided His own Lamb to be a once and for all sacrifice to pay the penalty for sinful man. Jesus Christ, God's Lamb, His only begotten Son. That doesn't mean that once we have received Him as our Saviour that we will never sin again. We are sinners and will succumb to sin as hard as we may try not to. The glorious news is however, that when we fail, and are truly sorry for what we've done, repent of it and ask forgiveness, that same shed blood of Jesus which never loses its power, will cleanse us once again.

Now that you are born again, our Heavenly Father encourages you to grow as His child, and move onto maturity. We must however never lose the understanding of the simplicity of the Gospel. Simple, yet profound, God has given His Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in the knowledge of Him as our Father and of His Son Jesus, our Saviour. The Spirit of Truth will empower us, as believers, with the gifts that God has given to His Church (1 Cor. 12) to enable us to minister to His people, healing and life. We are told in 1 Cor. 2:12: **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.**

We have need of the Holy Spirit to continually remind us of GOD'S GREAT GIFT OF MERCY TO US IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST, so that we might in great appreciation thank and praise Him daily. (Read our book "The Lord's Table and Healing").

Let us consider what God has given you in Jesus Christ now that you have accepted Him as Saviour and Lord. *YOU ARE SAVED!*

Shout it aloud! I AM SAVED! What a joy! What a privilege!

Rom. 10:8-11: **But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes to righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made to salvation. For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."**

Repeat it aloud: "I confess with my mouth that Jesus is my Lord. I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead, and that is why I am saved!" How do you know this? BECAUSE GOD SAID IT! You are not saying something that you have thought up or that is based on your feelings, you are actually saying what God has said in His Word. The Bible gives you the right to say, "I am saved." Joh. 1:12: **But as many as received Him ….** Have you received Him? If you have, say: "I have received Jesus." Now God continues in this verse saying: **But as many as received Him, (**that's you) **to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His Name.**

Mark 16:16 tells us that he that believes and is baptised shall be saved. It is important that once you have become a believer, you be-

come baptised. Valid Bible Baptism only occurs after salvation, that is once one has become a believer. A baby is too young to make it's own decision and personal commitment to follow the Lord Jesus. Should anybody question your right to call yourself a child of God, quote John 1:12. You have this privilege because you have been obedient to God's Word according to this Scripture. God has already given you ETERNAL LIFE! *YOU ARE BORN AGAIN!*

This is an unconditional requirement of the Lord. YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN OR ELSE YOU WILL NOT SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Read John 3 in which Jesus describes this truth so clearly to Nicodemus who was a Pharisee and a child of the covenant. This cannot be replaced by religion or church membership! Your spirit must be born again because that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the spirit is spirit.

John 1:12 and 13: **But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.**

You have received Jesus as your Lord and therefore your spirit has been regenerated, born again! You have been born of God! Whoever has the Son, has eternal life!

1 John 5:12-13: **He who has the Son has life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.**

1 Peter 1:23: **Having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the Word of God which lives and abides forever.**

Remember that the Word says that you are saved and born again and you can trust God's Word. Confess: I AM SAVED. I AM BORN AGAIN.

We are new creations in Jesus. **You are not only saved and born again, but the Bible says you are a NEW CREATION! When you receive Jesus, you received a new life within!**

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

Do you realize that when you become a new creation, your past is completely forgiven? Your new life begins from today. You start a new! All your past sins are forgiven and forgotten, regardless of what they were, murder, sexual sin, theft or whatever. Things in your past are now covered by the Blood of Jesus according to the Word of God! One of the most obvious signs of your new life in Christ will be your attitude towards sin: previously you could sin without it affecting your conscience, but now whenever you sin, you will feel convicted. This is because you are a new creature!

Confess: I AM A NEW CREATION! You may look exactly the same on the outside, but within you is a brand new creation. I AM SAVED, BORN AGAIN AND A NEW CREATION.

YOU HAVE BEEN MADE FREE

Gal. 3:13: **Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree")* that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus.**

CHRIST HAS FREED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW! In the 28th chapter of Deut. you will find the curse of the law described. The first part describes the wonderful blessings from the hand of God for those who obey Him, but from verse 15, we read of every curse which Satan produces. Sickness, poverty, mishaps, problems with children, broken relationships etc. These things are contained in the CURSE OF THE LAW AND JESUS HAS FREED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LORD!

Psalm 107:2: **Let the REDEEMED of the Lord say so ….** Say it to your husband or wife. Say it so that the devil and his demons can hear. Say it so that the angels can hear you, and they will rejoice with you. Jesus has freed us from the curse of the law.

1 Peter 1:18-19: **Knowing that you were not REDEEMED with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST HAS REDEEMED US!

Heb. 9:11-12: **But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the most Holy place once for all having obtained eternal REDEMPTION.**

Today, the Blood of Jesus is your protection. Hallelujah! When Satan attacks you, and tries to mislead you, remind him of the Blood of Jesus which purchased your freedom! He knows what that Blood means. When Jesus cried out on the cross: "It is finished", Satan's power over mankind was broken. It was through the precious Blood of Jesus, and this Blood has REDEEMED YOU! The power in the Blood of the risen Lamb of God.

I AM BLESSED

This is a wonderful confession and truth: YOU ARE BLESSED! Say it as often as you can.

Read once again the first 14 verses of Deut. 28. Gal. 3:13 and 14 tells us that all the promises and blessings which were given to Abraham are YOURS IN CHRIST JESUS, IF WE ARE OBEDIENT TO HIS STATUTES.
God has promised these blessings to YOU! Each new day, you can say: *I am blessed in the city: I am blessed in the field, I am blessed in my basket and in my barn. I am blessed.* (Deut. 28:1-14)

I AM AN OVERCOMER!

1 Joh. 4:4: **You are of God.** Isn't that wonderful? We are of God! When God breathed into man, that breath came from God. Man has therefore God's very breath in him! GOD'S LIFE. **You are of God, little children, and HAVE OVERCOME them.** What have you OVERCOME? That which the world and Satan can bring eg. lack, sickness, misfortune, oppression etc. just as long as you stay in Jesus.
Rev. 12:11: **"And they OVERCAME him** (the devil) **by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."**
They overcame Satan by the BLOOD and the WORD and by loving not their lives unto death. You will never overcome the enemy until you understand the power that is invested in the Blood of the Lamb and the Word of God. We need to know the Word in order to resist the devil with it. It is called the Sword of the Spirit in Ephesians chapter 6:17, and is our weapon against the attacks of the enemy. Jesus withstood Satan in Matthew chapter 4 with the Word of God when He said: "It is written ...." And it will do the same for you when you withstand him because God's Word is forever established and God backs His Word. He endorses it! Now, with this wonderful new conviction in your heart you can call out to the glory of God so that the enemy can hear it.
I am a child of Father God, I am saved, I am born again, I am a new creation, I am delivered, I am redeemed, I am blessed, I am an overcomer! Hallelujah! Welcome to the family of God. Now that your Christian life has started, there is still so much to learn. There are so many victories to be won, there are so many temptations to withstand in the power of Jesus. But praise the Lord – you have begun. The following are steps to help you with your spiritual growth. What did Peter say when he was asked, "What shall we do?" (Acts 2:38) Peter said to them, "Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Your Family needs you! Your Church needs you! The Lord will use you to win them. My prayer for you is that the Lord will bless and protect you and use you mightily in His Kingdom for His glory. May you grow in a knowledge of Him daily and walk in His Truth!

UIT ONS KANTOOR

Liewe familie in die Here,

Somer is waarlik hier en alhoewel die dae warm is, is ons harte ook vurig weens die wonderwerke en dade uit die hand van ons Hemelse Vader. Hier by die Sentrum besef ons meer elke dag dat dit wil voorkom dat terwyl die wêreld en die dinge van die wêreld erger word, die Here meer en meer wonderwerke in die midde van Sy mense doen! Die grootste wonderwerk bly altyd die redding van 'n siel. God sê as een siel tot redding kom jubel Hy en Sy engele in die Hemel. As elkeen wat hierdie brief lees net een persoon vir die Here Jesus wen, sal daar ten minste duisende nuwe siele paspoorte na die Hemel hê, terwyl julle hulle van die duiwel beroof! Ons hoop dat hierdie waarheid 'n uitdaging vir u sal wees om net een siel vir Sy Koninkryk te wen. Die Here se liefde is onverstaanbaar en so groot. Hy sien elkeen se behoefte en Hy gee om. Aan Sy vermoë is daar geen einde nie.

Ons is bewus van die moeilike omstandighede waaronder ons almal leef; die afsonderig, maskers, hande ontsmet en afstand hou. Weet net dat ons vir julle bid en dat God ons gebede verhoor. Hierdie virus sal verdwyn, waar die wêreld sisteem en wetenskap niks meer kan aanbied nie, is ons God getrou om in alles te onderneem.

God is nog in beheer en Hy weet wat besig is om hier op aarde plaas te vind. Hy weet ook dat die duiwel se tyd baie kort is en dat hy alles in sy mag doen om mense af te breek en aan te val, en dit is hoekom Hy ons aandag op Sy vermoë wil vestig. Hy is ons Geneesheer, Jesus is ons Bron, Hy is ons Krag en Hy is besig om dit alles te openbaar! Sy beloftes, Sy Woord staan vir Ewig vas en ons kan Hom met ons hele hart vertrou. Baie dankie aan julle almal vir julle voortdurende liefde en ondersteuning en ook julle gebede, dit maak dit moontlik vir ons om te volhard vir ons Koning Jesus.

Mag die Here julle baie ryklik seën. Baie liefde groete.

Meg en die Gebedspan