



From the Pastor's Desk

The Desirable Formula is GOOD

Today, we hear so many messages and interpretations of the Bible that can make hearers doubt in one way or another. During difficult times I have seen how people do nothing to solve their situation. Some were just wishing for God to take care of their problem, while others did everything they could to solve their problem without counting on God at all. I see the point of view in each approach, but both lack the wisdom of God. Why not do both? In other words, do the best you can and at the same time believe in God. Another way to see this is by doing that which is possible while leaving to God that which seems impossible for man. Friend, the way you perceive spiritual things matters a lot. Living a life without God is expensive. It is for this reason that each of us must come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and all the benefits and rights that belongs to us.

God has given, to His children, precise instructions kept safe in The Book of Life. The study of God's Word gives us divine revelation of the plan and purposes of God which is of great advantage to know. These truths are recorded in the Bible by many witnesses. Among many important subjects the Plan of Salvation is the most important as it opens the door to receiving everlasting life. Salvation and the saving of the soul is one of the greatest topics covered in the Bible; among many, we have three separate witnesses (Matthew, Mark, Luke) who wrote about salvation. Reading the Gospel Message allows us to understand that eternal life has much more value than attaining any natural possession. The fact is that the things we possess today have limited value. Take for instance a car. The moment you drive it off the dealership lot it begins to lose value. The amount you paid is no longer what the car is worth. That is pretty much the same way with anything we buy nowadays with the exception to some rare items. In light of this and for this one reason the believer must focus on spiritual freedom. Pursuing anything else more than God can rob you of the freedom which is available today through Christ Jesus. It is God's free Gift of Freedom that allows us to operate in a new order similar to God. This redemption allows us to live by faith and gives us full assurance that we belong to God. The reality is that our Heavenly Father is a God of freedom! He has the best interest for you at heart. How important is the soul to God?

Let's read about these three witnesses:



Mark 8:36

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?

Matthew 16:26

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?

Luke 9:25

And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but are yourself lost or destroyed?

I believe that each person must seek divine knowledge about the reality of God, his nature and virtues. It is my hope and desire that as you read this newsletter you begin to desire to know more of God. In this unique journey on Earth, now is a good time to take the opportunity to make knowing God your priority. Increase your wisdom by seeking after the reality of God's Spirit instead of acting religious, which offers little recompense. Find who God is by assembling with other Spirit-filled believers and through the study of God's Word and by seeking after the characteristics of God. Also seek to know the value of becoming a Born-Again Christian. The truth is that God desires for you to become a new creature. Something special and supernatural takes place when someone with a sincere heart gives their heart to the Lord. The Bible says that all Heaven rejoices when someone comes to know the Lord. Friend, becoming part of the Family of God is a big deal. A life surrendered to God MUST experience change; in one way or another, the way things are perceived in this life is no longer the same, but it has become different by inner-transformation. A good illustration is of a pregnant woman. Regardless of what she thinks about her situation, the body is going to be reshaped along with a change in mood. Something similar takes place in the heart of the believer as the Word of God becomes imbedded within leading him or her into the perfect will of God. Fast, slow, or gradual change should be the sign emanating from the believer's life. Would you agree to this?

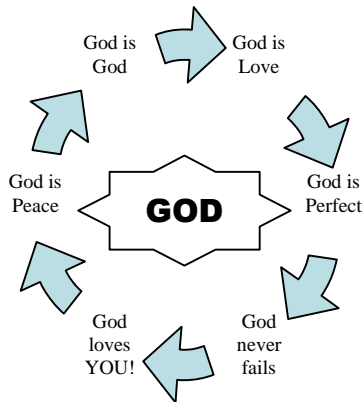
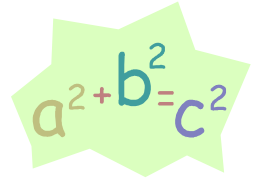
On your journey, make a genuine decision to know your Maker. In my life I have discovered that

He is a good God. My perception of Him is that **HE is GOOD**; regardless of any present or past situations, my God is a GOOD God! That is my perception and reality. In my life I have decided that when measuring matters of life the formula

of choice will be based on goodness. **HERE IS THE FORMULA I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE**


WITH YOU: ME + A PROBLEM = GOOD. Relax. I am using this as an example to describe the

way we ought to perceive things. During your situation carefully analyze what has taken place. Ask yourself, what are the symptoms and what has caused it? The answer to the equation should be good, but if good is not the final outcome then seek an answer through the Word of God. Why was my end result not favorable? My initial and foremost thoughts were based and focused on ME rather than in God. If you put God in your situation it will over power the bad, and the outcome will always be **GOOD**. The problem was most likely in the human side of the equation (which is me) instead of in God. The solution to any problem or obstacle is found in God. In other words, more of God will change the results of your equation from bad to good and from lack into abundance.



Friend, by now you ought to know the basic characteristics of God. Please let me mention to you just a few of them: (1) God is God (2) God is Love (3) God is Perfect (4) God is Peace (5) God never fails (6) God loves you. Let your relationship with God be established in a solid foundation. We must check on ourselves first because human nature is limited in scope; however, God is not. HE is complete in every spectrum. In the natural or spiritual, human capacity has limits, and these limits can produce room for error when lacking godly wisdom. This is evident when we live a life that is less than the life God has intended for us to live. A lesson to be learned here is one that is worth giving emphasis to that the believer must stop blaming God for their situation. Instead, the believer must deal with it by changing the end result by including God. The power of God can change your situation. Today, begin the faith journey by utilizing the powerful tools available to the believer.

Jesus is the Way!



In faith you can achieve your goals! Speak words of faith that can clear away your life from evil mines and can put you on top where you belong for GREATER IS HE that dwells in YOU!

In this letter the simple word I would like for you to take hold of is **GOOD**. Measure your life against it every day to keep you safe. Let it be the principal tool motivating you to live a life of love, joy, and peace. Your natural mind may play tricks on you, but continue in faith even during times when your mind tells you that what you are doing is illogical. In the Power of God you will be manifesting love, joy, and peace; even during times of hardships spiritual fruit will be in manifestation. The power of God is present to help you during good times and tough times, so start your day by welcoming and receiving the guidance of the Spirit of God.



I would like to encourage you to meditate on these scriptures:

Titus 3:8

“This is a trustworthy saying, and I want you to insist on these teachings so that all who trust in God will devote themselves to doing good. These teachings are good and beneficial for everyone.”

III John 1:11

“Dear friend, don’t let this bad example influence you. Follow only what is good. Remember that those who do good prove that they are God’s children, and those who do evil prove that they do not know God.”

Galatians 5:22-23

“But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!”

In God’s Love,

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