The Tsunami Blessing, Inside and Out, Part 76

God's own Holy Spirit who resurrected Jesus Christ from the dead is so absolutely powerful that many who were in their graves came out of their tombs immediately at His rising over two thousand years ago. That some resurrection power embodies you as an habitation of God through Holy Spirit where Jesus Christ dwells in your heart by faith.

Now as a carrier of His anointing and power, you too are authorized to the do the same works Jesus performed throughout His earthly ministry, i.e., "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give," Matthew 10:38. Jesus promised we would also do greater works after His ascension and the sending Holy Spirit to be inherited and inhabited by every coheir. So the question remains, what will do you with the 100% of the resurrection power when you yield 100% of yourself?

Go change your world, from the inside, out. Be one of the many that others testify of, "those who turned the world upside down have come here." The effectual working of Holy Spirit upon you will cause everyone, everything, and everywhere to breathe again. Refuse to live comfortably among the tombs when you have inherited the ministry of Jesus Christ. Now occupy until Jesus returns.

The Authenticity of the Resurrection

1 Corinthians 15 The Passion Translation (TPT)

The Resurrection of Christ

¹Dear friends,^[a] let me give you clearly the heart of the gospel that I've preached to you—the good news that you have heartily received and on which you stand. ²For it is through the revelation of the gospel that you are being saved, if you fasten your life firmly to the message I've taught you, unless you have believed in vain. ³For I have shared with you what I have received and what is of utmost importance:

The Messiah died for our sins,

fulfilling the prophecies of the Scriptures.

⁴He was buried in a tomb

and was raised from the dead after three days,

as foretold in the Scriptures.[1]

⁵Then he appeared to Peter the Rock^[] and to the twelve apostles.^[d]

⁶He also appeared to more than five hundred of his followers at the same time, most of whom are still alive as I write this, though a few have passed away.^{[6] 7}Then he appeared to Jacob^[1] and to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all he appeared in front of me, like one born prematurely, ripped from the womb.^{[6] 9}Yes, I am the most insignificant of all the apostles, unworthy even to be called an apostle, because I hunted down believers and persecuted God's church. ¹⁰But God's amazing grace has made me who I am!^[6] And his grace to me was not fruitless. In fact, I worked harder than all the rest,^[6] yet not in my own strength but God's, for his empowering grace is poured out upon me. ¹¹So this is what we all have taught you, and whether it was through me or someone else, you have now believed the gospel.

The Importance of the Resurrection

¹²The message we preach is Christ, who has been raised from the dead. So how could any of you possibly say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³For if there is no such thing as a resurrection from the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.^{III} ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, all of our preaching has been for nothing and your faith is useless. ¹⁵Moreover, if the dead are not raised, that would mean that we are false witnesses who are misrepresenting God. And that would mean that we have preached a lie, stating that God raised him from the dead, if in reality he didn't.

¹⁶ If the dead aren't raised up,^[6] that would mean that Christ has not been raised up either. ¹⁷ And if Christ is not alive, you are still lost in your sins and your faith is a fantasy. ¹⁸ It would also mean that those believers in Christ who have passed away^[1] have simply perished. ¹⁹ If the only benefit of our hope in Christ is limited to this life on earth, we deserve to be pitied more than all others!^[10]

²⁰ But the truth is, Christ is risen from the dead, as the firstfruit^{III} of a great resurrection harvest of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a man, *Adam*,^{III} it is fitting that the resurrection of the dead has also come through a man, *Christ*. ²² Even as all who are in Adam die, so also all who are

in Christ will be made alive. ²³But each one in his proper order: Christ, the firstfruits, then those who belong to Christ in his presence.^[2]

²⁴Then the final stage of completion comes, when he will bring to an end every other rulership, authority, and power, and he will hand over his kingdom to Father God. ²⁵Until then he is destined to reign^[4] as King until all hostility has been subdued and placed under his feet.^[4] ²⁶And the last enemy to be subdued and eliminated is death itself.^[5]

²⁷The Father has placed all things in subjection under the feet of Christ.⁽¹⁾ Yet when it says, "all things," it is understood that the Father does not include himself, for he is the one who placed all things in subjection to Christ. ²⁸However, when everything is subdued and in submission to him, then the Son himself will be subject to the Father, who put all things under his feet.⁽¹⁾ This is so that Father God will be everything in everyone!

Implications of the Resurrection

²⁹ If there is no resurrection, what do these people think they're doing when they are baptized for the dead? If the dead aren't raised, why be baptized for them?^[1] ³⁰ And why would we be risking our lives every day?

³¹My brothers and sisters, I continually face death.^[10] This is as sure as my boasting of you^[2] and our co-union together in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ, who gives me confidence to share my experiences with you. ³²Tell me, why did I fight "wild beasts"^[2] in Ephesus if my hope is in this life only? What was the point of that? If the dead do not rise, then

Let's party all night, for tomorrow we die![2]

³³So stop fooling yourselves! Evil companions will corrupt good morals and character.^[aa] ³⁴Come back to your right senses and awaken to what is right. Repent from your sinful ways.^[ab] For some have no knowledge of God's wonderful love.^[ac] You should be ashamed that you make me write this way to you!^[ad]

Our Resurrection Body

³⁵I can almost hear someone saying, "How can the dead come back to life? And what kind of body will they have when they are resurrected?" ³⁶Foolish man! Don't you know that what you sow in the ground doesn't germinate unless it dies? ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that will come into being, but the bare seed. And it's hard to tell whether it's wheat or some other seed. ³⁸ But when it dies, God gives it a new form, a body to fulfill his purpose, and he sees to it that each seed gets a new body of its own *and becomes the plant he designed it to be*.^[se]

³⁹All flesh is not identical. Animals have one flesh and human beings another. Birds have their distinct flesh and fish another. ⁴⁰In the same way there are earthly bodies and heavenly bodies. There is a splendor of the celestial body and a different one for the earthly. ⁴¹There is the radiance of the sun and differing radiance for the moon and for the stars. Even the stars differ in their shining. ⁴²And that's how it will be with the resurrection of the dead.

⁴³The body is "sown" in decay, but will be raised in immortality. It is "sown" in humiliation, but will be raised in glorification.^[a] ⁴⁴It is "sown" in weakness but will be raised in power. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵For it is written:

The first man, Adam, became a living soul.

The last Adam^[41] became the life-giving Spirit. ⁴⁶ However, the spiritual didn't come first. The natural precedes the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the dust of the earth; the second Man is the Lord Jehovah,^[41] from the realm of heaven.^[41] ⁴⁸ The first one, made from dust, has a race of people just like him, who are also made from dust. The One sent from heaven has a race of heavenly people who are just like him. ⁴⁹ Once we carried the likeness of the man of dust, but now let us^[46] carry the likeness of the Man of heaven.^[41]

Transformation

⁵⁰Now, I tell you this, my brothers and sisters, flesh and blood are not able to inherit God's kingdom realm, and neither will that which is decaying be able to inherit what is incorruptible.

⁵¹Listen, and I will tell you a divine mystery: not all of us will die, but we will all be transformed. ⁵²It will happen in an instant^[an]—in the twinkling of his eye. For when the last trumpet is sounded, the dead will come back to life. We will be indestructible and we will be transformed. ⁵³For we will discard our mortal "clothes" and slip into a body that is imperishable. What is mortal now will be exchanged for immortality. ⁵⁴ And when that which is mortal puts on immortality, and what now decays is exchanged for what will never decay, then the Scripture will be fulfilled that says:

Death is swallowed up by a triumphant victory!

⁵⁵So death, tell me, where is your victory?

Tell me death, where is your sting?

⁵⁶ It is sin that gives death its sting and the law that gives sin its power.^{[22] 57} But we thank God^[22] for giving us the victory as conquerors through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One.^{[22] 58} So now, beloved ones,^[32]stand firm and secure. Live your lives with an unshakable confidence. We know that we prosper and excel in every season by serving the Lord,^[42] because we are assured that our union with the Lord makes our labor productive with fruit that endures.^[43]

Footnotes:

- a. 1 Corinthians 15:1 Or "brothers."
- b. <u>1 Corinthians 15:4</u> See <u>Ps. 16:9-10; Luke 24:25-27, 44–46</u>.
- c. <u>1 Corinthians 15:5</u> Or "Cephas." Paul includes the bodily appearance of Jesus to his followers as part of the gospel to be believed. What Paul states as the heart of the gospel is (1) Christ's death, (2) the fulfillment of prophecies, (3) Christ's burial, (4) Christ's resurrection, and (5) Christ supernaturally appeared (manifested) to his followers. More than 515 followers of Jesus saw him after his resurrection, including those mentioned by Paul and Miriam (Mary) at the garden tomb.
- d. <u>1 Corinthians 15:5</u> Most scholars conclude that <u>vv. 3–5</u> represent an early creed of the apostles on which our Christian faith is based.
- e. <u>1 Corinthians 15:6</u> Or "Some have fallen asleep," a Hebrew euphemism for death when referring to believers.
- f. <u>1 Corinthians 15:7</u> See also <u>Gal. 1:19</u>. Jacob was the half brother of our Lord Jesus. It is unfortunate that other translations of the Bible have substituted James for Jacob. Both Greek and Aramaic leave the Hebrew name as it is, Jacob. At first Jacob did not believe that his brother was the Messiah (John 7:5). Yet after he believed, he wrote what many have come to know as the book of James (or Jacob) and he became the leading elder of the church of Jerusalem (<u>Acts 15:13</u>).
- g. <u>1 Corinthians 15:8</u> Or "as one born at the wrong time." The Greek word *ektroma* is used to describe a premature birth or miscarriage or abortion. This means Paul's call to be an apostle was not normal; it was sudden and unexpected. Paul never claimed to be part of the Twelve, but an apostle chosen by the resurrected Lord Jesus. See also <u>Eph. 4:11</u>.
- h. <u>1 Corinthians 15:10</u> Or "By the grace of God, I am what I am."
- i. <u>1 Corinthians 15:10</u> See <u>2 Cor. 11:16-28</u>.

- j. <u>1 Corinthians 15:13</u> Paul is showing us that the resurrection of Jesus cannot be separated from the coming resurrection of believers. To remove the truth of Christ's resurrection is to destroy the message of the gospel of hope.
- k. <u>1 Corinthians 15:16</u> The Aramaic can be translated "if there is no life after death."
- I. <u>1 Corinthians 15:18</u> Or "those who have fallen asleep in Christ." In the Hebraic mind-set, this is a euphemism for believers who have died.
- m. <u>1 Corinthians 15:19</u> Why would we be the most pitiable people of all? Because we live a life that contains a measure of hardship and suffering and, at times, possible martyrdom, with no hope of an afterlife. The Aramaic places the emphasis on the apostles who preached the gospel: "If through these [false pretenses] we have preached life eternal through the Messiah, then we [apostles] are the most miserable of all humanity."
- n. <u>1 Corinthians 15:20</u> The first part of the harvest is called the firstfruits. Jesus' resurrection is the firstfruit of those who will be raised in resurrection power, never to die again.
- o. <u>1 Corinthians 15:21</u> See <u>Rom. 5:12-21</u>.
- p. <u>1 Corinthians 15:23</u> Or "appearance" (Gr. parousia).
- q. <u>1 Corinthians 15:25</u> As translated from the Aramaic.
- r. <u>1 Corinthians 15:25</u> See <u>Ps. 110:1</u>.
- s. <u>1 Corinthians 15:26</u> See <u>Rev. 20:14</u>.
- t. <u>I Corinthians 15:27</u> Or "under his [the Messiah's] feet." See <u>Ps. 8:6</u>.
- u. <u>1 Corinthians 15:28</u> Christ and the Father are equally one. The work of the Son and the work of the Father may differ, but both will result in all evil being overcome on the earth and the kingdom being given to God.
- v. <u>1 Corinthians 15:29</u> This is one of the most puzzling verses in all the New Testament. Bible scholars are divided over its meaning, with nearly two hundred interpretations offered. Paul is not condemning nor commending this practice, but merely using it as evidence that the hope of resurrection life after death for the believer is widely believed. Apparently, some believers were baptized in hopes of benefitting those who died before receiving baptism. This practice is not mentioned anywhere else in the Bible nor in other writings of the earliest church fathers.
- w. <u>1 Corinthians 15:31</u> Some translations render this "I die daily," implying a dying to sin. Yet this is not in the context at all. Paul faces death day by day because of the danger of preaching the gospel in a hostile culture. He is not referring to dying to sin daily, for our death to sin took place on the cross. We died once and for all to sin. See <u>Rom. 6:6-11</u>; <u>Gal. 2:20</u>.
- x. <u>1 Corinthians 15:31</u> Or "I affirm [swear] by the act of boasting in you." Paul uses a Greek particle that is reserved for taking an oath or swearing to the truth of a statement. This statement by Paul may contain an ellipsis that could be supplied by saying, "I swear by the confidence I have of your salvation *that I am confident also of a coming resurrection.*"
- y. <u>1 Corinthians 15:32</u> It does not appear that these wild beasts were animals. Rather, Paul is referring figuratively to beastly men and their savage opposition that Paul had to endure in Ephesus (<u>Acts 19:28-31</u>). Elsewhere in the Bible wicked men are called beasts (<u>Titus 1:12; 2</u> <u>Peter 2:12</u>; <u>Jude 10</u>). The author of <u>Ps. 73</u> described himself as a "brute beast" when he wandered away from God (<u>Ps. 73:22</u>). When naming all of the hardships that he endured, Paul did not mention fighting wild beasts (<u>2 Cor. 11:23-28</u>).
- z. <u>1 Corinthians 15:32</u> See Isa. <u>22:13</u>; <u>Luke 12:19</u>.
- aa. <u>1 Corinthians 15:33</u> This is likely a quotation from the Athenian poet Menander (*Thras.* 218). Paul is using this quote to encourage the believers to stay away from those who deny the resurrection.
- bb. 1 Corinthians 15:34 Or "Stop sinning."
- cc. <u>1 Corinthians 15:34</u> As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek is "Some have not the knowledge of God."
- dd. <u>1 Corinthians 15:34</u> The motivation of Paul giving them the exhortation in this verse is the resurrection from the dead. We have a glorious hope of resurrection awaiting us, and for that reason, we live our lives with eternity in view.

- ee. <u>1 Corinthians 15:38</u> Paul is teaching us of the resurrected body every believer will one day possess. Our bodies will then be perfect, renewed, transformed, indestructible, and not limited to the laws of nature. We will never get sick and never experience death again. We will still have our personalities as individuals but without any hint of sin. See <u>Phil. 3:21</u>.
- ff. <u>1 Corinthians 15:43</u> The Aramaic can be translated "They are buried in agony, but raised in glory."
- gg. <u>1 Corinthians 15:45</u> See Gen. <u>2:7</u>.
- hh. <u>1 Corinthians 15:45</u> The last Adam is Jesus Christ. As the last Adam, he ended Adam's race and began a new species of humans who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and carry the life of Christ within them.
- ii. <u>1 Corinthians 15:47</u> As translated from the Aramaic.
- jj. <u>1 Corinthians 15:47</u> In God's eyes there are only two men, Adam and Christ. Every human being is a copy of one or the other. To be in Adam is to be lost and merely human, but to be in Christ is to be wrapped into the Anointed One as one who carries the life of Christ within.
- kk. <u>1 Corinthians 15:49</u> The Aramaic word can be translated either "let us" or "we shall." This may explain the variation among Greek manuscripts.
- II. <u>1 Corinthians 15:49</u> That is, just as Jesus now has an earthly body transformed into a spiritual body, so we will have our bodies transformed into heavenly bodies.
- mm. <u>1 Corinthians 15:52</u> Or "in an atom of time [Gr. *en atomo*]."
- nn. <u>1 Corinthians 15:54</u> See Isa. <u>25:8</u>.
- oo. <u>1 Corinthians 15:55</u> The Aramaic can be translated "your scorpion sting." See Hos. <u>13:14</u>.
- pp. <u>1 Corinthians 15:56</u> In reading <u>vv. 55</u> and <u>56</u> together, we can see that the victory of <u>v. 55</u> is the total victory over sin at the cross where we were co-crucified with Jesus Christ. The sting of <u>v. 55</u> that is removed is the empowering of sin by the law.
- qq. 1 Corinthians 15:57 The Aramaic can be translated "Accept God's grace."
- rr. <u>1 Corinthians 15:57</u> What an amazing summary of what Jesus Christ has accomplished for us! Although satan seemed to be victorious, the cross of Christ defeated him, defeated death, and defeated sin, making us into victorious conquerors who have hope beyond the grave.
- ss. <u>1 Corinthians 15:58</u> Or "dear brothers and sisters."
- tt. <u>1 Corinthians 15:58</u> As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek can be translated "Always have the Lord's possessions in abundance."
- uu. <u>1 Corinthians 15:58</u> Or "Your labor in the Lord is not without effect." This final clause is litotes, a double negative, which is best conveyed in a positive form.

Holy Spirit's Resurrection Power Flowing Through Us

Romans 8 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Living by the Power of the Holy Spirit

¹ So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One.^{[a] 2} For the "law" of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us^[b] from the "law" of sin and death. ³ For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature.^[a]

Yet God sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave his body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. ⁴So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit!^[4]

⁵Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities.^[6] ⁶For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace.

⁷In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction,^(II) because it cannot! ⁸For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh. ⁹But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life,^(II) you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him.^(II)

¹⁰Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God.⁽¹⁾ ¹¹Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God's Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!

¹²So then, beloved ones, the flesh has no claims on us at all, and we have no further obligation to live in obedience to it. ¹³For when you live controlled by the flesh, you are about to die. But if the life of the Spirit puts to death the corrupt ways of the flesh, we then taste his abundant life.

Sons and Daughters Destined for Glory

¹⁴The mature children of God are those^{III} who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. ¹⁵And you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty,"^{III} leading you back into the fear *of never being good enough*.^{III} But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance,"^{IIII} enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!"^{III} ¹⁶ For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!"

¹⁷And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has.^[a] We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings^[a] as our own.^[a]

A Glorious Destiny

¹⁸I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory^{ICI} that is about to be unveiled within us.^{ICI} ¹⁹The entire universe is standing on tiptoe,^{ICI} yearning to see the unveiling of God's *glorious*^{ICI} sons and daughters! ²⁰For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility^{ICI} resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, ²¹ all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God's children. ²²To this day we are aware of the universal agony and groaning of creation, as if it were in the contractions of labor for childbirth. ²³And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the firstfruits of the Spirit^{ICI} also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed. ²⁴For this is the hope of our salvation.

But hope means that we must trust and wait for what is still unseen. For why would we need to hope for something we already have? ²⁵So because our hope is set on what is yet to be seen, we patiently keep on waiting for its fulfillment.

²⁶ And in a similar way, the Holy Spirit takes hold of us in our human frailty to empower us in our weakness. For example, at times we don't even know how to pray, or know the best things to ask for. But the Holy Spirit rises up within us to super-intercede^[2] on our behalf, pleading to God with emotional sighs^[2] too deep for words.

²⁷God, the searcher of the heart, knows fully our longings,^[2] yet he also understands the desires of the Spirit, because the Holy Spirit passionately pleads before God for us, his holy ones, in perfect harmony with God's plan and our destiny. ²⁸ So we are convinced that every detail of our lives is continually woven together to fit into God's perfect plan of bringing good into our lives, for we are his lovers who have been called to fulfill his designed purpose. ²⁹ For he knew all about us before we were born and he destined us^[a1] from the beginning to share the likeness of his Son. This means the Son is the oldest among a vast family of brothers and sisters who will become just like him.

³⁰Having determined our destiny ahead of time, he called us to himself and transferred his perfect righteousness to everyone he called. And those who possess his perfect righteousness he co-glorified with his Son!

The Triumph of God's Love

³¹So, what does all this mean? If God has determined to stand with us, tell me, who then could ever stand against us? ³²For God has proved his love by giving us his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all,^[10] he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give.

³³Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his final verdict over them— "Not guilty!"[ec]

³⁴Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that, he has conquered death and is now risen, exalted, and enthroned by God at his right hand. So how could he possibly condemn us since he is continually praying *for our triumph*?^[ad]

³⁵Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God's Anointed One? *Absolutely no one!* For nothing in the universe has the power to diminish his love toward us. Troubles, pressures, and problems are unable to come between us and heaven's love. What about persecutions, deprivations,^[se] dangers, and death threats? No, for they are all impotent to hinder omnipotent love, ³⁶ even though it is written:

All day long we face death threats for your sake, God.

We are considered to be nothing more

than sheep to be slaughtered!

³⁷Yet even in the midst of all these things, we triumph over them all, for God has made us to be more than conquerors,^[a] and his demonstrated love is our glorious victory over everything!^[a]

³⁸So now I live with the confidence that there is nothing in the universe with the power to separate us from God's love. I'm convinced that his love will triumph over death, life's troubles, ^[1] fallen angels, or dark rulers in the heavens. There is nothing in our present or future circumstances that can weaken his love. ³⁹There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One!

Footnotes:

- a. <u>Romans 8:1</u> Or "Those who are in Christ Jesus cannot be condemned." Although there are some manuscripts that add to this verse, "for those who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit," the addition is not supported by the oldest and most reliable Greek manuscripts.
- b. Romans 8:2 Some Greek manuscripts have "sets me free" or "sets you [singular] free."
- c. Romans 8:3 Or "weakness of the flesh."
- d. <u>Romans 8:4</u> What joyous truths are found in <u>Rom. 8</u>! All that God requires of us has been satisfied by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. The life of Jesus in us is enough to satisfy God. The power of our new life is not the works of our weak humanity, but the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit released in us.
- e. <u>Romans 8:5</u> Or "the things of the [Holy] Spirit"; that is, doing what pleases God. The Aramaic can be translated "Those who are in the flesh see him only in the flesh, but those who are in the Spirit see him in the Spirit."
- f. Romans 8:7 Or "refuses to submit to his law."
- g. Romans 8:9 Or "makes his home in you."
- Romans 8:9 This is an unusual Greek clause that can be translated "If anyone is not joined to the Spirit of Christ, he cannot be himself." A similar construction is used in <u>Luke 15:17</u>: "The prodigal son came to himself."
- i. <u>Romans 8:10</u> The Aramaic can be translated "for the cause of righteousness."
- j. Romans 8:14 The Greek is quite emphatic: "those and only those."
- k. Romans 8:15 Or "spirit of slavery.""
- I. <u>Romans 8:15</u> Implied in both the text and the greater context of finding our true life in the "Spirit of full acceptance." It can also refer to the fear of judgment that has been removed from us through Christ.
- m. <u>Romans 8:15</u> Or "spirit of adult [complete] sonship." The Aramaic can be translated "the spirit of consecrated children."
- n. <u>Romans 8:15</u> Abba is not a Greek word, but an Aramaic word transliterated into Greek letters. Abba is the Aramaic word for "father." It is also found in <u>Mark 14:36</u> and <u>Gal.</u>
 <u>4:6</u>. Abba is also a word used for devotion, a term of endearment. This is why some have concluded that Abba could be translated as "Daddy" or "Papa." It is hard to imagine a closer relationship to have with God than to call him "Abba, our Beloved Father."

- <u>Romans 8:17</u> Or "we are joint-heirs with Christ." Nothing in the Bible could be more amazing than this. Grace has made former rebels into princes and princesses, royal ones that share in the inheritance of Christ.
- p. <u>Romans 8:17</u> Or "accept his feelings" (of pain), or "things" (he experiences). By implication, "sufferings."
- q. Romans 8:17 Or "if we suffer jointly we will enjoy glory jointly."
- r. <u>Romans 8:18</u> The Greek word *doxa* can also be translated "radiant beauty," "splendor," "perfection."
- s. <u>Romans 8:18</u> The Aramaic can be translated "with the glory which is to be perfected in us." The Greek participle *eis* can be translated "into us," "upon us," or "to us."
- t. <u>Romans 8:19</u> The Greek word used here means "intense anticipation," or "anxiously anticipating what is about to happen" (with an outstretched neck).
- Romans 8:19 Or "the manifestation of the sons of God." Interestingly, the Greek word used for "unveiling" (*apokalypsis*) is the same word for the full title of the last book of the Bible, "The Revelation [Unveiling] of Jesus Christ." The created universe is but the backdrop for the dramatic appearing of God's sons and daughters unveiled with the glory of Jesus Christ upon them. The verb tense in the Greek text is clear that this "unveiling" is imminent, soon to happen, and destined to take place. Christ's glory will come to us, enter us, fill us, envelop us, and then be revealed through us as partakers of the glory. Although God will not share his glory with any other, we are no longer "another," for we are one with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through faith in Christ. See John 17:21-23.
- v. <u>Romans 8:20</u> Or "the purposelessness" or "the frustration" (or "chaos").
- w. <u>Romans 8:23</u> The "firstfruits of the Spirit" would include his indwelling presence, his gifts, his wisdom, and his transforming power. Imagine what the full harvest of the Spirit will bring to us! The Aramaic can be translated "the awakening of the Spirit."
- x. <u>Romans 8:26</u> The Greek word *hupererentugkhano* is best translated "super [or hyper]intercede for us." We can only imagine how many blessings have poured into our lives because of the hyper-intercession of the Holy Spirit for us!
- y. <u>Romans 8:26</u> Or "groanings." We find three groanings in this chapter. Creation groans for the glorious freedom of God's children (<u>v. 22</u>), we groan to experience the fullness of our status as God's children (<u>v. 23</u>), and the Holy Spirit groans for our complete destiny to be fulfilled (here).
- z. <u>Romans 8:27</u> Or "God, the heart-searcher." God searches our hearts not just to uncover what is wrong, but to fulfill the true desire of our hearts to be fully his. Grace triumphs over judgment.
- aa. <u>Romans 8:29</u> The Aramaic can be translated "sealed us" (with God's mark upon us). See also <u>Col. 3:4</u>; <u>Heb. 2:11</u>.
- bb. <u>Romans 8:32</u> This is an intentional echo of Gen. <u>22:16</u>. Although God spared Abraham's son, Isaac, he would not spare his own Son, Jesus Christ.
- cc. <u>Romans 8:33</u> See Isa. <u>50:8</u>.
- dd. <u>Romans 8:34</u> Not only does the Holy Spirit pray for us, so does Jesus Christ. Two divine intercessors are praying for you each day. Two-thirds of the Trinity are actively engaged in intercession for us. This is typified by the incident of Moses interceding on the mountain for Israel's victory with one hand held high by Aaron (the high priest, a type of Jesus, our High Priest) and Hur (or "light," a metaphor for the Holy Spirit, who prays with divine illumination for our good). See Ex. <u>17:9-13</u>; <u>Heb. 7:25</u>; <u>9:24</u>.
- ee. Romans 8:35 Or "hunger and nakedness."
- ff. Romans 8:36 See Ps. 44:22.
- gg. <u>Romans 8:37</u> Love has made us more than conquerors in four ways: (1) No situation in life can defeat us or dilute God's love. (2) We know that divine love and power work for us to triumph over all things. (3) We share in the victory spoils of every enemy we face (Isa. <u>53:12</u>). (4) We have conquered the Conqueror with merely a glance of our worshiping eyes. We have won his heart (<u>Song. 4:9</u>; <u>6:5</u>).

- hh. <u>Romans 8:37</u> Clearly implied in the text with the Greek word *hupernikao*. The love of God gives us "a glorious hyper-victory," more than can be described or contained in one word. God's love and grace has made us hyper-conquerors, empowered to be unrivaled, more than a match for any foe!
- ii. <u>Romans 8:38</u> Or "life"; by implication, the troubles and pressures life may bring.

Romans 6:1-5 The Passion Translation (TPT)

The Triumph of Grace over Sin

¹So what do we do, then? Do we persist in sin so that God's kindness and grace will increase? ²What a terrible thought! We have died to sin once and for all, as a dead man passes away from this life. So how could we live under sin's rule a moment longer? ³Or have you forgotten that all of us who were immersed into union with Jesus, the Anointed One, were immersed into union with his death?

⁴Sharing in his death by our baptism means that we were co-buried and entombed with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life. ⁵For since we are permanently grafted into him^[a] to experience a death like his, then we are permanently grafted into him to experience a resurrection like his and the new life that it imparts.

Footnotes:

a. <u>Romans 6:5</u> Or "if we have become grown together as one with him."

Ephesians 2:1-7 The Passion Translation (TPT)

God's Power Raised Us from the Dead

¹ And his fullness fills you, even though you were once like corpses, adead in your sins and offenses. ²It wasn't that long ago that you lived in the religion, customs, and values of this world, obeying the dark ruler of the earthly realm who fills the atmosphere with his authority, and works diligently in the hearts of those who are disobedient to the truth of God. ³The corruption that was in us from birth was expressed through the deeds and desires of our self - life. We lived by whatever natural cravings and thoughts our minds dictated, living as rebellious children subject to God's wrath like everyone else.

⁴But God still loved us with such great love. He is so rich in compassion and mercy. ⁵Even when we were dead and doomed in our many sins, he united us into the very life of Christ and saved us by his wonderful grace! ⁶He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, *and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority* of the heavenly realm, for we are now coseated^[4] as one with Christ!

⁷Throughout the coming ages^[e] we will be the visible display of the infinite, limitless riches of his grace and kindness, which was showered upon us in Jesus Christ.

Footnotes:

- a. Ephesians 2:1 As translated literally from the Greek.
- b. Ephesians 2:2 The Aramaic can be translated "the worldliness of this world."
- c. <u>Ephesians 2:2</u> The Aramaic phrase can also refer to the authority of secular governments.
- d. <u>Ephesians 2:6</u> To be "placed" or "seated" in heaven means we have been given the perfection and authority to be there.
- e. Ephesians 2:7 The Aramaic can be translated "universes."

Hebrews 11:9 The Passion Translation (TPT)

⁹He lived by faith as an immigrant in his promised land as though it belonged to someone else.^[2] He journeyed through the land living in tents with Isaac and Jacob who were persuaded that they were also co-heirs of the same promise.

Footnotes:

a. <u>Hebrews 11:9</u> Or "a foreign country."

1 Peter 3:7 The Passion Translation (TPT)

⁷Husbands, you in turn must treat your wives with tenderness,^[a] viewing them^[b] as feminine^[c] partners who deserve to be honored, for they are coheirs with you of the "*divine* grace of life,"^[d] so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Sharing Jesus' Life

Matthew 27:50-53 The Passion Translation (TPT) ⁵⁰ Jesus passionately cried out,^[a] *took his last breath*, and gave up his spirit.

⁵¹At that moment the veil in the Holy of Holies was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The earth shook violently, rocks were split apart, ⁵² and graves were opened. Then many of the holy ones who had died were brought back to life and came out of their graves. ⁵³And after Jesus' resurrection,^[10] they were plainly seen by many people walking in Jerusalem.^[2]

Footnotes:

- a. <u>Matthew 27:50</u> See <u>Luke 23:46</u> and <u>John 19:30</u> to read the words he shouted out at death.
- b. Matthew 27:53 The Aramaic reads "after their rising."
- c. <u>Matthew 27:53</u> Perhaps one was Joseph, for he had asked that his bones be buried in the promised land. He saw a resurrection coming and didn't want to be left out. See <u>Heb. 11:22</u>. Jesus' resurrection was so powerful that many were instantly raised back to life again along with him.

John 20:31 The Voice (VOICE)

³¹These accounts are recorded so that you, too, might believe that Jesus is the Anointed, *the Liberating King*, the Son of God, because believing grants you the life He came to share.

John 5:19-21 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁹Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

²⁰ For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.

²¹ For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.

John 14:12 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹²"I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do—even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father!

1 Corinthians 3:9 The Passion Translation (TPT) ⁹We are coworkers with God^[a] and you are God's cultivated garden, the house he is building.

Footnotes:

a. <u>1 Corinthians 3:9</u> Workers have different gifts and abilities, but true growth of God's kingdom is through divine power. No one is a superstar; we are all members on God's team.

Matthew 24:1-14 The Passion Translation (TPT)

Jesus Prophesies the Destruction of the Temple

¹As Jesus was leaving the temple courts, his disciples came to him and pointed out the beautiful aspects of the architecture of the temple structures. ²And Jesus turned to them and said, "Take a good look at all these things, for I'm telling you, there will not be one stone left upon another. It will all be leveled!"

³Later, when they arrived at the Mount of Olives, his disciples came privately to where he was sitting and said, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what supernatural sign should we expect to signal your coming^[1] and the completion of this age?"

⁴Jesus answered, "At that time deception will run rampant. So beware that you are not fooled! ⁵For many will appear on the scene claiming my authority or saying about themselves, 'I am God's Anointed,' and they will lead many astray.

⁶"You will hear of wars nearby and revolutions on every side, with more rumors of wars to come. Don't panic or give in to your fears, for the breaking apart of the world's systems is destined to happen. But it won't yet be the end; it will still be unfolding.

⁷"Nations^{III} will go to war against each other and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be terrible earthquakes—seismic events of epic proportion, horrible epidemics^{III} and famines in place after place. ⁸This is how the first contractions and birth pains *of the new age will begin*!"^{III}

Persecution of Believers

⁹"You can expect to be persecuted, even killed; for you will be hated by all the nations because of your love for me.^{[a] 10}Then many will stop following me and fall away,^[b] and they will betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many lying prophets will arise, deceiving multitudes and leading them away from the path of truth. ¹²There will be such an increase of sin and lawlessness that those whose hearts once burned with passion for God and others will grow cold. ¹³But keep your hope^[1] to the end and you will experience life and deliverance.

¹⁴"Yet through it all, this joyful assurance of the realm of heaven's kingdom will be proclaimed all over the world, providing every nation with a demonstration of the reality of God. And after this the end of this age will arrive."

Footnotes:

- a. <u>Matthew 24:2</u> This prophecy of Jesus was fulfilled by the Roman prince Titus, who, in the Roman war of AD 67–70, destroyed the temple. In about AD 135 the emperor Hadrian completely destroyed the city of Jerusalem and built a new city on its foundations and named it Aelia Capitolina.
- b. <u>Matthew 24:3</u> Or "presence" (Gr. *parousia*).
- c. <u>Matthew 24:3</u> Although it is possible to translate this "the end of the world," the Hebraic mind-set of the end of days is a transition into a new age of the Messiah's coming when all things will be restored.
- d. <u>Matthew 24:7</u> Or "ethnic group." See 2 Chron. <u>15:6;</u> Isa. <u>19:2</u>.
- e. <u>Matthew 24:7</u> Although missing from a few Greek manuscripts, "horrible epidemics" is found in the Hebrew Matthew, the Aramaic, and the majority of Greek texts.
- f. <u>Matthew 24:8</u> The translators are aware of distorted use of the words "new age"; however, true believers in Christ anticipate the coming of a new day (age) dawning, with Christ and his bride ruling the nations. See Joel 2; <u>Rev. 3:21</u>.
- g. Matthew 24:9 Or "because of my name."
- h. <u>Matthew 24:10</u> The Aramaic is "Many will stumble" (or take offense).
- i. Matthew 24:13 As translated from the Aramaic. The Greek is "endure."

Luke 22:15-22 The Voice (VOICE)

The meal that Jesus and His disciples shared is still celebrated today among followers of Jesus. We surround it with varied rituals and music, but the original meal took place in the midst of great drama and tension. The disciples were arguing, and Jesus was teaching them yet another lesson about life in the kingdom of God. Jesus even spoke of His own suffering and their betrayal and denial. Yet through it all, Jesus' focus remained on the central theme of His life and mission: the coming of the kingdom of God.

Jesus: ¹⁵ It has been My deep desire to eat this Passover meal with you before My suffering begins. ¹⁶ Know this: I will not eat another Passover meal until its meaning is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.

¹⁷He took a cup *of wine* and gave thanks for it.

Jesus: Take this; share it among yourselves. ¹⁸Know this: I will not drink another sip of wine until the kingdom of God has arrived in fullness.

¹⁹Then He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them.

Jesus: This is My body, My body given for you. Do this to remember Me.

²⁰And similarly, after the meal had been eaten, He took the cup.

Jesus: This cup, which is poured out for you, is the new covenant, made in My blood. ²¹ But even now, the hand of My betrayer is with Me on this table. ²² As it has been determined, the Son of Man, *that firstfruit of a new generation of humanity*, must be betrayed, but how pitiful it will be for the person who betrays Him.

The Oneness of Relationship with God

In Greek With is para (par-ah') Definition: from beside, by the side of, by, beside

John 14:17 Living Bible (TLB)

¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, the Spirit who leads into all truth. The world at large cannot receive him, for it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you do, for he lives with you now and someday shall be in you.

In Greek in is *en* Definition: in, on, at, by, with John 14:19-20 Living Bible (TLB)

¹⁹In just a little while I will be gone from the world, but I will still be present with you. For I will live again—and you will too. ²⁰When I come back to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. John 4:10 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁰ Jesus answered her, If you had only known *and* had recognized God's gift and Who this is that is saying to you, Give Me a drink, you would have asked Him [instead] and He would have given you living water.

John 4:13-14 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹³ Jesus answered her, All who drink of this water will be thirsty again.

¹⁴ But whoever takes a drink of the water that I will give him shall never, no never, be thirsty any more. But the water that I will give him shall become a spring of water welling up (flowing, bubbling) [continually] within him unto (into, for) eternal life.

In Greek Upon is *epi* (ep-ee') **Definition:** on, upon

Acts 1:8 Living Bible (TLB)

⁸But when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, you will receive power dunamis (miraculous) power, might, strength to testify about me with great effect, to the people in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth, about my death and resurrection."

John 7:37-39 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

³⁷Now on the final and most important day of the Feast, Jesus stood, and He cried in a loud voice, If any man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!

³⁸He who believes in Me [who cleaves to *and* trusts in *and* relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs *and* rivers of living water.

³⁹But He was speaking here of the Spirit, Whom those who believed (trusted, had faith) in Him were afterward to receive. For the [Holy] Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified (raised to honor).

Acts 2:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

¹And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

²And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

³And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Ephesians 5:17-21 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁷Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

¹⁸And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

¹⁹Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

²⁰ Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

²¹ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:18 Complete Jewish Bible (CJB)

 $^{\rm 18}$ Don't get drunk with wine, because it makes you lose control. Instead, keep on being filled with the Spirit —

Ephesians 5:18 The Passion Translation (TPT)

¹⁸And don't get drunk with wine, which is rebellion;^[a] instead be filled with the fullness of the Holy Spirit.^[b]

Footnotes:

- a. <u>Ephesians 5:18</u> The Aramaic can be translated "the wine of the prodigal." The Greek is "reckless living," or "debauchery."
- b. Ephesians 5:18 Or "be inebriated in the Spirit's fullness."

1 Corinthians 12:1-3 King James Version (KJV)

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

²Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

³Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

John 3:3 King James Version (KJV)

³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Romans 8:11 King James Version (KJV)

¹¹But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

John 14:15-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁵ If ye love me, keep my commandments.

¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever;

¹⁷Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

¹⁸I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

John 16:12-14 King James Version (KJV)

¹²I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

¹³Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

¹⁴He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

John 15:26-27 King James Version (KJV)

²⁶ But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

²⁷ And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

1 John 5:4-15 J.B. Phillips New Testament (PHILLIPS)

²⁵The test of the genuineness of our love for God's family lies in this question—do we love God himself and do we obey his commands? For loving God means obeying his commands, and these commands of his are not burdensome, for God's "heredity" within us will always conquer the world outside us. In fact, this faith of ours is the only way in which the world has been conquered. For who could ever be said to conquer the world, in the true sense, except the man who really believes that Jesus is God's Son?

⁶⁻¹² Jesus Christ himself is the one who came by water and by blood—not by the water only, but by the water and the blood. The Spirit bears witness to this, for the Spirit is the truth. The witness therefore is a triple one—the Spirit in our own hearts, the signs of the water of baptism and the blood of atonement—and they all say the same thing. If we are prepared to accept human testimony, God's own testimony concerning his own Son is surely infinitely more valuable. The man who really believes in the Son of God will find God's testimony in his own heart. The man who will not believe God is making him out to be a liar, because he is deliberately refusing to accept the testimony that God has given concerning his own Son. This is, that God has given men eternal life and this real life is to be found only in his Son. It follows naturally that any man who has genuine contact with Christ has this life; and if he has not, then he does not possess this life at all.

¹³I have written like this to you who already believe in the name of God's Son so that you may be quite sure that, here and now, you possess eternal life.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵We have such confidence in him that we are certain that he hears every request that is made in accord with his own plan. And since we know that he

invariably gives his attention to our prayers, whatever they are about, we can be quite sure that our prayers will be answered.

Ephesians 1:13-14 King James Version (KJV)

¹³In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

¹⁴Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:22 King James Version (KJV)

²²Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

1 Peter 1:3-5 King James Version (KJV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

⁴To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

⁵Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Luke 10:19 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁹Behold! I have given you authority *and* power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and [physical and mental strength and ability] over all the power that the enemy [possesses]; and nothing shall in any way harm you.

Power G1849 ability; force; capacity; competency; superhuman; potentate; delegated influence

Matthew 10:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

¹And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.

²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these; The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

³Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus;

⁴Simon the Canaanite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

Ephesians 3:18-19 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁸May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height;

¹⁹And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁸That you may have the power *and* be strong to apprehend *and* grasp with all the saints [God's devoted people, the experience of that love] what is the breadth and length and height and depth [of it];

¹⁹[That you may really come] to know [practically, ^[a]through experience for yourselves] the love of Christ, which far surpasses ^[b]mere knowledge [without experience]; that you may be filled [through all your being] ^[c]unto all the fullness of God [may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and ^[d]become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself]!

Supernatural

Ephesians 1:3 King James Version (KJV)

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: Psalm 68:19 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁹Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah.

Divine

2 Peter 1:2-4 King James Version (KJV)

²Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

³According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

⁴Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Ephesians 3:16 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

¹⁶May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened *and* reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

Ephesians 3:20 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

²⁰Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]—

1 John 3:1-3 King James Version (KJV)

¹Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

²Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

³And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 4:16-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

¹⁷Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

¹⁸There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁶Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away.

¹⁷Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

¹⁸But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Romans 8:13-15 King James Version (KJV)

¹³For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

¹⁵For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.