

The Testimony Of GOD And His Messiah

GOD Has A Name

In Exodus 3:14, the meaning, the reality and, the Testimony of GOD's Name is given to Moses (circa 1450 BC). GOD's Name is translated into English in two realities as: **"I AM WHO I AM"** (NASB) and **"I AM THAT I AM"** (KJV).

'WHO' describes what is inherent to GOD in terms of His **"I AM"** identity; and, **'THAT'** describes all that flows from Him to express the **"I AM"** of His identity.

Through the dual declarations of His Name, GOD is declaring His desire to make Himself known to the human heart and the human condition.

In Exodus 6:3, GOD declares His Name to be **YHWH** or, **YHVH**.

These consonant expressions of **the Name** – **YHWH** and **YHVH** - have been transliterated as **YAHWEH** and **YEHOVAH**.

In English translations of the Bible, **YHWH** (or, **YHVH**) has been translated as **LORD**.

GOD's Name YHWH is always an **"I AM"** expression of WHO HE IS and ALL THAT HE IS. GOD's Name as **"I AM"** is the **essential Witness** of the Scripture; and, the intent of the Witness is to reveal GOD in deeply personal **"I AM"** terms to us.

In Exodus 20:2, GOD declares Himself – by Name - as YAHWEH ELOHEKA: **"I AM The LORD Your GOD!"**

"I AM" is the essential actuality of GOD – in **WHO** He is and, in all **THAT** He is. **"I AM"** is the root to WHO GOD is and all THAT GOD is.

"I AM" is the essential **mystery** of GOD that the Bible opens as a revelation – to be received and developed in eternity – in the heart and being of any man who desires such a revelation. This revelation of **"I AM"** is the essential basis of biblical salvation, the spiritual process in which YHWH personally delivers us from the yoke of sin.

[Jesus Christ, called Yeshua Mashiah in Hebrew, gives actual expression to the spiritual frameworks in which GOD has chosen to reveal His **"I AM"** in seven **"I AM"** statements recorded in the Gospel of John (John 6:48; 8:12; 10:9; 10:11; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1).

It is in the context of these seven **"I AM"** statements, that Jesus Christ declared that He came to **manifest** the Name of GOD to us personally (John 17:6, 26). In the biblical narrative, GOD's intent of revealing His Name – in deeply personal terms - is opened to us in Jesus Christ.]

The “**I AM**” of GOD is meant to be a deeply personal revelation to the human heart. The revelation of “**I AM**” is to be in a manner that will **cause** us each to love GOD with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (Deuteronomy 6:4-6; 30:6).

- Deuteronomy 6:4-6 reads: < ⁴ "**Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!**"⁵ **You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**⁶ **These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.** >
- Deuteronomy 30:6 reads: < ⁶ "**Moreover the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.**" >

The reality of GOD is meant to be a deeply verifiable testimonial of love for GOD in each one of us. This is the impact that salvation will have in us.

It is because of the desire to make Himself known, in deeply intimate terms, that the “**I AM**” of GOD is described as a Memorial-Name to **all** generations in Exodus 3:15.

What GOD says **in** His Word, and communicates **through** His Word, **entirely** derives from **WHO He is** and, and is meant to express **all THAT He is**. There is no greater intent and purpose to the Scripture.

YHWH is in Himself – in His “I AM” - the root of the Word and, YHWH is the all encompassing reality of the Word in fulfillment – the Alpha (the Beginning) and the Omega (the End) of all reality in truth forever.

“I AM” THE WORD AND “I AM” THE SPIRIT OF GOD

The “**I AM**” of **WHO GOD is** and **all THAT GOD is**, is the **root** of the Word of GOD. In this root of the Word of GOD, GOD is in His “**I AM**”, GOD **the WORD**.

John 1:1 gives expression to this as follows:

- **In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD.**

GOD is **the WORD** WHO gives actual **definition** to His “**I AM**”. GOD defines Himself as the WORD and He communicates this reality through the Word of GOD that derives from

His “**I AM**”. Hence the biblical pronouncement that man shall not live on bread alone but on every Word that **proceeds out of the mouth of GOD** [Deuteronomy 8:3; Matthew 4:4].

In and from **WHO He is** and, in and from **all THAT He is**, GOD unfolds realities that give expression to His “**I AM**”. This **expression** of “**I AM**” in WHO GOD IS and, ALL THAT GOD IS, is **Spirit**. In this reality GOD is Spirit [John 4:24, NKJV].

And the **personified** inherent expression of GOD in Spirit [John 4:24] is as GOD **the** HOLY SPIRIT.

GOD is **the SPIRIT** WHO gives **functional** expression to His “**I AM**” as **the** HOLY **SPIRIT**. In this reality the HOLY SPIRIT is the SPIRIT of life. He is the SPIRIT of truth. He is the SPIRIT of grace.

GOD is in His “**I AM**” therefore both **the WORD** (definitively) and **the SPIRIT** (expressively). The intent of GOD’s desire to be ***immanent*** – by operating within us and amongst us – from our inward parts is entirely an expression derived from the personified realities of GOD the WORD and, GOD the HOLY SPIRIT.

The WORD and the SPIRIT give actual **definitive and communicative expression** to the “**I AM**” of GOD. Hence the reality that GOD can be known; hence the reality that we can relate to GOD in such a manner that He can demand **by Law** that He is to be loved in the realities of all of our heart, soul, mind and strength [Mark 12:29-30; Deuteronomy 6:4-6]!

If GOD were simply entirely transcendent, there would be no basis for knowing Him so as to love Him in the actuality of a personal relationship.

Love expresses the possibility of actual relationship with GOD! This is what makes the Biblical witness so exciting and so pregnant with possibilities in GOD, and of GOD!

It is by the WORD and the SPIRIT that GOD communicates the ***actuality*** of HIS “**I AM**”. [Isaiah 48:16, NASB; John 16:15, 13-15].

[If the actuality of GOD were incommunicable, the creation would simply be devoid of GOD and His Presence. There would therefore be no solution for the chaos of sin and death. There would be no possibility of a future free from sin and death! The reality of GOD would therefore be entirely irrelevant to the wellbeing of the creation. **Such a theology of GOD can only be a lie.]**

The WORD and the SPIRIT are the essential “**I AM**” expressions of GOD that brought forth light into the earth.

Scripture declares the following:

- 1 **And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the SPIRIT of GOD was moving over the surface of the waters. Then GOD said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And GOD saw that the light was good; and GOD separated the light from the darkness.** [Genesis 1:2-4]

- 2 **In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with GOD, and the WORD was GOD. ... All things came into being by Him, and apart from Him, nothing came into being that has come into being. In Him was life, and the light was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not comprehend it.** [John 1:1-5]

The manifestation of light described as ***good*** in passage 1 [Genesis 1:2-4] above, expresses the fabric of illumination, light that has the potential of true knowledge.

This is the fabric of true knowledge that gives actual expression to the goodness of GOD! The goodness of GOD is the underlying basis for truth to be discerned, understood and applied.

When understood in GOD, this knowledge of the goodness of GOD would become the basis of life and its progression in the earth for the common good of all creation under GOD's dominion in and through His goodness.

Without this knowledge – in all that is verifiably good - that unfolds sovereignly from GOD, we would perish [Hosea 4:6; Deuteronomy 29:29; Mark 4:22]. We would perish because there would be no definitive basis for what is good. And, there would be no basis in goodness for life.

Goodness is the basis for sustainable life in the abiding and the eternal; and this is simply because, the absence of goodness will be the evil evidenced in death and destruction.

The darkness described in the verses above describes realities entirely different from the light that GOD ordained to permeate the earth.

The first reality of darkness mentioned in passage 1 above, represents the result of rebellion by angels against GOD [Isaiah 14:17, 12-17; Luke 10:18].

The second reality of darkness in passage 2 above [from John 1:1-5] represents the consequences of man's fall into sin – by receiving the realm of darkness opened by the angelic rebellion.

The WORD and the SPIRIT are the essential “**I AM**” expressions of GOD that give expressive communication to the “**I AM**” of GOD – as Light. GOD is Light and in Him there is no darkness the Scriptures declare [1 John 1:5c; Psalm 36:9; 37:3-6].

This Light that emanates from GOD is the essential and necessary fabric of life.

Light unfolds the “**I AM**” of GOD – and all that derives from GOD - *in* the WORD, *by* the SPIRIT – ***by actual personal revelation to the human heart.***

The light of GOD – that gives revelation (or, revealed expression) of GOD to the creation - finds its every expression in and from and by the WORD and the SPIRIT of “**I AM**”.

The “**I AM**” of GOD WHO is essentially defined in the WORD and expressed in the SPIRIT, **is GOD the FATHER** – the Sovereign GOD, the FATHER of creation, WHO ordains all reality, defined in the WORD and expressed by the SPIRIT, by His will in the eternal and the abiding.

The FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT are **One**; the living expression of the “**I AM**” of YHWH – in a unity. GOD is by “**I AM**” Name **YHWH**, the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT. Amen! GOD BEING ONE in a unity of BEING as “**I AM**” is the fundamental fabric of the biblical proposition.

“I AM” THE GOD AND FATHER OF CREATION

In expressing His “**I AM**” in WORD and SPIRIT [Isaiah 48:16], **GOD is the FATHER** [Malachi 2:10; Matthew 5:43-48; 6:9-10; 14-15] who governs the creation in and by **His will**.

In expressing His creation through **the** WORD and by **the** SPIRIT, GOD is **the** FATHER of the universe of His creation – giving **expression** to His will in creation, through His WORD, by His SPIRIT.

In this reality, the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT are One as “**I AM**”. The FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT are inseparable.

GOD is **the FATHER** WHO expounds and ordains the formation and the outcomes of the universe of His creation in His Sovereign Will – **in** HIS WORD and **by** HIS SPIRIT - into the fabric of life in eternity.

The exposition of the formation and the outcomes of creation – in the eternal and the abiding - is the predestined will of the FATHER.

[Freewill creatures enter into the realities and outcomes of all that GOD has predestined, based on the freewill exercise of their faith – right or wrong faith; true or false faith.

The Scripture explains that we have each been given a measure of faith, to exercise and develop in our own free will (Romans 12:3)!

We do so in the context of our conscience.

Falsehood and unrighteousness result in a seared conscience that leads to death in both natural and spiritual terms. Truth and righteousness realized from GOD results in a clear conscience that results in life forever!

It is our personal stewardship responsibility to account for the outcomes of our faith. **GOD will judge us** based on the exercise of our faith - from a clear conscience or a seared conscience.

We must pursue a faith in GOD for our own good and the good of our generations; because faith in GOD is a spiritual heritage that can be developed and transmitted through generations.

We must choose a faith that recognizes the Sovereign GOD as the exclusive basis for our future. Otherwise we will perish; simply because only GOD can give life. The eternal and the abiding are the expressive attributes of life deriving from the Sovereign GOD.]

The WORD and the SPIRIT are **essential** and **inherent** to GOD the FATHER **giving expression to His will** in the expression of His Sovereign Authority as GOD.

GOD is in His “**I AM**” therefore – inherently and essentially - the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT [1 John 5:7, KJV/NKJV]. This is the heart and soul of the biblical witness that makes functional sense of GOD in the realities of our personal life and of our life in community.

In this reality, GOD is Trinity – a tripartite “**I AM**” BEING, WHO expresses Himself in a Unity. GOD is in His “**I AM**” Unity indivisible in both Substance and Witness. Trinity is a word used to describe an indivisible unity in three personified expressions of GOD’S “**I AM**” - expressed in **Substance** and **Witness** [1 John 5:7, KJV/NKJV].

In substance and witness that **derives** from GOD, truth can be transmitted **perfectly** to bring into completion the kind intentions of the FATHER’S will! The transmission of truth in substance and witness is a communication in Word and Spirit, by the WORD and the SPIRIT of GOD.

This is why the Bible mentions the possibility of a **most holy faith** being evidenced and developed in the human heart [Jude 20-21].

The substance and witness that derives from GOD is described in Revelation 3:14b, as the **faithful** and **true** Witness, **the Amen**, **the Beginning** of the creation of GOD.

The unveiling of this faithful and true Witness comes about by the SPIRIT through living expressions of the WORD. And this Witness is an expression of the FATHER's heart.

GOD is **ONE** (Hebrew: **ECHAD** – Deuteronomy 6:4) in a **unity** as **YHWH-ELOHIM** [Genesis 2:7; 1:26-27] – proclaimed and expounded in the New Testament narrative as the Witness of **the FATHER, the WORD** (who came into the world as the **SON**) and **the HOLY SPIRIT** [1 John 5:7, NKJV/KJV; Matthew 28:19; Ephesians 2:18; John 16:15, 13-15].

All of the New Testament narrative that addresses GOD and His MESSIAH (the Anointed One) gives expression to the unified Witness of the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT.

For example: Throughout the Gospels, Jesus Christ never speaks in isolation but always in the Witness of the FATHER, alive in Him by the HOLY SPIRIT.

Similarly, all that the HOLY SPIRIT unfolds in the New Testament is always a proclamation of the Testimony of Jesus, the WORD become flesh. Always implicit in the moves of the SPIRIT is the FATHER's will, made manifest through the WORD, by the SPIRIT.

The Witness of GOD in all of Scripture is always a Witness in the FATHER, the WORD and, the HOLY SPIRIT. This is the AMEN of the Witness of GOD and, will always be the Witness of GOD - **forever!**

This reality of GOD in Trinity is foreshadowed in the Old Testament in Isaiah 48:16 (NASB) : < **“Come near to Me, listen to this: from the first I have not spoken in secret, from the time it took place, I was there. And now the Lord GOD has sent Me, and His SPIRIT.”** > This narrative is spoken to Prophet Isaiah by GOD the WORD [read also Isaiah 48:12-17 and Revelation 1:4-8].

However, GOD is also ONE as a singular object of worship as YHWH-ELOAH, the ONE true, GOD [Psalm 18:31]. Psalm 18:31 reads:

- **For who is ELOAH** (GOD in and as the singular object of worship), **but the LORD** (YHWH)? **And who is a rock, except our ELOHIM** (GOD in a plurality of expression as a unity).

In this reality of **ELOAH**, GOD is ONE in Substance (Greek: Hupostasis).

GOD is ONE in Substance as ELOAH, expressed and communicated as ELOHIM, as GOD in three distinct functional, personifications that Scripture bears witness to as being the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT.

The Witness of GOD communicates the substance of His fullness **derivatively** and **subordinately** so that everything can live by the ‘**I AM**’ of YHWH.

The three always operate as ONE (in unity) from BEING ONE (as a singular object of worship) in Substance. That is, YAHWEH is ONE in Substance as **ELOAH** and THREE in expression as **ELOHIM**.

[For example: the chemical structure of ice, water and steam is the same, yet they are distinct and different expressions of that same chemical structure. In GOD His three expressions – that are ONE in substance - are simultaneous and eternal in and as the “**I AM**” of GOD, in and as the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT.]

Both ELOAH and ELOHIM are translated as GOD in the English translations of the Bible.

The Will Of GOD Is The Light Of Life

The exposition of the will of GOD the FATHER – in the human heart – **necessarily** finds its **every** expression in the WORD and by the SPIRIT (John 16:15).

GOD is Light [1 John 1:5] and the Light of GOD finds its every expression (or, gives its every illumination) from the WORD, by the SPIRIT – in the FATHER’s will.

GOD’s light is **the light of life** [1 Timothy 6:13-16; John 17:6; 16:13-15; 8:12c; 1 Corinthians 2:10].

And, this light of life is specified in the FATHER’s will, and is described in the WORD, and made manifest (by revelation) by the HOLY SPIRIT.

This light of life is the fabric of truth that will enable the whole creation to live by GOD.

“I AM” – THE UNITY OF GOD - IN

THE FATHER, THE WORD AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

The totality of GOD in HIS “**I AM**” is the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT [Matthew 28:18-20; 1 John 5:7, NKJV]. And, the revelation of the “**I AM**” of GOD – by will (from the FATHER), in definitive terms (through the WORD) and in expressive terms (by the HOLY SPIRIT) - is the basis of life and the progression of life in the creation in eternity.

[“**I AM**” is Life and “**I AM**” is eternal.

Eternal life is a reality that **entirely derives** from GOD (ELOHIM) – in will (FATHER), by definition (WORD) and in expression (HOLY SPIRIT). Yet eternal life is an attribute of GOD (ELOAH) in the substance of GOD’s “**I AM**” BEING.

If GOD were entirely transcendent, eternal life would be incommunicable and mankind would have no future. The biblical witness is true and, the biblical witness is the only basis for a future actualized from GOD - into the fabrics of our individual beings. Amen!]

The pre-requisite to the revelation of “I AM” is ***faith*** [Hebrews 11:6] defined through the revealed realities of Scripture.

Every man has been given a measure of faith that he can ***choose*** to ***exercise*** and ***develop*** in GOD [Romans 12:3]. Man will have to exercise and develop his faith in the FATHER’s will, by the WORD (***definitively***) and through the HOLY SPIRIT’s work (***functionally***).

All of us will give account to GOD, for the exercise and development of the measure of faith bestowed on us by the grace of GOD. By grace – through the right exercise of our faith – GOD has given the human being the potential of actualizing GOD’s every reward.

Our accountability to GOD arises from the evidence of our faith; as to whether the outcomes of our faith are the Testimony of GOD and His blessings in our life; or, whether the outcomes of our faith are a testimony to the “absence” of GOD; or, whether the outcomes of our faith are a “misrepresentation” of GOD.

Scripture pointedly declares that the fool says in his heart there is no GOD [Psalm 14:1].

We all know that our faith expression has been riddled by sin. The result is that there are many forms of faith in the world.

Unless GOD re-engineers our faith forms in the truth of His Name, we will have no future.

GOD the WORD became flesh in human terms as Jesus Christ, in order to manifest a faith form that will realign us to GOD [John 1:1-4, 14-18]. The Bible proposes that through the Testimony of Jesus, His faith will be authored and perfected into us [Hebrews 12:2a, 1-2].

The Bible proposes a new and true faith form – from GOD through Jesus Christ – that will be authored and finished (or, perfected) into us so that we can do all things free from the Law of Sin and Death.

Through the revelation of Jesus the Messiah, and the actualization of a faith authored and finished by Him in us, the Scripture points to incredible realities of GOD and His rewards that the ***true*** exercise of our faith can bring into being in our lives – through GOD’s saving grace.

In John 16:13-15, Jesus Christ the WORD of GOD ***manifested in human form*** declares:

- “When He, the SPIRIT of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you. **All things that the FATHER has are Mine**; therefore I said, that He (the HOLY SPIRIT) takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you.”

True faith comes by hearing the Word of GOD [Romans 10:17, NKJV] as it opens its true and abiding realities in truth into us **as the Word of Christ** [Romans 10:17, NASB; John 16:15; 14:6; Hebrews 1:1-2].

The intent of this booklet is to open your heart to the awesome realities in the Bible that constitute the Testimony of GOD to mankind – through Jesus the Messiah.

The essential and fundamental root reality in which faith is actualized **from** GOD is expressed in Scripture as: < “**Hear, O Israel! The LORD (YHWH) is our GOD (ELOHIM), the LORD (YHWH) is ONE (ECHAD – meaning ONE in a Unity)! >** [Deuteronomy 6:4]

The one, true, GOD stands in a **personified “I AM” Witness** that is expressed as the FATHER, the WORD and the HOLY SPIRIT [1 John 5:7, NKJV].

All truth derives from this “I AM” Witness of YHWH.

And, this “I AM” Witness is the Witness of **true** life opened into our hearts by the HOLY SPIRIT, in Jesus the Messiah [1 John 5:10], **the WORD become flesh** [John 1:14, 16-18] – in the FATHER’S will [John 3:16].

And, this is the Witness of the FATHER’S will, in the words of Jesus Christ:

- **For GOD so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For GOD did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world should be saved through Him** – John 3:16-17
- **He who practices the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be manifested as having been wrought in GOD** – John 3:21

What is wrought in GOD is the evidence of truth that sets us free from the law of sin and death. This evidence of truth is true life received **progressively**.

This progression is the evidence of truth.

This Witness of true life is: (i) **Entirely** Ordained in the FATHER's will; (ii) **Entirely** Described in the WORD of GOD (and communicated into us in Jesus Christ); and, (iii) **Entirely** Manifested communicatively and functionally by the SPIRIT of GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT.

Similarly: The FATHER **wills** and **ordains** all truth in creation. The WORD gives **true definition** to all truth in creation and, the HOLY SPIRIT gives **true expression** and **function** to all truth in creation.

GOD Is Truth

Truth originates from GOD – entirely – and is an expression **of** Him and all that **derives from** Him.

Anything that does not derive from GOD can't be truth; because truth is necessarily an attribute of GOD.

Anything that does not derive from GOD has no basis – in both substance and witness – to be the truth.

Truth must always recognize the sovereign GOD as the inherent basis for its every expression. The evidence of truth must arise from the fact that GOD IS!

GOD ordains the Word of truth as the FATHER of creation [James 1:18]. GOD defines the Word of truth **in** and **as** the WORD of GOD [John 14:6]. And, GOD manifests the Word of truth **in** and **as** the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD [John 16:13-15].

James 1:18a reads:

- **In the exercise of His will, He (GOD) brought us forth by the Word of truth**

Truth is the essential reality of GOD's Word, the expression of GOD in WHO He is, and in all THAT He is. This is the basis of truth: "**I AM the Truth!**" [John 14:6; 17:6, 26]

The essential purpose for the Word of GOD is: to manifest truth – from Him (GOD) **by substance and witness** into us; and thereby, setting us free from the law of sin and death, by actually making us a new creation; a new creation realized in our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart [2 Corinthians 4:16; Hebrews 4:12].

In this light, Ephesians 2:10 declares that we are the workmanship of GOD, created in Jesus Christ, so that we will do the good works that GOD has ordained in His Sovereign will.

GOD Saves Us By His Name

Scripture declares that GOD has magnified His Word according to all of His Name [Psalm 138:2c, NASB]. The magnified dimensions of the Word of GOD give expression to WHO He is and all THAT He is - in the salvation of His creation from the law of sin and death.

Sin and death came into being when angels led by Lucifer (the anointed covering angel who became satan) rebelled against GOD [Luke 10:18; Ezekiel 28:12-19; Isaiah 14:12-15; Romans 16:20].

In Scripture satan is personified as the dragon and the serpent.

When Adam and Eve were tempted by the serpent (the serpent here being a personified manifestation of satan – Revelation 12:9), to disobey GOD, sin and death (which is the witness and testament of satan) manifested in man [Genesis 1:26-31; 2:15-17; 3:1-24].

Salvation is the process by which the law of sin and death is broken.

Salvation is ordained in the FATHER's will [John 3:16].

Salvation is described in the testimony of Jesus, the WORD become flesh [John 1:14, 16-17].

And, salvation is expressed and developed by the HOLY SPIRIT [John 16:14].

[The law of sin and death is the judgment of GOD. The law expresses the fact that death is GOD's judgment over sin. And, this is a necessary judgment because sin is an expression of evil, all that opposes GOD and His will.]

In order to achieve this salvation, the WORD became flesh [John 1:14] – as Jesus the Messiah - in order to overcome sin and death through His sacrifice on the cross, which was vindicated by GOD, when Jesus Christ was raised from the dead [John 3:16; Romans 5:6, 8; John 20:1-31; 1:16-17; Revelation 19:10c].

The WORD became flesh according to the Words of the prophet Isaiah (circa 700 BC) proclaiming GOD's will for the future of mankind:

- **“Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold a virgin will be with child and bear a son, and she will call His Name Immanuel [meaning GOD with us]” – Isaiah 7:14**

- **For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called**

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty GOD, Eternal FATHER, Prince of Peace

– Isaiah 9:6

John 1:14, 16-18 reads:

- **< And the WORD became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the FATHER, full of grace and truth. >**
- **< Of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. > [We receive of the fullness of Jesus Christ through His Testimony as proclaimed through the Word of GOD. See Revelation 19:10c; Hebrews 1:1-2].**
- **< No man has seen GOD at any time; the only begotten GOD, who is in the bosom of the FATHER, He [Jesus Christ] has explained Him. >**

Jesus Christ is the WORD of GOD become flesh (in human form) as the last Adam – the spiritual blueprint for a new man.

In this reality Jesus Christ has come to explain the “**I AM**” of GOD to us [John 17:6, 26] by His Testimony being brought to life in us and through us. We are saved as this progressive revelation is perfected and completed into us – **by GOD**.

The explanation is made through the actual communication of the **Spirit** and **Life of** Jesus Christ [John 6:63; Hebrews 1:1-2] **into us** [2 Corinthians 3:3].

And, this communication of “**I AM**” - in the Spirit and Life of Jesus Christ - will be made by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD [John 16:13-15].

Jesus Christ came to **define** the reality of salvation – the **actual** dynamic of victory over sin and death – **by Testimony** in His “**I AM**”.

This salvation is to be brought to life in us and through us – in the Testimony of Jesus - by the HOLY SPIRIT of GOD [John 16:14; 1:16-17]. And, this reality manifests the FATHER’s will [John 3:16]. Amen!

Through Jesus Christ, GOD saves us in His “**I AM**” Name [Psalm 54:1; John 17:6,26]. Amen!

The WORD of GOD became flesh in order that a **new man** – who had actually overcome sin and death – could be **perfectly** defined **in Himself** [Matthew 5:48; John 1:16-17, KJV/NKJV/NASB].

This is why a man has to be **born again** [John 3:3-5] to begin the process of his salvation.

Salvation is the process of actualizing a new man that is of the **actual fullness** of Jesus Christ [John 1:14, 16-17].

In Ephesians 2:10 we are told that **we** are the workmanship of GOD **created in Christ Jesus** for the **good** works.

It is GOD the HOLY SPIRIT who manifests this process of salvation [John 16:14; 6:63]. And, this reality of salvation – defined in the WORD of GOD become flesh - fulfills the FATHER's will.

In Philippians 2:12-13 the Scriptures declare: < ... **Work out your salvation** [by choosing to respond to GOD through His Word] **with fear and trembling; for it is GOD who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.** > Amen!

In John 16:14, Jesus Christ declares: < ... **He** (the HOLY SPIRIT) **shall take of Mine, and He shall disclose it to you.** >

Ephesians 2:10 explains the creative process of salvation as follows: < **For we are His** (GOD's) **workmanship, created in Jesus Christ for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.** > Amen.

Jesus or Yeshua (in Hebrew) means: **YAHWEH (“I AM”) is Salvation.**

And, this is what the Bible communicates into the human heart in Jesus the Messiah.

Through the Testimony of Jesus the Messiah, the Word of GOD becomes flesh in our heart, so that we will each be unique Epistles of Christ through **the specific Word of GOD** written **into us** [2 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV].

All truth that the Bible reveals **derives from** the “**I AM**” of GOD and, is designed to expound the Testimony of GOD into human hearts.

GOD our FATHER communicates His Testimony into our hearts in the exercise of His will - through Jesus Christ (the WORD become flesh), by the HOLY SPIRIT [John 16:15, 13-15]. Amen!

The Bible communicates many different types of testimonial realities.

At its highest level, the Bible carries within its pages the Testimony of GOD and His Messiah!

The Testament Of GOD And His Messiah

The life-giving Witness of the Bible is that it is the Testament of GOD and His Messiah, Jesus Christ. All of Scripture reveals and communicates its ***abiding*** truths in the context of GOD and His Messiah.

The Testimony of Jesus is the ***exclusive*** “communicative medium” through which GOD communicates His “**I AM**” Testimony into human hearts [Exodus 25:16; 31:18; 32:16; **2 Corinthians 3:3**, NKJV; Hebrews 8:7-13; **John 17:6, 26**].

The Testimony of Jesus – arising from His life, His ministry, His death and His resurrection that fulfills the requirements of GOD’s Law – is the basis on which GOD communicates His Word into our hearts [2 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV].

This Testimony of Jesus, the HOLY SPIRIT will ***manifest into us*** [John 16:13-14; 2 Corinthians 3:3, NKJV].

Jesus the Messiah triumphed over sin and death, and – **by Testimony** – has opened a spiritual reality free from the law of sin and death for us all.

We can receive freedom from sin and death through the actual communication of the Testimony of Jesus into our ***inward parts*** of spirit, soul and heart.

As our inward parts actualize the realities of the Testimony of Jesus, the realities of the Testimony of Jesus will position our inward parts in the Kingdom of GOD.

Our outward man will experience death because of the corruption of sin.

However, our inward man has the potential of being renewed day by day – in the Witness and Testimony of Jesus [2 Corinthians 4:16; 6-7] - into a newness of life that will not see death because our inward parts stand in the Kingdom of GOD [Luke 17:20-21, NKJV/KJV; Hebrews 12:27-28] through the Testimony of Jesus actualized.

In the understanding of the Testimony of Jesus, the Words of Scripture have the potential of being brought into a many-faceted fulfillment in our lives.

GOD uses the Testimony of Jesus to communicate truth into our hearts. GOD communicates truth into us through the ***Spirit*** and ***Life*** of Jesus Christ [John 6:63; Luke 21:33; Hebrews 1:1-3; 2 Corinthians 3:3].

In the context of GOD and His Messiah, the Scriptures reveal the Divine Witness to man, as well as GOD’s personal spiritual propositions to the believer.

GOD’s Witness will however, ***only*** open to one who is ***willing*** to have faith in GOD.

Hebrews 11:6 declares: < **And without faith it is impossible to please Him (GOD), for he who comes to GOD must believe that He Is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.** >

GOD's fundamental reward to the **believer** is an actual understanding of His Word.

Through the understanding of the Word, the many-faceted propositions of GOD's Word **come to life** in the believer's heart and, **will** in GOD's appointed time, flow into the believer's life. GOD testifies of Himself by giving new life to the believer.

This is GOD-given life as it unfolds in this age, the age to come, and in all eternity.

Scripture declares that the Word of GOD stands forever [Isaiah 40:8; 1 Peter 1:25]!

Scripture also proclaims itself to be inspired of GOD **able to equip** the man of GOD **for every good work** [2 Timothy 3:16-17].

Scripture declares that we can **live, move** and **have our being** in GOD [Acts 17:28, KJV]!

These propositions of Scripture are brought into being in the believer in a **process of salvation, through** the **revealed realities** of the Word – brought to life in us **by** GOD!

In Deuteronomy 29:29 it is written: < **The secret things belong to the LORD our GOD, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.** >

This passage tells us that **revelation** of the Word **enables actual observance** of the Word. Hence we see that through **revelation** of the Word, GOD **creates** within us growing capacities to observe His Word. The ability to actually observe GOD's Word involves **actual changes** in our nature, character and even in our capacity to do things in word and in deed.

The fundamental reason as to why we need to understand the Word of GOD by **GOD-given revelation** of the Word to our inward parts is explained in Isaiah 55:8-11:

< **“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways,” declares the LORD. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it” >

In the context of GOD and His Messiah, the Scriptures (both Old Testament and New Testament) come together as a **unified** Testament of GOD and His purposes - ***designed for fulfillment through the Messiah.***

In the Testimony of Jesus the Messiah, the WORD become flesh, the Word of GOD is communicated into us in the Spirit and Life of Jesus Christ, being established in us in His Faith and being brought to fulfillment in us in His Love.

The Testament and purposes of GOD are revealed and developed through the **actual revelation** of Jesus Christ in the inward parts of the ***believer*** [Ephesians 1:17-19].

It is crucial to understand, that it is to the ***believer*** that the Scriptures will open in the inward parts.

And, this involves the ***understanding*** of Scripture **through** the Testimony of Jesus [Matthew 13:19, 23].

This is why Scripture declares that the Testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of Prophecy [Revelation 19:10c]. This is why Jesus Christ proclaimed Himself as ***the*** Way, ***the*** Truth and ***the*** Life [John 14:6]. This is why Jesus proclaimed Himself as ***the*** Bread of Life [John 6:48] and as ***the*** Light of the World [John 8:12].

The fundamental reward of GOD to mankind is His revealed Word [Mark 4:22], which He in turn **will perform.**

In Jeremiah 1:12, GOD declares: < ... ***I am watching over My Word to perform it.*** >

GOD's revealed Word will open the reality of GOD ***through*** His many-faceted propositions to the believer – in the inward parts.

The ***functional components*** of the inward parts of the believer are alluded to in Hebrews 4:12 as: ***spirit, soul and heart.***

Our inward parts of spirit, soul and heart, give description and functional expression to the **hidden** (inner) person of our being.

The core spiritual process that GOD uses to express and develop His divine witness, and its several propositions, ***into the inward parts of the believer,*** is called salvation.

In 1 John 5:9-10, the apostle John puts it in this way: < ... ***The witness of GOD is this, that He has borne witness concerning His SON (Jesus Christ). The one who believes in the SON of GOD has the witness in himself ...*** >

This witness – “**the witness in himself**” - is ***entirely*** GOD-given.

This witness – “**the witness in himself**” - is also ***entirely*** GOD-developed.

Revelation 3:14 addresses this witness in the following terms: < **The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of GOD.** >

This Witness, faithful and true, unveiled in the inward parts, is the basis of a new creation in Jesus Christ.

In Ephesians 2:10 it is declared: < **For we are His (GOD’s) workmanship, created in Jesus Christ for good works, which GOD prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.** >

Ultimately, through salvation, the divine propositions to the believer ***come into being*** in a **Blood Covenant Witness**, revealed and developed by GOD, in the inward parts of the believer.

These inward parts are our spirit, soul and heart.

Spirit, soul and heart describe differing ***functional centers of consciousness*** in our inner man that GOD proposes to develop through His revealed Word.

The result is a personalized outcome of our salvation – ***from*** GOD and ***by*** GOD; His personalized and unique testament to the individual.

This personalized, unique testament is ***fully verifiable*** – through the evidence born of faith in GOD and His Messiah - in the context of each believer’s life, ***actualized from GOD.***

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NKJV) proclaims that the believer is designed to be a unique **epistle of Christ** written (and brought into being) by the SPIRIT of GOD – the HOLY SPIRIT.

2 Corinthians 3:3 (NKJV) reads: < **Clearly you are an epistle of Christ ... written not with ink but by the SPIRIT of the living GOD ... on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.** >

GOD’s personal and intimate work in our inward parts – that is the epistle of Christ unique to each believer - is the biblical basis for the **personal revelation of GOD to man.**

It is also the basis for man’s spiritual growth and maturity in GOD via an actual relationship with GOD, ***through*** Jesus Christ, by the HOLY SPIRIT [John 16:13-15].

This relationship comes into being in us as Christ is formed in us [Galatians 4:19; John 14:6-9].

In John 14:6, Jesus the Messiah declared: < **I AM the Way, and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the FATHER, but through Me.** >

The reality of “**the Way, the Truth and the Life**” actualized, is entirely of the actual Spirit and Life of Jesus Christ progressively, perfected and completed, into **functions created** in the inward parts of the believer [Philippians 4:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10]. AMEN
[see Revelation 3:14b; 2 Corinthians 1:20]!

The functions of our inward man come into being in a living Witness of Spirit, Water and Blood alive in our inward parts [1 John 5:10, 8].

The many faceted **functional outcomes of salvation** - in our inward man - result in a personal relationship with the living GOD.

This personal relationship develops – in a GOD-given living witness in the inward parts - as GOD’s supernatural work unveils to the inward parts of the believer; as change, transformation and, growth find **actual function** in the inward parts.

The outcomes of salvation are **verifiable** in and from the inward parts of the believer. These outcomes are the GOD-engineered, evidence of our faith in GOD that enables us to see and experience the unseen GOD in the tangible evidence of our own life and being.

This tangible evidence is the witness, faithful and true, the Beginning of the creation of GOD [Revelation 3:14b]. “**The Beginning of the creation of GOD**” is the GOD-given evidence of GOD and His purposes - to us – personally, through the **functional** development of our inward parts.

In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it is written: < **Therefore, if any man is in CHRIST, he is a new creature; old things passed away; behold, new things have come.** >

We shall end this segment on the Bible being the Testament of GOD and His Messiah, with some key Scriptures that express GOD’s intent of making Himself known through His personal work in our inward parts:

From Jeremiah 31:31-34, we read: < “**Behold days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. I will put My Law within them, and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their GOD, and they shall be My people. And they shall not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of** >

them,” declares the LORD, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.” >

From Ezekiel 36:25-27, GOD declares: < **“... I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put My SPIRIT within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.” >**

Jesus Christ declared that the beginnings of all that GOD was proclaiming through the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel could only come about when the human being is born again in the inward parts – receiving from GOD a new heart and a new spirit.

From John 3:3-6, we read the following discourse with Nicodemus, one of the leaders of the Jewish religious leadership: < **Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of GOD.” Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”**

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the SPIRIT, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of GOD. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the SPIRIT is spirit.” >

Being born again opens us to our destiny in GOD.

The apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 1:23 and 1 Peter 2:9-10. < **You have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding Word of GOD. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for GOD’s own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of GOD; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. >**

As you can see, Scripture proposes a profound and awesome reality of GOD to the person who is **willing to believe.**

What has been written into the pages of Scripture cannot be duplicated by man-centered religious effort. The Scripture is proposing the actual discovery of GOD who will prove Himself within each individual’s inward parts and through the living expressions of each individual’s life.

What Scripture actually proposes is not religious hype based on blind faith. But, Scripture proposes a faith that will give rise to a personal evidence of GOD that will become the basis of our state of being.

Scripture actually declares that in GOD, we can live, move and, have our being [Acts 17:28]! Scripture declares a reality that we can actually come to love GOD with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength [Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Mark 12:29-30]!

What can be more real than that!

But, GOD **demand**s man's willingness to have faith in Him as a pre-requisite to anything He brings to life within us and through us. All of us have been given a measure of faith by GOD [Romans 12:3c] and, GOD demands that we first use that faith with regards to Him.

Through faith GOD can manifest the **substance** of realities that derive from Him [Hebrews 11:1, KJV]. And, GOD does this through Jesus Christ [John 3:16].

Jesus Christ gives actual substance to all that is of GOD in us. This is why He is called the Author and Finisher of our faith [Hebrews 12:2a].

No one comes into the personal **intimate** knowledge of GOD except through the Testimony of Jesus. Amen [Revelation 3:14b]!

And, this is because **only the substance of Jesus Christ** – the WORD become flesh – can communicate the “**I AM**” Witness of YAHWEH. AMEN [Revelation 3:14b]!

May the Testimony of GOD – communicated in the substance and witness of Jesus Christ – become the basis of your state of being! Amen!

The Prayer For Salvation

FATHER GOD, I ask You to open my heart to you.

I renounce falsehood and pray that You will forgive me of my sin through the Testimony of Jesus.

I believe that Jesus took upon Himself my sins (by nature), my transgressions (my deliberate acts of evil) and my iniquities (my habitual acts of evil).

He overcame my sin through His Testimony of sacrifice for me on the cross and rose from the dead overcoming my sin imputed to Him in the FATHER's will.

By His resurrection, I believe that Jesus Christ has justified me as I express my faith in Him as my LORD and Saviour.

Save me O GOD by Thy Name and vindicate me by Thy power. Let Your HOLY SPIRIT fill me and enable me to hear and understand Your Word so that I will live and not perish.

Create in me a clean heart and give me a new heart and a new spirit so that I can be born again in Your salvation.

I receive Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. Heal me and deliver me from the yoke of sin and death.

Thank You for hearing and answering my prayer, which I have made through Jesus Christ to you. Amen.