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21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened  
22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." 23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry.

**LUKE 3:21-23**



Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. 2 When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? 3 Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and

**MARK 6:1-6**



and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home." 5 **He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them.** 6 He was amazed at their lack of faith.

**MARK 6:1-6**



4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show **the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness** to us in Christ Jesus.

**EPHESIANS 2:4-7**



REJOICE ALWAYS



Further, my brothers and sisters, **rejoice in the Lord!** It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you.

**PHILIPPIANS 3:1**



4 **Rejoice** in the Lord **always**. I will say it again: **Rejoice**! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.

**PHILIPPIANS 4:4-5**



**Finally**, brothers and sisters, **rejoice**! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

**2 CORINTHIANS 13:11**



**16 Rejoice always, 17 pray continually, 18 give thanks in all circumstances;** for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

**2 CORINTHIANS 13:11**



**REJOICE ALWAYS**

**BY FOCUSING ON ETERNAL TRUTHS**

**NOT ONLY ON**

**CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES**



17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." 18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. 20 However, **do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.**"

**LUKE 10:17-20**





**GOD'S NATURE**

**HIS IMMENSE LOVE**



How priceless is your <b>unfailing love</b> , O God!	Psalms 36:7
Because <b>your love is better than life</b> , my lips will glorify you.	Psalms 63:3
But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, <b>abounding in love</b> and faithfulness.	Psalms 86:15
The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: " <b>I have loved you with an everlasting love</b> ; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.	Jeremiah 31:3
The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; <b>in his love</b> he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing."	Zephaniah 3:17



Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet <b>my unfailing love for you</b> will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you.	Isaiah 54:10
22 Because of <b>the Lord's great love</b> we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.	Lamentations 3:22-23
9 This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. 10 <b>This is love</b> : not that we loved God, but <b>that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins</b> .	1 John 4:9-10
And so <b>we know</b> and <b>rely on</b> the <b>love God has for us</b> . God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.	1 John 4:16



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**GOD'S NATURE**

**HIS FAITHFULNESS**



Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is <b>the faithful God</b> , keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.	Deuteronomy 7:9
Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens, <b>your faithfulness to the skies</b> .	Psalms 36:5
He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; <b>his faithfulness</b> will be your shield and rampart.	Psalms 91:4
<b>Your faithfulness continues through all generations</b> ; you established the earth, and it endures.	Psalms 119:90
his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; <b>great is your faithfulness</b> .	Lamentations 3:22-23



<p><b>EVER FAITHFUL GOD</b></p> <p>if we are faithless, <b>he remains faithful</b>, for he cannot disown himself.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:13</p>
<p><b>FAITHFUL TO PROTECT US FROM THE EVIL ONE</b></p> <p>But <b>the Lord is faithful</b>, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.</p>	<p>2 Thessalonians 3:3</p>
<p><b>FAITHFUL TO KEEP HIS PROMISES</b></p> <p>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for <b>he who promised is faithful</b></p>	<p>Hebrews 10:23</p>
<p><b>FAITHFUL TO MAKE US HOLY</b></p> <p>May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. . . . [24] The <b>one who calls you is faithful</b>, and he will do it.</p>	<p>1 Thessalonians 5:23-24</p>
<p><b>FAITHFUL TO PROVIDE A WAY OUT</b></p> <p>And <b>God is faithful</b>; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 10:13</p>



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JESUS FINISHED WORK

HIS BLOOD



<p><b>EXPIATION</b> - Jesus removed my sin from me</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I am forgiven and made righteous</p>	<p>and <b>the blood of Jesus</b>, his Son, purifies us from all sin</p> <p>To him who loves us and has <b>freed us from our sins by his blood</b>,</p>	<p>1 John 1:7</p> <p>Revelation 1:5-6</p>
<p><b>PROPITIATION</b> - Jesus absorbed God's wrath against me</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I am favored</p>	<p>God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement <b>through the shedding of his blood</b>—to be received by faith.</p>	<p>Romans 3:25</p>
<p><b>REDEMPTION</b> - Jesus bought me back from bondage</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I am free</p>	<p>18 . . . you were redeemed from the empty way of life . . . .</p> <p>19 with <b>the precious blood of Christ</b>, a lamb without blemish or defect</p>	<p>1 Peter 1:18-19</p>
<p><b>JUSTIFICATION</b> - Jesus declared me guilt-free</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I am acquitted</p>	<p>9 Since we have now been <b>justified by his blood</b>, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!</p>	<p>Romans 5:9</p>



<p><b>SANCTIFICATION</b> - Jesus set me aside for sacred use</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I am holy</p>	<p>12 And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people <b>holy through his own blood</b>.</p> <p>29 treated as an unholy thing <b>the blood of the covenant</b> that sanctified them (sanctification)</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:12</p> <p>Hebrews 10:29</p>
<p><b>RECONCILIATION</b> - Jesus restored me to full relationship with God</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I am close to God</p>	<p>19 For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether things on earth or things in heaven, by <b>making peace through his blood</b>, shed on the cross.</p>	<p>Colossians 1:19-20</p>
<p><b>REGENERATION</b> - Jesus gave me new life</p> <p><b>NOW</b> - I'm born again (dead to sin but alive to God)</p>	<p>For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; <b>it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.</b></p>	<p>Leviticus 17:11, also Ephesians 2:1,13</p>



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