

Scriptures for the Week

Proverbs 30:5

Every Word of God proves true. HE is a shield to all who come to HIM for protection.

Psalms 18:30

God's way is perfect. All the Lord's promises prove true. HE is a shield for all who look to HIM for protection.

The Status of a Person's Heart

Visitor, Renter, Owner

There are many benefits to being part of the Family of God. It is about the heart and the actions taken day by day. Is **Jesus** a visitor, a renter, or the owner of your house?

Luke 6:45 NLT

“A good person produces good things from the **treasury of a good heart**, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart.

What you say flows from what is in your heart.”

In the Book of Truth, we find countless insights that help people gain understanding. For many, finding God and learning about HIM seems like a mystery. Not everyone can fully know God, because to truly know HIM, a person must be born again. It is not simply about gaining knowledge of events that happened many years ago; it is about experiencing and understanding those events in a marvelous, living way. The switch of LIFE must be turned on.

In other words, the Bible is a book of history to some, and to others, it is the Book of Revelation. A person living in the natural can gain knowledge about the events written in the Bible, but without being born again, that is all they can receive. However, the moment a person is “born again,” a spiritual law—the law of life—begins to operate. The message of the Gospel becomes genuine revelation, and the element of trust begins to work. Faith and trust fill the heart, and the Bible becomes a roadmap rather than just a history book.

The key is to first understand the true spiritual condition and status of a person.

Born Again Believer

The direction and plan of God begin to unfold the moment a person becomes a member of the Family of God. New life and new hope become guiding lights, offering humanity the opportunity to live a life filled with purpose and excitement.

James 1:2-4 NLT

2 Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an **opportunity for great joy**.

3 For you know that when your **faith** is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.

4 So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

Even during times of hardship, we can experience joy. As we read the writings of the Apostle Paul, we learn that he encountered many severe trials, yet in those moments he expressed peace and joy and continued to write in order to encourage others.

Returning to the status of a person's heart, I believe that when we are united with **Christ**, the Body of Christ is strengthened. The boundaries of a church building are broken, and the entire human race is counted as one. **Jesus died on the cross for all.** The Gospel is a message of hope for everyone—no one is excluded. I hope today you understand that **God loves you** and has your best interests at heart. What the enemy intends for evil, God will turn around for good. *Has God ever failed?* His record is flawless, and His response is always the best.

Hebrews 3:14-15 NLT

14 For if we are faithful to the end, trusting God just as firmly as when we first believed, we will share in all that belongs to Christ.

15 Remember what it says: “Today when you hear HIS voice, don’t harden your hearts as Israel did when they rebelled.”

You are the Plan of God!

Jeremiah 29:10-12 NLT

10 This is what the Lord says: “You will be in Babylon for seventy years. But then I will come and do for you all the good things I have promised, and I will bring you home again.

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. **“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.** **12** In those days when you pray, I will listen.”

Today is the day to trust God, and we do this by giving Him glory. Let the Spirit of God guide you through every situation, and begin to depend fully on Him. God often moves suddenly. Hear the facts of life, but know that God is greater and mightier, and He is ready to step in at the very moment He is needed. God's ways are higher, and His love for you is beyond measure.

Believe and trust God Today!

Zephaniah 3:17 NLT

“For the Lord your God is living among you. HE is a mighty Savior. HE will take delight in you with gladness. With HIS love, HE will calm all your fears. HE will rejoice over you with joyful songs.”

Get excited! Jesus LOVES you! ... and HE has a Plan for YOU!