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To GOD be the Glory.
In JESUS' Name. Amen.

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This book expresses that which is
expected of every believer
in The Lord JESUS.

JESUS is in us by His Spirit.
With Him in us,
we can be what GOD is calling for.

Walk in the Light.
Live for JESUS
Everyday.

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Salvation

What does it mean to be saved?

Romans 10:9-10 say's

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth The Lord JESUS and shalt believe in thine heart that GOD hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Some make a verbal confession, yet one's life is not transformed by the gospel. Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

(see Romans 12:2)

When we believe, we are to respond in faith. Even the demons believe and tremble. (see James 2:19)

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Faith in The Lord JESUS is believing in Him and walking in obedience to GOD's Word. (see Romans 10:16-18 biblegateway.com)

What is believing (faith)?

How can a person tell if they are a Christian?

Pastor Robert Jeffress stated it like this...If there is a profession of faith without an expression of faith, there is no confession of faith.

We were all born into sin. Adam was given the command by GOD in the garden of Eden not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

(see Genesis 2:16-17, 3:16)

[Sin is disobedience to GOD's commands.]

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The second Adam, JESUS [GOD came and wrapped Himself in flesh], to die for the sins of the world. (see John 1:14)

He obeyed our heavenly Father perfectly. JESUS died for our sins on the cross that we may be reconciled to our heavenly Father.

Through faith in JESUS shed blood for us on the cross we can have new life now -- into eternity.

{Satan is defeated!

In Genesis, GOD told the serpent (Satan), and I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Genesis 3:15)}

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A pastor spoke concerning JESUS, The Seed, that bruised Satan's head. The serpent, Satan's head was crushed, by JESUS finished work on the cross.

Pastor Florida Jackson of E.O.D.M. (Chgo,.IL.) would speak of stepping on the devil's head...

How do we **'step on the devil's head'**? Walk in obedience to GOD's Word.
Satan hates a believer's walk with JESUS.

As believers in The Lord JESUS, let us walk by faith, in love, and in unity.

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Salvation Journey ...

We are **saved** (past),
being saved (current, ongoing), and
shall be saved (in the future).

Past Salvation (Justification) occurs when we first believe and receive JESUS into our heart by faith. We were baptized into JESUS and raised to New Life at conversion. We have a new Identity, New Destiny, and a New Determination in Life. Our focus is JESUS. Our desire is to please our Savior. Our purpose is to glorify GOD!

Present Salvation (Sanctification) is our ongoing life lived for The Lord. We walk with JESUS and talk with JESUS. We sit at His Feet as Mary, the sister of Lazarus did. We listen to JESUS' Word and learn of Him.

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We want to know about GOD; His Will and His Ways. We seek GOD through His Written Word, The Bible. We inquire of Him as we petition the Lord in prayer. Our livelihood and lifestyles reflect our relationship with The Lord. We live to please GOD, and when we sin, we repent (are sorry for our sins and turn to GOD for forgiveness).

Future Salvation deals with the redemption of this body at the end of our faith journey. One day we will see our Savior, JESUS, face to face. We look for Him expectantly - awaiting His return.

JESUS will descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of an archangel. We will be caught up together to meet The Lord in the air.

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This corruptible shall put on
incorruptible, mortality shall put on
immortality.

(see 1 Corinthians 15:53-55)

We shall receive our glorified bodies and
be with JESUS, forever!

Sanctification

Sanctification is part of our journey with
The Lord: justification, sanctification,
glorification.

Justification - JESUS died for our sins
and rose again to justify us.(see Romans
4:25 kingjamesbibleonline.org)

Sanctification - We are set apart to do
GOD's Will.

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As we continue in the faith, we may grow in Christ . (see 2 Peter 1:5-7)

Growth opportunities in our faith walk with JESUS ...

How do we handle matters?

Do we respond in love?

Are we sensitive to GOD's leading?

Are we willing to submit to other believers?

Do we serve one another as unto The Lord?

Are we repentant of sin?

Do we confess our faults to one another?

Do we forbear (help to carry one another's load)?

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*Are we supporters? Encouragers?
Gentle? Kind? Patient?
Do we forgive others?
We must be willing to do the above and
continue - -
to move forward in the faith.*

JESUS lets us know... if you continue in
my word, you are my disciples indeed.
(see John 8:31
kingjamesbibleonline.org)

We must remember that we are Christ's:
We belong to Him.

Disciples follow the leader.
Disciples learn from the leader.
We are students of The Lord. Our
responsibility is to obey The Word, and
follow the leading of The Holy Spirit.

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Followers of JESUS walk in His righteousness.

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16-17 bible.com)

While **salvation** has to do with **receiving JESUS** into our heart; **sanctification** is our **growing in The Lord**.

We develop into maturity as we daily walk with JESUS and serve in love.

Glorification - We are made like JESUS.
(see Romans 8:17; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

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Go on to Perfection

JESUS is Perfect, Sinless, Blameless,
Without Fault and Without Blemish.

When JESUS returns, he is coming for a
glorious church, not having spot, or
wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it
should be holy and without blemish.
(see Ephesians 5:27)

It is often stated, “Nobody’s perfect.”

Why is this the case?

Because we look at man’s natural
(sinful) condition and say...

It can’t be done.

Yet, what does The Word of GOD say?

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Matthew 5:48 says, Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

[... a call to **be imitators of GOD** as dearly beloved children (Ephesians 5:1) Children who treasure their parents typically mimic them. Christians should mimic their Lord, who is Perfect, thus reflecting his Perfection in their lives... (Robert W. Yarbrough, biblestudytools.com)]

Matthew chapter 5 verses 1-47; express to us the expectation of every believer to **live a life of love, repentance and forgiveness.**

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Vss. 1-11 known as the Beatitudes;
(Blessed Statements);
think of the attitude of the heart toward
GOD and people.

Vs. 12 speak of rejoicing when
persecuted.

Vs. 13 being the salt of the earth.

Vss. 14-16 being lights in this world.

Vss. 17-18 JESUS came to fulfill the law.

Vs. 19 Believers are to do and teach.

Vs. 22 Do not be angry with your
brother without a cause.

Vs. 23 Reconcile with your brother.

Vs. 28 Do not lust after other people or
things.

Vs. 31 Do not divorce, except for
fornication (this allowed, not originally
intended).

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Vs. 40 If sued for your coat, give your cloak also. **(Give more than what is requested.)**

Vs. 41 Go the extra mile. **(Do more than what is expected.)**

Vs. 44 Love your enemies.

Vs. 48 Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

I believe that the verses in Matthew chapter 5 express our growth in Christlikeness as we follow GOD's leading and walk in GOD's love.

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***We are to mature in the faith:
hear GOD's Voice and do His
Will.***

My sheep hear My Voice and a stranger
they will not follow.

(see John 10:5; 27 biblegateway.com)

As many as are led by The Spirit are the
sons of GOD. (see Romans 8:14
biblegateway.com)

Job 1:1 says that Job was a perfect and
upright man.

Perfect deals with the **heart** towards
GOD.

Upright concerns **our walk** with GOD.

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GOD is looking for someone whose heart is perfect toward Him, through whom He can show Himself strong.
(see 2 Chronicles 16:9)

GOD deals with us from the inside out (spiritually within our being, then expressed outwardly).

Some may feel that since we are in this physical body we can not be perfect, so *why try*. Though we are in this physical body, we do not walk after the flesh, but after the spirit. (see Romans 8:4)

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***We can look like JESUS
as we walk in GOD's Ways.***

Genesis 1:27 says let us make man in our image after our likeness.

...after our likeness.

GOD wants us to come after Him, to seek Him, to desire to be like JESUS.

Our heavenly Father helps us to understand His Word, that we may apply it to our lives.

We are not to be tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine. (see Ephesians 4:14 biblegateway.com)

Let us hold on to scripture teaching about JESUS, continue in the faith of our Lord and Savior JESUS, without wavering.

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We are to go on to perfection.
(see Hebrews 6:1)

An associate pastor of NBBC of Elgin, IL., stated that as Christians when we sin, it is to be 'few and far between'.

As we go on to perfection, this does not mean that we won't ever sin, yet, when we do sin, we are convicted of sin and turn to GOD. He helps us to obey Him.

Children of GOD do not commit sin.
(see 1 John 3:9)

...**commit** - devoted to; obligated to.
We are not to willfully or habitually practice sin.

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The Word of GOD says to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. For it is GOD which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure. (Philippians 2:12b-13)

As we grow in The Lord, we mature in the way we handle matters. When we would do things our own way, now we desire to please our Father in heaven.

Present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto GOD which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Romans 12:1-2)

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Psalm 37:37 says, Mark the perfect man and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace.

JESUS IS THE PERFECT MAN that we are to look to.

(Apostle Florida Jackson, E.O.D.M.)

JESUS is Perfect in every way.

JESUS is **GOD**.

GOD is Love.

JESUS is the embodiment of love.

He demonstrated the love of **GOD**, sacrificing His life for us on the cross.

JESUS lived a selfless life of humble surrender unto The Father.

With **JESUS** in us, we can live a life of love.

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If you love me, keep my
commandments. (see John 14:15)

We are to love GOD and love one
another. (see 1 John 4:20-21)

Love worketh no ill, therefore love is the
fulfilling of the law.(see Romans 13:10)

Love...therefore...fulfilling...

The law is not against those that obey
The Word, but lawbreakers.
We demonstrate the law of GOD written
in our hearts through obedience to The
Word - - as we walk in love.

Love is the bond of perfectness.
(see Colossians 3:14)

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We are held together by the love of GOD
(through JESUS Christ our Lord)
that is shed abroad in our hearts
(of those that believe and are saved).

Ephesians 4 speak of gifts that have
been given to the church for the
perfecting of the saints. The gifts are not
things. The gifts are responsibilities to
function as GOD has intended;
opportunities to share what GOD has
provided to His people. We are gifts to
the body of Christ that we may increase
in love. Our maturing in the faith is
growing in love.

Will we love more?

We must, if we want to be like JESUS.

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The characteristics of JESUS, in godly living, are displayed in our daily living; not for show (pretense); rather, to show (expressions of love to draw others to Christ); fruitfulness that brings glory to our Father in heaven.

GOD has given us everything we need which pertaineth to life and godliness. (see 2 Peter 1:3)

To be perfect through faith in Christ, the word *be* is in the present tense “**Be**” is **who we are**. As we abide in JESUS, we can be what GOD is calling for.

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Not as though I had attained, either
were already perfect: but I follow after, if
that I may apprehend that for which also
I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.
(see Philippians 3:12)

I press toward the mark for the prize of
the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.
(Philippians 3:14)

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect,
be thus minded (Philippians 3:15a)

Perfect ... a mindset, heart desire, and
life pursuit.

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We are complete in JESUS.
In Him, all of our needs are met.

As we walk in obedience to GOD
and grow in love, we become more
like Christ.

God loves you. He sent His Son
JESUS to die on the cross for the
sins of the world. He sent JESUS to
die for you. You may receive JESUS
into your heart right now. When
you repent (turn to GOD from sin,
confessing that you have done
wrong, and receive JESUS into
your heart by faith), you can be
forgiven.

Prayer for Salvation

You may say the following prayer
or you may use your own words:

Dear GOD, Thank You for sending
Your Son JESUS to die for me. I
ask that You forgive me of my sins.
Please come into my heart and help
me to live for You. Thank You
Father GOD for saving me. In
JESUS' Name, I pray. Amen.

If you said the prayer and meant it
in your heart -
Welcome to the Family of GOD!

Continue in The Lord.
In JESUS' Name. Amen.

