

# **Radiance Requires Relinquishment**

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## **What Is Needful**

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*Discovering What Is Essential In The Life Of Every Christian*

This writing describes requirements to have a happy, healthy walk with Christ. It is essential in life to relinquish certain things in order to experience the radiance and the Glory of God.

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## Radiance Requires Relinquishment

In order to experience the full glory of God, there are certain things required of everyone who professes to be a Christian, which is a follower of Christ.

God does not tolerate sin, evil, or any other thing that causes separation between Him and the person engaged in that wrong, unapproved kind of act. Without the approval of God, a person will likely find themselves alone, walking aimlessly, without direction through life. This is not God's perfect plan for us.

Relationship requires the obedience to certain standards of behavior, including trust and respect. It is the same with our relationship with God. If we show Him that we don't have trust in Him and don't want to show our respect toward Him, why is He obligated to continue walking in close relationship with us? If a spouse were to do this to the other spouse, it might be considered abandonment of the relationship. Or at the very least, it would likely cause a strain on the relationship and inject mistrust between the parties.

God can not tolerate sin. In fact, sin means separation from God. Any act that causes us to be separated from God is sin. We are being called by God to relinquish every thought, word and act that would inject sin into the relationship between God and us. Before we engage in any activity, it would do us well to consider the consequences of our actions as it relates to our relationship with God. We need to bring honor unto God through Christ, and not dishonor. If we call ourselves Christians, or followers of Christ, and yet cause dishonor unto His Name, what good are we? We that call ourselves His, yet show the world by our actions that we are far from Him, are hypocrites and rebels acting without His authority.

Radiance requires relinquishment. If we want to experience the radiance and the glory of God operating in our lives, and pulsating in and all around us, we must meet the expected criteria to be given such an awesome gift. The power and presence of God are not given lightly. There is a price to be paid to receive them and to continue receiving them in one's life. The price is a continual, abiding relationship with Him, which requires the relinquishment of all things that would serve to separate us from Him.

The protection from sin comes from His Righteousness that surrounds and covers us. Our righteousness is as filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). We need to be constantly abiding and walking in His Righteousness, so that we can dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and be under His shadow, which will act as a shield and protection over us (Psalm 91) as we are protected under God's Wings. When we "put on Christ" (Romans 13:14), we can do all things through Him which strengtheneth us (Philippians 4:13).

The radiance, or glory, that alone comes from God, will shine upon a Christian who is fully persuaded that Christ alone is his true source of peace, joy, salvation, faith, direction, protection and righteousness. Radiance is a wonderful thing, as God shines His Presence upon a man or woman who is faithfully abiding with and serving Him. The presence of God envelops the person, and the radiance and Glory from God will cause His light to shine upon and through that individual. We are called to be lights upon the Earth, and to be messengers of His Glory. May we all shine as lamps directing people to Christ!

Before we can properly experience the full benefits of His radiance, glory and presence, we must relinquish everything that exalts itself above God and distracts us from our proper relationship with God.

## **Radiance Requires Relinquishment of:**

1. Self
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## Relinquishment of Self

Before we can fully enter into God's Presence, we must be able to enter into a place of relinquishment of self. The problem today, is that people are so focused on self that they have a hard time focusing on God or on others. This is contrary to God's command in Luke 10:27:

“And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.”

“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be **lovers of their own selves**, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.” 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

Only when we can get ourself out of the way and experience death to self, can we truly let Christ, the hope of glory, work in us. “To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:” Colossians 1:27.

## Relinquishment of Pride and Arrogance

Pride and arrogance come before a fall and lead to one's destruction. They are deadly to your spirit. Satan fell because of his pride, which led to his rebellion against God. Pride takes others down with you. Thinking you know something or a situation better than God is an error. It will push good people away from you and will likely draw the wrong kinds of people to you. What kind of people do you want around you for all eternity, those who glorify and worship God, or those who have rebelled against God?

“The highway of the upright *is* to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul. Pride *goeth* before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. Better *it is to be* of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.” Proverbs 16:17-19.

## Relinquishment of Sin

Every sin must be confessed and covered under the blood of Jesus Christ. You must ask God to forgive you of all your sins through Jesus Christ. Use the power of the Blood of Christ and pray in Jesus' Name. Using the Name of Jesus, you have access to the Father, and the right to apply the Blood of Jesus Christ to cover over your sins. The atonement of your sins through Christ's blood is essential to having right standing with God. Without the blood, there is no remission of sins, and you are already guilty of sin.

Sin brings many penalties. Unless you repent of your sins, and go before God and demonstrate your contrition for your sins, you will not be forgiven. You must know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, and go humbly before God to acknowledge your sins and ask for remission of your sins through the Blood of Christ. Ask God to bring you into a closer relationship with Christ, and for His Righteousness to so cover you that you will not be seduced into sin in the future. Ask Him for His Holiness to reign in your life so that you may: “Be ye holy; for I am holy.” 1 Peter 1:16.

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which* is your reasonable service.” Romans 12:1.

The goal should be for your desire for radiance from God to exceed any lust or desire to sin in your life.

### **Relinquishment of Control**

To relinquish control is one of the hardest things in the natural for most people to do. Through control, many people have created an environment around them where they are both comfortable and safe. God wants us to push beyond the apparent safety of our controlled environments, and wade out into the world in faith to accomplish what He desires us to do.

There are times we need to exercise control and times when we need to yield control to others. If we prohibit others from speaking or exercising their ministry gifts, we are doing a great disservice to the Kingdom of God. If we are led by God, and remember that He is in control of our lives, then we can stop trying to do the job of the Holy Spirit, and rather do our respective assignments for God.

Husbands shouldn't control their wives, nor should wives control their husbands, but both should do their respective duties as assigned by God together working in unity to accomplish His goals for them.

Manipulation leads to control, and we should never try and force or manipulate others to do something. To force or trick someone to do something goes against God's principle of Free Will that we all have.

### **Relinquishment of Unforgiveness**

The power to **forgive** is one of the blessed tools in our arsenal as Christians. To get untangled from the web of situations we find ourselves in, we need to forgive ourselves and others. If we choose to hold a grudge, it will only hurt us, and cause us to miss out on blessings that God has predestined for us.

With unforgiveness, we build up walls around us in the name of protection, but unfortunately these walls tend to stunt our growth, as they keep both good and bad things out of our life. Without proper nourishment from good things, and lessons learned from experiencing and overcoming bad things, a person tends to become a frail shell of who he or she is destined to be in Christ. The root of bitterness also tends to thrive and grow in the soil of unforgiveness. We must choose to forgive others quickly to avoid the poison and deadly snares that wish to devour us when we allow unforgiveness to be present.

God makes it clear that if we forgive others, He will forgive our sins, but if we don't forgive others, then our sins won't be forgiven. It is critical to forgive others so that our sins will be forgiven by God.

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.” Matthew 6:14-15.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:9.

“And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.” Ephesians 4:32.

### **Relinquishment of Gossip, Backbiting and Slander**

Gossip, backbiting and slander are to be avoided at all costs. We must relinquish them from our lives and our Christian testimony. People who gossip, or tell tales, are known as talebearers in the Bible. Gossip is the root of many diverse types of sin.

“Thou shalt not go up and down *as* a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour; I *am* the LORD.” Leviticus 19:16.

“A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter.” Proverbs 11:13.

“The words of a talebearer *are* as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.” Proverbs 18:8 and 26:22.

“Where no wood is, *there* the fire goeth out: so where *there* is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth.” Proverbs 26:20.

“He that goeth about *as* a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips.” Proverbs 20:19.

Our name is a valuable asset according to the Lord. We must guard it by our actions, words, and testimony. Words are powerful and can heal, or injure and hurt, others. We must be careful with words.

“A good name *is* better than precious ointment; and the day of death than the day of one's birth.” Ecclesiastes 7:1.

### **Relinquishment of Worry and Cares**

Worry and cares of this world will tend to weigh us down. If we allow them to continue to exist, they will choke out the good things that God has planned for us to receive. Trust God that He will give you the words to say whenever you are faced with any situation or group of people, whether they be friends or an adversary.

“And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, **And the cares of this world**, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive *it*, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.” Mark 4:18-20.

“Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day *is* the evil thereof.” Matthew 6:34.

“But when they deliver you up, take no thought how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that same hour what ye shall speak.” Matthew 10:19.

“And the gospel must first be published among all nations. But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.” Mark 13:10,11.

We must trust God fully, in that we cast all our cares upon Him. He is able to do beyond that which we ask or even think, and we must turn over to Him all of our cares and worries. Anxiety and worry are not to be held on to, but rather to be released to the One that can take and exchange our yokes and burdens.

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” 1 Peter 5:7.

“Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Matthew 11:28-30.

### **Relinquishment of Money**

We all know that money is the currency that is accepted for exchange of products and services currently. The Lord Jesus had a lot to say about money. Money is not evil. The love of money is the root of all evil.

“But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For **the love of money is the root of all evil**: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” 1 Timothy 6:9-11. **Beware of the greed of men that seeks to consume us.**

Money is a tool that when used properly by Christians can be a real blessing to others and may help expand the Kingdom of God. We are to be as wise stewards of the money God has entrusted us with, and use it to accomplish God’s perfect will. “...It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35.

### **Relinquishment of Problems**

Problems are waiting to be solved by Christians. We are rewarded and recognized for the problems we properly solve in a timely manner. We need to clear our life and mind of problems, so that God may receive all the Glory, and so that we may be able to focus on Him and the next assignment He has for us.

In life, people are normally remembered for the problems they solve or the problems they create. People should ask God for His wisdom to help them solve problems and always honor Him for every victory.

## **Relinquishment of Presumption**

Presumption is a sin where a person presumes they know best how to deal with something without consulting God or God's Word for an answer or direction. When a person presumes they know best, they are putting themselves up as a god in the situation. Only God truly knows what is best for us in each and every situation we encounter in life. A person who is not truly listening to God will almost always make mistakes and lead others astray. Watch out for poor counsel coming from the presumption of others!

It is like a spouse who refuses to ask for directions from a person qualified to give directions, and ends up lost due to their own pride, ego, and self-centeredness. It is the same with presumption. When people think that they know best, and they refuse to consult with God, God's Word, or a qualified representative of God, they will soon be led away by their own mind's perceived self-sufficiency.

Presumption puts burdens and demands on others without considering or having the proper regard for the feelings and situation of others. An example would be someone who presumed that you would give them money anytime they would get in a jam or a "tight spot" financially. Presumption wears down friendships and extends a poor testimony for Christ to others around you that you are influencing.

Presumption has the capacity to wear down and infringe upon another person's God-given gift of Free Will. Taking advantage of others via presumption, along with demands or improper expectations, will cause one to be classified as a person to be avoided and will negate their positive testimony for Christ.

## **Relinquishment of Hatred and Malice**

When a person holds hateful thoughts against another or wants to do a bad thing to another, that person is in serious danger. Not only may they do something they will later regret, and may end up in jail, but also they may allow their hatred or malice to manifest in such a way as to prevent them from having an eternal relationship with Christ.

## **Relinquishment of Satisfying or Pleasing Your Flesh**

Your flesh in its sinful carnal nature desires to be fed by the lusts it desires. These consist of evil things, sinful acts, pride, arrogancy, idols, love of material possessions, and many other kinds of lusts and sinful cravings. You need to ask Jesus Christ for His help in removing all these sinful lusts and desires from you, so that you can be free to serve Him in Spirit and in truth.

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." John 8:36.

Stop pleasing or satisfying your flesh, and instead yield your body and its members into perfect submission to Christ.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, *ye* sinners; and purify *your* hearts, *ye* double minded." James 4:7-8.

## **Relinquishment of Wrong People In Your Life**

People in your life will always either help or hurt you. True friends will want nothing less than God's best and perfect will for your life. They will add to your life and enhance it. Wrong people will be detrimental to you. Avoid them and remove them from your life at all costs!

The wrong kind of friends and acquaintances can end up causing you much grief, wasting your time, and resulting in your loss of many things, such as finances, jobs and beneficial relationships with others.

Some people tend to have a hard time telling others "no" and terminating unhealthy relationships with wrong people in their lives. We need to not let ourselves be taken advantage of by others anymore.

When we get free from those wrong people in our lives that tend to weigh us down, we will experience a new level of freedom and peace that those people have been keeping us from. It reminds me of the devil, who likes to steal our joy and keep us from operating at the maximum potential for God that God desires for us to be operating at. Just like you don't want the devil in your life, get rid of wrong people too.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

## **Relinquishment of Pain**

Pain tells you that there is a problem somewhere in your life or in your body. Pain is an indicator of caution or alarm. Pain can get in the way of us properly serving God and experiencing the fullness of what He has for us to do and accomplish with our lives. Pain can come from many sources, but no matter what the source, we should deal with the root situation causing the pain. This may require us seeing specialists in the medical, legal or other professions. Seek wise counsel whenever there is a pain matter. Seek out the root cause for the pain, and don't just try to mask or cover-up the symptoms.

Unless the true source causing the pain is properly treated or dealt with, you may experience even greater symptoms or pain in the future. Too many people "bury their heads in the sand" and ignore pain.

We should ask God for help in overcoming pain, and get His wisdom and direction on how to properly deal with the pain. This may include seeing trained specialists to help alleviate the root cause of the pain. If possible, find doctors, lawyers and other specialists who believe in God, and put Him first in their practice of their profession. With the working together of the three fold partnership of the Holy Spirit, the doctor (or other specialist), and you (the patient), your combined faith and cooperation should help speed the successful resolution to the true source that is causing the pain (Ecclesiastes 4:12).

## Relinquishment of Idols

In our society we have placed many people and things up as idols to receive the worship, attention, and adoration of others. So called celebrities, sports personalities, movie stars, and other famous people are often idols that many people in the society worship. Idol worship has become a spectating sport in our culture, and voyeurism is rampant with reality television shows today. Many have replaced the true and noble things that matter with insignificant, time-wasting obsessions that profit them nothing.

We are to worship the one and only true and triune God (The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit), and Him alone. “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:3. See also Deuteronomy 5:7-10.

## Relinquishment of Flattery, Lies and Stealing

When you flatter someone with the intent of trying to deceive them or deprive them of something of value, you are engaging in sinful behavior. Likewise, when you tell lies, God is not pleased. Stealing from others is considered to be acting like a thief. All of these things God hates.

“He that speaketh flattery to *his* friends, even the eyes of his children shall fail.” Job 17:5.

“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee. Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee.” Proverbs 4:23-25.

“A naughty person, a wicked man, walketh with a froward mouth. He winketh with his eyes, he speaketh with his feet, he teacheth with his fingers; Frowardness *is* in his heart, he deviseth mischief continually; he soweth discord. Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.” Proverbs 6:12-19.

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

If you want to experience the glory and radiance of God, you must put off all of the above things, so that you may be found acceptable to bear His Presence and His Glory, and be a true vessel that God can use.

## Relinquishment of The Past and Old Ways

God is seeking those who can come out of the past and hold onto the good things, yet forget the bad habits of their old ways. He is seeking those with a living, active faith who can function in the present, “now” world that is before them, and be a world changer for Christ. The faith of our fathers must not be forgotten, yet we

must be able to function properly in this world that we live in now. Forgetting the past is a danger, but remembering the bad things from the past is also not beneficial.

Sometimes people do things for no reason other than because their parents or grandparents did it “that way,” without knowing the real reason why. Things can be carried forward “out of habit” for no good reason other than duty or ritual.

God wants us to be free to discover and do what is good and pleasing to Him today. We learn properly to have a solid, moral foundation from lessons and instruction from the past. We look to the Holy Bible and other godly books for instruction in righteousness. We learn from the wisdom which our parents, grandparents and mentors have learned and chosen to reveal unto us. We filter what is right from what is wrong, and grow from our experiences in life.

“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Ephesians 6:4.

We must train up our children to both know and love the Lord, for it is our heritage to raise up the next generation for service to God. We must not limit the children and youth with our rigidity and old ways, but rather we must be flexible enough to use the here and now, including technology, to penetrate and encourage the modern youth to accept the ageless Christ of the Bible, so they can love Him with all their heart and soul. The ways of the younger generation may be different than ours, but God doesn't change His requirements for people to come to Him and be saved. We must lead them to the Lord!

“(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now *is* the accepted time; behold, now *is* the day of salvation.)” 2 Corinthians 6:2.

### **Relinquishment of Disappointments**

Discouragement, disillusionment and despair are just some of the effects that disappointments may bring into one's life. When a person has expectations, whether they be unrealistic or realistic, there is a chance for disappointments when something or someone does not turn out as planned or expected. People are one of the greatest sources of disappointments for others, but in this world we need to learn to interface with people to get many of our problems solved and needs met.

People rarely are truly what they seem on the surface, and it takes time sometimes to discern a person's true intentions and character. That is why it is wisdom to test people for a period of time before fully accepting them into your innermost levels of trust. There is a reason for getting to know a prospective mate before getting married or getting involved with that person on a deep level. You can avoid much pain and heartache by allowing time to reveal a person's true inner motives for having a relationship with you, whether it be a friendship, business relationship, or one of a romantic nature.

Choose to be pleasantly surprised with the actions of people, rather than expecting to be disappointed by people. You should be well-balanced in your approach to others to avoid isolating yourself from people, while at the same time not allowing others to take advantage of you and your time.

## Relinquishment of Fears

Fear can be a dangerous thing. It tends to distract someone from their faith in God, and instead focuses them on things they are to be afraid of. It is the opposite of faith, and must be avoided at all costs if we want to have a healthy faith in God. Our belief in Jesus Christ as being our Lord and Savior allows us to have access to God (through Christ). **We overcome all evil and wicked plans of the enemy for our lives by our faith in Jesus Christ.** “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. **He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**” 1 John 4:18.

Fear places us in a situation where we have a hard time exercising our faith in Christ, and keeps us from having a right relationship with God. We must overcome and shake off all fears and other things that distract us from our true relationship with God that He desires us to have. There is a healthy fear of the Lord we should all have, but we should not fear anyone or anything else, or allow them to control us using fear and intimidation tactics. Sometimes we sense fear as a caution to avoid entering into a place or a situation. We may even sense fear when it comes to another person. Seek God, and avoid entering into wrong relationships or places.

“A prudent *man* foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished. By humility *and* the fear of the LORD *are* riches, and honour, and life. Thorns *and* snares *are* in the way of the froward: he that doth keep his soul shall be far from them.” Proverbs 22:3-5.

### Relinquishment of All Obstacles To Having A Child-like Faith (in God)

“But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.” Luke 18:16-17.

“And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and *his* disciples rebuked those that brought *them*. But when Jesus saw *it*, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.” Mark 10:13-15.

It is important to God for us to enter into His Kingdom having child-like faith, fully being persuaded in His ability to protect and care for us for all eternity. Having faith in God through Jesus Christ is the most important evidence which shows our belief in Him. Being able to demonstrate our faith to others is also very important. If we say we have faith, but have no works, we are deceiving ourselves.

“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead?” James 2:17-20.

We must at all times exhibit and demonstrate our child-like faith towards God, out of respect for Him.

## **Conclusion**

Without God being active and working in our lives, we are nothing. Anything that causes separation between God and us must be relinquished and removed from our lives. Everything that exalts itself against the knowledge of God must be cast down. We must be fully repentant and yielded to Him.

“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 10:5.

Only when we relinquish everything else other than that which is pleasing to Him, can we walk in the fullness of His Glory, Radiance and Presence. I pray for you as you walk closer to the Lord. May you fall in love with our Creator daily in new ways and spend eternity walking with Him in His Presence.