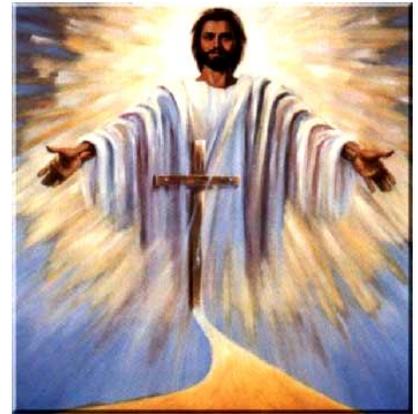


**Our Lives Are God's,
He Gives Us Time,
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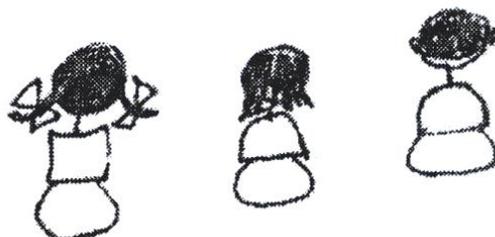
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Our lives belong to God. He gave us the body He wants us to have - we look just like God wants us to look. He gave us the brain He wants us to have - we have the intelligence He intends for us to use. He gave us the authority He wants us to have - therefore He gave us parents whom He knew would be best for us. We were born on the date He chose - we are in the time of history God wants us to be. We were born in the city He thought was best for us - we started out in the place God wanted us to be. God will give us a certain amount of time on earth and then He will take us home to be with Him in heaven! God planned this **way** before we were even born! Our lives belong to God and He wants His best for us!



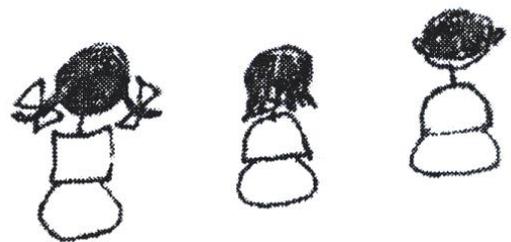
Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities - all things have been created through Him and for Him.



God set us up in life with the best conditions for us to recognize the fact that we are sinners and that we need a Savior! In doing this, He didn't set us up as robots. He also gave us volition so we can choose to believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior (YAY!) or not (OUCH!). Some people choose to live their lives not believing. This is a terrible choice! If they never choose to believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior, they will live without God for all eternity! They will be suffering forever! Double OUCH! God wants everyone to see that they need a Savior. However, no matter what we choose to do with our lives, God will work it all for His glory! Our lives are God's!

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

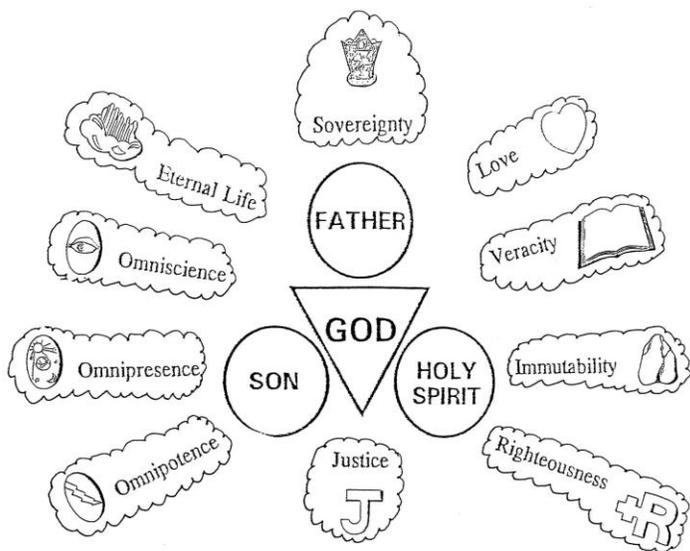
John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.



God's glory includes His integrity or His divine nature. God wants us to enjoy and appreciate His divine nature. He wants us to **know** and **enjoy** Who He is! He wants us to know His love for us. Then we will come to love God. This brings glory to Him and great joy to us!

1 Chronicles 16:29, "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name."

God's Divine Nature



When we come to truly love God, others will know it by our daily lives and we will want to tell others about Him so they can know and enjoy Him also. This too brings glory to God.

1 Corinthians 6:20, "Glorify God in your body, and in your spirit."

Our God is an awesome God!

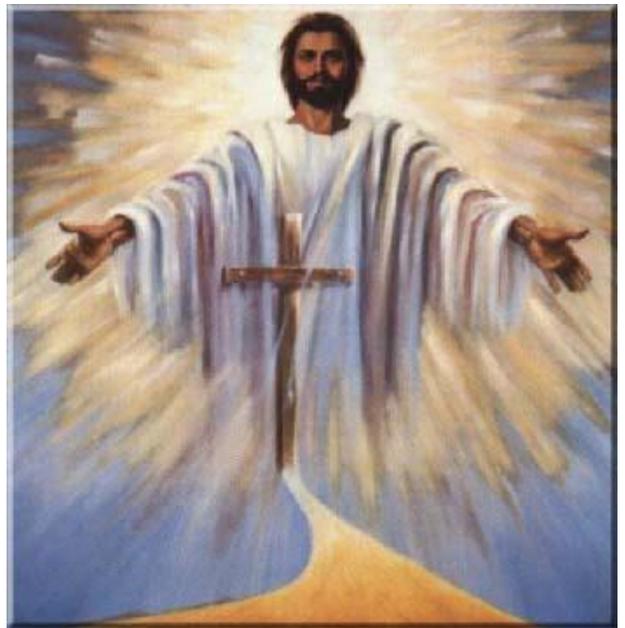
Psalm 86:12-13 I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and will glorify Your name forever. For Your lovingkindness toward me is great, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.



Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

God gives us time to live our lives. He gives us time to believe in Jesus Christ. Whoever believes in Jesus Christ has passed from death to life - eternal life! This can't be taken away from us! Thinking of this will make us realize that we can celebrate the victory of the cross with Christ. Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven. He was victorious over sin! As believers in Christ, we share in His victory! To God be the glory!

Romans 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.



During our time on earth, in His love God leads us in a way that will teach us to follow His will; God the Holy Spirit teaches us about Christ and who we are in Christ. Based on who we are in Christ, He tells us to not let sin reign, or rule, in our mortal bodies. He tells us to obey God. God speaks the truth, the facts we find in the Bible; we come to know these facts; we come to believe them; we can present ourselves to God as alive in Christ.

Romans 6:11-12 Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts.

Romans 8:1-2 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Romans 12:1-2 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship



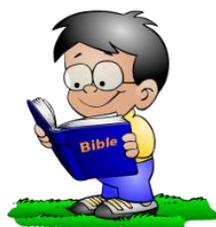
How should we solve problems in our lives? Where do we start? Start with Jesus Christ!

Romans 6:9-10 Knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Believing is based on knowing. God understands that we need the facts in order to believe. He gives us the marvelous facts in His word. Believing is not based on feeling! It is based on fact! Because we KNOW something about Christ - that He paid the price for our sins, we believe something about ourselves - that all of our sins are forgiven. We start with Christ!

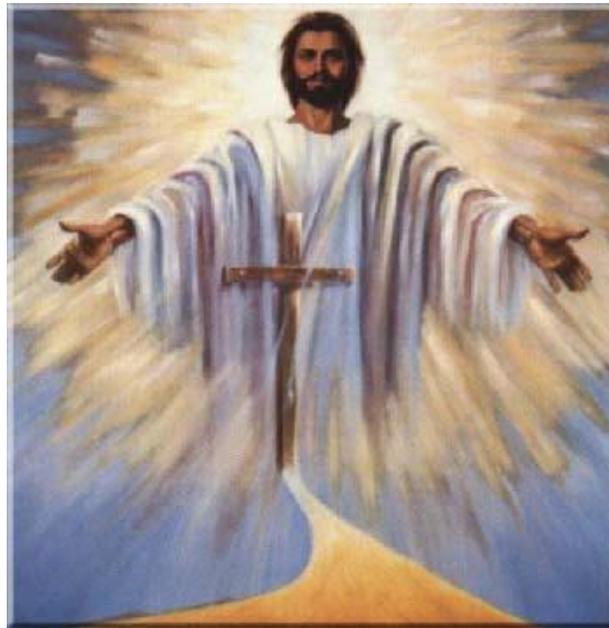
Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

Ephesians 1:7-8 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us.



We get to the point along the path where we want to obey God and live the life He has for us in Christ! When we "wobble" with uncertainty in the Christian life, we need to go back to thinking about who we are in Christ! Since we shared the death of Christ, we share His life!

2 Timothy 2:11 It is a trustworthy statement: For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;
Romans 12:1



There is a huge difference between thinking that we are the cause of changes in our spiritual life - and knowing that the cause of our changes are because we are in Christ. Christ now lives in us and so does the Holy Spirit. We can't fix or make better the desires of the flesh. Instead, God the Holy Spirit will be using His power to change us; He will substitute the things of the Spirit and of Christ for the things of the flesh. God will change us! **He gives us time so He can change us!**

Philippians 2:13 For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.



The world tells us that we can change ourselves. Wrong! We need God the Holy Spirit to change us through the thinking of Christ found in the Bible. When we don't get in His way, God the Holy Spirit will change us. He will substitute God's will for our will. He will substitute the thoughts of Christ for the thoughts of the flesh, God's desires for our desires and His plans for our plans. He will substitute God's love for our fear. The Holy Spirit wants to change our thinking about our ambitions - giving us new goals, resources and hopes.

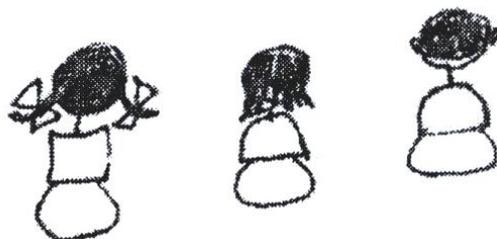
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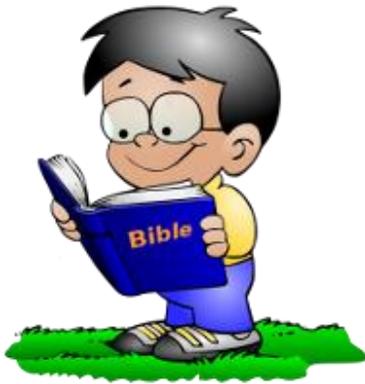
Our home is heaven! At just the perfect time, God will take us home to heaven. He knows the perfect time for each one of us. We may be young, middle-aged or old; whatever age, it will be the perfect age to go home to heaven! Awesome! We will see Jesus face to face! We will have **more** inexpressible joy than we can imagine. Ahh - peace! At the Rapture, we will receive a resurrection body like Jesus Christ has. We'll spend eternity at home with God!



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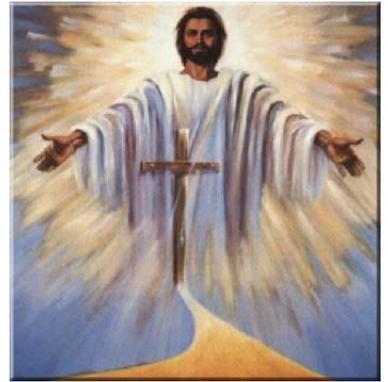
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If you want mercy, where do you go? To Christ - he is all merciful! If you want comfort - go to Christ! If you want understanding - go to Christ. If you want compassion - go to Christ. You are in Christ!

God gives us time to learn who we are in Christ! One day we will be looking into the eyes of Jesus Christ! However, now the Holy Spirit is changing us into the image of Christ. He is at work to complete us. When we rest in knowing who we are in Christ, we can live the life God wants us to live! We can have victory because of who we are in Jesus Christ! All of our life and even in heaven, we will be learning about who we are in Christ! What glorifies Him now is to live in His eternal life **now**.



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