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Psalm 145:9; [The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.](#)

TASTE AND SEE THE GOODNESS OF THE LORD

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Hello again my brothers and sisters in the Lord Christ Jesus, welcome to the Spiritual Connection's inspired monthly Journal for September 2015.

This month's inspired message has to do with tasting and seeing the goodness of the Lord. The Holy Bible tells us in **2 Peter 1:1-3** that; **God's Divine Power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who calls us by His own glory and goodness.** The power to grow does not come from within us, but from God! Because we don't have the resources to be truly godly, God allows us to participate in the divine nature, in order to keep us from sin and help us to live for Him. Once we are born again, God by His Spirit empowers us with His own moral goodness. God tells us in **2 Corinthians 5:21** that; **God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so in Him we might become the Righteousness of God.** When we trust in Christ, we make an exchange--our sins, for His Righteousness. Our sin was poured into Christ at his crucifixion. His Righteousness is poured into us at our conversion. This is what Christians mean by Christ's atonement for our sins. In the world, bartering, only works when two people exchange goods of relatively equal value. But God offers to trade His Righteousness for our sins---something of immeasurable worth for something completely worthless. How grateful should we be for His kindness to us. However, many believers want an abundance of God's grace and peace, but they are unwilling to put forth the effort to get to know Him better through Bible study and prayer. To enjoy the privileges God offers us freely, we have the knowledge of God, Jesus, our Lord and Savior. It is also written in **Psalms 145:14** that; **The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.** God is able to lift us up because (1) His greatness is unfathomable. (2) He does mighty acts across many generations. (3) He is full of glorious splendor and majesty. (4) He does wonderful and awesome works. (5) He is righteous. (6) He is gracious, compassionate, patient, and loving. (7) He rules over an everlasting kingdom. (8) He is the source of all our daily needs. (9) He is righteous and loving in all His dealings. (10) He remains near to all who call on His Name. (11) He hears our cries and saves us.

If you or someone you know are bending under a burden and feel that you are about to fall, turn to God for help. He is always available 24-7, to lift us up and bear our burdens. God also tells us in **Psalm 31:19** that: **How great is Your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear You, which You bestow in the sight of man on those who take refuge in You.**

If we put today's idols (wealth, material possessions, success) first in our lives, we cannot expect God's Spirit to guide us. God is our highest authority and requires our first allegiance! If you feel restrained by God's moral boundaries, remember God has given each and one of us much freedom, far more than we need to move within those boundaries. By knowing that God is good, and loves, and cares for us, enables us to keep steady in our faith regardless of our circumstances. It also keeps us from sinning foolishly by taking matters in to our own hands or resenting God's timetable.

Lamentations 3:25 tells us that; **The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks Him.** Because of the Lord's goodness and great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail." God willingly responds with help when we ask. Perhaps there is some sin in your life that you thought God would not forgive. God's steadfast love and mercy are greater than any sin, and He promises to forgiveness. By trusting in God's faithfulness day by day, makes us confident in His great promises for the future! Furthermore, the Bible tells us in **Psalm 27:13** that; **I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.** The land of the living simply means this life or while I am living.

However, sometimes waiting for God is not easy. Often it seems that He isn't answering our prayers or doesn't understand the urgency of our situation. That kind of thinking implies that God is not in control or is not fair. But God is worth waiting for, that you can take to the bank!

Lamentations 3:24-25 tells us that; **I say to my self, "the Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for Him."** **The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to those who seek Him.** So my brothers and sisters, when we trust in God's faithfulness day by day, it will make us confident of the Lord's great promise for the future. A future filled with God's goodness for all who believe. By believing in Jesus with our minds and hearts, we will always be able to **"Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord"**. In fact, once you have tasted and seen His goodness, you will never go back living according to the old ways of this world! Amen! Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, may we give You thanks and praise always Lord, for all Your Goodness that You bestow upon us. May we continue to taste and see Your Goodness always. I ask this in Jesus name!!

PEACE

By Sarah Young

MY PEACE IS SUCH AN ALL ENCOMPASSING GIFT THAT IS INDEPENDENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

Though you lose everything else, if you gain My Peace you are rich indeed. Let that be a deep comfort to you, especially amid the many aspects over your life over which you have no control! When you are feeling at the mercy of your circumstances, My all encompassing Peace is exactly what you need, even though you sometimes feel unable to receive it. Perhaps that is because you cling to other things----your loved ones, your possessions, your reputation. It's as if you are wrapping your fingers tightly around a small copper coin while I am offering you unlimited supplies of pure gold. My desire is to help you treasure My Peace above everything in the world—recognizing it as a supernatural gift, bequeathed to My followers shortly before My death. A man who knows that he will soon die wants to leave something precious with those he loves. Therefore, I “willed “My Peace to My disciples and all who would follow Me. I know this was a difficult gift to accept, especially in the midst of adversity. So, after My resurrection, the first words I spoke to My disciples were “Peace be with you!” They needed this reassurance to reinforce what I taught them before I died. We all need to be reminded of the divine nature of this gift, for it is not the world's peace I give you; it is the Peace that transcends all understanding!

A SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FOR SEPTEMBER 2015

The Holy Bible tells us in **1 Peter 5:7-9**; **Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.** My brothers and sisters in the Lord, lions attack the sick, the young, or straggling animals; they choose victims who are alone or not alert. Apostle Paul warns us to watch out for Satan when we are suffering or being persecuted. If you are feeling alone or weak, helpless, and cut off from other believers, or if you are so focused on your troubles that you forget to watch for danger, those are the times when we are especially vulnerable to Satan's attacks. During times of suffering, seek other Christians for support. Keep your eyes on Christ, and resist the devil, then “he will flee from you”. See **(James 4:7)** for more information about this scripture!

ANOTHER SPIRITUAL THOUGHT

Psalms 130:3-4; If you, O Lord, keep a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

My brothers and sisters, keeping a record of sins, (or holding a grudge,)is like building a wall between you and another person, and it is nearly impossible to talk openly while the wall is there. God does not keep a record of our sins; when He forgives, He completely tearing down any wall between us and Him. Therefore, we fear (revere) God, yet we can talk to Him about anything. When you pray, realize that God is holding nothing against you. His lines of communication are completely open to us 24/7!!



THE MINISTRY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Neil Hooley Elena Logan, Michael Santarpio, Seth Lutz, Zacary, Anna Marie Croce, Warren Wisdom, Janet Young, Isaac Strong, Joe Lakes, Russ Holman, Janelle Owens, Anne Marie Hess, Natalie Lott, Mariane Wilson and Family, Jonathan Baker and Family, Marie Barros, Taylor Hydman, Tom Messick, Page Parker, Yolanda Corso, Tania Litiski. Patricia Palma, Christine V Palma. Also say a special prayer for Pope Francis on his Historical visit to Philadelphia this month! May God’s Holy Spirit, wrap His full protective armor of righteousness around him during his visit.



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