BEAUTIFUL WORDS IN GOD'S LANGUAGE

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE." John 3:16 "FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH; AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD: Eph. 2:8

The Bible is the recorded Revelation of God's Word. God's Word is Divine. God's Word reveals the beautiful language of God. The King James translation of The Bible was written in beautiful and poetic language. The Lord wants all people to be saved by His grace. He also wants all who are saved to serve Him. There are six beautiful words that appears in God's language from Genesis to Revelation. Those six words are Grace, Love, Mercy, Faith, Hope, and Forgiveness. May we take the time to stop and examine these six words. God uses them often. The study of these words will bless your heart.

I. THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S LOVE.

The definition of Love. Love is simply God's deep and abiding concern for man. He loves man divinely and unconditionally. God's love is almost beyond definition and it is beyond our comprehension.

The declaration of Love. Jesus gave the simple amazing and marvelous declaration in John 3:16. God's love is not only declared in word, but it is impressed upon our hearts as we take a look at Calvary. God loved us so much that He gave His Son to die on Calvary for us. Paul writes in Romans 5:8, "GOD COMMENDED HIS LOVE TOWARD US, IN THAT, WHILE WE WERE YET SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US." Paul describes God as the God of love and peace II Cor. 13:11 John wrote,"WE LOVE HIM BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US." I John 4:19. Several times John wrote"GOD IS LOVE." I John 4:8 God's nature is Divine Love.

The demonstration of Love. If you want to see God's love demonstrated take a look at Calvary. See Jesus dying on the Cross. Think of the suffering and pain He experienced for us. He died for-saken of the Father. Matt. 27:46. Calvary shows the proof and extent of God's love for us. His love is demonstrated in the fact that Jesus died for us while we were lost sinners. Rom. 5:8 His love is demonstrated by making sons out of lost sinners. "BEHOLD, WHAT MANNER OF LOVE THE FATHER HATH BESTOWED UPON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED THE SONS OF GOD..." I John 3:1

II. THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S MERCY.

The definition of mercy. Mercy is God withholding from man what man rightfully de-
serves. Mercy tempers God's justice. Mercy is a revelation of God's compassion, patience, and longsuffering.

The declaration of mercy. We are saved by God's mercy. "NOT BY WORKS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS WHICH WE HAVE DONE, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS MERCY HE SAVED US, BY THE WASHING OF REGENERATION, AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY GHOST;" Titus 3:5 God delights in mercy. Micah 7:18 Joel wrote, "...FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND OF GREAT KINDNESS..." Joel 2:13 We are admonished to be merciful as our Father is merciful. Luke 6:36 Jesus is our merciful and faithful High Priest. Heb. 2:17 The Lord is plenteous in mercy. Psa. 86:5 The Lord is tender in mercy. James 5:11 The publican prayed for God's mercy. Luke 18:13

The demonstration of mercy. God warned Noah's generation 120 years before the judgment of the flood came. Gen. 6:3 Peter beautifully describes God's mercy in II Peter 3:9 "...BUT IS LONG-SUFFERING TO US-WARD, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH, BUT THAT ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE." Even when the Lord punishes His children, He does so in love. Heb. 12:6 All of God's dealings with man reveals He is a merciful God.

III. THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S GRACE

The definition of God's grace basically means God's favor. It is unmerited and undeserved. Grace has been defined as God offering to man what man does not deserve. Grace is a revelation of God's goodness, kindness, and compassion towards man.

The declaration of God's grace. We are saved by grace. "FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH: AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD." Eph. 2:8 The poet wrote in the song AMAZING GRACE, "Amazing Grace how sweet the sound, that save a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see." Paul wrote, "FOR THE GRACE OF GOD THAT BRINGETH SALVATION HATH APPEARED TO ALL MEN." Titus 2:11 Jesus is described as full of grace and truth. John 1:14 John wrote, "...BUT GRACE AND TRUTH CAME BY JESUS CHRIST." John 1:17 Paul normally wrote, "GRACE BE WITH YOU" to the brethren. II Cor. 1:3 Peter admonished us to grow in grace. II Pet. 3:18 Paul exhorted Timothy, "THOU THEREFORE, MY SON, BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS." II Tim. 2:1 Paul wrote, "BUT BY THE GRACE OF GOD I AM WHAT I AM: AND HIS GRACE WHICH WAS BESTOWED UPON ME WAS NOT IN VAIN; BUT I LABOURED MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN THEY ALL: YET NOT I, BUT THE GRACE OF GOD WHICH WAS WITH ME." I Cor. 15:10 Paul prayed to the Lord to remove a thorn in his flesh. He was given this answer, "AND HE SAID UNTO ME, MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT FOR THEE: FOR MY STRENGTH IS MADE PERFECT IN WEAKNESS. MOST GLADLY THEREFORE WILL I RATHER GLORY IN MY INFERIORITY, THAT THE POWER OF CHRIST MAY REST UPON ME." II Cor. 12:9

The demonstration of God's grace. God had made up His mind to destroy sinful man. Gen. 6:6, 7 it is written about Noah, "BUT NOAH FOUND GRACE IN THE EYES OF THE LORD." Gen. 6:8 God's grace reaches down to sinful man and offers redemption in Jesus Christ. God's grace sustains, strengthens, and enables His people to serve Him. God's grace is sufficient.

IV. THE BEAUTY OF FAITH

The definition of Faith. Faith is to trust, rely upon, depend upon completely the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith, Trust, and Believe are used interchangeably in relation to salvation and service. The declaration of faith. We are saved through faith. "FOR BY GRACE ARE YE SAVED THROUGH FAITH: AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES: IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD." Eph. 2:8 John writes concerning faith, "FOR WHATSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD OVERCOMETH THE WORLD: AND THIS IS THE VICTORY THAT OVERCOMETH THE WORLD, EVEN OUR FAITH." I John 5:4 We are justified by faith. Rom. 5:1 We become the children of God by faith. Gal. 3:26 We cannot please God without faith. Heb. 11:6 We understand and many things by faith. Heb. 11:3 Faith is manifested by works. "...SHEW ME THY FAITH WITHOUT THY WORKS, AND I WILL SHEW THEE MY FAITH BY MY WORKS." James 2:18 God's people are to walk by faith, not by sight. II Cor. 5:7

The demonstration of faith. Noah demonstrated faith by building an ark before he ever saw rain. He believed God's Word. Joshua captured Jericho by faith. He received and carried out God's battle plans. Faith is demonstrated by the saving of souls and changed lives. Faith secures the victory for saved individuals and for churches of the Lord Jesus.

V. THE BEAUTY OF HOPE

The definition of Hope. Hope is to cherish a desire with expectation of fulfillment. Hope sees the brighter side of things. Hope sees a brighter day when all is gloomy. Hope primarily means expectation. As we look to God's Word we have a right to expect some things.

The declaration of hope. Jesus is our hope. Praise God for these beautiful words. "...WE MIGHT HAVE A STRONG CONSONATION, WHO HAVE FLED FOR REFUGE TO LAY HOLD UPON THE HOPE SET BEFORE US: WHICH HOPE WE HAVE AS AN ANCHOR OF THE
SOUL, BOTH SURE AND STEDFAST..." Hebs. 6:18, 19 Peter said we are begotten unto a lively hope. I Pet. 1:3 The psalmist reveals the Lord is His hope. Psa. 39:7 In Christ we have the hope of glory. Col. 1:27 Paul described the hope we have in Christ as a blessed hope. Tit. 2:13 Paul exhorts us to rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Rom. 5:2 Hope does not make ashamed. Rom. 5:5 The hope we have in Christ Jesus comforts and calms us and challenges us to keep going for the Lord.

The demonstration of hope. Job lost everything. He looked to the time when he would see the Blessed Redeemer. "WHOM I SHALL SEE FOR MYSELF, AND MINE EYES SHALL BEHOLD, AND NOT ANOTHER: THOUGH MY REINS BE CONSUMED WITHIN ME." Job 19:27 Paul thanked the Lord for the great and glorious resurrection victory. I Cor. 15:55-57 Paul spoke of death and dying and pointed out the comfort and hope in Jesus. "WHEREFORE COMFORT ONE ANOTHER WITH THESE WORDS." I Thess. 4:18 Thank God for the wonderful hope we have in Christ Jesus. Nothing can destroy the hope in Christ. Tribulation, trials, troubles, tears, and even death only makes that hope brighter.

VI. THE BEAUTY OF FORGIVENESS.

The definition of forgiveness. Forgiveness means to cease to feel resentment against someone. It means pardoning an offender of an offense. It means to remove that which separates and divides and be reconciled and brought back into harmony with others.

The declaration of forgiveness. Listen to these words in the Model Prayer. "AND FORGIVE US OUR SINS: FOR WE ALSO FORGIVE EVERYONE THAT IS INDEBTED TO US." Luke 11:4 Jesus prayed on the cross, "FATHER FORGIVE THEM FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO." Luke 23:34 John tells us Jesus is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins. I Jn. 1:9 God forgives of sin. "AND BE YE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER, TENDER-HEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, EVEN AS GOD FOR CHRIST'S SAKE HATH FORGIVEN YOU." Eph. 4:22 Jesus wants man to know he had this power. "BUT THAT YE MAY KNOW THAT THE SON OF MAN HATH POWER ON EARTH TO FORGIVE SINS." Matt. 9:6 Paul wrote, "IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE." Eph. 1:7 Sins are forgiven in Christ. "TO HIM GIVE ALL THE PROPHETS WITNESS, THAT THROUGH HIS NAME WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHALL RECEIVE REMISSION OF SINS." Acts 10:43 The psalmist said, "BUT THERE IS FORGIVENESS WITH THEE." Psa. 103:4 Peter asks the Lord how often should he forgive his brother. Peter thought 7 times would be enough. Jesus said you forgive him seventy times seven. Matt. 18:22 It is sad, but often we do not forgive others as the Lord instructs us to. Jesus teaches us that He forgives us as we forgive others. If we don't forgive others He will not forgive us. Listen to the words of Jesus. "BUT IF YE DO NOT FORGIVE, NEITHER WILL YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN FORGIVE YOUR TRESPASSES." Mark 11:26

The demonstration of forgiveness. The thief on the cross was forgiven of his sins and given the promise of being in paradise with the Lord. Luke 23:43 Jesus wants to forgive every lost sinner of sin. II Peter 3:18 He wants to save all men. I Tim. 2:4 He forgives His people of sin as they confess their sins to God. I John 1:9 He forgives fully and freely and completely.

God's language is wonderful and beautiful. It blesses the heart and soul to study words like love, mercy, grace, faith, hope, and forgiveness. The way God reveals Himself to us and deals with us moves us to love Him and serve Him.
THINGS
TO
WEEP OVER

George Crawford

INTRODUCTION:
This scene is familiar to Bible readers. It is one of the few days when Jesus seemed to be triumphant, yet we see Him beholding the city and weeping.

I. WEEP OVER CITIES. Vs 41
A. Jesus was weeping over the city of Jerusalem.
   1. The city of the Jews - the city where the Temple was.
   2. But the city that had rejected Him as the Messiah.
B. Consider some reasons for weeping over this city.
   1. Jesus looked at the people He loved and wept.
   2. They "knew not" things which belong to them, peace.
   3. They knew not the judgments coming. Vs 43, 44
C. Cities of our day doing the same thing - rejecting only One who can give peace.
   1. Nations today crying "peace, peace" and yet turmoil, war, strife, ungodliness and violence.
   2. How can this world have peace when the Prince of Peace is rejected?

II. WEEP OVER BROKEN HOMES AND WRECKED AND RUINED LIVES.
A. Think of the tragedy when a home breaks up.
   1. Love has died - but there never was love - I never did really love him or her - the hypocrisy is revealed.
   2. When children are involved - tragedy compounded - millions are being raised in America without knowing what the tender love of a Mother really is - many boys never know what the leadership of a Christian Dad is -
   3. Should we weep over these conditions? Our families, our church, our town, not immune from sad condition.
B. Think of the wrecked and ruined lives of those you love.
   1. If they were physically ill - ask others to help you pray.
   2. Don't be afraid to ask prayer for your wife - your husband - your children - your parents.
   3. It is a tragedy compounded when a Christian home breaks when a church member's life is wrecked and ruined by sin.

IV. WEEP OVER THE LOST MULTITUDE.
A. Jesus saw the great multitude as sheep without a shepherd - and had compassion.
B. Paul's heart's desire and prayer for Israel - that they might be saved. Romans 10:1
C. God promises conversions to weeping saints - Psalm 126:5-6
   1. So many going forth just to get new members caring only for numbers and money - caring little for salvation of souls.
   2. Let us have that compassion for salvation of souls that Christ would get honor and another soul escape hell.

JESUS WEPT
SOUGHT-
SAVED-
SEALED-
SANCTIFIED-
SENT

D.B. Wright

TEXT: Luke 19:10; Eph. 4:30; John 17:17, 20:21

INTRODUCTION:
A. The Lord wants lost people to know He is concerned about them.
B. The Lord wants ALL LOST SOULS to be saved! I Tim. 2:3-4
C. The Lord wants the saved to KNOW THEY ARE SAFE AND SECURE! John 5:24; 10:28
D. The Lord would have those who are SAVED AND SECURE to LEAD THAT "SANCTIFIED" LIFE! Romans 12:1-2
E. The Lord desires that those who are SAVED, SEALED, AND SANCTIFIED.... GO IN SEARCH FOR OTHERS! Isaiah 6:8

I. THE LOST SINNER IS "Sought" OF THE LORD IN LOVE!
A. The sinner is loved before saved!
   1. Romans 5:8
   2. I John 4:9-10
B. The lost sinner WAS and IS sought by the Lord.
   1. Luke 5:32
   2. Luke 5:31
   3. John 3:17
   4. Luke 19:10
   5. Examples:
      a. John 4
      b. John 9:35-38

II. WHEN THE SOUGHT ONES "BELIEVE ON JESUS FROM THE HEART" THEY ARE SAVED!
A. Jesus the ONE AND ONLY SAVIOUR!
   1. Matt. 1:21
   2. Matt. 4:12
B. Jesus came to save!
   1. I Tim. 1:15
   2. John 3:17
C. Jesus is able to SAVE THE WORST to the UTTERMOST!
   1. Hebrews 7:25
D. To be "Saved" is to be made "SAFE!"
   1. How safe is a believer in Christ?
      a. Romans 8:1
      b. John 5:24
      c. John 10:28
      d. John 6:37: 39

III. THE "SOUGHT" SINNER WHO BELIEVES IN JESUS IS NOT ONLY "SAVED" BUT ALSO "SEALED" AS BELONGING TO GOD!
A. Ephesians 4:30
B. Sealed at the point of Faith: Eph. 1:13

C. I John 5:10; Romans 8:16
D. The Lord KNOWS who are HIS! 2 Tim. 2:19a
E. The Lord wants the SAVED and SEALED to KNOW THEY ARE SAVED WITH ETERNAL LIFE!
   1. John 5:13

IV. THOSE WHO THE LORD HAS "SAVED AND SEALED" HAVE BEEN SANCTIFIED" FOR THE MASTER'S USE!
A. Ephesians 1:4
   1. Sanctified FROM THE FORMER WAYS OF LIFE:
   2. SET-APART
B. Set-apart as "WITNESSES" of Jesus to a lost world.
   2. Acts 1:8
C. Set-apart to FRUIT BREARING! John 15:16
D. Set-apart to "GOOD WORKS!"
   1. Eph. 2:10
   2. Titus 3:8

V. THOSE WHO JESUS HAS SAVED, SEALED, AND SANCTIFIED HE NOW "SEND" TO A LOST WORLD WITH THE MESSAGE OF SALVATION BY FAITH IN JESUS.
A. John 20:21; 3:17
B. Sent to ALL NATIONS!
   1. Matt. 28:19
   2. Mark 16:15
   4. Acts 1:8
C. Sent to every individual: Mark 16:15
D. Sent to "homes:" Acts 10
E. Sent to individual: Acts 8
F. Sent to "out of the way places:"
   Luke 14:21, 23

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SALVATION IS

I. SALVATION IS LOVE.
A. God's Love is Seen. Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8
B. God's Love is Sent. Rom. 5:5,10
C. God's Love Satisfies. I John 3:14;

II. SALVATION IS LIKENESS.
A. We become Sons. I John 3:1,2; Gal. 3:26
B. We become Saints. Rom. 1:7, 16:2
C. We become Servants. Matt. 20:28

III. SALVATION IS LIFE.
A. A Spiritual Life. John 10:10; Eph. 2:1
B. A Secure Life. John 3:15,16; 11:26;
C. A Satisfying Life. Psa. 107:9; John 6:48
D. A Separated Life. II Cor. 6:17

IV. SALVATION IS LIGHT.
A. We Can See. II Cor. 4:4; John 8:12
B. We can Solve. Job 14:1; Jer. 10:23
C. We can Surrender. Rom. 16:13; James 4:7

V. SALVATION IS LIBERTY.
A. Freedom is a Fact. John 8:32; 36
B. Freedom is a Choice.
C. Freedom is a Responsibility. II Cor.
   5:10; Hebs. 12:6
A CALL TO SERVICE

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TEXT: I Chronicles 29:5

INTRODUCTION:

The call before us was one to build a house of worship for the Lord. I Chr. 28:1-3. Today, God is calling upon you and me to help build the Spiritual House of God, which is the Church of the Living God. I Tim. 3:14-15.

I. THIS IS A CALL FOR WILLING SERVICE.

A. I Chronicles 29:5
   1. The Scripture is filled with the names of men who were filled with the spirit of willingness to serve God.
   2. God cannot use a man against his will. Who, then, is willing?

II. THIS CALL IS A CALL FOR CONSECRATED SERVICE.

A. Who then, is willing to consecrate this day?
   1. It is not a call to leave secular work, but to consecrate Self to the Lord in your daily life.
   2. Consecrate Self in your daily devotion.
   3. Consecrate Self in seeking living stones.
   4. Consecrate Self to add to the building of the Church of the Living God.
   5. II Peter 2:1-8

III. THIS IS A CALL FOR PERSONAL SERVICE.

A. II Chronicles 29:5
   1. It is a call of self surrender, to know and do the will of the Lord.
   2. It is not more men and women we need to do this work, but a consecrated self.

B. Our best to God in service.
   1. If we will give our best to God in service, He will add to our number.
   2. He is sufficient to use us to build a great church for His glory.

IV. THIS CALL IS URGENT, IT IS FOR IMMEDIATE SERVICE.

A. II Chronicles 29:5
   1. The need us upon us.
   2. The field is white unto harvest.
   3. The laborers are few.

B. WHO SHALL I SEND, WHO WILL GO?
   1. Who will go for the Lord?
   2. HERE AM I, SEND ME," Isa. 6:8
TO THE PHILOSOPHER
He is the wisdom of God.
TO THE PREACHER
He is the Word of God.
TO THE SCULPTOR
He is the living stone.
TO THE MASTER
He is the good master.
TO THE STATESMAN
He is the lord of all nations.
TO THE STUDENT
He is the living truth.
TO THE THEOLOGIAN
He is the author and finisher of our faith.
TO THE SINNER
He is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.
TO THE CHRISTIAN
He is the Son of the living God, the Saviour, Redeemer, and Lord.

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JESUS MY ALL

Christ my Saviour, Christ my friend,
Christ my treasure without end;
Christ when waves of sorrow roll,
Christ the comfort of my soul.

Christ when all around should fail,
Christ when enemies prevail;
Christ when false accusers rise,
Christ my solace in the skies.

Christ when days are dark and drear,
Christ when all around is clear;
Christ when all the earth is gone,
Christ my portion on the throne.

Christ at home and Christ abroad,
Christ my company on the road;
Christ in sickness, Christ in health,
Christ in poverty and wealth.

Christ who once on earth had trod,
Christ the blessed Son of God;
Christ for now and Christ for then,
Christ my Saviour and my friend.

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