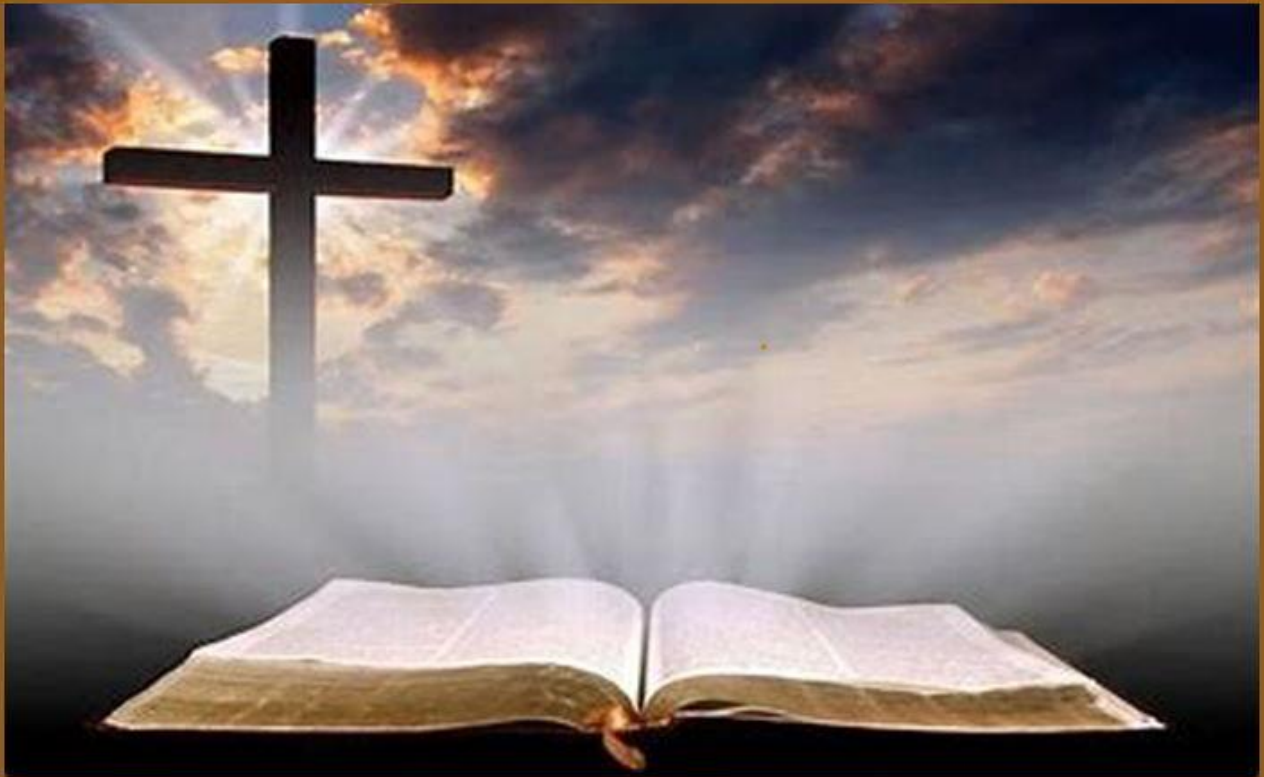


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These doctrines will help you build an unshakable relationship with God and His Son Jesus (I John 1:3).

1. **SALVATION** - Understanding Salvation comes through Jesus
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Essential Bible doctrines are critical to every Christian’s spiritual foundation.

Jesus told us a wise man builds his house on a rock, but an unwise man builds his on sand. The first is blessed but the second will be separated from God’s presence for eternity. (Mat. 7:24-27). Grave consequences require ultimate attention. If you are building a five-story building and your elevations and foundation are wrong, it is going to be a very faulty and costly project by the time you get to the top. If you can’t get the final permit, no one can even live in it. As bad as that would be, it is only a physical building. What about your eternal life? You only have one life to build it right. Is your life being built on the ROCK? Read the subjects above again. If you have questions about any one of them, you can go directly to the page that concerns you to ensure you are grounded in the faith. Scripture tells us to examine ourselves to see if we are in the faith (2 Cor. 13:5). Go ahead and look. Each subject is only one page.

If you are a new believer in Christ or just curious about spiritual things, read all the subjects starting with Salvation. Each study builds upon the previous one. By the end, you will know how you can have God’s blessing and you and what He wants from you as His son.

Overview – Keep referring to these three diagrams. They will help you as you go through the study.

JESUS’ GOD’S PLAN FOR MAKING SONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST (I JOHN 3:2-3)		
Death	Our repentance from dead works and faith toward God.	Romans 6:1-11
Burial	Water baptism (by immersion) declaration to die to sin	Romans 6:1-11
Resurrection	Spirit baptism help us mature through a new spiritual life	John 14:26

GOD’S VIEW OF SALVATION – BE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY (1 PETER 1:13-16)		
Jesus’ blood	Forgiveness – The redemption	Ephesians 1:7-12
Word of God	The Bible – The inspired plan of God	John 17: 15-21
God’s Spirit	The Agent – The believers Helper	John 16:7-14

WE ARE SAVED WHEN WE BELIEVE (Rom. 10:9-13) - SALVATION REQUIRES FAITH (PHIL. 2:13)		
Initial Salvation	Justification - Romans 3:19-26	Saved from the PENALTY of sin
Progressive Salvation	Sanctification - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-17	Being saved from the POWER of sin
Final Salvation	Glorification - Revelation 12:10-12	Saved from the PRESENCE of Sin

SALVATION

Understanding Salvation comes through Jesus

(Read all Scripture references)

OUR CONDITION – SINNERS. Sin means missing Gods purpose bringing grave consequences	
Romans 3:23	You have sinned and <u>fall short</u> of the glory God intended
Romans 6:23	The wage for your sin is <u>death</u> , but your <u>free gift</u> of God is <u>eternal life</u>
GOD’S PROVISION – SALVATION. Being in Christ from the new birth to the resurrection	
John 3:16	God gave His only Son so you would <u>have life</u> and <u>not perish</u>
II Cor 5:21	Jesus died for <u>your sins</u>
John 14:6	You cannot come to God except through <u>Jesus</u>
I John 3:3-6	You must be <u>born again</u> to enter God’s kingdom
Ephesians 2:8-9	You are saved by <u>grace</u> , not <u>by good works</u> you have done
I John 5:1	If you believe that <u>Jesus is the Christ</u> , you are <u>born of God</u> - saved
OUR RESPONSE – REPENTANCE. Our willingness to change after needing a Savior	
Romans 10:8-10	<u>Believe</u> and <u>confess</u> that Jesus’ blood was shed to save you
Acts 2:38-39	<u>Repent</u> , be <u>water</u> baptized, be <u>Spirit</u> baptized - 3 separate experiences
Jn. 3:31, Jn. 5:1	Being Born again – the SALVATION STUDY is 1st
Acts 2:38	Being water baptized – the WATER BAPTISM study is 2nd
Acts 2:39	Being Spirit baptized – the SPIRIT BAPTISM study is – 3rd
Matthew 16:24-26	Begin to <u>deny yourself</u> and <u>live as Jesus leads</u>
1 John 1:9	You must <u>keep asking</u> for forgiveness to <u>keep being matured</u>
Rom. 8:14, I Jn. 3:2	If you are <u>led by the Spirit</u> of God, you are called <u>a son of God</u>
GODS PLAN – RECONCILIATION. Following Christ, allowing Him to make you like Him	
II Cor. 5:17	If you are in Christ, you have become a new <u>creation in Christ</u>
II Cor. 5:6-21	Jesus reconciled you so you could become the <u>righteousness of God</u>
John 1:12-13	If you <u>receive Him</u> , He will give you the <u>power to be a son of God</u>
Philippians 2:13	<u>God</u> wants to work <u>inside you</u> to desire to do <u>His will</u>
Hebrews 12:7-14	In becoming <u>God’s son</u> , you will be <u>matured by His chastening</u>
Colossians 1:18-23	You are being reconciled to God <u>if you do not remove from this hope</u>
Hebrews 6:4-6	Partakers of the <u>Holy Spirit</u> can <u>fall away</u>
Matthew 24:13	But if you endure to the end, you shall be saved

WATER BAPTISM

Your public declaration to die to sin by finding new life in Jesus

(Read all Scripture references)

JESUS' COMMANDMENT – Go baptizing and making disciples of all nations	
Mt. 28:19-20, Mark 16:16	<u>Jesus commands</u> all who believe in Him <u>to be water baptized</u>
WHAT DOES IT MEAN? – You publicly commit not to sin through your new life in Christ	
Romans 6:1-11	Your life is lived like His <u>death, burial & resurrection</u>
Colossians 2:11-14	<u>Baptism like circumcision</u> represents you <u>cutting off sin</u>
ARE INFANTS BAPTIZED? – Infants can't believe or understand the symbolic significance	
Mark 16:16	He that <u>believes</u> is baptized – infants can't believe
1 Peter 3:21	Baptism produces a <u>good conscience</u> – infants can't do that yet
IS RE-BAPTIZM NEEDED? – Follow the Word and have a clear conscience before God	
Mark 16:16, 1 Peter 3:21	(<u>After you believe</u>) <u>obey</u> . Receive a <u>good conscience</u> before God
IMMERSION or SPRINKLING – Which method is Biblical?	
Greek words for baptism	Baptizo = <u>baptism by immersion</u> . Rontizo = <u>ceremonial sprinkling</u>
John 3:23, Mt. 3:16	John's and Jesus' disciples baptized where there was <u>much water</u>
Acts 8:34-39	Ethiopian eunuch came <u>up out of the water</u>
WHEN TO BE BAPTIZED – ASAP after conversion - Varies before or after Spirit baptism	
Acts 2:38, 41	Jews are baptized right <u>after believing</u>
Acts 8:12-13	Follows right <u>after repentance</u> (Philip preaching in Samaria)
Acts 8:34-39	Follows right <u>after repentance</u> (Ethiopian Eunuch)
Acts 9:16-18	Follows <u>repentance</u> and <u>conversion</u> (Paul's baptism)
Acts 10:47-48	<u>After</u> the Baptism of <u>the Holy Spirit</u> (Cornelius/Gentiles)
Acts 19:4-5	<u>Before</u> the Baptism of <u>the Holy Spirit</u> (Paul at Ephesus)
TITLES (PLURAL) or NAME (singular) USED AT BAPTISM – Father, Son and Holy Spirit or Jesus	
Mt. 28:19-20 Jesus said	Baptize in the <u>name</u> of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Titles)
Disciples always used	<u>Jesus (name singular)</u> or the <u>name</u> of the Lord Jesus
Why did they do that?	Father, Son and Holy Spirit are <u>titles not a name</u> (singular)
Acts 4:12, Mt. 1:21	There is <u>no other name</u> under heaven by which we can be saved
Gal. 3:26-29	<u>Baptized into Christ</u> means <u>heirs in everything</u> God promised Him
Acts 2:37-39	<u>Everyone</u> , repent, be baptized <u>in Jesus's name</u>

SPIRIT BAPTISM

John baptized with water, but Jesus will baptize you in the Holy Spirit

(Read all Scripture references)

OLD TESTAMENT PROMISE – God’s New Covenant promise fulfilled through the Messiah	
Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:14-18	God promised <u>His Spirit</u> to <u>everyone</u> . It started at <u>Pentecost</u>
Ez. 36:26-27, Heb. 8:6-12	God will put <u>His Spirit within you</u> and <u>write His laws</u> on your heart
Isa. 28:11-12, I Cor. 14:21-22	<u>Foreign tongues</u> . Paul says the sign is <u>speaking in tongues</u>
JESUS COMMANDED IT – Disciples were obedient to wait for it	
Luke 24:49, Acts 1:8	Wait for the <u>Promise of the Father</u>
Acts 2:4, 2:33	Jesus poured out God’s <u>Promise</u> ; they <u>saw</u> & <u>heard</u> tongues
Mark 16:17	Jesus: Great Commission: <u>Believers</u> shall speak with <u>new tongues</u>
SPIRIT BAPTISM GOING OUT – Speaking in tongues was the sign of the Spirit’s Baptism	
Acts 2:1-4, 33	<u>Jerusalem</u> - Jews (men and women of Israel)
Acts 8:14-17	<u>Samaria</u> - the mixed breed that Israel hated
Acts 10:44-47, 11:15-17	<u>Caesarea</u> – Gentiles received it like the Jews did
Acts 19:1-6	<u>Ephesus</u> - John the Baptist’s disciples
IT IS FOR EVERYONE – God said He would pour out His Spirit on all flesh Joel 2:28-29.	
Acts 2:14-18	Peter said <u>Pentecost</u> was when it <u>began happening</u>
Acts 2:38-39	It is for <u>you</u> , your children, all far off, for <u>everyone</u> God is calling
1 Cor. 14:5	Paul wants <u>everyone</u> to speak in tongues
1 Cor. 14:18	Paul thanks God he speaks in tongues <u>more than all</u> Corinthians
1 Cor. 14:39	Paul tells them <u>not to forbid</u> speaking in tongues
WHEN DO YOU GET IT? – Subsequent to believing in Christ. You have to ask for it (Luke 11:13)	
Acts 2 Jerusalem	<u>After</u> they were believers and water baptized
Acts 8 Samaria	<u>After</u> they believed and were water baptized
Acts 10 Caesarea	<u>After</u> believing but before water baptism
Acts 19 Ephesus	<u>After</u> believing and after water baptism
SPIRIT BAPTISM BENEFITS – Your inheritance pledge showing you are sealed in God (Eph.1:13-14)	
1 Cor. 14:4	You will be <u>edified</u> personally
1 Cor. 14:2	Because you are speaking <u>mysteries to God</u>
Jude 20	It builds up your <u>most holy faith</u>
Romans 8:26	The Spirit will make <u>intercession</u> for you
Romans 8:27	You can search out the <u>perfect will</u> of God
Acts 1:8	You will receive <u>power</u> to be a <u>witness</u>
Mark 16:16	<u>Supernatural signs</u> will follow you
John 14:26	It will <u>bring back to your memory</u> things you have been taught
John 16:13	It will lead you into all <u>truth</u> and <u>righteousness</u>

COMMUNION

Union with Christ and His Body

(Read all Scripture references)

EATING JESUS FLESH AND BLOOD WAS MISUNDERSTOOD FROM THE VERY BEGINNING	
John 6:48-51	My flesh is <u>living bread</u> from heaven. <u>If you eat it, you shall live forever</u>
John 6:54-67	<u>Many left Him</u> . It is hard because it is spiritual reality not tradition
John 17:18-26	Jesus wants <u>us made perfect as one like He was one with His Father</u>
Ephesians 4:11-16	We are to <u>build up Christ's Body</u> until <u>we become one perfect man</u>
THAT IS WHY JESUES COMMANDED US TO EAT HIS FLESH AND BLOOD AS WE ASSEMBLE	
Matthew 26:26-28	Take and eat of My <u>body</u> and drink of My <u>blood</u> (symbolically)
1 Corinthians 11:24-26	<u>Jesus made this a new Covenant</u> between God and His people
PAUL RECIEVES SPIRITUAL INSIGHT ABOUT COMMUNION DIRECTLY FROM THE LORD	
1 Corinthians 11:26	We are to <u>announce the Lord's death</u> until He comes again
1 Corinthians 11:27	We are <u>guilty</u> and we <u>sin</u> against the Lord <u>if partaken unworthily</u>
1 Corinthians 11:28	We are to <u>examine ourselves</u> to see if our conscience is right
1 Corinthians 11:29	Those <u>not honoring the Body</u> of Christ <u>drink their own judgment</u>
1 Corinthians 11:30	There is <u>death</u> and <u>sickness</u> in His Body <u>if partaken unworthily</u>
HOW SHOULD WE BE TAKING COMMUNION IN LIGHT OF OTHER BIBLICAL INSTRUCTION	
Acts 5:28-29	We should <u>obey God</u> rather than the <u>traditions</u> of religious men
1 Peter 5:6-7	Cast all our <u>concerns upon Him</u> because He takes care of us
Matthew 5:23-24	Go <u>make it right with others</u> before taking communion
James 5:16	<u>Confess our faults to one another</u> that we may be <u>healed</u>
1 John 1:9	<u>Confess sins</u> to receive <u>continued forgiveness</u> by Jesus
1 John 3:19-24	<u>Forgive ourselves</u> ; God is greater than our condemning heart
Matthew 6:14-15	We must <u>forgive</u> others if we want <u>forgiveness</u> ourselves
Matthew 18:21-22	If we forgive someone <u>70 x 7</u> , how much more will God forgive us
IT'S ABOUT "ME" - IT ALSO HAS EVERYTHING TO DO WITH THE "WE" (CHRIST'S BODY)	
Matthew 25:39-40	<u>What we have done</u> to Christians, we have done to Christ
Colossians 3:12:15	<u>Forgive as we've been forgiven</u> ; we've been called into <u>one Body</u>
John 17:20-23	Jesus' prayer: For <u>His Body to become one</u> , as He was with His <u>Father</u>

WALKING IN THE SPIRIT

Learning to abide in the Spirit

(Read all the scripture references)

WE ARE COMMANDED TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT	
Galatians 3:3	We start in the Spirit, so <u>we can't be perfected in the flesh</u>
Galatians 5: 16-18	So, <u>walk in the Spirit</u> and you will not fulfill lusts of the <u>flesh</u>
GOD'S PROVISION – JESUS CAME TO DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL (I Jn. 3:8-9)	
Heb. 4:15-16	<u>Jesus was tempted</u> in everything, <u>yet He did not sin</u>
Heb. 5:7-9	He learned <u>obedience by suffering</u> and <u>became perfect</u>
Heb. 7:24-25	Now <u>He lives</u> to make intercession <u>for us</u>
I John 2:1-2	Now <u>Jesus is our Advocate</u> with the Father
I Cor. 10:13	<u>He will make a way of escape</u> for us to bear the <u>temptation</u>
YIELDING TO TEMPTATION PRODUCES SIN (II Cor. 7:10)	
James 1:12-18	God doesn't tempt; <u>when lusts entice you, sin is conceived</u>
Rom. 7:14-25	The <u>war</u> with sin is <u>in your flesh</u>
WORKS OF THE FLESH PRODUCE DEATH (II Cor. 7:10)	
Gal. 5:19-21	These are <u>works of the flesh</u>
I Jn. 2:15-17	The <u>lusts</u> of the flesh and the <u>pride</u> of life is of the <u>world</u>
FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT PRODUCE LIFE	
Gal. 5:22-25	These are the <u>fruits of the Spirit</u>
Gal. 5:23	<u>Against these there is no law</u> ; so live and walk in the Spirit
OUR CHOICES - HOW TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT AND RECEIVE GOD'S PROMISES	
Rom. 8:1-14	The <u>Spirit of life in Jesus</u> can <u>set you free from condemnation</u>
Phil. 2:12-13	You must <u>work out your Salvation</u> with <u>fear and trembling</u>
Romans 12:1-2	Become a living sacrifice; <u>renew your mind</u> : <u>know God's will</u>
2 Timothy 2:15	<u>Study to show yourself approved</u> to God & <u>know His truth</u>
Jude 20	<u>Pray in the Spirit</u> (tongues) to <u>build up your most holy faith</u>
Romans 8:14	<u>Be led by the Spirit</u> and <u>become a son of God</u>
John 15:4-6	<u>Abide in Christ</u> to <u>produce fruit</u> & <u>walk in the Spirit</u>
James 4:7	<u>Resist the devil</u> and he will flee from you
Hebrews 10:24-26	<u>Assemble</u> with believers and be <u>accountable</u>
1 John 1:9	<u>Keep confessing</u> your sins to <u>keep being forgiven</u>
Matthew 6:14	<u>Forgive others</u> or you will not be forgiven by God
I Corinthians 13:1	Always <u>seek God's love</u> not just the human love you feel
I Pet. 5:6-10	<u>Become humble</u> , <u>cast cares</u> on Christ to be exalted in time
Hebrews 12:7-11	<u>Endure discipline</u> that you may share in His holiness
Matthew 10:22	<u>Endure to the end</u> and you shall be saved

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Spirituals battles require spiritual armor

(Read all the scripture references)

SATAN IS YOUR ADVERSARY AND HIS GOAL IS TO DECEIVE YOU	
Revelation 12:9	He is the serpent of old that <u>deceives the whole world</u>
2 Thessalonians 2:1-12	He will be in the antichrist <u>deceiving all who will not be saved</u>
SATAN'S PLAN TO DESTROY MAN	
John 8:43-47	<u>Father of lies</u> and a <u>murderer</u> since the beginning
I John 5:19	The <u>whole world is under his control</u>
John 10:10	Satan comes to <u>kill, steal and destroy</u>
I Peter 5:8	He is like a lion <u>seeking to devour you</u>
II Corinthians 11:14	Satan <u>comes as an angel of light</u>
Mark 4:15	When you hear the <u>truth</u> , he tries to <u>steal it immediately</u>
Revelation 12:10	The devil <u>accuses Christians about their sins</u> before God
JESUS POWER OVER SATAN/DEMONS	
Matthew 28:18	Jesus received <u>all authority in heaven and on earth</u>
I John 3:8	Jesus came to <u>destroy</u> the works of the devil
Colossians 2:15	Jesus <u>disarmed principalities</u> and <u>powers</u> through the cross
Acts 5:16	Jesus <u>cast out spirits</u> with a word and <u>healed all who were sick</u>
Acts 2:33	Jesus <u>poured out the Holy Spirit</u> from heaven <u>for you to receive</u>
OUR POWER OVER SATAN/DEMONS	
Matthew 28:18	The <u>authority</u> God gave Jesus, <u>He has given to believers</u>
Matthew 16:19	Jesus gave believers the <u>keys to bind and loose</u> in His Kingdom
Acts 1:8, 2:43	He <u>gave you the power</u> that was promised by His Father
Romans 8:31, 37-39	If God is <u>for</u> you, you are <u>more than a conqueror</u>
Luke 10:17-19	Jesus gave <u>power</u> over the enemy and <u>protects you</u>
Mark 16:17-18	<u>Supernatural signs</u> will follow <u>believers</u>
John 14:12-13	Greater things can you do because Jesus goes to the <u>Father</u>
I John 4:4	Therefore, <u>greater is He in believers</u> than Satan is in the world
WEAPONS OF WARFARE	
Ephesians 6:10-18	Put on God's full armor, for <u>we wrestle principalities & powers</u>
Jude 20	Pray to <u>build up your holy faith</u> , <u>praying in the Holy Spirit</u>
Romans 8:14	<u>Be Spirit-led</u> as a Son of God
II Corinthians 10:3-5	Bring <u>every thought into the obedience</u> of Christ
I Peter 5:8-9	Be <u>sober & vigilant</u> ; <u>resist</u> the devil, stay steadfast in the faith

GROWING IN SPIRITUAL MATURITY

Going from essential doctrines to spiritual maturity

(Read all the scripture references)

JESUS' COMMAND – GOD'S PLAN	
Matthew 5:48	Jesus said <u>we are to be holy</u> as your Father in Heaven
I Peter 1:15-16	Peter said, <u>be holy</u> for He is holy
Hebrews 12:14	Paul said that without holiness <u>no one will see the Lord</u>
Hebrews 6:1-3	<u>After learning doctrine</u> , we are to <u>go on to maturity</u>
Ephesians 5:26-27	Jesus is coming for a <u>Bride</u> who is <u>without spot or wrinkle</u>
HOW WE BECOME HOLY - CHRIST'S EXAMPLE	
Hebrews 2:10-11	Jesus, our salvation was <u>perfected through sufferings</u>
I Peter 2:21-23	We are to <u>follow in His steps</u>
HOLINESS COMES THROUGH TRIALS AND SUFFERINGS	
I Peter 4:12-19	Don't think it strange that <u>trials help us get rid of sin</u>
James 1:3-5	Let your <u>trials make you complete</u> so you lack nothing
Hebrews 12:7, 10-11	<u>Chastening yields righteousness</u> as <u>partakers of His holiness</u>
1 Thes. 5:23	<u>Let God sanctify you entirely</u> for the coming of Jesus
John 15:1-2	<u>Purging brings forth more fruit</u>
Romans 8:18	<u>Suffering here can't be compared to the glory there</u>
II Corinthians 4:16-17	Your <u>light affliction</u> works an <u>eternal glory</u>
CHOOSING HOLINESS OVER SIN	
Romans 12:1-2	Do not be <u>conformed to this world</u>
Romans 13:14	<u>Put on Christ</u> and make <u>no provision for the flesh</u>
II Corinthians 6:16-7:1	<u>Come out from the world</u> and <u>perfect holiness</u> in the fear of God
Ephesians 4:22-23	Be <u>renewed in the spirit of your mind</u> and <u>put on the new man</u>
1 Peter 1:22-24	<u>Purify your soul</u> by <u>obeying the truth through the Spirit</u>
Ephesians 5:1-2, 8-12	<u>Imitate God: walk in love; have no fellowship with darkness</u>
LIVING A LIFE OF HOLINESS	
Ephesians 4:11:16	A good definition of <u>what that should look like</u> during your life
Romans 8:14	Be <u>Spirit-led</u>
Philippians 2:13	<u>Let God work in you both to will and to do</u> His good pleasure
Philippians 1:6	<u>He who began the work will complete it</u>
Philippians 3:12-15	<u>We are not perfect, but we are pressing toward gaining Christ</u>
II Corinthians 3:18	We are being <u>sanctified</u> (made more and more perfect)
1 Thessalonians 5:23	God wants to sanctify <u>completely</u> and preserves you <u>blameless</u>
1 Thessalonians 5:24	He will be <u>faithful to you to perform it</u>