July 31, 2022 ***Spiritual Foundation Precepts*-3** Pastor Billy Burchfield

**Suppositions: 1) You believe in Yahweh, 2) You believe in Jesus Christ (Mesiah)**

 **Prov 30:5-6:** **The Content of God’s Word is completed** “***Canon:***” term used to describe *the completed number of the books of the Bible*— “***closed canon,***” the 66 books of the Holy Scriptures. Derived from ancient word meaning “***measuring stick.***” Designates those books that meet the requirements of being *acknowledged as* ***divinely inspired*.** The Bible warns against adding or subtracting from its contents. **Revelation 22:18** makes a conclusive statement, *positional in God’s providence and wisdom*, at the Bible’s end. It refers directly to the Book of Revelation, but most Bible scholars add a footnote: “*Add to or subtract from the Bible at your own risk*.” A study of the judgment for “*taking away*” from God’s Word is **Jer. 36:20–32**. Christ *lived out to completion*, the entire torah (Scripture).
When we refer to the “***revelation*** *of the Scriptures*,” we must distinguish this complete and perfect order of *divine revelation* (Bible) from any other use of the term. There is a difference between **a** “revelation” (an insight or an idea that may be of God, of a human being, or of the devil) and **the “revelation of God,”** ***which is in the closed canon of the Scriptures***. In Jesus’ time, several books held by some today to be intended for the OT were in existence then. However, in the 64 times Jesus quotes from the OT, He never quoted from any of those books. **The Bible is complete, completely trustworthy, and sufficient to completely answer anything we need to know for eternal salvation or practical wisdom concerning our relationships, morality, character, or conduct.**

 **Isaiah 55:10-11:** **God’s Word, Evangelism, and Expansion** **Evangelism** is the spreading of the Good News and expansion is the enlarging of ***life’s potential*** under God, **both** multiply by the “***seed***” of God’s Word. Jesus described **the Word** as “***seed***” in Luke 8:11, “*Now the parable is this*: ***The seed******is******The Word of God***” and is the **source** of all **saving life** and **growth possibilities** transmitted from the ***Father*** to human beings. All increase of ***life within His love*** ***comes by His Word*** **as** human response gives place for His blessing. *When received*, God’s word of promise will never be barren. The **power** in His Word will always fulfill the **promise** of His Word. We never need wonder how faith is developed or how fruitfulness is realized. **Faith** comes by “*hearing*” God’s Word (Rom. 10:17), that is, ***by receiving it wholeheartedly and humbly***. **Fruitfulness** is the guaranteed by-product—whether for the **salvation** of a lost soul or the **provision** of a disciple’s need—God’s Word cannot be barren or fruitless: ***His own life-power is within it!***

**What do these things mean for us?**

We can *trust* in the faithfulness of God’s Word because **He** is faithful and true.

We are *Loved* and can trust loving others.

***Yahweh*** (God) knows and holds the future.

God has a *plan* for our lives. We can know His plans for us by asking Him.

 **Jer. 29:11**,“*For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord,*

*thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Our Salvation rests in the eternal faithfulness of Jesus Christ and His shed

 blood.

The peace that comes from *knowing* that ***The Holy Spirit*** dwells in God’s

 children (Eph. 2:14; John 14:26, 27).

We can call. He will hear. He will answer. He will retrieve us unto Himself. **Jer.**

 **29:12-14**, “*Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will*

*listen to you. 13 And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me*

 *with your heart.14 I will be found by you, says the Lord, and I will bring you*

 *back from your captivity…*”

We are *clean* through the blood of Christ (1 John 1:9).

We have *victory* through the blood of Christ (1 Cor. 15:57; 1 John 5:4).

We are *Justified* before God through the blood of Christ (Gal. 2:16; Rom. 5:1;

 Acts 13:38, 39; Rom. 8:30).