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Faith Builders

Seed for today

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



Now hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been
poured out in our hearts by the Holy
Spirit who was given to us. Romans 5:5

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Faith produces
perfect peace,
because its
confidence is
in the God of
peace.



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God is Good

Lord, I trust you. I believe in your goodness
and mercy toward me always. I submit to you
and resist the enemy! You deliver me, and set
me on high because I know you!

Psalm 23:6 James 4:7 Psalm 91:14

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Featured Article

What does it mean to fall from grace?

by [Kristine Repino](#)

The term, “fallen from grace” has become a religious cliché. The Apostle Paul uses this phrase in talking to the Christians of the Galatian churches in the book of Galatians, 5:4.

But do we know what it really means?

“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” (Galatians 5:4)

So let’s look at it “in context” of the rest of the chapter in which this phrase appears. In Chapter 5, Paul talks about our liberty in Christ, saying Christ has made us free from the law (Ch. 5:1-3). this would refer to ANY form of legalism as a means to be right with God, because Christ has freed us from self-performance or rules/law to come to God. Then, he begins vs. 4 by saying, “Christ is become of no effect unto you *whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.*” In other words, when you try to keep rules/laws to gain acceptance, validation or access to God, then what Christ has done for you - setting you free from the law, has no benefit.

The NKJV says it like this, “*You have become estranged from Christ.*” Then continues with, “you who *attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.*” (Gal. 5:4 NKJV)

Often, Christians assume this phrase “fall from grace” means that the grace of God has been taken away from an individual; and most often due to sin. But this is not true. Paul clearly states that it is the result of the individual’s efforts to be justified apart from Christ’s redemptive works of the cross.

It really refers to someone who turns their back on the free gift of righteousness (right standing) by grace and instead seeks to be justified through self-effort; by performance based works, and self-righteousness.

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This does not necessarily mean a Christian has turned his back on God, but trusts in himself and his own efforts to receive from Him. This makes the sacrifice and grace that comes through Jesus Christ vain. It is in contradiction to the liberty we received in Christ, as the Apostle Paul explains, and therefore, voids the power of what Christ has done in our lives.

The book of Romans lets us know without a doubt that we could never earn or satisfy God in our own efforts or merit. God has given us His righteousness, and we must receive it by faith.

Romans 3:21-24 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed.....even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe

Romans 4:14, 16a says, "For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect, Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work.

You can't mix the two. Another way to look at it is whenever we lose confidence in trusting God and begin to trust in ourselves for justification, acceptance, or worth, we fall from grace. Our right standing with God, our acceptance into fellowship with Him and therefore our relationship is now based on what Christ did and our faith in Christ.


Hebrews 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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Father, I am sorry for the times I sought to justify myself by my works. I want to do right in your sight, but I know all my good works are not what makes me accepted by you. It is solely my faith in Jesus and what He did on my behalf. I also know when I try to do things without you, they are dead works. You want my heart, not my works. Thank you Holy Spirit for your gentle correction when I step out of grace and into self-sufficiency, and independence from you.
Thank you Lord for your grace! Amen

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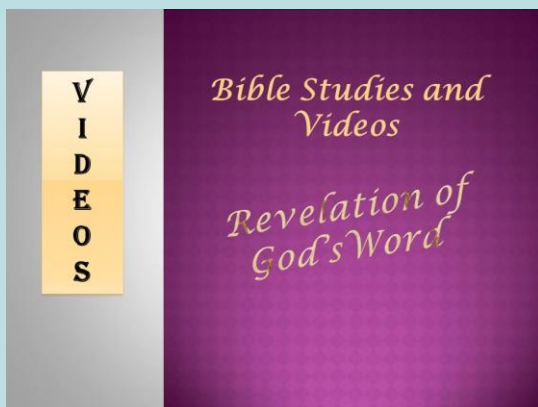


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2 Corinthians 4:13
And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak.

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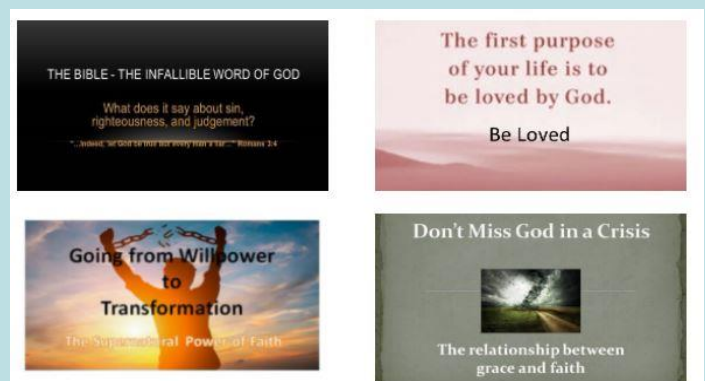
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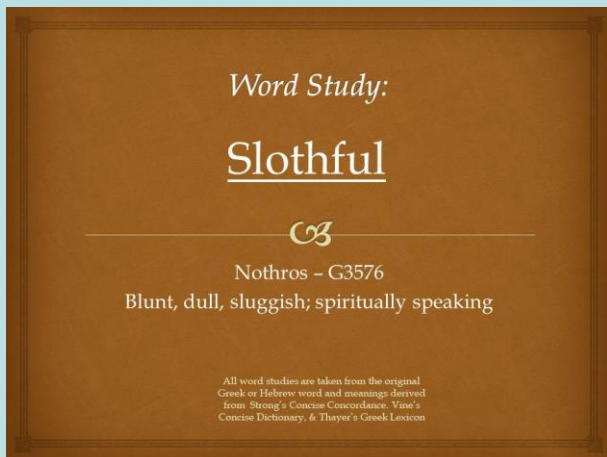


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Word Study



SLOTHFUL does not mean lazy or inactive. It has nothing to do with the amount of effort put into the job, but instead refers to an inward condition. The opposite would be fervency.

Hebrews 6:12 that ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

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Food for thought

1. How long did it take God to create the world?
 - a. 1000 years
 - b. 14 days
 - c. 6 days
2. Who were the 3 sons of Adam and Eve named in the Bible?
 - a. They only had two sons
 - b. Cain, Abel, and Ishmael
 - c. Seth, Ishmael, and Cain
 - d. Cain, Abel, and Seth
3. How did David kill Goliath?
 - a. Slingshot and stone
 - b. A plague
 - c. King Saul's armor and weapon

❖ Answers on the back page

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Grace for today

God's provision is sufficient for each day



Living in the Blessing: Part 1

What is the Blessing?

“I’m blessed.” This isn’t just a phrase used in church, but among the general population; Even among

those that don’t actively engage in religious activities, and is often said when something good happens in our lives and around certain holidays. But is being blessed something tangible or real, and if so, what is the source of it? The Bible shows us that there is a real promise of The Blessing of God, for those who will receive it. It’s not left up to chance, luck or dependent on any other person. God is the source of eternal blessing, through His son, Jesus Christ.

Genesis 1:28 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.”

See Full Article: [Living in the Blessing](#)

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Featured Testimony

Small but not insignificant: A Healing of an Eye Allergy by Kristine Repino

For many years I wore 'brown' shades of eyeliner on my eyes. Suddenly, it seemed every time I put the liner on my eyes, they would water and burn. I thought maybe it was the specific brand I was using and tried several others, even hypoallergenic brands, with the same results. Any liner with brown in it had the same effect. Products I used to use were now burning my eyes. So I stopped wearing eyeliners with any brown coloring. No big deal right?

I hadn't seen it as something that I should believe for healing of, or at least important enough to; I mean it was cosmetic...would it even be vanity to want to receive supernatural healing for it? But when I saw it from 'was this issue good or was it bad?' I saw that no matter how insignificant it was, it was still against God's design for life. Why should I be limited by this?

Allergy - a reaction by your immune system to something that does not bother most other people.

We're not supposed to have allergies!!! It's against God's design of our bodies; whether it is an attack of something insignificant or life-threatening.

Everything that works against us or the life God intends on us having is a result of sin. Sin is the root, sickness, loss, corruption, allergies, etc. are the fruit of it. So while it wasn't a 'big deal' it wasn't acceptable to me anymore.

If you're dealing with something that you see as maybe just bothersome but tolerable, even a minor inconvenience, don't feel condemned for having it or even allowing it. However, God loves us so much He has offered freedom from anything that steals kills or destroys (John 10:10). He doesn't want us to have to 'deal' with anything that does not promote life in our bodies.

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My main point in sharing this testimony is that it doesn't matter how little the issue might seem, we can be free from it, because God has already provided for it, in Jesus!!! So after many months of limiting the kind of makeup I chose to use, one day I just decided I don't want to deal with it anymore. I spoke to my eyes, commanded any allergy/irritation to be gone, and began wearing every brown shadow, liner, etc. I wanted, with no more burning or itching! Praise God!

A side note: if it doesn't matter to you, or you see it as 'no problem', you will not have confidence or expectancy for healing. If you're dealing with something that is relatively minor, this is a good time to step out in faith with expectancy to overcome! If you begin standing on the Word of God with something that isn't massive, and exercise your faith, it will increase your capacity to believe for something more significant in the future. Thank God He's already promised it!

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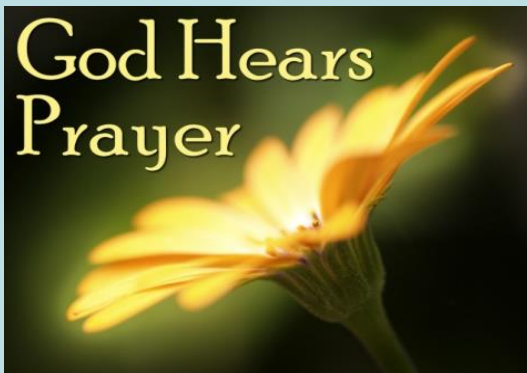
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This newsletter was created to bring you the spiritual food of God's Word in various forms to nourish you in the Truth. It is my hope and prayer that as you feed on the Word of God through scripture study, faith builders, and teaching you are encouraged 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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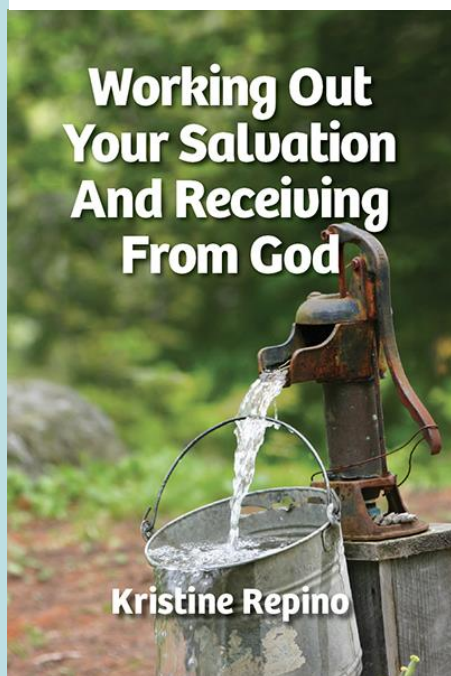
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Salvation is a finished work of the cross! We can't earn it or work for it. The Apostle Paul tells us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. But has the church misinterpreted this statement? How we receive from God is dependent on understanding 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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1. c. 6 days (Exodus 20:11)
2. d. Cain, Abel, Seth (Gen. 4:1,2,Gen 4:25)
3. a. Slingshot and stone (1 Sam. 17:50)