

**Do you know** what the revelation of Jesus Christ is? It is Christ in you, the hope of glory! You being like father Abraham, submitting to the fire and knife of the Holy Spirit. That is, putting to death the old man and a new man being formed in you in Christ's image. So much so, that your family and those around you will say, "What happened to him?"

### **A Prayer of Repentance**

Lord, I repent of all my judgments and my unforgiveness. I see the sins of my family and call it sin. I see my sins and repent. By faith I know you have planted a Holy Seed in me, and I receive all of Your promises. Expose all of the sins I can't see, and give me a pure heart by faith. Wash me and make me like Jesus. Amen.

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**Have you ever been** in a hopeless trial and cried out to God over and over? Because of your failures and sins, you strived to be holy, but there were things still going on in your body that wouldn't die. The old man kept coming alive in anger, lust, hurt, etc? You kept repenting, but would fall over and over?

**That mountain before you** was (is, and always will be) unbelief, and that hinders the fullness of God's revelation and blessing. Like Peter walking on the water, we may move boldly in faith for years. Then the storm of all storms comes and causes us to fix our eyes on our condition. As things grow worse, a sense of panic overtakes us and the enemy tells us "you are going to sink!" The Lord is saying, "Why do you doubt Me?"

**These trials or troubles come** to expose everything that does not look like the nature and character of Jesus. This sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit comes to crucify the flesh (the old man) with its passions and desires. These various trials are also tests to see if you will keep His commandments; *"That the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire (trouble) may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen, you love. Though now you do."* (1 Peter 1:7)

***"In this you greatly rejoice even though now for a little while if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials."***  
(1 Peter 1:6)

**Years ago**, as a baby Christian I would tell The LORD, "You do to me whatever it takes, to get me where You want me." I had so many trials and troubles going on, not realizing they were there for God to perfect me, to strengthen and settle me. (Unmovable faith: 1Peter 5:10) I then asked The LORD to take me out of the fire and for eight months I did not even stump my toe. But on the inside, I was drying up in my spirit, and God was at a distance. I repented and said, "Please finish that work in me!"

**In my darkest hour** I would walk the back fence and cry out to God, "I need encouragement LORD!" Then, one day when I walked back into the house, a rainbow sprayed across my den. Its brilliant colors reminded me of His promises. Upon close examination, I realized the sunlight had gone through a grandfather clock and produced the rainbow. I lived in that house for twelve years and never saw it again. I would tell this testimony and say the light went through the beveled glass on the clock, but not long ago I looked and it has regular glass. GOD IS FAITHFUL!

**Jesus has planted a seed** in your heart and because He is the Good Gardener, it will grow up! If you will lean on Him (trust Him to bring the seed to maturity); you can and will see it grow unless you uproot it! Entering in the veil with Him, He is well able to *"complete that work He began in you"*. (Phil 1:6)

**You can save yourself**, but you won't be a son. *"He who has found his life shall lose it and he who has lost his life for My sake shall find it."* (Matthew 10:38-39)

I have said for years, "I would not take a million dollars for what I went through, and I wouldn't pay a nickel for any more of it!"

**What God is saying:** “If you will KEEP WALKING WITH ME, CLING TO ME, and with all of your heart, HOLD ONTO ALL OF MY PROMISES I have made. I will always be by your side holding your hand and helping you along the way!”

*“And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” (Romans 4:3)*

*“And being fully assured that what He had promised, He was also able to perform.” (Romans 4:21)*

*“But for our sake also, to whom it will be reckoned, as those who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead.” (Romans 4:24)*

Abraham believed God was able to perform in his dead body and bring forth an heir and it was reckoned as righteousness. What are we to believe? In Romans 10:9 “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved.” In this, the old man (you) that was dead in trespasses and sins, God will bring forth a new man out of your dead body, by the sanctifying work of His spirit!

“To obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.” (1 Peter 1:4-5)

“It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons, for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?” (Hebrews 12:7)

**This is a promise.** If you are chosen and born again to a living hope, God has planted a Holy seed in you and it will grow up and you shall be Holy. **SUBMIT** to the Master and **REPENT** and die to everything that is not like HIM! You will look back in a year or two and see that you are not even kin folks to that old man, and like Father Abraham, know that God is able to bring forth that new man, that new creation, out of death; and like Lazarus, stinking in our grave clothes. **HE WILL BRING FORTH NEW LIFE!**

**God resists the proud,** but His grace is drawn to the humble. Humility brings grace to our need, and grace alone can change our hearts. The fiery trials will expose the sins as we fall prostrate before God for deliverance. **Therefore, sanctification starts not with rules, but with forsaking pride. Holiness begins with our determined refusal to hide from the conditions of our heart!**

## May I ask you 3 questions?

1. **IS CHRIST IN YOU BEING FORMED INTO HIS LIKENESS?**
2. **ARE YOU DYING TO THE OLD MAN?**
3. **DO PEOPLE SEE JESUS IN YOU?**

Do you ever fall down (sin), feel guilty and declare not to do that again, and catch yourself in the same place, over and over? Surrender to God’s mercy. He will give you the power to overcome. (1John 1:9)

**TESTIMONY:** “Hey brother, thank you for your posts. They are encouraging, full of truth and wisdom . . . I saw today’s post and that’s right where I am . . . How do I surrender to God’s mercy? I can’t seem to overcome this one area of sin that has plagued me for many years. I know God loves me and knows my heart and that I hate sin and don’t want any part of it, but I can’t seem to surrender this to him and leave it behind me. I love God and don’t want to disobey him and don’t want to take His anointing and call on my life lightly by fulfilling my selfish desires and not dying to self as we are called to do. I am open to your Godly wisdom. Blessings on you brother!”

**When we struggle** with sin we can’t seem to overcome, it is called a “besetting sin”. We have to deal with roots, unconfessed sin, a judgment we made against someone that struggled with the same sin, or the sins of our parents. The greatest enemy of the cross of Christ is trying to be holy by my strength, my pride, my knowledge, my, my, my! The word is surrender. Throw yourself down before His Holiness, His strength, His knowledge and His power, His, His, His! In Christ alone is the power to overcome.

*“Those who are chosen according to the fore knowledge of God, the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit. Blessed be the God and Father of our LORD Jesus Christ who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:1-13)*

## LET’S EXAMINE OUR HEART

1. **What is that sin you are hiding?**
2. **Get with a brother/sister you can trust and confess that failure.**
3. **Believe God to complete that work and for a pure heart.**