

New Life in Christ

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Deut. 8:11-16. ¹¹ “Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, ¹² lest—*when* you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell *in them*; ¹³ and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; ¹⁴ when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; ¹⁵ who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, *in which were* fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty land where there was no water; who brought water for you out of the flinty rock; ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you and that He might test you, to do you good in the end” —

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- **Phil.3:13-14**
- **12** Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me.
- **13** Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,
- **14** I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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- “New Life in Christ abundant and free what glories shine what joys our mine what wondrous blessings I see, my past with it’s sin the searching and strife forever gone for in Christ I have found new life.
- **Chorus:** forever gone there’s a bright new dawn for in Christ I have found New Life.”
- The future belongs to God. **Hab. 2:14** “For the earth will be covered with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, Like the waters cover the sea.”
- Oceans (5) contain 99% of the earth living space.

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- **Exodus 20:8-11**
- **8**"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
- **9** Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- **10** but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates.
- **11** For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

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- **1 Peter 1:15,16**
- **15** but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct,
- **16** because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."
- He is asking us live like Him, to be like Him, so that one day we can be with Him for all eternity!

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The Future belongs to God and His Kingdom

- **Ezequiel 48:35b**
- **35b** and the name of the city from that day shall be: “THE LORD IS THERE.” “YAWH SHAMMAH”
- This is the theme and climax of the whole book of Ezequiel.
 - 1. the book begins with a holy God
 - 2. then there is judgment on the people their city and the temple (Babylonian captivity)
 - 3. the Lord leaves the temple “to make me go far from my sanctuary (8:6)
 - 4. but he is with His people in captivity in Babylon
 - 5. but at the end He brings His people back and will be with them forever, He is there.
 - 6. His promise is sure. Read (Hab. 2:3-4) “though it tarries, wait for it, because it will surely come”

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- **Micah 6;6-8**
- **6** With what shall I come before the Lord, And bow myself before the High God? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, With calves a year old?
- **7** Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, Ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, The fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
- **8** He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?

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- **Philippians 2:2-8**
- **2** fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.
- **3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- **4** Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.
- **5** Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,
- **6** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,
- **7** but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.
- **8** And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

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- **Genesis 2:1-3**
- **1** Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished.
- **2** And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He **rested** on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.
- **3** Then God **blessed** the seventh day and **sanctified** it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.

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- **Deuteronomy 5:12-15**
- **12** 'Observe the Sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the Lord your God commanded you.
- **13** Six days you shall labor and do all your work,
- **14** but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your ox, nor your donkey, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates, that your male servant and your female servant may rest as well as you. Missing all of 20:11
- **15** And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; therefore the Lord your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

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- **2 Corinthians 5:17,18**
- **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.
- **18** Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, ***and has given us the ministry of reconciliation,***
- EGW. “Every true disciple is born into the Kingdom of god as a missionary. DA195) “the spirit of Christ is a missionary spirit, the very first impulse of a renewed heart is to bring others also to the Savior.

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- **Psalms 133**
- **1** Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!
- **2** It is like the precious oil upon the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.
- **3** It is like the dew of Hermon, Descending upon the mountains of Zion; For there the Lord commanded the blessing-- Life forevermore.
- “Unity = Crucial quality of Gods people. (Jn.17:11) an agreement on the principles and purposes of life which makes relationship harmonious, lasting and pleasant. People living in unity are committed to the cause and to each other. Outward unity is a manifestation of inward unity. True unity is refreshing like dew, and such community God Bless (v.3).”
- Dew of Hermon symbol of refreshment, brotherly love, born of heaven, refreshes and revives. It’s a for taste of the fellowship of heaven.

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- **Hebrews 10:24,25**
- **24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
- **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

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- **Matthew 18:20**
- **20** For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."
- **11** For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.
- **12** What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them goes astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?
- **13** And if he should find it, assuredly, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.
- **14** Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.
- **15** "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.
- **21** Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"
- **22** Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

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- **Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**
- **1** Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.
- **2** Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few.
- **3** For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words.
- **4** When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed--
- **5** Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.
- **6** Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands?
- **7** For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.