

THE EXPRESSIONS OF HIS GRACE

Highlights

Have
Faith
in
GOD

Mark
11:22

Faith – The Currency of the Kingdom

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2

It is impossible to please God without faith. (Hebrews 11:6)
Faith begins where the will of God is known. (1 John 5:14-15)
Faith sees the unseen as ultimate truth that trumps temporal circumstances. (John 17:17, 2 Cor. 4:18)

Faith is of the heart. (Romans 10:10)

Faith speaks. (2 Cor. 4:13)

Faith acts in positive response to what is believed. (James 2:17)

Faith gives us the victory!

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world-our faith.

1 John 5:4-5

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Faith Builders

Seed for today

God's word planted in our heart brings a harvest of His provision



Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." Mark 9:23

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Faith for today

Faith is our positive response to what God has already provided by His grace.



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Confession for today



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Forever in the hand of God

Nothing can snatch me out of the love of God. My life is hidden in you. Christ has given me an abundant life and I receive that life through your Word. I will not fear. God has given me a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. I confess greater is He that is in me, than he that comes against me. In Jesus' precious name. Amen Romans 8:38-39, Romans 10:10, Col. 3:3, 2 Timothy 1:7, 1 John 4:4

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Featured Article

The Power of Praying in Tongues

by [Kristine Repino](#)

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.”

The gift of tongues, or praying in the spirit, comes from receiving what is commonly called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This endowment of power was given on the day of Pentecost to believers, and is available to believers today. (see Acts 2:1-4)

I can't share all the benefits of receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit here, but I want to talk to you about the gift of praying in the spirit.

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

When you receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, you receive your own personal prayer language. This supernatural language is a doorway into many of the other gifts of the Spirit and releases God's power from the spiritual realm into the physical realm.

So let's talk about this supernatural prayer language (praying in tongues) – what it is and what it does.

Praying in tongues is a choice. This is a supernatural form of communication you receive when you are baptized in the Holy Spirit. God has given it to you, but He won't force you to pray or control you when you pray.

When you pray in tongues, you are speaking to God not man. That's awesome!

1 Corinthians 14:2 for he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit, he speaks mysteries.

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When you pray in tongues, it is your spirit that prays. God is Spirit. When you pray in tongues, your spirit is in direct communication with God.

1 Corinthians 14:14 for if I pray in tongues, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.

When you pray in tongues, you are bypassing the limitations of your mind – You don't always know what to pray for or how to pray but when you pray in tongues, your prayers aren't limited to your own natural understanding about the situation.

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

When you pray in tongues - because you are bypassing your mind, you are also praying in your most holy faith and unbelief does not get in the way. Your spirit is always in perfect faith.

Jude 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit

When you pray in tongues, you build ourselves up. You strengthen your faith, and Vines Expository Dictionary says you promote spiritual growth.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself.

When you pray in tongues, you are giving thanks to God.

1 Corinthians 14:17 For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified.

To summarize: when we pray in tongues, it is our spirit that prays, we are praying to God, we are releasing perfect faith, the Holy Spirit takes hold with us in agreement with the will of God, we give thanks perfectly, and we build ourselves up spirit, soul and body.

Finally, let's go back to 1 Corinthians 14:2; for he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.

When you pray in tongues, you are speaking mysteries. Praying in the spirit, releases those mysteries to your natural mind. Everything that God would have for you. Wisdom in your everyday circumstances, direction, understanding, and revelation. Amen

What are these mysteries?

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1 Corinthians 2:7,9-10 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory...but as it is written; “eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been given to us by God.

In 1 Corinthians 2:7 The Apostle Paul said, “We declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.”

Again, in 1 Corinthians 2:13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

Where did they get this wisdom? They received it by revelation.

In case you're wondering if this gift is for today's Church, the Apostle Paul said, Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 1 Corinthians 14:39

Jesus Himself said,

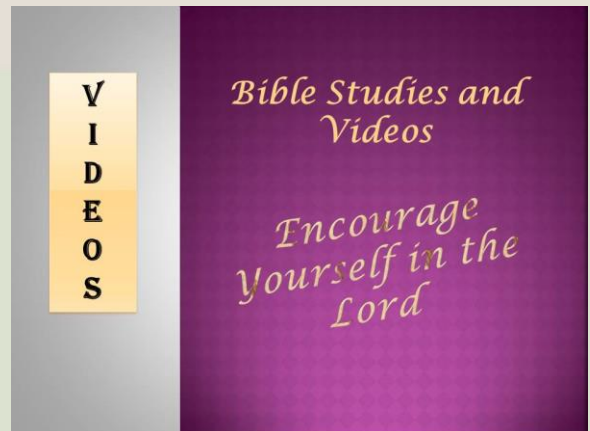
“And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.” Mark 16: 15, 17

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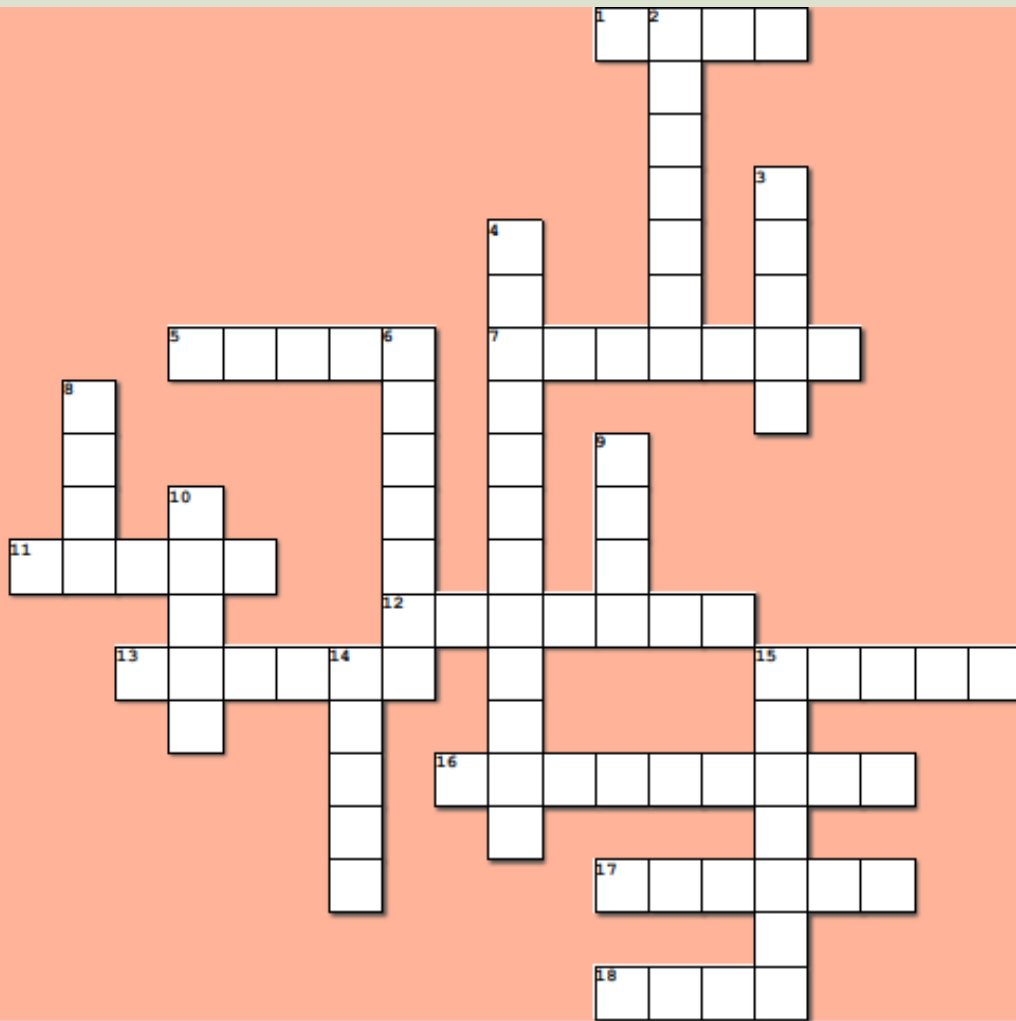
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Bible Trivia



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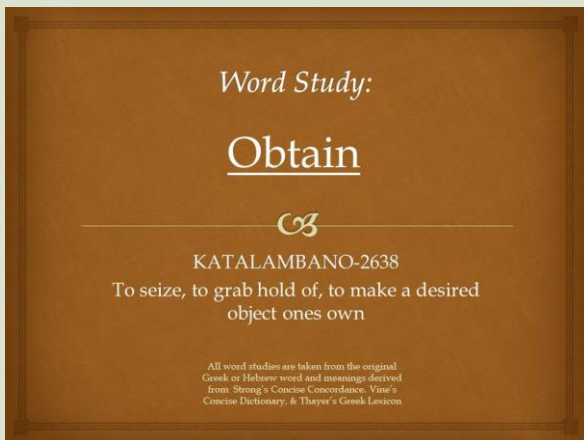
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17. The Promised Land
18. First King of Israel

Down

2. The Wisest man on earth
3. Father of Israelite nation
4. The name of the river where Jesus was baptized
6. Israel's only female judge
8. Where Jesus turned water into wine
9. Great grandmother of King David
10. Israel's first High Priest
14. Cut off a soldier's ear when Jesus was arrested
15. Abraham's first son

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Word Study

OBTAIN means to aggressively go after, to tackle, and to conquer. When we know by faith that God has already given us the victory, we will fight for it.

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

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Food for thought

1. God changed his name to Israel
 - a. Moses
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Ishmael
2. Of all the Israelites that came out of Egypt, who made it into the Promised Land.
 - a. Half of the population
 - b. Everyone
 - c. Joshua and Caleb
 - d. No one
3. Who replaced Judas Iscariot to be counted among the original Disciples?
 - a. Matthias
 - b. Justus
 - c. No one

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Grace for today

God's provision is sufficient for each day



Working out your salvation and receiving from God

Salvation is God's reclamation of mankind back into right standing with Him. He came up with the plan from the foundation of the world and carried it out through His son, Jesus Christ. We receive this

free gift of salvation by faith in what He has accomplished on our behalf. We receive His nature, His authority, His blessing, and His purpose. We work out our salvation from the inside out, beginning in our spirit and continuing outward, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Through intimate fellowship with God, we are progressively changed into the image of Christ.

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

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Featured Testimony

Put your hope in God: Emotional/psychological sicknesses by Kristine Repino

There are both psychological and physical symptoms that result from anxiety disorders. I want you to know you can be free from that diagnosis, and the uncontrollable emotions and physical symptoms that result; or any other negative byproduct to problems that cause stress, fear, worry, or helplessness. The diagnoses are endless, but the cure is the same.

I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly-Jesus (John 10:10)

Panic attacks gone: We had three young children, I was a stay at home mom, and my husband had a nice job and all seemed well. But I was far from okay. We'd been through some difficult things that had taken its toll, and with the new struggles of our two adopted children, now I felt I could barely keep control of the daily pressures and problems of the present. Soon, I became overwhelmed, and began showing signs of what was diagnosed as panic attacks.

I started on some medication (antidepressant) to help but the realization that I had let circumstances control me to the degree that I was now having uncontrollable physical symptoms and needed medicine to control it was a major turning point in my thinking.

It was this realization that led me to come to the end of myself and trying to manage my life independently and know I had to come to God for an answer. Although I was born again and spirit filled, most of the time, I was still trying to do things without God's help. So I chose to go off the medication. For me, going off the medication was not life threatening and I knew I was in a place of completely trusting God. Don't ever go off medication without a word from God and having the faith to obey. Going off medication itself is not an act of faith.

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I decided I would pray in the spirit every time I felt overwhelmed, out of control, and especially at the times the attacks would come (which more often than not, were during the calm times). I'm not sure that I can say I was "trying to get healed" from panic attacks, as much as making a decision that I would go to God expecting His help during difficult times. And He did. It wasn't but a couple weeks, and I was completely free from all panic attacks and the constant anxiety I felt. When we submit to God and resist the devil, he will flee. (James 4:7) I believe it was my change of heart to come to God fully in those situations and praying in the spirit that led to my victory.

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If you are born-again, but you do not have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, I would encourage you to study the scriptures I shared in this month's featured article, "The Power of Praying in Tongues." The gift of your personal prayer language comes by receiving the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Ask God for it, and by faith, receive it.

Luke 11:13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

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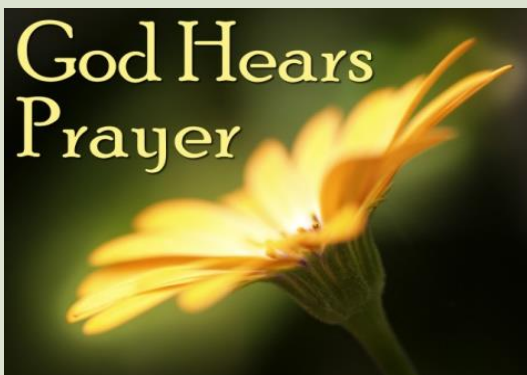
Letter to Subscriber

This newsletter was created to bring you the spiritual food of God's Word in various forms to nourish you in the Truth. It is my hope and prayer that as you feed on the Word of God through scripture study, faith builders, and teaching you are encouraged and strengthened in the inner man as you are transformed into the image of Jesus God has created you to be. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your journey.

Blessings, Kristine

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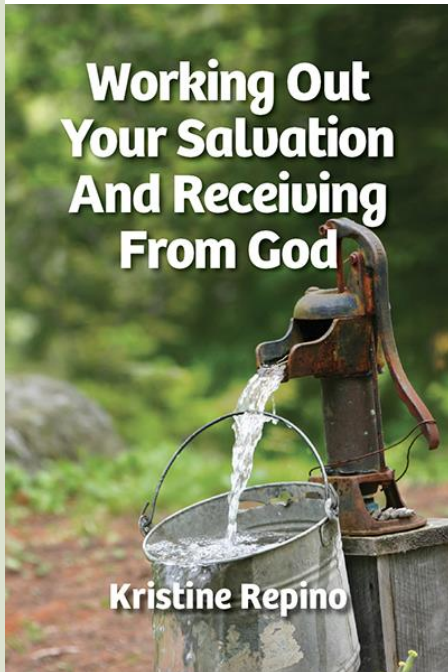
If you would like prayer, we would love to stand in agreement with you. Click on the link below to send us your prayer request.

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E-book

Salvation is a finished work of the cross! We can't earn it or work for it. The Apostle Paul tells us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. But has the church misinterpreted this statement? How we receive from God is dependent on understanding what God says about the gift of righteousness through salvation. What is God's role? And what is ours?

Work out your salvation by understanding this truth and see it transform your life and have the power to influence those around you!

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Food for thought answers

1. c. Jacob (Genesis 32:28)
2. c. Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 32:11-12)
3. a. Matthias (Acts 1:21-26)

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15. Abraham's first son (**ishmael**)