

GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS PEOPLE

1. THE ONLY ONE PEOPLE

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ONLY TRUE GOD created the heavens and the earth and everything in heaven, everything on the earth and everything in the sea except man by HIS word of great power. See Genesis Chapters 1 and 2.

The LORD GOD said,

“Let there be light: and there was light.”

Genesis 1:3

The LORD GOD created man with HIS holy hands. HE created man wonderfully and skilfully with the dust of the earth. The LORD GOD created man in HIS own immensely glorious image and likeness. The LORD GOD created man a little lower than the angels. HE crowned man with honour and glory. The LORD GOD put everything under his feet. The LORD GOD gave him dominion and made him ruler over all living things. The LORD GOD formed him with HIS holy hands and breathed into his nostrils, the **breath of life** and man thus became a living soul.

“So GOD created man in HIS own image, in the image of GOD created HE him; male and female created HE them.”

Genesis 1:27

“And the LORD GOD formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”

Genesis 2:7

Thus, man became a being of two persons. The two persons, man possesses in him are:

1. The outward man whom we see with our eyes, i.e., the body of man.
2. The inward man whom we cannot see with our eyes, i.e., the soul.

The outward body of man or the body of dust is perishable. The inward man or the soul never perishes. Thus, man is of two persons, the perishable body of dust, and the imperishable soul. Animals, birds and all other living things, though created by GOD, have no souls in them.

Many people do not believe that they have a soul, the invisible inward man in them. They believe the existence of invisible air, though they cannot see it. They believe the existence of invisible electricity without seeing it. People believe the existence of certain things without seeing them and certain other things just by hearing about them. Many people do not believe the existence of soul or the inward man created and put into them by the great power of the LORD GOD. Everyone must be mindful of how foolish and dangerous it is to be so.

The LORD GOD created man holy and perfect. HE created man to worship, serve, and glorify HIM. The man, created perfectly by GOD was fair and handsome. He was good, upright, and godly. He had honour and glory. Man was the head of all creations on the earth. Man stood between GOD and other creations on the earth. All these facts about man help us understand who man is.

“What is man, that THOU art mindful of him? and the son of man, that THOU visitest (pay attention to or care for) him? For THOU hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. THOU madest him to have dominion over the works of THY hands; THOU hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.”

*“Lo, this only have I found, that GOD hath made man upright;
...”*

Ecclesiastes 7:29

The LORD GOD formed the woman from a rib of the man, whom HE had created. The name of the man was Adam and the name of the woman was Eve. They were sinless and holy. They were one flesh and one blood (Genesis 2:21-24).

The LORD GOD created the man and the woman perfect and holy to fulfil HIS will that one man must have one wife only; and they must be one flesh and one blood, sinless and holy, perfect and immortal; and that they must be GOD's own children and be with HIM. Also the LORD GOD created the man and the woman to fulfil HIS will that a sinless and holy tribe of people, the ONE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD, a godly people, a blessed and immortal people might greatly multiply from them.

“And did not HE make one? Yet had HE the residue (having a remnant) of the Spirit. And wherefore one? That HE might seek a godly seed (offspring). Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.”

Malachi 2:15

GOD created mankind to be fruitful (Genesis 1:28). GOD created mankind to fear before HIM always (Proverbs 28:14); and to keep HIS divine commandments, and to delight greatly in HIS divine commandments. If anyone fears GOD, then he/she will hate evil (Proverbs 8:13).

“Praise ye the LORD. Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD, that delighteth greatly in HIS commandments.”

Psalms 112:1

GOD created mankind to be a blessed and mighty generation of the upright.

“His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed.”

Psalms 112:2

GOD created mankind fearfully and wonderfully and to be a holy and sinless, a blessed and immortal tribe.

“I will praise THEE; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are THY works; and that my soul knoweth right well

(very well). My substance (frame) was not hid from THEE, when I was made in secret, and curiously (skilfully) wrought in the lowest parts of the earth."

Psalm 139:14-15

GOD created them to be the ONE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD. HE created them to be the ONLY ONE PEOPLE of the ONLY ONE GOD. HE created them to be the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"But to us there is but one GOD, the FATHER, of whom are all things, and we in (for) HIM; and one LORD JESUS CHRIST, by whom are all things, and we by HIM. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: ..."

I Corinthians 8:6-7

GOD formed the man and the woman of one flesh and one blood, so that a holy and godly people might multiply from them.

"And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the LORD, if haply (in the hope that) they might feel after (grope for) HIM, and find HIM, though HE be not far from every one of us: For in HIM we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also HIS offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of GOD, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device."

Acts 17:26-29

If man had not disobeyed GOD, he would have lived for ever in perfect peace, happiness and harmony with GOD and there would never have been any suffering in the world.

The first man and woman disobeyed the Words of the LORD GOD, and obeyed the words of Satan, the devil and ate the fruit of the forbidden tree. As they violated the commandment of GOD, they became sinners and through them, their generations became sinners. When they fell into sin, they were broken and ruined in the fall. When they fell into sin, they were like a broken and rotten egg and they were a real nothing. We sin because we have a sinful and evil nature. We break GOD's commandments because we have a sinful and evil nature. The sin of the first man and woman passed on to

their generations, just like a disease, which passes on to their children from their parents.

All people (except JESUS) have been born with a sinful and evil nature. Since they are born with a sinful and evil nature, they continually do evil things. Every intent or thought of man's heart is evil from childhood. They lie, cheat, steal, fight, and kill. Their hearts are filled with envy and greed, hate and jealousy.

Thus, mankind inherited hell, the wages of sin. Mankind was thus trapped into a world of great distress and pain. The ONE PEOPLE, the holy, the righteous, and the godly people thus sank into sin, curse and filthiness. The ONLY ONE PEOPLE divided themselves into different tribes and groups of abominations and worshippers of many vain gods (Psalm 14:1, 3; Acts 14:15). They became many groups of sinners and enemies of the ONLY TRUE GOD (Psalm 2:1-2). The ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE converted themselves into many tribes of people liable for destruction and terrible judgment and hell (Psalm 9:17).

Now, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE are the truthful people; they are the saved; they are the faithful people with a faithful spirit and they keep the secrets of GOD.

“...But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.”

Proverbs 11:13

“...But a faithful man who can find?”

Proverbs 20:6

Again, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE do not speak falsely with flattering lips and with an inconsistent mind.

“Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail (disappear) from among the children of men. They speak vanity (falsely) every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.”

Psalm 12:1-2

Further, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE or the faithful people are honest in what they say; they will be a never-lying people; they will always walk in

the truth and they are the truthful people. The faithful people are faithful in obedience; they will obey all the commandments of GOD. The faithful people are faithful in holiness; they will be holy in all their deeds and words. The faithful people are faithful in prayer life; they will pray without ceasing; and they will pray in the HOLY SPIRIT. The faithful people are faithful in humility. They very well know that the LORD GOD opposes the proud, but gives more grace and honour to the humble. The faithful people are faithful in sufferings; they will suffer patiently when they are persecuted for righteousness' sake. The faithful people are faithful in faith and hope. They are the just and they will live by faith. The believers of the LORD should live by faith. The faithful people are faithful in fellowship with the LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST and with HIS people. They will be in fellowship with one another. The faithful people are faithful in love; they will be filled with the love of GOD; they will be holy and without blame before the LORD GOD in love; they will be holy and without blame before everybody in love; and they will love one another. If they love one another, all men will know that they are the disciples of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. The faithful people are faithful in doing the will of the LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST. The will of GOD may not seem to be pleasing to them, it may not be to their liking, but they know that GOD knows what is good for HIS people. HE is working all things together for good.

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love GOD, to them who are the called according to HIS purpose.”

Romans 8:28

GOD's thoughts (plans) are to prosper HIS people, not to harm HIS people, and to give HIS people a future and a hope. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Again, the will of GOD brings them reproaches, insults and sufferings. Our LORD JESUS CHRIST walked always in the will of GOD. HE walked in the path of great reproaches; HE walked in the path

of great insults; HE walked in the path of great sufferings; HE never pleased HIMSELF.

“For even CHRIST pleased not HIMSELF; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached THEE fell on ME.”

Romans 15:3

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is doing all things for our good. Those who love GOD can very well understand this fact, since they love HIM no matter what. As Job says,

“Though HE slay me, yet will I trust in HIM: ...”

Job 13:15

“For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that HE shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see GOD: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; ...”

Job 19:25-27

These verses express the unquenchable love and faith of Job towards GOD. Job was righteous. He lived by faith, not by sight. He viewed GOD HIMSELF as the Redeemer. He viewed here the redemption of the human body or the resurrection of the human body. This love and this faith are very essential to HIS people.

“Now the just shall live by faith: ...”

Hebrews 10:38

Moreover, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE, or the faithful people are always faithful in their pledge, promise, or covenant with GOD (Proverbs 20:25; Ezekiel 17:15). The faithful people are always faithful to the LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST and they are always faithful to the Spirit of GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT.

Again, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE will abound with worldly and heavenly blessings. They will abound with bodily blessings; they will abound with spiritual blessings; they will abound with immense peace, joy and happiness.

“A faithful man shall abound with blessings: ...”

Proverbs 28:20

Moreover, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE should be faithful, truthful, holy, righteous and godly until their death, to receive the crown of life from the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the ONLY TRUE GOD.

“...Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”

Revelation 2:10

1.1 THE FIRST STAGE IN GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

In order to get deliverance (salvation) and redemption from sins, everyone should repent of his/her sins of thought, word, deed, and omission and pray to GOD for the forgiveness of sins.

The first stage in GOD's salvation plan for HIS people is Deliverance and Redemption. Therefore, HIS people should get deliverance and redemption from their sins through repentance. In GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST we have redemption through HIS blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of HIS grace (Ephesians 1:7). The delivered or saved or redeemed people should be godly, prayerful, holy, faithful, truthful and righteous. Then only the LORD GOD can have an ongoing relationship with HIS people; then only HIS people can enjoy the good life with HIM in the kingdom of heaven. Such people are the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD, and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD.

*“...Believe on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and thou shalt be saved,
...”*

Acts 16:31

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of GOD.”

Ephesians 2:8

“And the LORD shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto HIS heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

II Timothy 4:18

“Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; ...”

Psalms 103:4

1.2 THE SECOND STAGE IN GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

The second stage in GOD's salvation plan for HIS people is that the redeemed or saved or delivered people must be obedient to GOD always and they must always be holy and righteous in all manner of conduct. They should perfect their holiness in the fear of GOD. For perfecting their holiness, they should be washed by the most holy blood of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, they should be washed in the most holy name of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, and they should be washed by the Spirit of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Such people are the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD.

“As obedient children, not fashioning (conforming) yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: But as HE which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation (conduct); Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”

I Peter 1:14-16

“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of GOD.”

II Corinthians 7:1

“Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the LORD.”

Hebrews 12:14

“The righteous shall inherit the land, and dwell therein for ever.”

Psalms 37:29

1.3 THE THIRD STAGE IN GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

The third stage in GOD's salvation plan for HIS people is that the redeemed or saved or delivered people should be baptized in the most holy name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY SPIRIT, by complete immersion in water. Those who are baptized in this manner, become the members of the church of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Such people are the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD.

“...Baptizing them in the name of the FATHER, and of the SON, and of the HOLY GHOST (the HOLY SPIRIT).”

St. Matthew 28:19

“That HE might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word.”

Ephesians 5:26

‘The washing of water’ means ‘water baptism’.

“...And the LORD added to the church daily such as should be (were being) saved.”

Acts 2:47

1.4 THE FOURTH STAGE IN GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

The fourth stage in GOD's salvation plan for HIS people is that the redeemed or saved or delivered people should be anointed with the HOLY SPIRIT (baptized with the HOLY SPIRIT), the most holy power or strength of GOD, and they should be filled with joy and with the HOLY SPIRIT and they should be witnesses of GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Such people are the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD.

“But ye shall receive power, after that the HOLY GHOST (the HOLY SPIRIT) is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto ME both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

Acts 1:8

“And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the HOLY GHOST (the HOLY SPIRIT).”

Acts 13:52

“Now HE which stablisheth us with you in CHRIST, and hath anointed us, is GOD; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.”

II Corinthians 1:21-22

1.5 THE FINAL STAGE IN GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

The fifth and final stage in GOD's salvation plan for HIS people is that the redeemed or saved or delivered people should continue steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in Breaking of Bread, and in prayers. Breaking of Bread is the Holy Communion or

the LORD's Supper. The redeemed or saved or delivered people should have a good prayer life, for the full growth in their spiritual life and to continue steadfastly in their spiritual life and to enter into the kingdom of GOD or the kingdom of heaven. The Christians of the first century Christian church continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in the Holy Communion or the LORD's Supper, and in prayers. Such people are the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising GOD, and having favour with all the people. ...”

Acts 2:42, 46-47

“Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.”

Romans 12:12

“Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the SON OF MAN (the LORD JESUS CHRIST).”

St. Luke 21:36

2. GOD DWELLS IN HIS PEOPLE

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is divinely dwelling in HIS people. The Triune GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is divinely dwelling in HIS people, the believers. But HIS divine dwelling in HIS people is conditional on love towards HIM, and obedience to HIS Words. Our LORD JESUS said,

“If a man love ME, he will keep MY Words: and MY FATHER will love him, and WE will come unto him, and make OUR abode with him.”

St. John 14:23

‘FATHER’ is the LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF.

*“Let the Word of CHRIST dwell in you richly in all wisdom;
...”*

Colossians 3:16

Further, HIS people should not be yoked with unbelievers and they should not touch any unclean thing, since they are the temple of the living GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord (accord) hath CHRIST with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel (unbeliever)? And what agreement hath the temple of GOD with idols? for ye are the temple of the living GOD; as GOD hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be MY people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a FATHER unto you, and ye shall be MY sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty.”

II Corinthians 6:14-18

Now, if you proclaim the LORD openly that the LORD is your GOD and that you will walk in HIS ways and that you will keep HIS statutes, commandments and judgments and that you will obey HIS voice, the LORD also proclaims that you should be a peculiar and a holy people to HIM and that you should be the highest and the greatest nation on this earth, in praise and in name and in honour (Deuteronomy 26:17-19). Blessing comes through obedience and HIS people are to bring GOD praise, honour and glory.

All Christians should live a holy life that reflects the purity of GOD (I Peter 1:16). The HOLY SPIRIT of GOD will make one holy and spiritual. All Christians should separate themselves from actions, influences, or people that will contaminate them. They should avoid what is harmful to the body (I Corinthians 6:18-19). They should avoid what is harmful to others (I Corinthians 8:8-13). They should avoid what is offensive to the conscience (James 4:17). They should not have an association that will harm their spiritual life (II Corinthians 6:14-18). They should follow the spiritual purity (I Corinthians 6:17-20). They should avoid all that is against a spiritual prohibition (Exodus 20:3-17). They should follow the supreme example of CHRIST, who saved them (I Peter 2:21).

3. SALIENT FEATURES OF THE ONE PEOPLE

The ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD are the great people of the great GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. The LORD GOD is very near to them whenever they worship HIM or they pray to HIM. They are the people who possess HIS righteous statutes and laws; they are the people who live according to HIS righteous statutes and laws.

“For what nation is there so great, who hath GOD so nigh unto them, as the LORD our GOD is in all things that we call upon HIM for? And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?”

Deuteronomy 4:7-8

If the people keep the commands of the LORD GOD and walk in HIS ways, then HE will establish them as HIS holy people to HIMSELF, and all the peoples on earth will see that they are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear them.

“The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto HIMSELF, as HE hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy GOD, and walk in HIS ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee.”

Deuteronomy 28:9-10

The blessings of obedience to the commands of the LORD GOD are:

“And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy GOD. Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine (cattle), and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store (kneading bowl). Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.”

Deuteronomy 28:2-6

Further, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE are the saved people of the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD. They are the ONLY blessed people. The saved people are spiritually called Israel or Jacob.

“Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee (submit to you); and thou shalt tread upon their high places.”

Deuteronomy 33:29

“HE hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath HE seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his GOD is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath GOD wrought!”

Numbers 23:21, 23

‘Israel and Jacob’ mean ‘the saved people’.

The LORD GOD will set HIS people in praise, fame and honour high above all the nations.

“And to make thee high above all nations which HE hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy GOD, as HE hath spoken.”

Deuteronomy 26:19

The children of GOD are the ONE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD; they are the chosen people of the ONE GOD; they are the own people of the ONE GOD; they are the blessed people of the ONE GOD; they are the royal priests of the ONE GOD; they are the holy people of the ONE GOD; they are the righteous people of the ONE GOD; they are the special people of the ONE GOD; they are the saved people of the ONE GOD; they are the people delivered by the ONE GOD; and they are the redeemed people of the ONE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST and they have obtained mercy and grace of the ONE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of HIM who hath called you out of darkness into HIS

marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of GOD: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

I Peter 2:9-10

Furthermore, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD are GOD's own children. If they are GOD's own children, then they are heirs—heirs of GOD and joint-heirs with CHRIST, and if they share in HIS sufferings in order that they may also share in HIS glory. The HOLY SPIRIT (the Spirit of Adoption) places HIS children as sons and daughters in GOD's family. All HIS people share all of the inheritance together. Praise The LORD! Alleluia!

“...But ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, ABBA, FATHER. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of GOD: And if children, then heirs; heirs of GOD, and joint-heirs with CHRIST; if so be that we suffer with HIM, that we may be also glorified together.”

Romans 8:15-17

Moreover, the ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD are eagerly waiting for the glorious appearing or coming of the great GOD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, and for their citizenship in heaven, the kingdom of GOD. During the glorious coming of CHRIST, they will get heavenly bodies, like the most glorious body of CHRIST.

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great GOD and our Saviour JESUS CHRIST; Who gave HIMSELF for us, that HE might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto HIMSELF a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”

Titus 2:13-14

“For our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the LORD JESUS CHRIST: Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto HIS glorious body, according to the working whereby HE is able even to subdue all things unto HIMSELF.”

Philippians 3:20-21

“For the LORD HIMSELF shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump (trumpet) of GOD: and the dead in CHRIST shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the LORD in the air: and so shall we ever (always) be with the LORD.”

I Thessalonians 4:16-17

4. GOD'S PEOPLE CAN NEVER BE SEPARATED

Our LORD JESUS CHRIST is the portion given to us by GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF (I Corinthians 1:2). HE is GOD's power and GOD's wisdom and GOD's righteousness and GOD's sanctification and GOD's redemption (I Corinthians 1:24, 30). HE is the LORD of glory (I Corinthians 2:8). HE is for our glorification and HE is for our justification (Romans 8:30). HE is for our complete sanctification of our spirit, soul and body (I Corinthians 6:11; I Thessalonians 5:23). HE is for our washing of regeneration and HE is for our renewing of the HOLY SPIRIT (Titus 3:5). HE is the deep things (depths) of GOD (I Corinthians 2:10). HE is the Unique Foundation of GOD's building (I Corinthians 3:11) and the Corner Stone (Isaiah 28:16; Ephesians 2:20). HE is our Passover (I Corinthians 5:7). HE is our unleavened bread (I Corinthians 5:8). HE is our spiritual food (I Corinthians 10:3; St. John 6:31-35). HE is our spiritual drink (I Corinthians 10:4; St. John 7:37-39). HE is our spiritual rock (I Corinthians 10:4). HE is the Head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). HE is the Body (I Corinthians 12:12). HE is the first-fruits of those who are the redeemed of the Jews and the Gentiles (I Corinthians 15:20). HE is the second MAN and the LORD from heaven (I Corinthians 15:47). HE is the last Adam and the life-giving SPIRIT (I Corinthians 15:45). GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST—the faithful GOD calls us all into the fellowship of our LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF (I Corinthians 1:9) to be the ONLY TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE AND ONLY TRUE GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST.

The ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD should persevere (stand fast) in the LORD

GOD, JESUS CHRIST, in spite of difficulties, reproaches, insults, thirst, hunger, starvation, famine, cold, nakedness, beatings, floggings, whippings, mockeries, perils, persecutions, tribulations, hardships, torments, tortures, imprisonments, sufferings and deaths. They cannot be separated from GOD's love, the love of CHRIST. So, HIS people ask,

“Who shall separate us from the love of CHRIST? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For THY sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through HIM that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of GOD, which is in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.”

Romans 8:35-39

Disappointments test our centre of interest (focus), commitment, faith, hope, faithfulness, truthfulness and stability. Disappointment time is our exam time. In some occasions, our GOD leads HIS people into disappointments. So, in GOD's plan for HIS people, there are disappointments. Hence, all our disappointments are GOD's appointments. So, GOD's people should not murmur against their disappointments. Murmuring is sin (I Corinthians 10:10).

“And when they (the Israelites) came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: ...”

Exodus 15:23-25

Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is the **Prince of Peace** (Isaiah 9:6). HE gives HIS peace to us (St. John 14:27). Apart from HIM there can be no peace between man and GOD. The saved people have peace with GOD (Romans 5:1) and the unsaved and the wicked have no peace with GOD. **GOD's peace** is the heavenly peace; it is the divine peace; it gives peacefulness of mind that frees us from fear and anxiety (St. John 14:27); it gives harmony and concord with others

(Ephesians 4:3); it gives health and welfare (I Corinthians 16:11); it is the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT (Galatians 5:22) and it signifies the opposite of war (Revelation 6:4). GOD's grace is for our spiritual standing and GOD's peace is for our spiritual standing and spiritual walk (Romans 5:1-2).

To keep our hearts and minds through CHRIST JESUS, HIS peace (GOD's peace) which surpasses all understanding must rule in our hearts (Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15). CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF is our peace (Ephesians 2:14). The **GOD of peace**, the LORD JESUS CHRIST is with HIS people (Philippians 4:9) and HE HIMSELF sanctifies HIS people completely (I Thessalonians 5:23) and HE HIMSELF gives HIS holiness to HIS people (Hebrews 12:14). In order to keep GOD's peace, we must occupy our minds with right things (Philippians 4:8) and with right activities (Philippians 4:9). To obtain GOD's peace, we must make our requests to GOD, the LORD JESUS CHRIST by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6-7).

The ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE PEOPLE and the ONLY ONE TRUE PEOPLE of the ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE GOD and the ONLY ONE TRUE GOD cannot be separated from GOD's love, because it is set forth in a person who is GOD HIMSELF, the LORD JESUS CHRIST. HE is our Saviour. HE is our Redeemer. HE is our peace. HE is our grace. Our LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is working all things together for good. Those who love HIM are best able to appreciate this fact because they love HIM no matter what.

“Though HE slay me, yet will I trust in HIM: ...”

Job 13:15

“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love GOD, to them who are the called according to HIS purpose.”

Romans 8:28

If the LORD GOD, JESUS CHRIST is with you, then you have a prayerful life; you have a powerful godly living by the power of the HOLY SPIRIT; you have a mind of divine attitudes; you have a truthful and faithful and holy life; you have a new experience of victory over sin, trials and tribulations and no one can separate you from HIM and nothing can change your hope for the future, of sharing the glories and indescribable joy of heaven (I Peter 1:3-5; St. John 14:2-3).