

***20 Here I am! I stand at the
door and knock. If anyone
hears my voice and opens
the door, I will come in
and eat with that person,
and they with me.
(Revelation 3:20)***

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EACH TIME WE SURRENDER MORE OF
OURSELVES TO GOD, WE CAN BECOME MORE
FILLED WITH AND GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

*“FOR THE SPIRIT GOD GAVE US DOES NOT
MAKE US TIMID, BUT GIVES US POWER, LOVE
AND SELF-DISCIPLINE.”*

We must choose to surrender to God
because Satan is the “god of this world.”

2 Corinthians 4:4 explains that:

“The god of this age (Satan) has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

All people are born under the power of sin
because of Adam's sin.

Romans 5:12

*“Therefore, just as sin entered the world
through one man, and death through sin,
and in this way death came to all people,
because all sinned—”*

Romans 8:20-22

“²⁰For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.”

ROMANS 12:1-2 TELLS US:

“¹THEREFORE, I URGE YOU, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, IN VIEW OF GOD’S MERCY, TO OFFER YOUR BODIES AS A LIVING SACRIFICE, HOLY AND PLEASING TO GOD—THIS IS YOUR TRUE AND PROPER WORSHIP.

²DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD’S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND PERFECT WILL.”

THE HOLY SPIRIT DRAWS US TO CHRIST, AND WE
MAKE THE CHOICE TO SURRENDER OURSELVES TO HIM
AND RECEIVE HIS FREE GIFT OF SALVATION:

EPHESIANS 2:8

*“FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED,
THROUGH FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM
YOURSELVES, IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD—.”*

WHEN WE CHOOSE TO SUBMIT TO THE LORDSHIP OF
JESUS CHRIST, WE BECOME GOD'S CHILDREN:

JOHN 1:12

*“YET TO ALL WHO DID RECEIVE HIM, TO THOSE
WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT
TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD—.”*

AND WE BECOME NEW CREATIONS IN CHRIST:

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

*“THEREFORE, IF ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, THE NEW
CREATION HAS COME: THE OLD HAS GONE, THE
NEW IS HERE!”*

CONTINUATION OF OUR SURRENDER ENABLES US TO BE
FILLED MORE AND MORE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT,
SHOWCASING HIS CHARACTER AND THE FRUIT OF THE
SPIRIT.

GALATIANS 5:22-23

*“²²BUT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE,
FORBEARANCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
²³GENTLENESS AND SELF-CONTROL. AGAINST SUCH
THINGS THERE IS NO LAW.”*

WHEN WE SEEK GOD, WE WILL FIND HIM.

JEREMIAH 29:13

*“YOU WILL SEEK ME AND FIND ME WHEN YOU SEEK
ME WITH ALL YOUR HEART.”*

JOSHUA 24:14-15

“¹⁴NOW FEAR THE LORD AND SERVE HIM WITH ALL FAITHFULNESS. THROW AWAY THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS WORSHIPED BEYOND THE EUPHRATES RIVER AND IN EGYPT, AND SERVE THE LORD. ¹⁵BUT IF SERVING THE LORD SEEMS UNDESIRABLE TO YOU, THEN CHOOSE FOR YOURSELVES THIS DAY WHOM YOU WILL SERVE, WHETHER THE GODS YOUR ANCESTORS SERVED BEYOND THE EUPHRATES, OR THE GODS OF THE AMORITES, IN WHOSE LAND YOU ARE LIVING. BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.”

GOD CALLS US TO LIVE LIVES THAT ARE SURRENDERED TO HIM,
DENYING OUR FLESHLY DESIRES FOR THE GREATER CAUSE OF
CHRIST.

ROMANS 6:13

*“DO NOT OFFER ANY PART OF YOURSELF TO SIN AS AN
INSTRUMENT OF WICKEDNESS, BUT RATHER OFFER YOURSELVES
TO GOD AS THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FROM DEATH TO
LIFE; AND OFFER EVERY PART OF YOURSELF TO HIM AS AN
INSTRUMENT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.”*

WHEN WE SURRENDER OUR MINDS, WILLS, AND ACTIONS
TO CHRIST, WE EXCHANGE OUR LIFE FOR HIS.

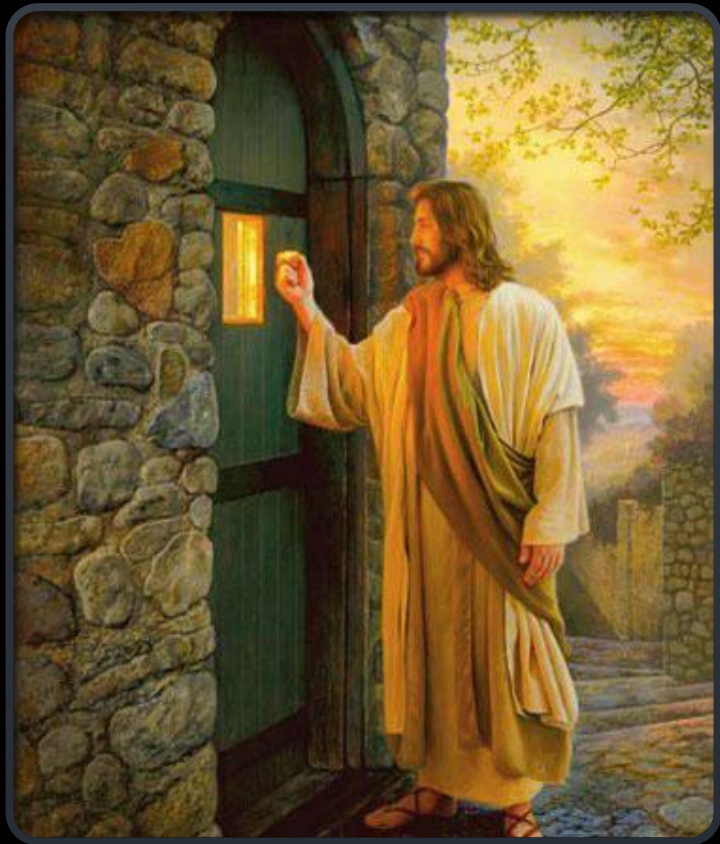
GALATIANS 2:20

*"I HAVE BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. IT IS NO LONGER
I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME. AND THE LIFE
I NOW LIVE IN THE FLESH I LIVE BY FAITH IN THE SON OF
GOD, WHO LOVED ME AND GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME."*

THOUGH WE MAY BE PERSECUTED, IN OUR SURRENDER, WE
GROW CLOSER TO HIM, WE HELP DRAW OTHERS TO HIM, AND
WE REAP A HEAVENLY REWARD.

LUKE 6:22-23

*“²²BLESSED ARE YOU WHEN PEOPLE HATE YOU, WHEN THEY
EXCLUDE YOU AND INSULT YOU AND REJECT YOUR NAME AS
EVIL, BECAUSE OF THE SON OF MAN. ²³REJOICE IN THAT DAY
AND LEAP FOR JOY, BECAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN
HEAVEN. FOR THAT IS HOW THEIR ANCESTORS TREATED THE
PROPHETS.”*



THROUGHOUT OUR UNREDEEMED
LIFE, JESUS STANDS AT YOUR FRONT
DOOR, GENTLY KNOCKING,
WAITING FOR YOU TO OPEN THE
DOOR OF YOUR LIFE TO HIM. HIS
KNOCKING REPRESENTS AN OPEN
INVITATION INTO A PERSONAL
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD MADE
POSSIBLE THROUGH HIS LIFE, DEATH,
AND RESURRECTION.

1 PETER 1:3-5

“³PRAISE BE TO THE GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! IN HIS GREAT MERCY HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE THROUGH THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE DEAD, ⁴ AND INTO AN INHERITANCE THAT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE. THIS INHERITANCE IS KEPT IN HEAVEN FOR YOU, ⁵ WHO THROUGH FAITH ARE SHIELDED BY GOD’S POWER UNTIL THE COMING OF THE SALVATION THAT IS READY TO BE REVEALED IN THE LAST TIME.”

*"WE MUST SEE THE SOUL AND THE PERSON IN ITS RUINED
CONDITION, WITH ITS MALFORMED AND DYSFUNCTIONAL
MIND, FEELINGS, BODY, AND SOCIAL RELATIONS BEFORE
WE CAN UNDERSTAND THAT IT MUST BE DELIVERED AND
REFORMED AND HOW THAT CAN BE DONE."*

DALLAS WILLARD

JEREMIAH PAINTS A PICTURE OF OUR "RUINED
CONDITION" THIS WAY:

JEREMIAH 17:9

*"THE HEART IS DECEITFUL ABOVE ALL THINGS AND
BEYOND CURE. WHO CAN UNDERSTAND IT?"*

AND THE APOSTLE PAUL, WRITING TO THE CHURCH IN
ROME, SAID IN:

ROMANS 3:10-12

*“¹⁰AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THERE IS NO ONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT
EVEN ONE; ¹¹THERE IS NO ONE WHO UNDERSTANDS;
THERE IS NO ONE WHO SEEKS GOD. ¹²ALL HAVE
TURNED AWAY, THEY HAVE TOGETHER BECOME
WORTHLESS; THERE IS NO ONE WHO DOES GOOD, NOT
EVEN ONE.”*

AND IN VERSE 18:

“THERE IS NO FEAR OF GOD BEFORE THEIR EYES.”

ASK GOD TO REVEAL TO YOU ONE OR MORE OF THE
ROOMS IN YOUR HOUSE THAT HAVE NOT YET BEEN
FORMED INTO HIS IMAGE.

THEN TAKE HEART THAT JESUS IS STANDING ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE DOOR, PATIENTLY AND
GENTLY KNOCKING, WAITING FOR US TO LET
HIM COME IN.

"FOR AS THE SUREST SOURCE OF DESTRUCTION TO MEN IS
TO OBEY THEMSELVES SO THE ONLY HAVEN OF SAFETY IS
TO HAVE NO OTHER WILL, NO OTHER WISDOM THAN TO
FOLLOW THE LORD WHEREVER HE LEADS."

JOHN CALVIN

THE VISION OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN THAT JESUS
PRESENTED TO HIS FOLLOWERS:

MATTHEW 16:24-25

*“²⁴THEN JESUS SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, 'WHOEVER
WANTS TO BE MY DISCIPLE MUST DENY THEMSELVES AND
TAKE UP THEIR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME. ²⁵FOR
WHOEVER WANTS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WILL LOSE IT, BUT
WHOEVER LOSES THEIR LIFE FOR ME WILL FIND IT.'”*

EACH KNOCK ON THOSE CLOSED-OFF ROOMS
PRESENTS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR GOD TO COME IN
AND BRING US INTO THE DOMAIN OF JESUS.

COLOSSIANS 1:13

*“FOR HE HAS RESCUED US FROM THE DOMINION OF
DARKNESS AND BROUGHT US INTO THE KINGDOM OF
THE SON HE LOVES.”*

"IF WE ARE TO BE SPIRITUALLY FORMED IN CHRIST, WE
MUST HAVE AND MUST IMPLEMENT THE APPROPRIATE
VISION, INTENTION, AND MEANS. NOT JUST ANY PATH
WE TAKE WILL DO. IF THIS **VIM** PATTERN IS NOT PUT INTO
PLACE PROPERLY AND HELD THERE, CHRIST SIMPLY WILL
NOT BE FORMED IN US."

DALLAS WILLARD

VISION IS BEING ABLE TO READ THE WORDS OF JESUS
FROM MATTHEW 5:44 WHEN HE SAID,

*“LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO
PERSECUTE YOU,”*

AND BELIEVING THAT HE IS CAPABLE OF TRANSFORMING
YOU AND ME INTO THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO ARE
CAPABLE OF LOVING OUR ENEMIES.

INTENTION IS THE ACT OF SAYING TO JESUS, "I WILL OBEY YOUR TEACHING JUST AS YOU EXPLAINED TO THE DISCIPLES."

JOHN 14:23

"ANYONE WHO LOVES ME WILL OBEY MY TEACHING. MY FATHER WILL LOVE THEM, AND WE WILL COME TO THEM AND MAKE OUR HOME WITH THEM."

AND AS PAUL TEACHES, WE SAY, “I WILL SUBMIT TO
YOUR WILL.”

ROMANS 12:2

*“DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD,
BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR
MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE
WHAT GOD’S WILL IS—HIS GOOD, PLEASING AND
PERFECT WILL.”*

AND I WILL SIT STILL LONG ENOUGH IN YOUR PRESENCE
FOR YOU TO DO WHAT ONLY YOU CAN DO IN MY LIFE.

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

*“BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS, THAT HE WHO BEGAN A
GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL CARRY IT ON TO
COMPLETION UNTIL THE DAY OF CHRIST JESUS.”*

MEANS- IS THE MATERIALS AND TOOLS NECESSARY TO
RENOVATE YOUR NEW HOME.

MEANS IS THE PATH TO CHANGE.

WITH THE RIGHT **VISION** AND AN **INTENTION** TO OBEY
JESUS'S TEACHING, WE WILL NATURALLY BE LED TO A
MEANS FOR REPLACING OUR RUINED INNER
CHARACTER EXCHANGING IT FOR THE RENOVATED
INNER CHARACTER OF JESUS.

CAN YOU **ENVISION** THE BEFORE, CURRENT, AND
AFTER? ARE YOU **INTENTIONAL** ABOUT FULL
SURRENDER? IF SO, THE **MEANS** IS THERE...JESUS IS
KNOCKING ON THOSE LOCKED DOORS.

IN ACTS 16:30, THE PHILIPPIAN JAILER ASKED, “*WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?*” AND PAUL AND SILAS TOLD HIM, IN VERSE 31, “*BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS, AND YOU WILL BE SAVED.*”

BELIEVE THAT JESUS, BEING GOD, HUMBLLED HIMSELF TO
BECOME A MAN, BORN OF A VIRGIN, WAS CRUCIFIED
ON A CROSS, DIED, ROSE BACK TO LIFE ON THE THIRD
DAY, AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,
PREPARING A HOME FOR US IN HEAVEN UNTIL HIS
RETURN.

JOHN 14:2-4

“¹DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED. YOU BELIEVE IN GOD; BELIEVE ALSO IN ME. ²MY FATHER’S HOUSE HAS MANY ROOMS; IF THAT WERE NOT SO, WOULD I HAVE TOLD YOU THAT I AM GOING THERE TO PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU? ³AND IF I GO AND PREPARE A PLACE FOR YOU, I WILL COME BACK AND TAKE YOU TO BE WITH ME THAT YOU ALSO MAY BE WHERE I AM. ⁴YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE PLACE WHERE I AM GOING.”

ALL YOU MUST DO IS RECEIVE, IN FAITH, THE SALVATION
GOD OFFERS.

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 EXPLAINS THIS

*“FOR IT IS BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED, THROUGH
FAITH—AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES, IT IS THE
GIFT OF GOD—NOT BY WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE
CAN BOAST.”*

BELIEVE IN HIM, AND YOU WILL NOT PERISH. WE ARE
TOLD IN JOHN 3:16:

*“FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS
ONE AND ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM
SHALL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.”*

JESUS IS THE WAY OF SALVATION, AS HE EXPLAINED TO
THOMAS IN JOHN 14:6

*“I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE
COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME.”*

COMMUNION

“FULL CONSECRATION [*SURRENDER*] MAY BE IN ONE
SENSE THE ACT OF A MOMENT AND IN ANOTHER, THE
WORK OF A LIFETIME. IT MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE REAL,
AND YET- IF REAL- IT IS ALWAYS INCOMPLETE.
CONSECRATION [*SURRENDER*] IS A POINT OF REST AND
YET A PERPETUAL PROGRESSION.”

FRANCIS RIDLEY HAVERGAL

PHILIPPIANS 4:

“...I HAVE LEARNED TO BE CONTENT WHATEVER THE CIRCUMSTANCES. I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO BE IN NEED, AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE PLENTY. I HAVE LEARNED THE SECRET OF BEING CONTENT IN ANY AND EVERY SITUATION, WHETHER WELL FED OR HUNGRY, WHETHER LIVING IN PLENTY OR IN WANT. I CAN DO ALL THIS THROUGH HIM WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH.”