

THE SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS

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THE NAME
OF THE LORD
SHALL BE SAVED.



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1 Corinthians 15:21 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

THE KEY TO ETERNAL SALVATION

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Dear Father up in Heaven, I thank You, praise You, and bless You, for another opportunity to share Your inspired words with this ministry again. May Your Divine words of wisdom and hope, be understood by all Your people. May we all grow closer to Your will, by Your Divine inspirations. May we all give thanks and praise to You always, for being our Abba Father. I ask this in the name of Your Son and our Savior Jesus.....Amen What the Holy Spirit has inspired me to write about this month, is the one and only way that we can be saved, through Christ Jesus.

People in this country that we live in, seem to have there own version of what it takes to be saved. Most Christians gather in different denominational churches each week, thinking that they are saved because they go to church. People also have a mind set that, because they are a good person in general, that they are also saved. And then there are some people who truly believe that they can be saved by there good deeds and works.

According to the Bible, that way of thinking, does not line with the way Jesus teaches us. Man's distorted version on what it takes to be saved, is only man's interpetation, not the Lord's. The Lord says in John 14:6 **'Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by Me**

The real problem is, the lack of true knowledge about the word of God. The only way to really learn about the word of God, is by taking some time to read the Bible. At this time you must be thinking to yourself , how can I read something that is so hard to read and understand? Well I thought the same thing back then. I did try to read the Bible on several occasions and failed. Why did I fail? I realize now why I failed, I failed by not asking and trusting God to come into my life to help me to understand the Bible. Through trusting Him and asking Him to come into my life and be my personnel Savior, was the only way I could start to understand the Bible. The Bible is the most popular book in the world, so why is it that it is the most popular book in the world, for collecting dust on our shelves? The reason that most people don't read the Bible, is that it unveils all our faults, weaknesses, and restrains our sinful nature. When it comes to sin, by nature we all love darkness. The only trouble with that is, we were created by God to live in the light of His salvation , not in the ways of this evil world.

There are many parables in the Bible that Jesus spoke about with respect to faith and eternal salvation. The Parable of the Sower is one that comes to

mind at this time. In Mark 4: 3-9 The Lord says, **Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.**”

When you first read this part, the first thing that must come to your mind is, what does this mean with respect to Eternal Salvation.

When the Lord was teaching this parable, He further went on to say in verse 13-20 **Then Jesus said to them, ” Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable? The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble and persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like the seed among the thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and desires for other things come in and choke the word., making it unfruitful. Others like the seed on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.**”

As you read the Parable of the Sower, what seed do you find yourself at this time sowing? When I say at this time, I mean to say that very few people really start out on good soil. That seed on good soil, can only be sown if you repent and ask God with a sincere heart, to forgive your sins. Then believe from your heart, that God’s Son Jesus Christ died on the cross for your sins and rose from the dead to be your Lord. The last thing is, to personally invite Jesus into your life to be your way, your truth, and your life. Also thank Jesus, for giving you the free gift of Eternal Salvation. Then promise Him, that you will live for Him as He reveals Himself to you, through the Bible! In Acts 16:31 The Lord says: **“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shall be saved.”**

Let us pray: Father thank You again for Your words of wisdom again this month. May all the people in this world, come to know You, Your Son, and the Holy Spirit. May Your love for all mankind, and healing power, heal this world from all it’s darkness and eternal destruction. I ask this in Jesus name!

FEBRUARY'S EDITION OF HOPE FOR LIVING

A FORMULA FOR PEACE *By Billy Graham*

Psalm 119:165 **Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble.**

God has a plan for peace, and is found in His Son, whom the Bible calls the "Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6). But we have rejected God's plan. Wars still ravage our world-and our lives.

Why? Jesus said the problem is within us: "Out of the heart....proceeds evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murder, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. What a list! Our real war is a rebellion against God--and it brings unending misery. But God longs to see this rebellion cease. That is why Christ came. By His death He provided the way for us to be reconciled to God. And when we have peace with God, we have peace in our hearts—and peace with each other.

SPIRITUAL PROVERBIAL THOUGHTS

Proverbs 13:3 **He who guards his lips guards his life, but he who speaks rashly will come to ruin.**

Proverbs 13:11 **Dishonest money dwindles away, but he who gathers money little by little makes it grow.**

SPECIAL PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

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May the Lord's blessings be upon you and your family always .May God's grace, love, peace, joy, and mercy be with all His children. May all the unrest throughout the world, come to know the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. May all the hardened hearts come to know and live in God's will. May all the sick, the poor, the lame, the persecuted, the hungry, and the broken hearted find the comfort of the Lord.

May God's words be quicken to the world. I ask this in Jesus name.....Amen.
