

**MODULE 2**  
**NEW CREATION**  
**REALITIES**  
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"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

**2 CHRONICLES 7:14**

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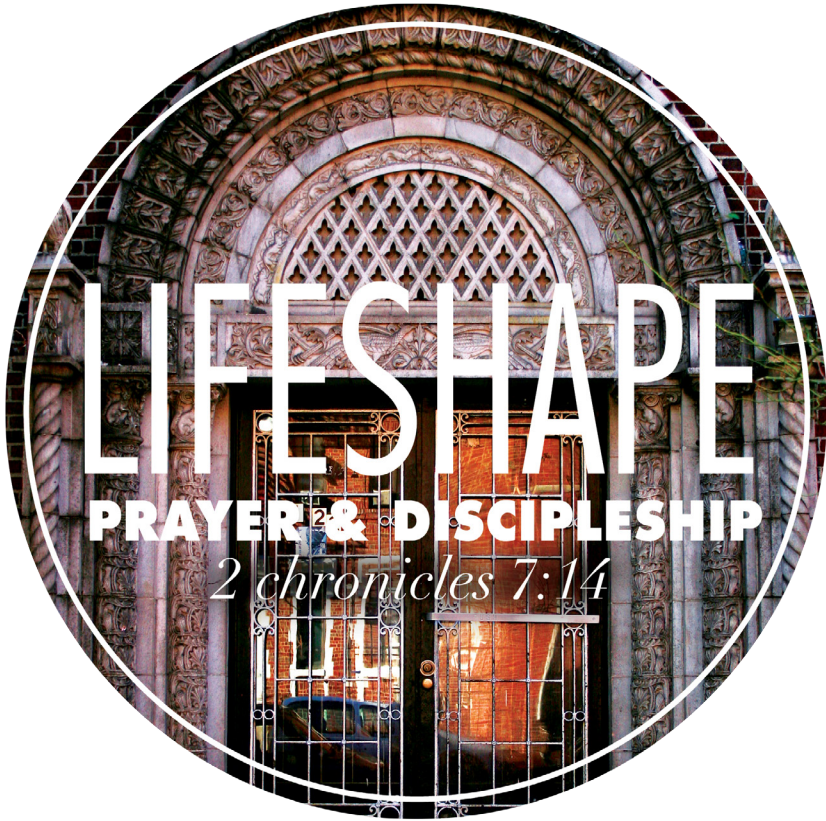
# WELCOME TO LIFESHape

Welcome to Module 2 of our LifeShape Prayer and Discipleship program. This module will deal with New Creation Realities. Once we are born again, we become a new creation in Christ, old things pass away, and all things become new in our lives. A baby is born into this world from a former limited womb experience to a greater reality with increased potential and opportunity to take advantage of the world which was before unknown to them. In much the same way, the new believer has been born again from a very limited existence into greater potential with increased opportunities as a new creation in Christ. Each new believer steps into new creation realities.

Since you are now beginning the second module in our LifeShape Prayer and Discipleship series, it is assumed that you have already completed Module 1. By this time, you have been challenged to believe and accepted the fact that there is one God who so loved the world that He gave His only Son as full and final payment for the sin which separated you from an eternal relationship with Him. You have also been encouraged and hopefully have followed Christ in water baptism and are living a life in righteousness and the power of the Holy Spirit. Now we will continue adding life blocks to the kingdom God is building within us. This will entail renewing our minds and embracing the truth as we discover what we got when we got born again.

My hope is that you will continue in daily personal prayer and find others of like mind and pursuit so that you may also experience the added benefits of corporate prayer and Christian fellowship. Remember 2 Chronicles 7:14 ... if we will, He will! Enjoy the journey.





# LIFESHape

PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP

*2 chronicles 7:14*

## IN CHRIST

### BLOCK ONE

#### **2 CORINTHIANS**

*5:17*

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. To be “Born Again” is to become a “New Creation in Christ.”
2. God desires we live our life from the New Creation perspective with the New Creation advantage we have “In Christ.”
3. The Bible will teach us these New Creation Realities.

Being “In Christ” is a positional reality. From the moment a person is saved, God sees them forever “In Christ.” They become brand new creations; the past no longer controls the future and new realities are brought to birth in Christ.

For in Him we live and move and have our being ...

**ACTS**  
*17:28*

77 times in the King James Version we find the scriptures make direct reference to being “In Christ.”

Our “New Creation” status and the position we occupy “In Christ” are both significant factors which afford us great advantage. It is from this position we take advantage of our relationship with God and begin to change things within us and change things around us.

One of the first things we need to change is how we see ourselves.

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**EPHESIANS**  
*2:13*

It is simple. When you could do nothing, Jesus did everything, and by your faith in Him, God made you a new creation in Christ. God sees you “In Christ” and so we also should see ourselves as He see us.

We are not Sinners trying to do right ... rather we are the Righteous resisting temptations to sin.

We are not the sick trying to get healed ... we are the healed and whole denying sickness a right to occupy our body.

We are not those shouting louder, praying longer, or singing sweeter trying to get God to notice us – we are “In Christ” and God hears our every thought and knows our every need.

We don't do good works hoping God will love us and let us into heaven ... rather we do good works because He does love us and because He created us in Christ to do good works. (Ephesians 2:10)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**2 CORINTHIANS**  
*5:17-21*

To reconcile means to settle accounts; to balance the books; to make up the difference. Reconciliation is an exchange of coins whereby an adjustment is made to equal so that no variance exists.

God was “In Christ” making up the difference between God and man and has settled the accounts and balanced the books for all who are “In Christ.” Jesus is both the door and the store of grace.

For God made Jesus, who knew no sin, to become sin for us so that we might become the righteousness of God “In Christ.”

**COMMENTARY**

Every person who believes and receives Jesus as Lord and Savior is born again and becomes a “New Creation in Christ.” This is a positional advantage. Each Believer will face and should grow to embrace their new creation realities as well as their new creation responsibilities.

God was “In Christ” reconciling man unto Himself, making up the difference and settling accounts. Once a person has entered the grace of salvation by faith in Jesus, old things pass away and all things become new. There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are “In Christ” who live and move and have their being in Him (Romans 8:1; Acts 17:28).

If we belong to Christ we are Abraham’s seed and heirs of God according to the promise (Galatians 3:28 & 29). The scriptures reveal our inheritance and teach us how to take advantage of the righteousness we have been made to be “In Christ.” The truth is simple: Jesus is both the door and the store and you have come through Christ into Christ to live in His grace.

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

**2 CORINTHIANS**  
*11:3*



# THE NEW NATURE

## BLOCK TWO

### **2 PETER**

*1:4*

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We have been given exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Salvation changes everything.
2. We receive a “New Nature” in Christ.
3. Our New Nature grants us a spiritual predisposition towards Godliness.
4. The New Nature is nurtured through Godly choices.

When a person gets ‘Born Again,’ what changes? The answer to that question is ‘Everything!’ These 12 lessons in this New Creation Realities Module will focus on what we get when we get saved ... what changes. As I said, everything changes.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God ...

### **2 CORINTHIANS** *5:17-18*

All things are of God! Let’s hold there for just a moment. Imagine with me as we look back to the moment we were born. Life does not begin with the first breath rather life exists even in the womb. Without consideration of any legal or political arguments, we understand that life, although very limited and incredibly vulnerable, exists in the womb, before birth.

**When a child is born, things change: position, perspective, and potential.**

Limits expand and things which were previously impossible are now possible because you are no longer in mom but in the world. However, growth and development will need to occur before a person can take full advantage of their new reality.

This is not unlike the change which occurs when a person is born again. Their limits expand and things which

were not possible before are now within their grasp as they grow and develop "In Christ."

**When a person is born again all things are new and all things are of God, including a new God-given nature.**

We have been given exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**2 PETER**  
*1:4*

Through Christ we escape the corruption that is this world and are made partakers of the divine nature ... human beings with a divine nature ... a new creature in Christ Jesus ... new spiritual DNA ... new possibilities ... new potential ... new perspectives ... New Nature.

Life is a process and, ultimately, life is what you do with what you have – It's no different with the new life which comes through Christ. In order to reach our God given potential, we must properly nurture our new nature.

Put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

**EPHESIANS**  
*4:22-24*

**The born again life is a process of cleaning out and cleaning up our lives to reflect our new nature. It is a process of "putting off" and "putting on."**

Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

## COLOSSIANS

*3:9-10*

Just because you are born into this world does not guarantee you will be successful or prominent or wealthy or healthy or happy or liked. It is the same with being born again into the family of God. Just because you are born again and have received a new nature with new opportunities and a new destiny does not guarantee you will be successful, prominent, wealthy, healthy, happy, or liked. Life, even the new life we receive in Christ, is work. However, we have an advantage – a new nature; a divine nature created according to God in true righteousness and holiness after the image of Him who created us.

When you were born again you became a new creation in Christ and received a new spirit, a new heart, a new hope, a new conviction, a new destiny and a new nature. You are not the same ... everything changed.

We all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not

of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

### **EPHESIANS**

### *2:3-10*

In order to take advantage of our opportunities and reach our potential in Christ, we must nurture this New Nature by walking in the good works of God. Good works do not save us, make us righteous or holy. However, good works do help us develop and reflect the divine nature we possess in Christ. Learning to live the new creation life is a process.

### **NOTES**

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# **FORGIVENESS**

## **BLOCK THREE**

**1 JOHN**

*1:9*

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If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Forgiveness absolves a person from the penalties, not the responsibilities, of the past.
2. There is a difference between asking to be forgiven and asking to be excused.
3. Forgiveness is the offender's right and the offended's command because it was paid for by the blood.
4. There is a difference between forgiveness and restoration.
5. Whoever confesses and forsakes their sin will have mercy.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

**MATTHEW**  
*18:21-22*

When Peter asked Jesus how often should he forgive his brother who sins against him, Jesus responded with an overwhelming number: 70 times 7, that is to say, every time.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven."

**LUKE**  
*6:37*

In fact, a promise is connected to us forgiving others of their trespasses against us. Jesus said if we forgive others we will be forgiven also. This is the basic principle of sowing and reaping and treating others like we want to be treated

# **FORGIVENESS**

*MOD 2 BLOCK 3*

ourselves. The grace of God is sufficient so that we might access His storehouse and forgive others in Christ.

Forgiveness is both a right and responsibility. Each offender has a right to be forgiven because forgiveness is based upon the blood of Jesus. The offender has a right to be forgiven while the one who is offended has a responsibility to forgive. Forgiveness is not based on what the person does or does not do, rather forgiveness is based on what Jesus did.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**1 JOHN**  
*1:9*

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**1 JOHN**  
*2:1*

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

**PROVERBS**  
*28:13*

## **COMMENTARY**

When a person is born again they become a new creation in Christ and as such gain access to a storehouse of God's grace. This storehouse is filled with every good and precious promise, all paid for by the blood of Jesus. At the point of salvation, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sins, old things pass away and all things become new. We are forgiven the eternal debt of sin and are given an open door into God's grace of continued forgiveness.



# FORGIVENESS

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Without question the grace of God is sufficient to cover every failure and the sins which do so often beset the saint. The grace of forgiveness comes when we recognize our sin before God, confess our sin to God, and forsake that sin. This grace is available and abundant when accessed by a true heart of repentance. More than simply saying “excuse me” we must mean “forgive me” with solemn contrition because each request makes its demand on the blood of Christ. For without the blood there can be no forgiveness.

Not only can we access the forgiveness we need for our sin but we also can access the grace of forgiveness which we need to pardon others. Just as Jesus said, “forgive and you will be forgiven.” Forgiveness is a right while restoration is a responsibility. Forgiveness does not relieve one of the responsibilities for the past. However, forgiveness does absolve and fully pardon from the penalties of the past. Forgiveness is the responsibility of the one who was offended while restoration often costs the offender.

## NOTES

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# TRANSFORMATION

## BLOCK FOUR

### ROMANS

12:2

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Do not be conformed to this world, but transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. World opinion is opposed to God.
2. Godliness begins with a mindset.
3. Only a changed mind will change a life.
4. Transformation is a New Creation Reality.

To conform means to pattern oneself after some other influence, model, or mindset. The “World” has a mindset, a set way of thinking. We continually hear about “World Opinion.” People are often influenced by world opinion but world opinion does not reflect God’s opinion.

The world is at war with God. The world tries to overwhelm, discount, and destroy God’s influence, all the while ... God is right and the world is wrong. Nonetheless the world seems tireless in its efforts to capture the mind and control opinion. The world is not your friend. The world is crazy.

... do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

**JAMES**

*4:4*

God does not want us to pattern ourselves after the influence, the model, or the mindset of this world. The world’s method of thought and practice is an enemy of God and runs contrary to the Kingdom. Therefore, whoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God.

World opinion does not reflect the mind of Christ.

Do not be conformed to this world, but rather be transformed.

# TRANSFORMATION

MOD 2 BLOCK 4

Transformation refers to a metamorphosis of the mind - the picture of a caterpillar when it is transformed from an earthbound worm to a beautiful butterfly who rides upon the winds of heaven. Transformation occurs as a result of our participation with God in the process of renewing our mind. Only a changed mind will change a life forever.

Transformation is available to every Believer in Christ who chooses to believe God's Word instead of allowing the influence and mindset of this world to shape their thoughts, beliefs, morals, and goals. God's Word is truth and as we continue to fill our thoughts with the Word of God, the Word captures and cleanses our thoughts and renews our mind. Those who are "In Christ" should begin to think more like Christ and less like their old carnal, worldly self. It is a process which demands participation on your part.

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

**ROMANS**  
*8:1-2*

When we are born again as a "New Creation In Christ," we are made free from the law of sin and death. From that point God expects us to fill our minds with His Word and "set" our minds on spiritual things so that we will begin thinking like He thinks.

# TRANSFORMATION

MOD 2 BLOCK 4

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

**ROMANS**

*8:5-7*

Transformation is not without a struggle. The world is an enemy of God and fights to dominate opinion. God expects us to challenge our thoughts and not to let them run wild or come under the influence of this world's opinion. God has given us spiritual weapons to use against this enemy of our soul. Godliness begins with a mindset.

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience to Christ.

**2 CORINTHIANS**

*10:4-5*

The battle is in the mind and the battle is for the mind. To begin the process of transformation we must know God's Word and accept God's Word as Truth. Believers must embrace God's opinion as their very own.

When a Believer changes their mind to line up with God's Word, it will transform their life and challenge the lives of all they influence for eternity. We are transformed by the Word so that we might prove the Will of God. We must seek God's Word to know God's Word; We must know God's Word to embrace God's Word; We must embrace God's Word to reflect God's Word. In other words:







# DOMINION

## BLOCK FIVE

### GENESIS

1:26

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Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Man was originally created to have dominion.
2. Man is born again to a New Creation position of authority.
3. God expects His children to be in charge and influential.
4. Believers exercise dominion through prayer, confession, and command.

Why be born again? Why get saved? What changes? What are the benefits? These are reasonable questions asked by many who are sincere but lack the knowledge of the scriptures. What are the benefits of being a "Born Again" Christian instead of just calling yourself a Christian because you go to Church, don't lie, cheat, steal, murder, commit adultery, or take the Lord's name in vain? What really happens when a person recognizes their need for a Savior, repents of their sins, and personally receives Christ as Lord?

The person who believes in and calls upon the name of Jesus steps into Christ and therein becomes a New Creature in Christ. Although it cannot be observed with the natural eye, nonetheless an eternal change takes place: Old things pass away and all things become new in that person's life. Suddenly, to the joyful resound of heaven's choir, reality changes.

Along with salvation and eternal forgiveness of sins and acceptance into heaven come other New Creation realities designed to benefit the Born Again Believer in this life. One such reality is the element of Dominion.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

**GENESIS**  
*1:26*

God created man like Himself and gave them Dominion. Dominion is the God-given right and power to govern and control the works of God's hand upon the earth. It is simply the position of being in charge. Man was not designed to be equal with the animals, subject to sin, or controlled by the elements of this world. Life is not meant to unfold in unpredictable, unmanageable, or uncontrolled chaos. God created Adam like Himself and gave him the right and power to accomplish the five original commandments of Genesis 1:28.

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

**GENESIS**  
*1:27-28*

### The Original 5 Commandments

1. Be Fruitful
2. Multiply
3. Fill the Earth
4. Subdue the Earth
5. Have Dominion

Psalms 8 records King David putting forth the age old question of "Why am I here?" then answers that question with all certainty:

You have made man to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet.

**PSALMS**  
*8:6*

Dominion reflects the positional authority delegated to mankind by God. This authority, like any other, is meaningless unless acted upon. God expects His children to “take charge” and make concerted efforts to influence and positively affect our surroundings and the course of this world. Taking charge immediately began in the Garden of Eden even in the seemingly little things like Adam naming the animals. It was clearly his responsibility because he was put in charge. He even named Eve, because it was his responsibility to make things happen.

**In many instances we are either letting things happen or making things happen.**

God has fully equipped His children with the tools necessary to exercise the dominion given them.

- Voice of Prayer
- Voice of Confession
- Voice of Command

Jesus plainly declared that all authority was given unto Him and therefore He commissioned us to go in His name and heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the leper; freely we have received and freely we are to give.

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**LUKE**  
*10:19*

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

**MATTHEW**  
*16:19*

## **COMMENTARY**

Some notable changes occurred when men first began to believe Jesus really was the promised Messiah, Son of God and therefore Savior of the world. One such evidenced change took place in the lives of men whom Jesus commissioned and sent out to minister in His name (Matthew 10; Luke 10). To these men Jesus gave both instruction and authority. They were told to go proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom and wherever they went they were to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead and cast out devils. In other words, exercise dominion ... be in charge.

Following their faithful obedience these men began to experience miracles in their ministry. After completing their journey they returned with much joy, excited to report that even the demons were subject unto them when they invoked the name of Jesus.

This was a brief glimpse of but one New Creation Reality we receive when we are Born Again and come into Christ. Believers in Christ experience the reality of Dominion – the right and power to govern and control. Dominion is a God-ordained position from which the Believer exercises spiritual authority and demonstrates spiritual abilities.

God has not left His children in subjection to demons or disorders of this world. Sin, sickness, poverty, worry, frustration, anger, lusts, fear, disease, oppression, depression, possession, and pride all must bow their knee to the authority we have in that name above every name, Jesus. We exercise our dominion through prayer, confession, and command.

Birds were made to fly; fish were made to swim; man was created to have dominion. Refuse to be controlled by the lesser elements of creation. Instead of being out of control, embrace your God ordained position and begin to exercise dominion through your faithful obedience and faith-filled proclamations of the Gospel of Christ. This is a Kingdom Reality!





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## **ACCESS**

**BLOCK SIX**

### **EPHESIANS**

*3:12*

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In Christ we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. The blood of Jesus abolished the veil of separation between God and man.
2. Mankind now has open access to God through Christ Jesus.
3. Those who are "In Christ" can approach God's throne with confidence.
4. To the praise of the glory of God's grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.- **EPHESIANS 1:6**

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**ROMANS**  
*5:1-2*

When God first created Adam and Eve and placed them in the Garden of Eden, it was God's intent that they should have unrestricted fellowship together with Him. The Bible says that God walked with them in the cool of the day. Later, sin entered the picture and mankind lost rights of access to the presence of God. From that point forward, contact was very limited and then accomplished mostly by heavenly messengers who made man to understand the will of God and worked with man on God's behalf.

Angels provided the communication link between heaven and earth, seeing that mankind were sinners and no sin could stand in God's presence. God loved, missed, and longed for relationship with His creation. For this reason He established a ritual through which a man's sin could be temporarily covered allowing God's Spirit to descend upon the earth without threat of consuming all flesh.

The ritual of sacrifice was instituted and a Tabernacle was constructed according to strict instructions after the heavenly pattern. This Tabernacle was consecrated by the continual sacrifice of bulls and goats. The daily sacrifice also reminded God and man of the sin which separated them and the hope that one day a greater sacrifice would restore relationship and grant man unrestricted access to God's presence and even to His throne.

The Temple which was built in Jerusalem was patterned after the Tabernacle in the wilderness. They both had three distinct areas of sacrifice and service. The outer court was the largest of the three allowing everyone to bring a sacrifice for sin and receive temporary reprieve. Many other rituals were performed in the outer court which were but shadows and symbols of a greater day to come in which Messiah, the Lamb of God, would take away the sins of the world forever.

The Inner Court was only accessed by the Levitical Priests to do service and minister to the Lord and then only entered after passing through several steps of ritual cleansing so as not to appear before the Lord's instruments of worship unclean and unworthy to perform the service – this could cost them their lives. Daily prayers were offered in the Inner Court and lifted heavenward in the smoke from the Altar of Incense. This was a holy duty indeed but still demanded that communication cross the great gulf between heaven and earth to reach the presence of God.

The third area of this earthly replica of God's heavenly Temple was the Holy of Holies. This sealed inner sanctuary, which was covered by a thick curtain called "the veil," held the Ark of the Covenant and represented the very throne room of God's presence. Only the High Priest of Israel was allowed to enter one time each year, humbly and fearfully, reaching out to God on the Day of Atonement to sprinkle the blood on the mercy seat, and



then only after meticulous preparation had been made. Nothing more symbolizes the future hope of Messiah than this event.

The great curtain which separated the Holy of Holies from view and denied access to God stood as a veil between God and man. However, on the day when Jesus was crucified, along about the sixth hour of the day, the sun grew dark and Jesus cried with a loud voice and said, "It is finished," then He died. At that instant the earth shook and the veil of the Temple guarding entrance to the Holy of Holies was torn by the hand of God from the top all the way to the bottom. Access was granted by the blood of Messiah.

Jesus made a way for us that we might enter into the presence of God. He broke down that middle wall of separation and thereby created new access to God having made atonement for all who would come through Him. Now, those who are "In Christ" have that access to God and are accepted in the beloved. Therefore we come boldly to the throne of grace that we might obtain mercy and find grace to help in the times of need.

In Christ we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

**EPHESIANS**  
*3:12*

For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation.

**EPHESIANS**  
*2:14*

For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

**EPHESIANS**  
*2:18*

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**HEBREWS**  
*4:16*

The bold approach spoken of in Hebrews is best understood when we rightly define this particular concept of boldness. The term "boldly" herein means:

- With openness; honesty; clean heartedness
- Without fear; deception; ambiguity
- With humble assurance and cheerful courage
- Confident in our approach

Let us remember, God did this all through the sacrifice of His Son because He wanted to, not because He had to. This is God's grace; we have access.

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**SUPPORT SCRIPTURES**

**MATTHEW 27:50-51**  
**HEBREWS 9:3**  
**HEBREWS 10:20**  
**HEBREWS 6:19-20**





**SOZO**

**BLOCK SEVEN**

**MATTHEW**

*18:11*

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For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Jesus gave His life on the Cross of Calvary to save us from an eternity in hell and from the hell of this life.
2. The relationship we have with God through Jesus provides access to God's grace for our past, our present, and our future needs.
3. Cry out to Jesus in your need – He is mighty to sozo your spirit, soul, and body.

Matthew the 14th chapter records the miracle of the fishes and loaves where Jesus fed 5000 men plus the women and children by multiplying the small amount of food one young lad brought for his lunch that day. Following that miracle, Jesus instructed His disciples to get into their boat and go ahead of Him to the other side of the lake.

Jesus sent the multitudes away and when evening came He found a solitary place in which to pray. Meanwhile, a storm arose on the lake which caused winds to blow and the waves to roll contrary to the disciples' path. They rowed hard, but after midnight towards morning they were still far from shore and in the midst of the storm.

Tired from their long and wearying struggles they suddenly looked up and saw someone walking on the water. They imagined it was a ghost and were frightened. Then Jesus spoke to them saying, "Cheer up, it is I, do not be afraid."

Peter immediately said, "Jesus, if it is really You, bid me to come to You walking on the water." Jesus simply said, "Come!" With this invitation, Peter got out of the boat and began walking on the water towards Jesus. Then, Peter looked around and saw the fierceness of the winds and became afraid. Losing his focus, fear creeping in, Peter began to sink. Peter cried out, "Lord, save me!" And, of course, Jesus immediately stretched out His hand and caught him.

"Lord save me!" ... what greater cry could ever come from the mouth of one in need. Whether we need to be saved from fear, death, or fear of death, Jesus is our Savior and He is mighty to save when we cry out unto Him.

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

**MATTHEW**  
*18:11*

Save = Greek: Sozo – (Sode'-zo)

- Greek Grammar: Tense - Aorist; Voice - Active; Mood - Infinitive
- To save; to keep safe and sound; to rescue from danger or destruction; to make well or whole; to heal or restore to health.

Whom did Jesus come to rescue from danger and destruction; whom did He come to save and keep safe? The lost. Lost = those who are perishing, being destroyed, in ruin, deemed useless, destined for death.

This was the plight of the widow who was plagued for 12 years, spent all she had on physicians and was none better, but rather grew worse. When she heard of Jesus, she came ...

For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well (sozo)."

**MARK**  
*5:28*

And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well (sozo). Go in peace, and be healed of your affliction."

**MARK**  
*5:34*

Her faith accessed the grace of salvation. According to our key scripture, Jesus came to rescue the perishing and, therefore, she was a perfect candidate. Her faith in Christ saved her ... sozo!

This account reminds me of a hymn I sang in Church as a young boy:

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying,  
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
Weep o'er the erring one,  
Lift up the fallen,  
Tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.

Rescue the perishing,  
Care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful,  
Jesus will save.

Our Lord Jesus has come to rescue the perishing ... He seeks those who are lost, hurting, and dying in their sins. Jesus is merciful; Jesus will save!

One of the simplest and best understandings of salvation is repeated with both hope and conviction by saints in many parts of the world outside of America. I believe it best represents the greater understanding and the ongoing work of salvation. They say it this way:

1. I have been saved.
2. I am being saved.
3. I will be saved.

This truth speaks of the past, present, and future works of grace.

1. My Spirit has been rescued from the darkness of death and separation from God.
2. My Soul is being transformed continually by the renewing power of God's Word now in this life on a daily basis.
3. My Body will one day be changed to reflect the image of God's eternal glory and I shall be whole before Him.

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**1 THESSALONIANS**  
*5:23*

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**SUPPORT SCRIPTURES**

- LUKE 19:10**
- MATTHEW 14:30**
- MATTHEW 27:42**
- MARK 5:28**
- MARK 5:34**







# LIFESHARE

PRAYER & DISCIPLESHIP

*2 chronicles 7:14*

## POWER

**BLOCK EIGHT**

**LUKE**

*10:19*

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Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. We have been given authority in Christ. - **JOHN 1:12** - "But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."
2. We have been given ability in Christ. - **ACTS 1:8** - "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
3. We have been sent to minister in the power of Christ.

In the northeastern part of Israel, right along the border of Syria, lies the largest fresh water lake in the Holy Land. This lake sits in a valley that is 650 to 700 feet below sea level and is fed by the Jordan River. The lake is named Lake Gennesaret and is also referred to in the scriptures as the Sea of Galilee. Many of the signs, wonders, and miracles, as well as the teachings of Jesus recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, took place along the northern shore of this lake.

Two of my favorite Bible stories occurred in the very same little town next to this lake. The town is named Capernaum and you can still visit there today. The first story comes from Mark 5. It seems Jesus had just arrived by boat on shore at Capernaum when He was met by a man whose daughter was sick. Upon request, Jesus began a short walk accompanying this man on his way to the man's house to heal his daughter. Before they made it to the man's house, a sick woman interrupted them when she pushed her way through the crowd surrounding Jesus and secretly reached out in faith and touched Jesus' clothes.

For she said, "If only I may touch His clothes, I shall be made well." Immediately the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she felt in her body that she was healed of the affliction. And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself that power had gone out of Him, turned around in the crowd and said, "Who touched My clothes?"

**MARK**  
*5:28-30*

God's Word teaches truth. It intrigues me when I read this account and I'm further encouraged to study and find what the Word teaches here. Jesus immediately knew power had gone out of Him ... What is this power and how did Jesus know a withdrawal had been made?

**The Greek word translated "Power" in this verse is the word "Dunamis." It commonly means: Strength; Might; Force; Ability – basically: the ability to make things happen. In this occasion, it was the power to heal and cure.**

The second story which demonstrates the power of God is also found in the Gospel of Mark and it happened earlier in the very same little town of Capernaum. Everywhere Jesus went multitudes gathered to hear Him teach and receive their healing. One day Jesus entered the town of Capernaum and people heard that He was in a certain house in town, perhaps it was Peter's house which was near the Synagogue. The Synagogue, which sits there today, was built in the year 396 AD on the very same foundation of the Synagogue in Jesus' day. It is a marvelous place to visit.

That day people began to gather in and around the house to see and hear Jesus. Four men had a friend who was paralyzed. These men wanted their friend to meet Jesus and be healed by Him. They carried their friend on his bed to the house where Jesus was but with so many people already gathered they

could not even get close to a window and forget getting inside by any conventional means.

Undaunted by the obstacles presented, these four friends climbed up on the roof of that house, all the while carrying their friend. They tore off a large portion of the roof above Jesus and let their friend down on his bed through the hole in the roof and lowered him right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw the faith of these four men and the lengths they would go to in order to see their friend meet Him, Jesus said:

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic,  
"Son, your sins are forgiven you."

**MARK**  
*2:5*

"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins" — He said to the paralytic, "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house."

**MARK**  
*2:10-11*

So that you may know that Jesus has "power" on earth to forgive sins ...

This Greek word translated "power" here in Mark 2:10 is a different Greek word than the earlier word we encountered. Instead of this word meaning strength, might, force, or ability like "dunamis," it is rather the Greek word:

**Exousia = Authority; Right; Privilege; Jurisdiction**

**Jesus had both the authority of God and the ability of God to forgive sins and perform miracles on earth.**

Just to clarify doctrine: We are not meant to only identify with the sick woman or the lame man in these two stories. Thank

God for healing and forgiveness when we need them. However, Jesus wants us to also identify with Him in these accounts as well. We are His hands, His feet; we minister with His authority and His ability to a world in crisis every day.

“Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.”

**MATTHEW**  
*10:8*

As the disciples of Christ, we are those sent out into the world with a command to heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead and cast out devils. Born again Believers have received the power of God to minister.

When a person is born again, they become a New Creation in Christ with New Creation Realities. One New Creation Reality is the Reality of Power! We have been given both “Exousia” and “Dunamis” of God in Christ.

“Behold, I give unto you power (exousia – authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power (dunamis – ability) of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

**LUKE**  
*10:19*

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# PRO-VISION

**BLOCK NINE**

**LUKE**

*12:15*

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Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. A sound biblical definition of provision is the resources God gives us to accomplish the work to which He has called us.
2. God works with us and through us to provide for us and others.
3. Be thankful and content with a modest life.
4. No one is richer than a child of God.

Wherever God points, He always provides.

In the Old Testament God made Himself known to mankind in various ways. As God revealed Himself, people began to know Him and soon learned God's nature and grew to depend on certain attributes of His character. Often either God or the person with whom God was interacting added a second name to the name of God to describe Him.

For example, when the Angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon, Gideon was afraid he would die. The Lord said to Gideon, "Peace be to you ... you shall not die."

As a result of that encounter, Gideon built an altar to God and named the altar, Jehovah-Shalom, which means: "The Lord is our Peace."

There are several occurrences like this in the Bible. Some of the more recognized names of God which reveal certain facets of His nature include:

- Jehovah-Rapha  
The Lord our Healer - Exodus 15:26
- Jehovah-Nissi  
The Lord our Banner/Victory - Exodus 17:15
- Jehovah-Tsidqenu  
The Lord our Righteousness - Jeremiah 23:6

- Jehovah-Raah  
The Lord is my Shepherd - Psalms 23:1
- Jehovah-Shalom  
The Lord is our Peace - Judges 6:24

Perhaps one of the most used compound names of God comes from Genesis 22. In this account, God spoke to Abraham to walk northwards to a place God would show him and there sacrifice his son Isaac. Abraham obeyed and after three days arrived at the foot of Mount Moriah, where now sits Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. The place is important ...

Abraham took the wood off of the donkey and put it on Isaac's shoulders and they began to ascend Mount Moriah together. Isaac asked his father, "where is the sacrificial lamb?" Abraham replied, "God will supply." Satisfied with the answer, they both continued up the hill where Abraham prepared the altar and laid the wood in place.

Next, Abraham began to bind Isaac for the sacrifice. It is important to note a few key things:

- This is the same mount upon which Jesus would later be crucified.
- Jesus also carried the wood of His cross on this same hill.
- Also, Isaac was about 33 to 35 years old at this time, the approximate age of Jesus at the time of His crucifixion.
- Both of these sons trusted their fathers and were obedient to them.

Just as Abraham lifted the knife to sacrifice Isaac, the Lord spoke out of heaven and stopped him and blessed him for his willingness to obey. There below, just a little way down the hill, a ram was caught by his horns in a thicket. Abraham retrieved the ram and made the sacrifice.

Afterwards, Abraham called the name of that place, "Jehovah-Jireh," which means "The Lord will provide." (Genesis 22:14) – Remember, the place is important ...

The literal translation of Jehovah Jireh is: "In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen." What shall be seen? Provision ... When we are where God wants us to be we shall see what He has provided for us. If Abraham would have stopped one day short, there would have been no provision in that place.

Provision is waiting on us to get where God is taking us.

Provision is "Pro-Vision" = for the vision. Provision from God is given to accomplish the vision of God. Provision from God is always waiting in a place with purpose.

God supplies what we need to accomplish His will. It may not always be what we want or what we imagine we should have, but it will always be enough to do what He wants done. Our challenge is to accept each blessing from heaven, thank Him for it, and then be good stewards over whatever we are given. The Lord will supply all of our needs (Philippians 4:19).

It's like the manna which came from heaven to feed the Children of Israel everyday for over 40 years as they journeyed in the Arabian wilderness. It was not always what their flesh desired but it was what God knew was best for them under the circumstances they faced. The Bible says that their feet never swelled and neither was there a sick or feeble one among them (Nehemiah 9:21 & Psalms 105:37). It was God's provision from heaven! Where God points, He provides. And ...

No one is richer than a child of God. Don't envy others or be covetous.

Now godliness with contentment is great gain.

**1 TIMOTHY**  
*6:6*

And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content.

**1 TIMOTHY**  
*6:8*

Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

**LUKE**  
*12:15*

Our life is so much more than our bank account or our house can measure.

When it comes to provision, it is good to remember that God has a work ethic. One of the first things God teaches us about Himself is that His will and His world demand work. God worked six days and rested on the seventh. He took one day off; He did not take the rest of eternity off. God requires we work, and provision is most often the result of His blessings on our labor. However, if we will not work it can be difficult for God to bless us. 2 Thessalonians 3:10 says, "If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat."

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

**1 TIMOTHY**  
*5:8*





## ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT

### BLOCK TEN

#### PSALMS

34:7

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The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him,  
and delivers them.

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# ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Angels are all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation. - **HEBREWS 1:14**
2. "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven." - **MATTHEW 18:10**
3. Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. - **HEBREWS 13:2**
4. The angel of the LORD encamps all around those who fear Him, And delivers them. - **PSALMS 34:7**

Angels are a spiritual species of beings which God created with purpose.

Angels were created by God as spiritual beings which all have:

- Differing Ranks
  - Differing Orders
  - Differing Duties
  - Differing Abilities
  - Differing Appearances
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- Daniel 10 & 12 speak of Michael as a Chief Prince of Israel
  - Near 100 times the Bible mentions Cherubs/Cherubim as angels which hover over and cover with their two wings (1 Kings 8:7; Ezekiel 10; Hebrews 9:5).
  - From Ezekiel 28 it seems Lucifer was created as an anointed Cherub who was given authority by God to rule over much of creation.
  - Isaiah 6 speaks of Seraphim which have six wings and acted in Isaiah's case as a messenger of God.
  - Angels have names and are sent on assignment by God (Luke 1:26).

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- There are angels who appear to us as mere men and yet we are unaware they are sent from heaven (Hebrews 13:2).
- Angels bring messages to people in dreams (Matthew 1:20).
- Revelation 12 speaks of warring angels.
- Daniel was informed concerning a fallen demonic angel prince who had power in the air and exercised authority over Persia and another one was over Greece. These were, no doubt, rulers of darkness.
- Mark 1:13 shows angels ministering to Jesus in the desert of Judah.
- Jesus said in Matthew 26:53 that He could presently call more than 12 legions of angels to defend and deliver Him. A legion numbers more than 6,000 each (6,100 footmen + 726 horsemen ~ Robertson's Word Pictures of the New Testament).
- Elisha saw the same willing warriors awaiting his command at Dothan in 2 Kings 6:17.
- The devil knows that God gives angels assignments to watch over His children (Luke 4:11).
- Angels care about souls and express joy and rejoicing over a sinner who repents (Luke 15:10).
- In Luke 16:22 angels escort the souls of saints from earth into heaven.
- According to Luke 20:36, angels never die.
- However, those angels who followed Satan in the rebellion against God will one day be cast into the eternal lake of fire which God has prepared specifically for them (Matthew 25:41).
- Rebel angels attempt to appear as angels of light, masquerading as those helping others to see the "real truth," but are rather angels of darkness and deceit (2 Corinthians 11:14).
- 1 John 4:1ff admonishes us to not believe every spirit but rather test each one with the Word of God as our standard.



# ANGELS ON ASSIGNMENT

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- Paul said if an angel, or a man for that matter, appears to you with some message which does not agree with the scriptures, let them be cursed (Galatians 1:8).
- Angels are everywhere, everyday used by God, listening for His Word to affect His will (Psalms 103:20) ~ Speak the Word!
- Angels are among those listening to the words we speak and are motivated by the prayers we pray (Daniel 10:12 ~ I have come because of your words).

When a person gets born again, they are born into the family of God and become a Child of God. The Spiritual Children of God are a brand new species, neither human nor angel nor spirit nor man. To be born again is to become a New Creation in Christ Jesus, eternally alive and predestined to be transformed into the image of God's dear Son.

There are many new realities and awesome benefits available to the Child of God. One such benefit is the attendance and dependence of Angels on Assignment. Upon the request of heaven or earth, angels are dispatched to assist the saint according to the will of God.

It is certain that angels have their work, but so do we. If we were to read the account of Cornelius and the angel in Acts 10 we would find an interesting limit to the angel's assignment. According to the angel, heaven had been moved by Cornelius' devotion to prayer and giving to the poor. However, when heaven responded with the dispatch of this angel, the angel did not tell Cornelius what to do to get born again, rather the angel merely pointed Cornelius to a saint, Peter in this case, who would tell him the story of Jesus.

In an earlier case in Acts 9 with the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, neither the angel nor the voice from heaven explained to Saul what he should do but rather pointed him to wait until a Child of God could respond and lead him to

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salvation in Christ. It took three days of heavenly voices and visions before Ananias worked up the courage and went to lead this man to Christ.

Angels were all created with the same purpose as man – to serve and glorify God. Unlike humans however, we generally understand that angels do not reproduce and therefore do not pass either death or life on to their offspring.

At one point an anointed high ranking cherub named Lucifer felt he no longer wanted to be known as God's servant or second in command. Rather Lucifer wanted to do his own thing and have his own glory. Lucifer began to talk his reasons among the angelic population and infected some with his side of the story. When Lucifer felt he had enough support to make it on his own, he rebelled against God and many of the heavenly hosts followed him. His fall was like lightning.

Today, these rebel angels are often seen as angels of light, but they are only working for their own goals, attempting to build their own kingdom and their own following, trying to make people dissatisfied with God, using every means to discredit Him and win people over to their side.

It started in a peaceful garden with a subtle and secret conversation this sneaky snake had with a woman. Seeds of distrust, dissatisfaction, and discontentedness were sown. Satan successfully divided her and everyone she affected from the good and loving God who had given so much, even given so much to the devil himself, that is, before he fell prey to his own pride and rebelled to begin his own kingdom (2 Corinthians 11:14).

Today, angels are at odds with one another divided between God and the devil. God expects for those who followed Lucifer and were ultimately cast out of heaven's embrace to be resisted by those who follow Him. God also knows that these rebels will continue trying to influence others, humans and angels

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alike, to follow pride and break free from God and His ordained leadership. While there is hope for mankind through repentance and the salvation which was provided by the blood of Christ, there is no future hope for fallen angels ... their future is sealed.

One day we shall see them as they are and just how much misery and harm they have caused in the earth. So much of your trouble, seen and unseen, known and unknown, discovered and yet to be discovered, is the result of rebellious, pride-filled, greedy, arrogant, selfish, and self-serving spirits who, without God's blessings, can only feed on the unsuspecting and uncovered souls of men. These spirits can only influence and deceive, they cannot save and keep safe. One day ... we shall see them as they are and according to 1 Corinthians 6:3 we shall be their judge. Shall we not therefore also judge the things of this life? Thank God for His angels on assignment who:

... Who excel in strength, who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

**PSALMS**  
*103:20*

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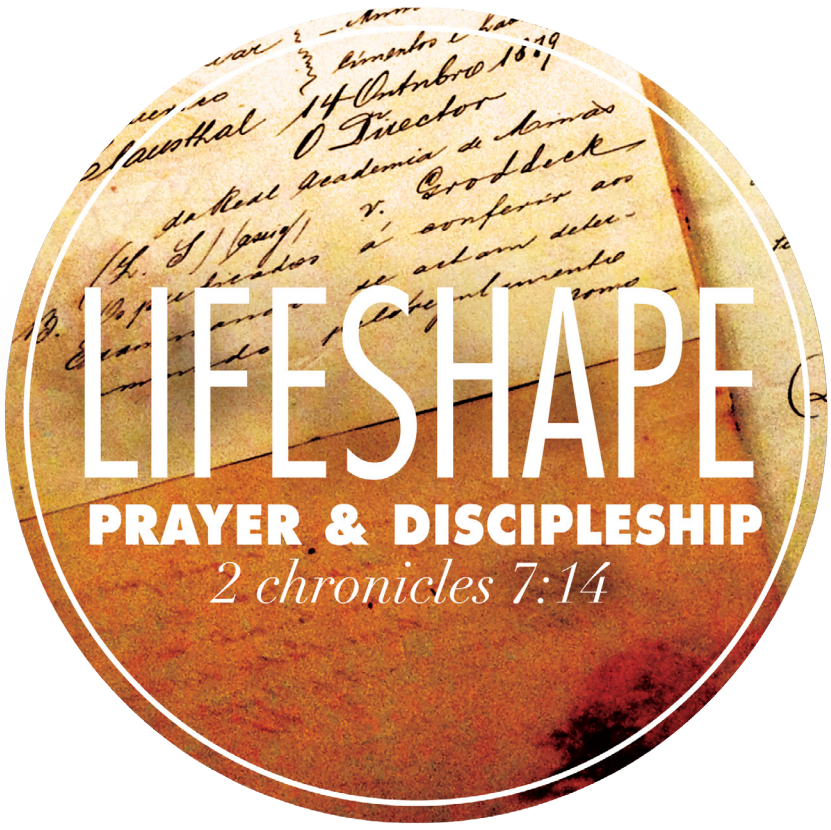
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## THE WILL

**BLOCK ELEVEN**

**HEBREWS**

*9:16*

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For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Imagine the Universe as a great courtroom - God does.
2. God's Last (New) Will and Testament came into force at the death of Christ.
3. Every child of God is a legal heir of God.
4. The Will of God applies to life on earth and eternal life.
5. All decisions based on The Will are final, without appeal, and for eternity.

For the purpose of this teaching, let's imagine the whole universe as one great courtroom in which God is the supreme judge. The volume of scriptures in the Bible clearly paints this picture with Jesus as our advocate/attorney; and Satan as the accuser. Scriptures also tell us that we are surrounded with a great cloud of witnesses and that records are being kept which contain every work we do and every word we speak on earth.

Each individual will one day approach the great judgment seat of Christ and these books will be opened. Evidence will be presented, testimony given, and records reviewed by this court.

These proceedings will be very intense and concerning to so many because all decisions of this court will be final ... and by final I mean eternal and without appeal. This court will decide whether you go to heaven or spend eternity in hell.

**All decisions of this court shall be based on what is written in The Will.**

When a person accumulates, inherits, or possesses a great amount of worth and wealth it is wise to prepare a last Will and Testament so that, in the event of death, assets can be distributed as desired. Providing it meets legal criteria, this last Will and Testament is binding upon the estate of the individual. At death, or at any time thereafter as prescribed, both assets and

authorities thereunto transfer to others according to the provisions of the Will.

Last Wills and Testaments can only be changed by the person who made the Will and then only before their death. Without respect to what anyone else says, feels, or believes should happen, the written will stands as a testimony and is backed by the whole force of law. If you do not have a will it is reasonable that you consider making one ... this is the biblical pattern. God has a written will.

We have been given a copy of God's will. First, there is a copy of His Old Will and Testament and, as well, we have a copy of His New Testament. These two do not contradict but they rather complement and confirm one another, adding clarification, which thereby strengthens the tenets and conditions of His will.

And if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

**ROMANS**  
*8:17*

Both the Old and New Testaments name God's children as heirs beginning with His only begotten Son. The New Testament specifically names every born again believer, not only as an heir of God, but also as a joint heir with Jesus Christ.

Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all, but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

**GALATIANS**  
*4:1-2*

Now you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

**GALATIANS**  
*4:7*

The heirs of God, as long as they are young and immature children, differ nothing from a servant in practice and authority but rather are placed under tutors, governors, and guardians until the time appointed of the father when they shall have grown up and their inheritance has come fully under their control. This is true even though the child is already legally heir and therefore lord of all.

An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning will not be blessed at the end.

**PROVERBS**  
*20:21*

Proverbs admonishes us from the wisdom of God to understand that an inheritance received too early in life can be easily misused, squandered, and ultimately waste away. I am certain that God not only distributes His wisdom to mankind but also follows this wisdom Himself, setting appointed times to which are tied the release of greater authority and exercise of our inheritance. These things are set according to the written Will and Testament of God.

The person who makes their last Will and Testament is called the testator. This word is not in the common vocabulary of most English speaking people. Nonetheless, we find it written in our key scripture:

For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

**HEBREWS**  
*9:16*

When a person is saved they become a new creation in Christ Jesus. At that point, they are born again into the family of God and as God's child hold eternal legal rights of inheritance to the things of God. God has made this very plain, written in His will and sealed by the blood of His Son.

**Each child of God holds legal claim to eternal life and this right supersedes all other claims against his soul.**

Every person will one day stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Without regard as to the evidence, testimony, or record against them the Will shall prevail. Providing they have been born again, all debt will be considered paid in full by the blood of Christ and they shall be accepted into the beloved with God forever. This is but one provision of God's Will for His children.

The Will of God also grants access to healing, health, mercy, forgiveness, peace, prosperity, hope, and help of all sorts. God's storehouse holds abundant blessings, which have been passed on to God's children through the provision of His Will in light of the death of Christ.

**The whole world and all creation belong to God and everything is finally subject to His will.**

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**ETERNAL LIFE**

**BLOCK TWELVE**

**1 JOHN**

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And this is the promise He has promised us even eternal life.

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## IMPORTANT POINTS

1. Every person will exist forever. The question is where.
2. Every born again believer becomes a new creation in Christ.
3. The ultimate benefit of being born again is eternal life.
4. If you are in Christ you will never die.

When a person is born again they become a new creation in Christ. Old things pass away and all things become new. Along with salvation come many new creation realities. Blessings, benefits, and opportunities abound for the new believer. One new creation benefit is the reality of eternal life.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

**JOHN**  
*3:16*

This is the promise of God to all who believe and receive salvation through Christ. Herein is our key scripture:

And this is the promise He has promised us even eternal life.

**1 JOHN**  
*2:25*

The Gospels record several incidents where people approached Jesus with questions concerning eternal life. One such occurrence is mentioned in the Gospel of Mark chapter 10 verse 17.

Now as He was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, "Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?"

**MARK**  
*10:17*

In the continuing account, Jesus led this man on a journey in order to answer his question. The conclusion makes plain the fact that eternal life is not given as a reward for our works nor does it come from a strict adherence to God's law. Rather, eternal life is a reality for those who put God first in their life. It is a matter of the heart. Eternal life is the free gift God gives to those who put their trust in Him and follow Christ.

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

**1 JOHN**  
**5:11-12**

**We who are in Christ have eternal life. Eternal life is a reality for every child of God.**

Every person will exist forever ... the only question is where. There is eternal life in Christ and eternal death without Christ. The choice is ours to make. When a person passes from this life into the next they will enter eternity. The souls of those in Christ will enter heaven, a temporary dwelling place, awaiting final reward. Those souls without Christ will enter hell, a temporary place of torment awaiting final judgment.

When God shall have concluded His whole work on the earth, final judgment will come. The devil and his angels, along with death and hell, will be cast into the lake of fire which will burn forever, continually consuming the souls of men in torment throughout eternity.

Those individuals who have been saved by grace through faith will be with the Lord forever under a new heaven and on a new earth wherein dwells righteousness and there they shall forever dwell throughout eternity.

As a new creation in Christ we have a promise from God of eternal life.

**NOTES**

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**SUPPORT SCRIPTURES**

**TITUS 1:2**

**LUKE 10:25**

**LUKE 18:18**

**REVELATION 20:11-15**

**REVELATION 21:1**

**2 PETER 3:13**

**1 THESSALONIANS 4:17**

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# AFTER NEW REALITIES WHAT'S NEXT?

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When you were born again, little if anything was required of you. We must demand growth and the acceptance of personal responsibilities from ourselves and from others we influence with the Gospel.



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