“Where is thy sting… death?”

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“Where is thy sting … death!!!??”

Two things are very certain for the Christian;

i) “death to self and self-seeking.”
ii) and “physical death” should The Lord tarry.

Psalm 139 Verse 16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in Thy book all [my members] were written, [which] in continuance were fashioned, when [as yet there was] none of them.”

Joshua 9 Verse 25 “And now, behold, we [are] in Thine Hand: as it seemeth good and right unto Thee to do unto us, do.”

Job 14 Verse 5
“Seeing his days [are] determined, the number of his months [are] with Thee, Thou hast appointed his

bounds that he cannot pass;”

Either way, we need to understand the influences that will want to continue to drag us away from our relationship with Christ …

“The Light of the world:”

This is what Jesus declared,

John 12 Verses 42-50 “Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on Him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess [Him], lest they should be put out of the synagogue:” (43) “For they loved the praise of men more than The Praise of God.” (44) “Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on Me, believeth not on Me, but on Him that sent Me.” (45) “And he that seeth Me seeth Him that sent Me.” (46) “I AM come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on Me should not abide in darkness.” (47) “And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.” (48) “He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” (49) “For I have not spoken of Myself; but The Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.” (50) And I know that His commandment is Life Everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as The Father
said unto Me, so I speak.”
Eyes do not see if they dwell in darkness! Eyes are meant for the light!

In the darkness, comes only troubles, turmoil and confusion. In other words, chaos, with no structure or form. Anyone, or anything that will not dwell out in the open light, has a hidden agenda to draw you away from The Lord and out into darkness.

Away from The Presence of God, can only be darkness. Man was not made to dwell in the darkness but in the light.

To quote Tom Marshall,

“God has always perfectly hated sin, the unfallen angels perfectly

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2 Marshall Tom, “Free Indeed.” Sovereign World Ltd. P.O.Box 17 Chichester PO 20 6YB England. (1975 edit.)
hated sin:”
“But never before Christ came was there a human being who perfectly hated sin!”

“The very best Christian, is unable to realise the true nature of sin.” “Only The Cross reveals what sin would do if left unchecked … it would seek to kill God Himself, and wreck His Universe!” (end quote.)

Man was not made for hell, and surely if we are drawn away from communion and friendship with The Living God, then we are being drawn to hell!

People like Abraham, are Faith people, they belong to “the household of Faith.” These, Faithful folk, have only one heart motive, and that is to encourage people into deeper relationship with Christ.
They are “people movers,” they move people out of the kingdom of darkness, and into The Kingdom of **Light**!

1 Peter 2 Verse 9 “But ye [are] a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth The Praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His Marvellous Light:”

I want to suggest to you that this is one of the major reasons as to why individuals seem to have so much struggle both in their walk and in the Church today.

Scripture says quite plainly that,

Proverbs 14 Verse 14(a)  
“The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways: …”
These things called, “sin, iniquity, transgression and besetting sin” as we have seen, need to be stood firmly against. There are three main areas where the weight or pressure of sins form a concentrated front.

They are,

i) “The cares of the world” brought on by the lust of the eye which so readily affects our whole demeanour with worldliness.

This can lead to a whole raft of sexual sins, which will affect the entirety of our stance to the point of influencing us physically.

There is a multitude of sicknesses and diseases today which not only confirm, but verify this as fact:

ii) The second area directly affects the soul, which is the area of “self and selfishness.”
This promotes active “lust of the flesh,” to the point of loss of “self-control.” It gives access to “oppression,” leading toward “depression” and ultimately the triumph of the enemy in regard to “possession,” (that is, held captive to those things that you gave yourself over too!)

iii) The final area “pride,” is the area that has devastating consequences for the spirit of a man.

   It causes separation from the Presence of The Living God by the very nature and the character of the enemy of God who reveals himself by “pride.”

   Sometimes, it’s hard to get your head around the fact that “God just is!” He is, our only “Wise Creator,” “Who Was” and “Is,” and “Is to Come …” He is, The Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:
He, Is “The Eternal One,” The One Who Created this dimension in which we now live called … “Time!”

“Time,” does not exist in “Eternity,” as we know it to be, “Eternity, just Is!”

Just like The Lord God Almighty, “Eternity, Just Is!”

In all God’s dealings with His Created called man, it’s always been God, who has initiated the first move to companionship.

He, “The Eternal One,” was the only one who could reach out of His Own Existence … “Eternity,” and as “The Eternal One” touch man in this created dimension called, “Time;” to draw man back to Himself.
This He did, by and through the most
Perfect sacrifice of His Only
Begotten Son, The Lord Jesus
Christ.

2 Corinthians 4 Verses 16-18 “For which cause we
faint not; but though our outward man
perish, yet the inward [man] is
renewed day by day.” (17) “For our light
affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us
a far more exceeding [and] Eternal weight of
Glory;” (18) “While we look not at the
things which are seen, but at the
things which are not seen: for the
things which are seen [are]
temporal; but the things which are
not seen [are] Eternal.”

Scripture sometimes, gives us a preview of
what lies beyond the seen as we are afforded a
glimpse into the unseen and the life of
“Eternity’s Realm.”
The account that I refer to, is the dialogue of “The Rich man and Lazarus” and the place called, “Abraham’s Bosom.”

Luke 16 Verses 19-31 “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.”
(20) “And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores,” (21) “And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores.”
(22) “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s Bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;” (23) And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.” (24) “And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.” (25) “But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.”
(26) “And beside all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to
us, that [would come] from thence.”
(27) “Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father’s house:”
(28) “For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.”
(29) “Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.”
(30) “And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.”
(31) “And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”

“Under the Old Covenant, believers looked forward to a sacrifice not yet offered.” “Under the New Covenant, believers looked back to the historical facts of Christ’s death and resurrection.” God’s promise of an everlasting possession was made to Abraham first, then to his descendants (his seed) which follow after him.” (end quote.)

It is necessary for us to establish what The Word of God says in consideration of The Lord Jesus Christ and His death, burial and the triumph of The Resurrection.

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The reason being is that we may then understand with clarity the question …

“What happens to the Christian at physical death …?”

1 Corinthians 15 Verses 20 & 22

“But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.”

Verse 22 “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

Concerning those who have died, these Christians are described as,

“ … them that slept.” Then the passage that follows,

Verse 22 brings the clarity,

“ … all die,”
More precisely, “those who have died physically in The Faith of The Gospel.” Those who’s physical bodies have died and they literally,

“… sleep in Christ.”

There has been much consternation and dialogue concerning the King James English used to describe the “sleep of death.” But that is only because of the protective nature of the grammar.

1 Thessalonians 4 Verses 13-18
“But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.” (14) “For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him.”
(15) “For this we say unto you by The Word of The Lord, that we which are alive [and] remain unto the coming of The Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.”
(16) “For The Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:”
(17) “Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet The Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with The Lord.” (18) “Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”

Much heated discussion has occurred in recent times in regard to this heresy called, “soul sleep.” As a matter of fact, men have formed doctrines around the matter. I say that it’s heresy, because it is not of God, it is the opinion of man.
Paul’s teaching here describes those who’s dead bodies have been laid “to rest” in the ground. At physical death, as man breaths his last, his spirit is released back to God who gave it. For those that are “saved” (and through the action of Grace received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.)

Man’s dead body, returns to decompose as dust of the ground but his, spirit and restored soul returns to The Lord his Maker.

Ecclesiastes 12 Verses 5(b)-7 “… because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets:” (6) “Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.” (7) “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”
The man’s dead body is at rest awaiting “the general resurrection” when all in their graves will arise for judgement.

Whilst for the Christian, he returns with The Lord at The Trump of God: In order for us to understand more fully, we need to cease from debate and controversy and look to,

“Christ Jesus,
The Pattern and
The Proof.”

The incident of “The rich man and Lazarus” is important to us on several accounts.

Firstly, “Dives’ is the Latin name given meaning rich.” God is God, and poverty, is not a mark of His displeasure nor are riches, necessarily a sign that He is smiling on you.
More to the point, both men were Jews and both of them died as do we all (should The Lord Tarry!) 4The name of Lazarus meant …

“God is my help!”

This poor man, was gifted by God with Grace he lived by Faith, and walked in the steps of Great Father Abraham.

Dives’ on the other hand was not only thoughtless, he was “a selfish worldling” one that would readily despise the beggars at his gate:

1 Corinthians 1 Verses 27-31 “But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;” (28) “And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, [yea], and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are.” (29) “That no flesh should glory in His Presence.” (30) “But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us Wisdom, and Righteousness, and Sanctification, and Redemption:”

4 Barclay, William

The Saint Andrew Press.
(31) “That, according as it is written, he that glorieth, let him Glory in The Lord.”

**Secondly**, death, is the common leveller of all playing fields!

**Thirdly,**

Luke 16 Verse 22(a) “And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham’s Bosom: … ”

The departed souls of believers are among friends, God takes care of His Own, they are like Abraham, in very good keeping:

**Fourthly**, we learn of the reality and the fact of hell. There is a Heaven for believers, but a hell for those who choose not!

Luke 16 Verses 22(b)-24 “… the rich man also died, and was buried;” (23) “And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his Bosom.”
(24) “And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”

Even in death and the torment of hell, “Dives’ demanded Lazarus serve him to quench his thirst!” How arrogant!

Of the fifth point, there are no unbelievers in hell, they all now know for a certainty that their Redeemer Lives! Men make great value of things, often when it is far to late!

Of hell, it has been stated that it’s “Truth known too late!”

Sixth and finally, Those that show no mercy, are usually the quickest to cry out for it: Jesus Himself often stands right in front of those that refuse His call. What more could He do?

Abraham’s reply still echo’s in the ear of this “rich and arrogant fool!”
Luke 16 Verse 31 “And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.”

Christ Jesus set the pattern which is to be followed by all men. After physical death, each has a destination … the body by burial or cremation is returned to the earth.

Man’s total personality has two distinct and separate sources.

i) “The Physical or material,” his fleshy body formed out of the dust of the earth:

ii) “The Soul and the spirit,” his immaterial or invisible body that has it’s origin from the Hebrew word which is “Ruach,” (7307) or the literal “Breath of God:”

The physical, his body is from below, from the earth. The immaterial, his Soul and spirit the invisible from above … from God:
The Bible makes it quite clear to us, that after death there occurs a complete and permanent separation between the departed spirits of the wicked and those of the deceased Righteous.

Hebrews 9 Verse 27
“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”

So we can now see, that for man, there are two universal appointments, for all, they are,
(1) “Resurrection of the dead,”
(2) and “Eternal Judgement.”

After death, the destination of the spirit of these “Righteous ones,” is quite different to the destination of “the wicked.”

Jesus told us that at the time of “The Rich man and Lazarus,” both men died and found themselves in the realm of departed spirits called in the Hebrew “Sheol” and in the Greek language “Hades.”
The Rich man found himself in torment, but Lazarus was assigned a place of comfort, peace and rest.

Between both men, there lay a deep gorge, a gulf that was both “fixed and impassable.” Neither could cross over even if they wanted too!

The departed spirit of the wicked, was literally “cast into the pit,” the place of captivity, for those that chose to reject, and become “the enemies of God:”

This, is where we get the picture of one being literally “thrown into hell,” but for the Righteous it is quite a different picture:

Luke 16 Verse 22(b)
“… the beggar died, and was carried by angels to Abraham’s Bosom … ”
“The wicked one,” to “Hades,” and torment, “the Righteous” to “Paradise” and peace, safety and comfort awaiting The Lord. From the time of The Garden, man dwelt in constant communion, friendship and fellowship with his Creator.

Through man’s choice to sin, blockage was placed between the intimacy of this relationship. Man’s sin, had to respond to the warning …

**Genesis 2 Verse 17(b)**

“ … for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.”

Death to the relationship, caused a barrier between the previously unbroken fellowship that had previously existed between “Time,” and “Eternity.”
Death, in that sense became “the door” to pass between one dimension called, “Time” (“the temporal”) and the other, “Eternity,” (“the Ever Existing Realm of our Creator, The Lord God Almighty.”)

The need for the door to be put into place, was because of this thing called, “sin:” God Created “Time,” and allocated man to have dominion in that space. Adam, could have lived forever, but because of “sin,” that “Time” was cut short. The cost of “sin,” comes with the payment!

Romans 3 Verse 23 “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”

Romans 6 Verse 23 “For the wages of sin [is] death; but the gift of God [is] eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

There is a need at this point, to bring some clarity to the confusion and misunderstanding concerning the use of both the Greek and the Hebrew words used in the Bible to describe the abode of the unrighteous spirits that have since died and been assigned to their place of
confinement.

“Hades,” is the Greek word that corresponds to it’s Hebrew equivalent that is “Sheol.” Both are used to describe “the nether world,” a place of confinement for these unrighteous souls awaiting their final resurrection and judgement and impending destruction in . . .

“Gehenna:” called, “the lake of fire”

Most scholars agree, that this, was the place assigned to the rich man, but Lazarus, was taken by the angels to . . .

“Abraham’s Bosom.”

What a wonderful example of

“Faith in action,”

Lazarus, had only what was given on a day to day, moment to moment basis. Yet, without flinching, his trust, was in his God:
What a great warmth must have flowed in God’s Heart to know that Lazarus Loved …

God for Who He Is, God!

Jesus drew on this example of a “Living Faith,” because He knew it was nothing less than,

“The Great Faith of Father Abraham.”

Jesus showed His Disciples who listened, that Lazarus knew deep in his heart, that God had more, much, much more:

Psalm 16 Verses 8-11 “I have set The LORD always before me: because [He is] at my right hand, I shall not be moved.” (9) “Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.” (10) “For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.” (11) “Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in Thy Presence [is] fulness of joy; at Thy Right Hand
[there are] pleasures for evermore.”

From the facts that we have gleaned from Scripture concerning the events that transpired for those departed from this world prior to Christ’s Own coming. We now have presented to us the excitement of what now awaits us since the death, burial and resurrection of The Lord Jesus Christ Himself:

Here we have it, The Lord Jesus Christ Himself, Divinity veiled in humanity. God’s Only Begotten Son, nailed to this cruel cross; dying, laying down His Own Life. God’s Perfect Sacrifice. His sinless Blood paying the price for my sin, your sin, our sin!

Psalm 71 Verses 20-21 “[Thou], which hast shewed me great and sore troubles, shalt quicken me again, and shalt bring me up again from the depths of the earth.” (21) “Thou shalt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.”
Jesus laid His Life down, no man took it. As He breathed His last, He cried,

**Luke 23 Verse 46(b)**

“... Father, into Thy hands I commend My spirit ...”

And, that wasn’t very long after He’d cried,

**Luke 23 Verse 34(a)**

“... Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do ...”

Yes, The Great King of Love, showed His Love for all to see. He stretched out His arms and opened His Heart and let it flow!

**Luke 23 Verse 46(c)**

“... and having said thus, He gave up the ghost.”

What is it that happened with Jesus after He breathed His last? At death, His Body released His Spirit, this is what Paul has had to say concerning Christ.
Ephesians 4 Verses 9-10 “(Now that He ascended, what is it but that He also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?”
(10) “He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all Heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

On the day of Jesus’ death on the cross at Calvary, He went, after death to the place of the spirits of the Righteous called,

“Abraham’s Bosom or Paradise:”

Jesus’ death preceded that of the penitent thief, and Christ, was there to welcome him into Paradise when he died and followed Jesus there.

Luke 23 Verse 43(b)

“… To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.”
Strange isn’t it, how many know and search for a “paradise” many expecting that it is here and now. Paradise on earth all the while forgetting the fact, that God has declared that this earth is to be destroyed by fire!

Our inheritance and our citizenship, is not of this earth, it is not perishable, it awaits us in Heaven. Our Faith runs with Abraham’s, who sought for a city who’s ruler and maker is God: From “Abraham’s Bosom,” Christ Jesus descended down into that area of “Sheol” reserved for the spirits of the wicked.

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For we read in,

1 Peter 3 Verses 18-20 “For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:”

(19) “By which also He went and preached unto the spirits in prison;”

(20) “Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.”

Jesus descended into the furthermost parts of this place.

He went into the lowest depths, the place to where you could not get any lower.
There, He proclaimed complete and certain victory over all both physical and spiritual consequences and bondages for sin at it’s furthermost point of “Time past:” And it’s lowest level including all those who lived at the time of Noah in “the antediluvian, or ancient age.”

“… it is finished!”

God doesn’t send people to hell, they choose to go there. They are more happy with their sin, they’d rather have a relationship with sin than with Jesus Christ!
Jesus suffered, died and was buried. The beatings, the whippings, the tauntings, the anguish, the rejection, the humiliation, the scourging, the crucifixion, the agony, then death:

His Spirit, “descended” into “Hades” and it’s lowest depths:

He revived, sinless He triumphed, He took back dominion, He took back the keys (the authority) of death, hell and the grave. He conquered sin and death.

Colossians 2 Verses 9-15 “For in Him dwelleth all The Fulness of the Godhead bodily.”
(10) “And ye are complete in Him, which is The Head of all principality and power:”
(11) “In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:”
(12) “Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with [Him] through The Faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.” (13) “And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses;” (14) “Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;” (15) “[And] having spoiled principalities and powers, He made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

He “ascended,” that is, He was bought up, His Spirit returned to His Body which lay in the borrowed tomb.

Psalm 86 Verse 13(b)

“ … thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest hell.”
The Lord Jesus Christ became “The First Fruits,” Abraham’s seed, was resurrected:

And finally, after rising from the dead, He was,

“ … increased in greatness and comfort on every side.”

And so, being restored to His rightful place of fellowship and supreme authority at The Right Hand of The Father:

1 Corinthians 15 Verses 20-26 “But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.”
(21) “For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead.”
(22) “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (23) “But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ’s at His coming.”
(24) “Then [cometh] the end, when he shall have delivered up The Kingdom to God, even The Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.” (25) “For He must reign, till He hath put all enemies under His feet.” (26) “The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.”

The Lord Jesus Christ, set forever the pattern which in God’s timing, will be followed by all who accept His Own

“Right-Wise-Ness:”

Once “At-one-ment” for sin had been accomplished by God’s Perfect lamb, The Way was now open for direct contact and access into The Presence of God Himself.

John 4 Verses 23-24 “But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship The Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him.” (24) “God [is] Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship [Him] in spirit and in truth.”
Whether alive in the flesh, or present with Him in The Heavenlies, Heaven has come down and The Tabernacle of God is with men. It must be, because the place of His abode is to reside within our hearts …

Hebrews 9 Verse 11 “But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a Greater and more Perfect Tabernacle, **not made with hands**, that is to say, not of this building;”

Revelation 21 Verse 3 “And I heard a Great Voice out of Heaven saying, **Behold, The Tabernacle of God [is] with men, and He will dwell with them,** and they **shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, [and be] their God.”

Doesn’t this make your heart want to leap for joy? So the question, is not what happens to the Christian at death.

We can worship with the company of the saints and innumerable angels in The Presence of The Majesty on High, and it all begins right now … won’t you join us!!!??
Acts 7 Verses 55-56 & 59-60 “But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up steadfastly into Heaven, and saw The Glory of God, and Jesus standing on The Right Hand of God,” (56) “And said, Behold, I see The Heavens opened, and The Son of man standing on The Right Hand of God.”

Verses 59-60 “And they stoned Stephen, calling upon [God], and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” (60) “And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”

“The body has “a heart, the centre of life,” where the blood in which the soul dwells, flows in and out. In the heart is the meeting place of all the desires and endeavours of men, of all they will or choose, of both love and hatred.

“Love God with all your heart,” your “Will,” will want too, then, your soul will follow!

“He restoreth my soul … !”

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6 Murray, Andrew

“The Blood of The Cross”
Whitaker House Publishers (edit. 1914)
Our sin, kept our soul captive, it damaged our relationship with our Heavenly Father. Our sin kept us “locked out of The Presence of our Holy and Awesome God.”

The word, “Salvation,” (Gk, “soteria”) means every wit whole, and that means, “Spirit, Soul and body … Mentally, Physically and Spiritually.”

Ecclesiastes 12 Verse 14 “For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether [it be] good, or whether [it be] evil.”

The devils cunning wiles or schemes are set to keep God’s created … man, locked into this mould of separation from our Father God. The Word says,

Ezekiel 18 Verse 4(b) “… the soul that sinneth, it shall die.”

It must do, because it is separated from The Holiness of God and fellowship with His children because of SIN!!!
It is so important for folk to catch the thought, that “you are spirit, that has a soul and resides in a fleshy body.” Your spirit-man, is the part that once was dead because of sin.

Because of sin’s influence, it was impossible to have fellowship with a Holy and sinless God!

In that state, we were spiritually dead, caught and held in our trespasses and sin:

That is, till The Spirit of Grace, God’s Holy Spirit touched our heart to respond to His call. The call that came from that hidden place of the heart of hearts, that place that’s deep within.

What is it, that happens to this soul of man once he dies physically and his soul leaves the body? What is it that happens to all of these wonderful areas of the soul of man that complete each individual’s unique makeup?
What is it, that happens to the mind, the memory, the will, the emotions and the intellect? Do we (like some unfortunately believe) die and then it disappears as some sort of fleeting memory? I think NOT!!

The soul, that is assigned to hell is in constant “thought,” in regard to the area of it’s previous temptation and participation ... but because the body is now dead, it is no longer able to participate.

This soul, can no longer fulfil or gratify it’s desires … it burns with the insatiable cravings that surely must be attached to its yearnings!

It must also moan with unspeakable grief because it is banished from The Presence and anything to do with, “The Living God,” it refuses “The Way, The Truth and The Life” and chooses instead to believe “the father of lies.”
Hell was not meant for man … God’s Created! It was made for the devil and his demons. For man to be out of The Presence of Almighty God and only in the presence of the tormentors, that must surely be hell:

At infinite cost, God has made a way for us to be restored to Himself. He sent Jesus to seek and to save that which was lost.

By His substitutionary sacrifice on the cross, Jesus has made it possible for each of us to be forgiven and cleansed from sin and to become members of God’s own family.

Whether the family members like it or not is irrelevant! Some folk even in The Church need to just lighten up:

The Father desires, that none would perish, but that all would come to saving Grace in Jesus Christ!

In Matthew 13 Verses 45-46 Jesus told a parable which for me, personally most beautifully describes the wonder of our redemption:
Matthew 13 Verses 45-46 “Again, The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls,” (46)“Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

For me this depicts the redemption of a human soul. Jesus is the merchant; not a tourist or a sightseer but a man who has dealt in pearls all his life, and knows the exact value of every pearl.

If the pearl that He has purchased is just one human soul yours or mine, It cost Him all and He would do it again just for you. It cost Jesus everything He had to buy you back to Himself.

Though He was Lord of the entire universe, He laid it all aside and died in absolute poverty. He owned nothing. The robe and the tomb in which He was buried were all borrowed.

2 Corinthians 8 Verse 9(b)
“ … though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.”

John 3 Verse 16 “For God so Loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.”
He Loved you so much that He gave up everything to redeem you for Himself. Repeat the beautiful words of the Apostle Paul, and make them your own:

**Galatians 2 Verse 20(b)**

“… Who Loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Say it again,

“… He Loved me and gave Himself for me.”

And again,

“… He Loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Now see yourself as that pearl held in the nail-scarred hand of Jesus. Hear Him saying to you, “You’re so beautiful! You cost Me everything I had, but I don’t regret it.

Now you’re Mine forever! You cannot do anything to earn this. You can never change yourself or make yourself good. All that you can do is to accept what Jesus has done for you and thank Him!
You belong to Him forever!
And, that’s what “Grace,”
is all about, A-men:

Proverbs 19 Verses 20-23 “Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.” (21) “[There are] many devices in a man’s heart; nevertheless … The Counsel of The LORD, that shall stand.” (22) “The desire of a man [is] his kindness: and a poor man [is] better than a liar.” (23) “The Fear of The LORD [tendeth] to Life: and [he that hath it] shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited with evil.”

See that, “… he shall not be visited with evil!”

Without a shadow of a doubt, God is Sovereign in both His “Protection and direction.”

“He … restores my soul,”

He, enlarges the heart to contain the deposit
that He places within … “The Wisdom, The Word and The Anointing to carry it out!”

This, is the “can do Faith from God, His enablement, not man’s least any man should boast!!!???”

All of Heaven rejoices over one sinner that comes to repentance:

I think that we just need to stop playing at Church, and get happy with Heaven and Heaven’s job!

God’s Kingdom, has sent her advocate Jesus who is both Lord and Christ. God’s Kingdom, has in that sense, brought Heaven down to touch the earth. And, His name, is The Lord Jesus Christ: This is The Gospel of God!

The shadow of death is shown
for what it really is, “a shadow” - “death, where is thy sting?” “Upon them hath the light shined” ... it revealed the fear of death, was based only on its “shadow!”

Exodus 10 Verses 20-23 “But The LORD hardened Pharaoh’s heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.” (21) “And The LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness [which] may be felt.” (22) “And Moses stretched forth his hand toward Heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days:” (23) “They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.”

The ninth plague against Egypt was described as “thick darkness, darkness which may be felt!”

God literally turned His back and
removed His “Shekinah” - “The Glory” of His Presence so that not even the light of Creation, could shine in their midst.

For a full three day period, Egypt saw nothing, not even their own hands held in front of their own eyes. God was so serious in regard to His intent, that He again turned His back on Egypt as they ran in pursuit of Israel ... the column of cloud was both “light” and cooling to Israel, but darkness to God’s enemy, Egypt.

Exodus 14 Verses 19-20 “And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of the cloud went from before their face, and stood behind them:” (20) “And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness [to them], but it gave light by night [to these]: so that the one came not near the other all the night.”

Do we ever stop to think, how all of Israel must
have felt in seeing before their own eyes, those great walls of water that towered over them at the parting of the Red sea!

Now their Head-shepherd Moses moves both before and with them into the hidden places. The dark places of “the valley of the shadow of death,” but guess what?

He is with them all, from the youngest, to the oldest. And boy, what treasures are to lay before them in “the land of promise,” the land that they have to enter: But first, they enter … “the valley and its shadow,” but that comes only after they leave Egypt.

Yes, the journey does begin with the first step but it’s a step in the confident assurance of Faith!

God’s parallel in the example is I believe to show us that the road made between the two walls of water was the equivalent of,

“The Narrow Way!”

Exodus 14 Verses 21-22 “And Moses stretched out
his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided." (22) “And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.”

You could almost say that the first wall represented Time itself, and that the second wall stood to represent Eternity the Habitation and the dwelling place of God. Here before us, this valley of separation, is the valley that has been caused because of our sin!

“The valley of the shadow of death,” is the like-type of the wages of sin and death being the payout time!

We are there, in the middle of
the valley, and what does our Great King do, why He prepares a table for us to sup with Him, right in the midst of our enemies!

They are no threat to us, our Deliverer, is with us Praise God!!! He anoints our head, the very first place to be affected by thoughts of danger is calmed like those waves in the storm by our “Prince of Peace:”

God wants us to move on in Him,
- Anointed with fresh oil…
“Change indicates progress in growth.”
- The move from mind to “action.”
- Theory to “experience.”
- And possessing “the inheritance.”

“We can and will possess the land!”
We possess in the natural, how we walk in the Spirit, waiting on God, walking with our Lord by prayer and preparation involved in a whole appointment, a whole portion and not a partial inheritance. Strength comes from abiding in the shadow of the pillar of cloud, the shadow of His wing, thereby building in the Spirit by knowing our God, to do exploits in the natural,

“Supernaturally, naturally super!”

Daniel 11 Verse 32
“ … but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do [exploits].”

Jesus said,

John 10 Verse 10(b) “ … I am come that they might have life, and that they might have [it] more abundantly!”

We are just beginning to learn to “Live!” This really puts death into its place ... the curtain that lies
between “Time and Eternity,” between The Kingdom of Light and the region of the shadows darkness ...

“where’s ya sting now … Huh!!!??”

The battle has been won, the victory has been assured, and now, just like when Israel bought home the spoils of war. We too, have been gathered from the warfare that has raged in every tribe … in every people group, and in every nation. We are being bought home to the habitation of Almighty God.

Isaiah 62 Verse 12 “And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.”

Christ Jesus rose to the challenge to defeat not only sin, but death, hell and the grave. As Samson tore the gates of the city clean off their hinges, so too, Jesus bore on His shoulders the door posts of hell’s own gates.

Empowered with God’s Strength, the gates of hell have been removed. The weight of the timber,
the blackness of sin … The Power of The Blood made sure that these posts rested on top another hill.

They stood as the Cross of Calvary, publicly, there for all to see.

Exposed in distain, The Living God passed Judgement on “sins past, sins present, and sins future:”

There in the public gaze, there for all eyes to see! Our great role model, the example with which The Church is meant to function,

“THE HEAD” … THE FIRST TO RISE FROM THE DEAD!

1 John 3 Verse 8(b)
“... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might
destroy the works of the devil.”

Don’t let your own “Self-righteous arrogance” deny the fact that Jesus is a friend of sinners … He died for them! But more to the point, He rose again for each one of us!!!

Psalm 139 Verses 7-8 “Whither shall I go from Thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from Thy Presence?” (8) “If I ascend up into Heaven, Thou [art] there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, Thou [art there].”

Such, is the Nature of a Merciful Father, such is The Touch of the Ever Present God:

Romans 14 Verse 4 “Who art thou that judgest another man’s servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up:
for God is able to make him stand.”

James 4 Verse 12 “There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?”

Matthew 11 Verse 19 “The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans … and sinners. But wisdom is justified of her children.”

Romans 5 Verse 8 “But God commendeth his Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

Sins past, sins present, and sins future …

1 John 1 Verses 6-10 “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not The Truth:”

(7) “But if we walk in The Light, as He is in The Light, we have fellowship one with another, and The Blood of Jesus Christ His Son
cleanseth us from all sin.” 
(8) If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and The Truth is not in us.” (9) “If we confess our sins, He is Faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (10) “If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and His Word is not in us.”

Jesus did not come out of Heaven, live on this earth that He Created. Die and endure the shame, the ridicule of false accusation; be numbered with the transgressors, grit His teeth and bear the pain and suffering of being scourged, whipped, beaten, bashed and abused in every vile way imaginable: for a partial salvation!!!

Jesus did not come out of Heaven, Die on Calvary after suffering the crucifixion … go to the grave, into hell … take back the keys of death, hell and the grave: All this, for a partial salvation!!!

If you even have to consider or question this, I would solemnly ask that you now bow the knee and receive Him into your heart by Faith, make Him
Lord and Saviour of your life right now! Ask Him, and He will, because believe you me friend, He is taking to YOU off these very pages!

Some religious bigots, are so narrow minded, that they cannot see past their own noses. The way back to The Father, was completed both by Him and through Him.

He is, “The Way, The Truth and The Life ... no man comes to The Father, but by Him!” And guess what, “NO man can come, except The Father draw him!!!”

As He is talking to your heart right NOW, that is HIS DRAWING YOU ... IT REALLY, IS THAT SIMPLE!!!

Such, is “the Mercy of Grace!” That is why, there is,
“…bread enough and to spare,…”

One drop of His Precious Blood would have been enough for even the vilest sinner. But, He shed it all, He gave His all and that’s what He now asks of us,

“How about YOU!!!??”

God used the “foolishness of the cross,” two wooden beams of torture and death to reach out and forgive man’s sins,

“PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.”

The only possible one who could reach into the dimension that he Created …

“TIMES PAST,
TIMES PRESENT AND
TIMES FUTURE,”

with those echoing cries,

“Father forgive them,
they know not what … !”

Christ as King and Prophet, opened the gates of paradise to the penitent thief. Even in agony, He foretold his assured entrance into paradise.
The thief, had no way to be baptised, or remove himself from impending death to do works of Righteousness: One work, was enough for our Master, the thief “repented of his sin and looked to Jesus for Mercy … and received it immediately!!!”

It is important to remember, that He Himself knew no sin … yet He took upon Himself the whole world’s sin. Those sins past, those present and those future He’s covered the lot with His Blood!

The cry of His sinless heart of,

Matthew 27 Verse 46(b)

“My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?”

... was but for a fleeting moment, as the Perfect Sacrifice was offered, and the price of all prices was …

PAID, IN FULL!”

Hebrews 9 Verse 26(b)

“He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”
Once … for many,  
and for ALL Time!

Hebrews 4 Verse 16(a)  
"Let us therefore come boldly ..."

No one is suggesting, that you just carry on in 
this life and do your own thing! No one is saying 
that for one moment you should be flippant and just 
take things for granted!

You do have a responsibility to “walk the 
walk, not just talk the talk of 
hypocrites,” (there’s too many of them 
anyway!)

The author here indicates that we can indeed 
come with boldness and confidence to “God’s 
Throne of Grace.”

This, in no way indicates that we are to come 
with a brash, irreverent behaviour ... though many in 
this day often try God’s Grace in both their manner 
and behaviour!
He has given total assurance, that access to The Very Presence of God, is immediate for the Christian who departs from this life of mortal existence:

**Philippians 2 Verses 9-13** “Wherefore God also hath highly exalted Him, and given him a Name which is above every name:” (10) “That at The Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in Heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth;” (11) And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to The Glory of God The Father.” (12) “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye 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.” (13) “For it is God which worketh in you both to Will and to Do of [His] Good Pleasure.”

The words, “**work out**,” do not suggest for a minute that either you or I can add a thing to “**Salvation in Christ.**” But it still amazes me just how many have the attitude, that they can score “brownie points with God” and gain favour?

No, the key, lies in the following words,

“**For it is God** which worketh in you both
to Will and to Do ... of [His] Good Pleasure.”

Jesus is The Word of God made flesh, The Word of God is indeed “alive and active, sharper than any two-edged sword.”

What Jesus did at Calvary, was to take the sword of The Lord upon Himself. He, without sin, stain or blemish, literally turned this cruel instrument of torture and death into a weapon to wield against and defeat satan and his cohorts.

Literally, it is like taking the Cross in your hands and wielding it like a broad sword ... victory, in the hands of Our Christ! The foe was vanquished by
“TIME,” was invaded by “ETERNITY;”
His Life written in Sinless Blood!”

“You cannot give, what you have not received
... either we are impacting people for “ETERNITY,
or we are NOT!”
More’s to the point, is the fact, that YOU can only touch people for God, to the degree, that you yourselves are touching God! YOU cannot give what you have not received!!

The devil, is a fallen angel, and unless God opens your eyes to see the devil, the only way that you can know where he has been, is by the mud that he tracks in with himself. You can always tell his presence and his passage, by the muck of his passing!

Hence from scripture, we can see the nature of man as one who is separated from God and portrays the nature of the character of flesh which is contained within. The nature of one deceived, is the nature of one who has been blinded, blinded by the god of this world.

2 Corinthians 4 Verses 3-4 “But if our Gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost:” (4) “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest The Light of The Glorious
Gospel of Christ, who is The Image of God, should shine unto them.”

When He conquered the forces of darkness and left them disarmed and paralysed before He rose from the dead, we who believe, became participants in that victory:

When He snatched the keys of death and hell from satan and burst forth from that nether abyss, we were sharers in that triumph:

When He ascended upon high and took His seat in the Heavenlies, we were exalted with Him. Because satan and all the hosts of hell are beneath His Feet, they are likewise beneath ours as well:

When Jesus defeated satan, it was our victory. He (Jesus) became flesh and blood so that He could overcome satan as an “unfallen (sinless) human!”

The enemy of our souls cannot lord it over us anymore. He is defeated and his dominion over us ended at Calvary: Instead of his having power of us, we have been given authority over him.
This is the meaning of our being …

“… seated with Christ in Heavenly places.”

When Jesus cried, “It is finished!” it was the end, but for us it was just

“The Beginning!”

1 Corinthians 15 Verses 54(b)-55

“… death is swallowed up in victory.” (55) “O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?”

7 Let’s get one thing straight here; Jesus never had to pay a thing to the devil!

In God’s program, satan had no say in the matter; he never has, and never will!!! Let’s get it straight, Jesus has

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won the victory… PAST TENSE!

The enemy of our souls has NO power in or over your life, unless YOU let him! Jesus Himself, ruled the warfare, as “No contest!”

When Jesus laid His Life down, all Heaven, and all hell knew that He had conquered!

He shed His Own Precious Blood to pay for the ransom of the redeemed. The Hebrew word is “Koper,” which is rendered as “the price is paid.” Our beloved Master took that Blood and offered it to The Father as a Love-Offering beyond compare!

“Victory belongs to our God!” It would seem obvious from the economy of Scripture, that as at the time of the death of both “The Rich man and Lazarus,” Lazarus, was lifted up and carried by angels to the place of
“Abraham’s Bosom.”

We also come to the stark realisation, that this rich man, Dives’ was also carried off but by a dark servant of satan called, “death” to the abode of the enemy’s other dark cohort called, “hades:”

The enemy of our soul portrays the exact opposite to what was laid out by God.

The enemy, always tries to counterfeit what God is doing. But because he is a fallen angel, his power can only reproduce a poor copy of the real (or true.)

This is where things start to get exciting for the Christian. Jesus said,
John 8 Verse 51  “Verily, verily, I say unto you, 
If a man keep My saying, he shall never see death.”

What was the instruction concerning Israel and the impending visit of this monstrous angel called, “death?”

“They shall take to them every man a lamb … a lamb for an house:”

This horrible thing called, death, the end of life was coming, and God says, “all you men take a soft little innocent lamb:”

Can you just imagine it? This thing, wants to suck the life out of me and my family!

It wants to kill us, and God says, “Go, take a lamb for the house!”

Exodus 12 Verse 3 “Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth [day] of
this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of [their] fathers, a lamb for an house:”

The Blood of The Sacrifice, was to be applied to both, “the door posts and the lentils of the house” … today, we are to apply it to the door post and lentils of our hearts and it all starts when we hear the words,

Revelation 3 Verse 20
“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.”

What’s changed? Nothing! This thing, wants us to bear it’s nature, “death to all life,” but God still says, “they shall take to them every man
Once our Guardian, Jesus our Great High Priest gains entry, deaths dark cohort has to pass over. Our heart, is guarded by God’s Own Firstborn Son! I can remember that it was once said by an old evangelist, that if satan knocked at your door, the best thing to do, was to get Jesus to answer it!

John 8 Verse 51
“Verily, verily, I say unto you,
If a man keep My saying,…”

In order for us to understand the context of this statement,

“… If a man keep My saying,…”

We need to return to Verse 37 of John Chapter 8, here the Jews had argued with Jesus as to their place in heritage, and that they were indeed Abraham’s seed.

But now they plotted to do something which was totally against the nature of their Great Patriarch. Their hearts were set, to murder God’s Christ; their very own Messiah … The Lamb of God, that stood in their midst:
Jesus now told them why, they could not,

“Keep (His) My saying,…”

John 8 Verse 37
“I know that ye are Abraham’s seed; but ye seek to kill me, … because My Word hath no place in you.”

Therefore, they were in peril at death, to death’s dark angel, but for the believer, Christ’s Triumph!

John 8 Verse 51(b)
“… he shall never see death.”

It has to pass him by, he is assigned to the company of angels who bear him to the Presence of The Lord. This fiend, this demon of darkness called death, has to “Passover” God’s reborn son’s and daughter’s.

It’s captive plan, has come unstuck … Jesus our older Brother holds “the keys,” to death, hell and (“Queber,”) the grave:
Historically, many have had to go down to the grave. But in going, take full consolation that death has no hold on them!

Neither for that, shall they see any hurt by “the second death” that awaits God’s enemies when they are finally and forever consumed in “Gehenna, the lake of fire:”

The problem with the Jews, was that they could not believe in the resurrection; but …

John 8 Verse 56
“Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day: and he saw [it], and was glad.”

1 Corinthians 15 Verse 26
“The last enemy [that] shall be destroyed [is] death.”
Revelation 20 Verse 14 “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.”

John 11 Verses 25-27 “Jesus said unto her, I AM The Resurrection, and
The Life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:” (26) “And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (27) “She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art The Christ, The Son of God, which should come into the world.”

“To quote Francis Frangipane, “What lies ahead for the Christian at death, is no more than a mere barrier. What dies, is the body of flesh, (the husk of our old nature.”)

1 Corinthians 15 Verses 31 & 33-34 “I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.”

Verses 33-34 Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. (34) Awake to

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righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak [this] to your shame.”

“… I die daily,”

… death to the “nature of self and self seeking, is a daily choice.” We have a decision to make daily and that is, to choose to build and strengthen this new nature that lies within:” (end quote.)

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By way of introduction, the only heart desire of “The Dalton family,” is to see more folk, coming out of themselves, and going deeper into personal relationship with the person of our Lord and Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ:

Bob & Nikki, have compiled and published materials helpful for growth and development in regards to their vision of being an available resource to assist folk to be schooled and skilled in basic foundational doctrine ...

Our only desire before God is to honour and serve the Lord as a family. We love The Lord Jesus Christ and our Father God with all our hearts and are so grateful for the ever faithful ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Psalm 40 Verse 8
“I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart.”

Our injunction to you is therefore ... Let us join together to,

“Church the Un-Churched,
    Teach the Un-Taught,” and most of all,
    “Reach the Un-Reached ... for Jesus!”

“Go Ye ... !”
“Speak Ye ... !”
“Do Ye ... !”

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To those Brethren, that have laboured long and hard in The Word of our God ... we take time to bless them publically for their endeavours to pass on that Holy Ghost inspired Word throughout His Church ...

Hebrews 6 Verse 10 “For God [is] not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.”
Therefore, edify The Body of Christ, encourage and exhort; but remember, if you are tempted to call the work of another your own, you are the one that will in the end be held responsible for your actions. “The Spirit of Grace,” gave the work to the hand of “the scribe,” who faithfully put pen to paper. Plagiarism, is not only illegal, it is immoral; above all, we must ...

Romans 12 Verse 10
“[Be] kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;”

So we exhort you in the name of our Lord and Saviour, to feel quite free to use the material with which the Lord has so blessed us and those before us, bearing in mind that the pre-eminence belongs to

The Lord Jesus Christ Himself ...

Your brother and sister in Christ’s service,

Bob & Nikki Dalton.

Matthew 10 Verse 8(b) “ … freely ye have received, freely give.”

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1. “Blessed” ... “are the poor in spirit.”
2. “Blessed” ... “are they that mourn.”
3. “Blessed” ... “are the meek.”
4. “Blessed” … “are they which do hunger.”
5. “Blessed” … “are the merciful.”
6. “Blessed” … “are the pure in heart.”
7. “Blessed” … “are the peacemakers.”
8. “Blessed,” “are they which are persecuted.”

If you “be in Christ,” then it stands to reason, that whatever curved balls are thrown to you in this life, you will “Be-in-Christ’s-Attitude,” and not react in an inappropriate manner. As hard as that may be!

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1 Timothy 1 Verse 5 (Amp Version.)

“Whereas the object and purpose of our instruction and charge is Love, which springs from a pure Heart and a Good (clear) Conscience
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- “Bottleneck Fruits …”
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- “The Mountain or the Mediocre.”
- “The Armoury.”
- “The Whole Armour of God.”
- “The Family and the Fabric.”
- “Where is thy Sting … Death?”
- “Five Smooth Stones.”
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- “The Religion of Cain.”
- “The Doves and The Blood.”
- “The Stupefying draught …”
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- “Christ … The Rock.”
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“The stronger the foundation,
The brighter the future!”
1 Corinthians 3 Verse 11
“For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, … which is Jesus Christ.”

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