THE POWER STUDIES



The Importance Of Eternal Life

Why did God put you on this planet? What is His purpose for your life? Jesus can help you reach your highest potential

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The Power Studies Introduction

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Welcome To "The Power Studies" Introduction

There are two parts to this "Power Studies" series. This part has three studies that *introduce* you into the way of getting the power you need to win over life issues. Even if these subjects don't seem to be addressing what you thought you needed, it is *very* important that you give them a chance to prove themselves. Millions of people have already found these principles to give them the power they needed to deal with life.

The first study is **"The Importance Of The Power-Life."** The second one is **"The Importance Of Eternal Life."** The third one is **"From Power-Life To Eternal Life."** This is a very important group of studies where Jesus deals with why you should allow the power-life to empower you. Jesus also uses them to deal with who qualifies for the power-life with God. He shows you when a person is able to have the power-life. And He shows you where this power-life can be obtained. Take a quick look at the purpose for all three of them.

"The Importance Of The Power-Life"

It is amazing how much we can learn about life and what it takes to succeed and still not live like we should. We are all aware of a lot of things we *should* be doing; but, there seems to be something blocking us off. Power to do what you know you should be doing is the answer to much of success in life. Jesus takes this study and shows you what the power-relationship with God can do for you.

A lot of people, who have already accepted Jesus' help and are convinced they know a lot concerning what the power-life is all about, are in reality living a very powerless life. If you find yourself struggling with living those things you know you should be living, if you find yourself failing at things you feel you should be succeeding at, if you find yourself being defeated by things you should be able to defeat, then you should spend time with Jesus in this study.

"The Importance Of Eternal Life"

The life you are living here on earth is just the beginning of your existence. The life you are currently living is to get you ready for a life that never ends. If you were going to die and cease to exist, then you should try to have as much fun and experience as much pleasure as you can. But, if there is eternal life after death, then you should get ready for it and do what it take to get there.

The life you lived in school wasn't the kind of life you lived all the days of your life. School-life is just a life that got you ready for real-life. The life you are living now is like school-life; it is just a training life that is to get you ready for eternal life. "The Importance Of Eternal Life" explains why we all need to live our current life as a training life.

Once Jesus helps you understand eternal life, it will encourage you to have a lot of faith and hope for your eternal future. Jesus will use this study to help you apply yourself now because of how great your eternal future is going to be. Life will take on a whole new meaning, as you learn how much this life influences your eternal future.

“From Power-Life To Eternal Life”

What Are You Training For?

It is great to find out how wonderful your eternal future is going to be. However, it is very important to understand what you need to be doing to get ready for it. This study spends additional time laying out all the benefits you can look forward to after you leave this life. And, it helps you see why you need to apply yourself to getting ready for your eternal future.

What Are You Hunting For?

God isn’t just offering you a way to get rid of bad addictions, habits, and life problems, He is offering you a way of life that makes sense. We have all obtained things and relationships that we thought would make us happy. And, we have all been made happy for a short period of time from those experiences. But, we have also found that the happiness that many of those achievements and successes produced, either wore off or became painful, disappointing experiences.

What Are You Living For?

After you have lived long enough to have tried many different things to help yourself be happy, you start to look back at all your efforts and wonder what life is all about. Is it just about momentary successes, experiences of pleasure, feelings of happiness and then disappointment and emptiness? Is there a goal, a dream, a plan and purpose for all this? The “From The Power-Life To Eternal Life” study answers these and many more questions.

What Are You Reaching For?

Through these studies, Jesus will help you keep moving into the levels of life success and keep finding out how to deal with life issues. You will be able to win over them, learn how to use these principles for handling other issues in your life, and learn how to share these principles with those around you.

Learning And Getting Jesus’ Truths

This book starts with Truth Pages and then provides you with Prayer Pages for each day. Just read both sets of pages for that day. This is a five-day system which skips the weekend. The prayers on the Prayer Pages are in boxes. The Truth Pages are to help you *know* Jesus’ truths. The Prayer Pages help you *get* Jesus’ truths into your life.

“The Importance Of Eternal Life”

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week One Day One

Doing What We *Think* It Takes To Win

The problem we all see is that we are in a world and living a life that looks like we can’t get out of. We have heard people say that life isn’t fair; and, most of us have accepted the “fact” that life isn’t fair. Many have become so frustrated with life that they have decided to fight back. If other people are going to cheat, steal, lie, mislead, and bully us, then we are going to *start* “fighting fire with fire.” If we have to beat, smash, and destroy the competition, then so be it. If this is what it takes to make it to the top, then that is what we will do.

Learning What It Takes To Win

Jesus has absolute power and yet He isn’t corrupted absolutely. If Jesus wants a lot of money, possessions, positions, power, prestige, popularity, pleasure, and accomplishments, He can use whatever means He wants to use. He can be as evil, selfish, corrupt, abusive, and tyrannical as He chooses; He is God, this is His universe, and we are His creation. Who can make Him be kind, loving, generous, and understanding?

Getting Ready For Life Now And After Death

In this next part, Jesus will be taking you through the issues of eternity as well as dealing with your current situations. Everyone is going to die; you need to see how to live your current existence in such a way that you are ready for life after death. And, you need to see how Jesus lived His life and won! Let’s see if He can teach us His system that is *totally* different from those things the world taught us.

Getting An Eternal Perspective

Jesus is helping you learn how to live your life with an *eternal perspective*. If you live your life without this eternal perspective, you will be like a student who doesn’t properly take advantage of the school’s programs. You will spend your time in school distracted, only interested in the present, wishing the training would get over so you can go have fun, and will refuse to engage in training for your future. You need to know what Jesus has prepared for your future so you can live life with that eternal perspective that gets you ready for your future.

Understanding This Life’s Purpose

You are in school; you are in Jesus’ life-classes. He has only given you a little bit of power so you won’t be able to do too much damage, if you choose to. You are finding out what kind of person you *want* to be. You are being challenged, tested, and tempted; the decisions you make as to *who* you want to be aren’t all about how much, money, possessions, positions, power, prestige, popularity, pleasure, or accomplishments you achieve. Jesus is watching to see what *kind* of person you will decide to become; that is your life-test for time and eternity. Let’s see how Jesus lived His earthly life and see what He is looking for in you.

The Kingdom Is Only As Great As Its King

Jesus is developing a Kingdom; only those who qualify will be allowed in it. Just like we are being given an opportunity to decide whether or not we want Jesus and His Kingdom, Jesus is deciding who He wants to join Him in His Kingdom. As you go through this study, see if you like Jesus' attitudes and character. If you do, the born again experience will give you the *power* to receive Jesus' attitudes and character into you and your life; that will qualify you for Jesus' Kingdom. .

1. Let Your View Of The King Change

Jesus said in **Matthew 11:28 (NIV) "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."** Can you imagine a president, dictator, or king saying this to you? Jesus said in **Matthew 20:28 (NIV) "The Son of Man (Jesus in his earthly body) did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many."** Does this sound like any kind of leader, boss, or employer that you have been under their authority?

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Let's say you like what you see in Jesus and do decide to make Him the King of your life. How are you going to be still living under the rules, laws, and influences of an unjust, corrupt, selfish, evil world? That is part of why Jesus came here as God, but allowed Himself to enter this world, just like you did. **Luke 2:6-7 (NIV) While they were there, the time came for the baby (Jesus) to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.** Does this sound like the kind of *God* you would imagine?

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The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

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Ruling And Judging Perfectly

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him--the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. The beauty of Jesus' life is recorded in the Gospels (the first four books of the New Testament). Jesus loves people; He especially cares about those who are in trouble or are hurting. It is easy to accept His leadership; He is the type of person Who treats people the way they want and need to be treated; but, we have to allow Him to join us in this relationship.

Perfect Attitudes And Character

The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him: Our heavenly Father's Spirit is on Him and is flowing through Him so we can see our Father's character too. As you see the attitudes and character of Jesus, you are seeing the attitudes and character of your heavenly Father. Jesus and the Father are exactly alike; if you learn to like the way Jesus is, then you will be liking the way your heavenly Father is as well. In other words, Jesus, our King, will lead with ALL the love, wisdom,

understanding, counsel, power, and knowledge of God. Jesus' counsel and power will all be from the God of the universe.

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One of the reasons Jesus came in bodily form, several thousand years ago, was to let us see what kind of a God, our heavenly Father is. In other words, Jesus only said, did, and lived like God, the Father, wanted Him to. As you read about Jesus in the Bible, you will see what He and the Father are all about. If you like what you see, you can allow Him to win your heart over to His love and kindness.

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Isa 11:3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what He sees with His eyes, or decide by what He hears with His ears. All during your life and when the new world order is set up, Jesus will be able to see beyond the obvious. He will be able to rule with the full knowledge of what did happen; that will make life fair. He is and will be an Authority that makes life fair for all.

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Earthly courts and leaders are always trying to get at the truth in all situations. It can take years of evidence, research, trials, debates, and sorting through lies trying to find out what really happened. Finding the truth isn't always possible in the current systems. But, Jesus automatically knows the truth and makes His decisions based on true facts. His attitude toward the way God, the Father, thinks will influence all His decisions. With His incredible knowledge, understanding, and wisdom, He will use His wonderful attitudes and character to produce win/win situations for all involved.

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Well, that's great for the future; but, what about our problems now? This Kingdom is available to you now. The social pressures, people's opinions and criticisms, the socially acceptable way of doing things, and all the man-made rules that are currently being levied against you can be removed from your heart and life. The truth of the matter is, no one actually lives by them themselves; they just hold these high standards against everyone else.

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Week One Day Three

He Will Make Sure Everyone Is Treated Fair

1. By Eliminating Wickedness

Isa 11:4 But with *righteousness* He will judge the needy, with justice He will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth; with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. The wicked are people who refuse to stop sinning and hurting other people. Since they won't allow Jesus to cure them of their wickedness, He eliminates them from His family and Kingdom.

2. By Ruling And Judging With Righteousness

But with *righteousness* He will judge the needy: God views treating people right as a prime issue. Righteousness is a word that expresses fair treatment. However, it isn't describing just an attitude. It isn't talking about a king or national head doing the best they can. That would leave room for error. Even if a leader didn't mean to hurt someone, the person still got hurt. Even if the leader's attitudes were good, it wouldn't change the damage done to the person. The fact that he just made a mistake still brings about errors in our daily life. Jesus knows what is going on and has the power to make it right.

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He Has All Authority And Power

Nothing Can Overcome Jesus' Kingdom

He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth: Jesus is all powerful; He is the King of the Kingdom of God. As King, He has the right to control the whole earth as His Kingdom; no one is powerful enough to dethrone Him. **Mat 28:18 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority (power) <u>in heaven and on earth</u> has been given to Me.** He alone, without any help, will be powerful enough to stop anything from hurting any of us. He is so wise and all knowing that nothing can happen to us without Him approving or preventing it. Before something bad happens, He will know about it and prevent it; He has absolute power over all.

This Kingdom is never going to end; we are able to join it now and it will be an awesome place to live forever.

He Has All Authority And Power Over Difficulties With Life
With this kind of power, wisdom, understanding and knowledge, He will prove to you that He is more than able to meet your needs. If you go ahead and make Him the Lord of your life, He will start many of the benefits of His Kingdom in your life NOW! As you see Him help you and work miracles in your difficulties with life, you will start allowing Him to put more and more of His character and wisdom in you.

Love Will Influence His Character

Isa 11:5 Righteousness will be His belt and faithfulness the sash around His waist.

Jesus I*s* Love
Jesus wears righteousness and faithfulness like we wear clothing; He makes it His way of life. Even though He has absolute power, He is also a person Who IS absolute love. His power will always be used to do what is loving, right, fair, and just. It will be the first time we will experience a leader Who will be and do everything with righteousness and faithfulness. He will not only do it for the Kingdom citizens as a group, He will do it for you as a person. All the leaders we have experienced up until now have always had a personal agenda. Jesus will break that pattern and show you what God is all about.

Jesus Is Patient
Jesus isn't ready to close down this current world and governments. This is because you and many people around the world are currently being given an opportunity to choose Him as their Savior, Lord, and King. He wants to give everyone time to be born again and make Him their Savior, King and Lord. Once Jesus ends this world order and starts His Kingdom, it will close the door on those who haven't yet accepted Him as their King. So, He keeps waiting until He can see that no more will change their mind.

Jesus Gives Everyone A Warning
Those who haven't accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior are getting a warning. The world government and rules continue to control them. Their prayers go unanswered; their circumstances continue to rule over them; people around them continue to influence and manipulate their plans and goals; they go on making decisions that hurt them; and, their lives keep heading in

undetermined directions, as they allow events to control their destiny. But, soon you will be able to share with others these wonderful things you are learning so *their* life can change, if they want it to.

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Jesus, with this kind of power, wisdom, understanding and knowledge, let it be proof to me that You are more than able to meet my needs. If I go ahead and make You the Lord of my life, You will start many of the benefits of Your Kingdom in my life *now*! Then, as I see You help me and work miracles in my difficulties with life, I will start allowing You to put more and more of Your character and wisdom in me.

Love Will Influence His Character

Jesus, **righteousness will be** Your **belt and faithfulness the sash around** Your **waist (Isa 11:5).** You are the kind of leader I want governing over the world around me.

Jesus IS Love

Jesus, You wear righteousness and faithfulness like I wear clothing; You make it Your way of life. Even though You have absolute power, You are also a person Who IS absolute love. Your power will always be used to do what is loving, right, fair, and just. It will be the first time I will experience a leader Who will be and do everything with righteousness and faithfulness. You will not only do it for the Kingdom citizens as a group, You will do it for me as a person. All the leaders I have experienced up until now have always had a personal agenda. You will break that pattern and show me what God is all about.

Jesus Is Patient

Jesus, You aren't ready to close down this current world and governments. This is because I and many people around the world are currently being given an opportunity to choose You as their Savior, Lord, and King. You want to give me and everyone else time to be born again and make You their Savior, King and Lord. Show me that once You end this world order and start Your Kingdom, it will close the door on those who haven't yet accepted You as their King. So, You keep waiting until You can see that no more will change their mind.

Jesus Gives Everyone A Warning

Jesus, teach me that those who haven't accepted You as their Lord and Savior are getting a warning. The world government and rules continue to control them. Their prayers go unanswered; their circumstances continue to rule over them; people around them continue to influence and manipulate their plans and goals; they go on making decisions that hurt them; and, their lives keep heading in undetermined directions, as they allow events to control their destiny. But, make it clear to me that soon I will be able to share with others these wonderful things I am learning so *their* life can change, if they want it to.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week One Day Four

The Kingdom Is Only As Great As Its Structure

All Creatures Will Be Changed

Isa 11:6-8 The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest.

Sin Changed The Original Plan
The above Scripture introduces us into another change from what we are used to. God's original plan for this earth was for every creature to be vegetarian. But, when spiritual disease (sin) was introduced into the planet, many things changed. Spiritual disease contaminated God's perfect creation and plan.

This Is What We Are Used To
Man, who was given the freedom of choice, chose to follow Satan's advice. The moment that happened, the planet started suffering from Satan's influence. We did, the animals did, and the planet all started suffering from satanic evil. We started eating animals, animals started eating us and one another, and everything got contaminated with diseases and deterioration.

Peaceful Vegetarians

Back To The Original Plan
Once spiritual disease (sin) has been removed from those who are willing, *they* will be allowed to live in God's Kingdom. There, we and all the animals will be vegetarian; plus, there will be no need for defense mechanisms and weapons. We will be able to trust the creatures and the creatures will be able to trust us. We won't need to protect ourselves from them by shooting them. They won't need to protect themselves from us by biting, poisoning, or mauling us; and, neither of us will eat the other as food.

In The Mean Time
God is going to allow you to experience many of the benefits of this Kingdom structure now. Once you join it, He will bless the toil and labor that you do with your hands. He prospers those who put their trust in Him.

You Will Have Protection Now
The beasts and poisonous creatures that would typically be out to kill you are under His control. He will protect you from their deadly influence for as long as you don't take unnecessary risks with these creatures. He isn't going to empower you to be a snake handler or lion trainer. But He will watch over you during your "normal" course of life. Through His current protection, you will get glimpses into the Kingdom you will be a part of for eternity.

The Kingdom Is Only Going To Be As Great As Its People

Surrounded By Righteous People

Isa 11:9 They will neither harm nor destroy on all My holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Jesus' Cure: One Person At A Time
This "knowledge of the Lord" is what God is trying to get mankind to listen to now. If we listen to and start living it, our lives begin changing drastically from that moment on. Additionally, we all become candidates for being citizens of the Kingdom of God. One of the reasons you can be allowed to enter God's Kingdom is because you receive complete deliverance from all spiritual disease.

Jesus' Cure: We AND God Are Free To Choose
Just like it would be wrong for someone with a highly contagious disease to be allowed to go around infecting others, God isn't going to allow spiritually diseased people to get into His disease-free Kingdom; But, everyone can choose to be cured.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

Week One Day Four

The Kingdom Is Only As Great As Its Structure

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Sin Changed The Original Plan

Jesus, thank You for giving me the above Scripture. It introduces me into another change from what I am used to. Help me understand that God's original plan for this earth was for every creature to be vegetarian. But, when spiritual disease (sin) was introduced into the planet, many things changed. Spiritual disease contaminated God's perfect creation and plan. But, through You, Jesus, we are given the opportunity to be set free from sin so we can be a part of this new world.

This Is What We Are Used To

Jesus, the man, who was given the freedom of choice, chose to follow Satan's advice. I also was given the same choice and made the same decision. And, like Adam and Eve, the moment

that happened, I became a part of the planet that is suffering from Satan's influence. I did, the animals did, and the planet all are suffering from satanic evil. I started eating animals, animals started trying to eat me and one another, and everything got contaminated with diseases and deterioration. Thank You for giving me a chance to make a better decision and be a part of a better world and Kingdom.

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Once spiritual disease (sin) has been removed from me because I am willing, I will be allowed to live in God's Kingdom. There, I and all the animals will be vegetarian; plus, there will be no need for defense mechanisms and weapons. I will be able to trust the creatures and the creatures will be able to trust me. I won't need to protect myself from them by shooting them. They won't need to protect themselves from me by biting, poisoning, or mauling me; and, neither of us will eat the other as food.

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Jesus, it is exciting to look into the future and see that people in Your Kingdom **will neither harm nor destroy on all** Your **holy mountain, for the earth will be full of <u>the knowledge of the LORD</u> as the waters cover the sea.**

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Jesus, just like it would be wrong for someone with a highly contagious disease to be allowed to go around infecting others, You aren't going to allow spiritually diseased people to get into Your disease-free Kingdom; *but*, I can choose to be cured.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week One Day Five

If You Like God's Character, You Are Going To Love His Kingdom

You Must Give Up One Freedom

Right now, you are free to choose to commit sins or not. You and those around you are free to contaminate each other, if you want to. But, if you choose to join God's Kingdom, you will be totally free to choose anything you want *except sin*. If you want to be a part of God's Kingdom, you have to be willing to lose your desire to yield to and participate in sin now. And, you have to be willing to lose your ability and your opportunity to think or commit sin in eternity.

You Must Agree To Give Up One Freedom

As long as you remain in your current body, you will remain with the right to decide to commit sins; but, if you do, you forfeit your right to enter God's Kingdom. But, just as soon as Jesus comes back to be King, we who have decided to be a part of His Kingdom will have already agreed to this one loss of freedom. We will all lose the *ability* to think, feel, say, or do harm or destroy. We, who have joined this Kingdom, have already agreed to live our lives according to **the knowledge of the Lord.** It requires that we only do good things to each other.

You Must Be Willing To Give Up One Freedom

In Jesus' Kingdom, the ways of God are going to dominate the planet **like the waters cover the sea.** If a person isn't willing to agree to these requirements, they will not be allowed to join God's

Kingdom. It should be easy for everyone to understand that any other procedure would not produce a perfect Kingdom. Be *willing* to give up your right to sin (do bad things to yourself and others) and Jesus will set you free from the problems you are facing with life. If you are willing, Jesus will empower you to actually give up your right to sin.

People Are Going To Love Being Ruled By Him

Isa 11:10 In that day the Root of Jesse (Jesus) will stand as a banner for the people; the nations will rally to Him, and His place of rest will be glorious.

The Root Of Jesse Is A New Government

Remember the tree stump that a branch grew out of? An old tree that has been cut down and is only a stump would look like its life is over. That was a word picture of Jesus and His Kingdom growing out of a world that seems like it is doomed. The current situations of the governments of this world can give you the feeling that there just can't be a good government. You can feel like all politicians will always be corrupt. However, this "Root of Jesse," Jesus, is going to prove to you that He is totally different from anyone you have ever met or heard of.

Now Is The Time To Decide

Everyone is making their decision right now as to whether or not they want Jesus to be their King. Everyone! Here is God's rule concerning who is and who isn't accepting Jesus as their King: After a person dies, if they haven't allowed Jesus to *already* be their King, then they have voted against Jesus and His Kingdom. **John 3:18 (NIV) Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already *because* he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

Week One Day Five

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You Must Agree To Give Up One Freedom

Jesus, show me that as long as I am in my current body, I have the right to decide to commit sins; but, if I do, I forfeit my right to enter God's Kingdom. When You come back to be King, help me be one of those who have decided to be a part of Your Kingdom; help me to have already agreed to this one loss of freedom. Make me willing to lose the *ability* to think, feel, say, or do harm or destroy. Make me one who joined this Kingdom and has already agreed to live my life according to **the knowledge of the Lord.** It requires that I only do good things to myself and others.

You Must Be Willing To Give Up One Freedom

Jesus, teach me that in Your Kingdom, the ways of God are going to dominate the planet **like the waters cover the sea.** Help me be willing to agree to these requirements so I can be allowed to join God's Kingdom. Make it easy for me to understand that any other procedure would not produce a perfect Kingdom. Help me be *willing* to give up my right to sin (do bad things to myself and others). Help me believe You will set me free from the problems I am facing with life. Help me be willing so You can empower me to actually give up my right to sin.

People Are Going To Love Being Ruled By Him

Jesus, I believe that **in that day** You, **the Root of Jesse, will stand as a banner for the people; the nations will rally to** You**, and** Your **place of rest will be glorious (Isa 11:10).** Make me a part of that Kingdom.

The Root Of Jesse Is A New Government

Jesus help me understand this illustration of the tree stump that a branch grew out of. Teach me that an old tree that has been cut down and is only a stump would look like its life is over. Show me the meaning of this word picture of You and Your Kingdom growing out of a world that seems like it is doomed. The current situations of the governments have given me the feeling that there just can't be a good government. I feel like all politicians will always be corrupt. Help me believe that this "Root of Jesse," You, are going to prove to me that You are totally different from anyone I have ever met or heard of.

Now Is The Time To Decide

Jesus, teach me and help me understand that I am making my decision right now as to whether or not I want Jesus to be my King. Teach me God's rule concerning who is and who isn't accepting You as their King. Show me that after a I die, if I haven't allowed You to *already* be my King, then I have voted against You and Your Kingdom. Teach me **John 3:18 (NIV) Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already *because* he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.**

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week Two Day One

Four Ways To Reject Jesus As Your King:

When a person hears about Jesus and doesn't make *any* decision, it means that they are in a current condition of having rejected Jesus. It is important for a person who has heard about Jesus to go ahead and ask Him to be their Lord, Savior, and King. He allows us to try Christianity out so we can make a *knowledgeable* decision as to whether or not we want to keep it. So, let's take a look at the four ways a person can reject Jesus.

1. Not Making A Decision Is A Decision At Death
If by the time we die we still haven't allowed Jesus to set us free from all spiritual disease (sin), it will constitute rejection of Jesus and God's Kingdom.

2. Not Making A Decision Is A Decision At Loss Of Mental Ability
If by the time we permanently lose consciousness or permanently lose our mental faculties and we still haven't allowed Jesus to set us free from all spiritual disease (sin), it will constitute rejection of Jesus and God's Kingdom.

3. Not Making A Decision Is A Decision At Jesus' Return

If Jesus comes back to take us to His Kingdom, who have heard about Him and haven't died, and if they haven't allowed Him to set them free from sin (spiritual disease), their lack of acceptance will keep them out of the Kingdom of God.

4. Making A Decision Against Accepting Jesus
If while a person is still alive they decide against Jesus' plan for how we go about entering into the Kingdom of God, that decision will constitute rejection of God's Kingdom.

We will be providing prayers for you to go ahead and accept Jesus so you can try Christianity out. You have been given enough training, prayed enough prayers, and have been given enough faith in Jesus to go ahead and let Him show you what Christianity, your heavenly Father, and the Bible are all about. Go ahead and accept Jesus so you can be protected from missing out on the wonderful things in God's Kingdom because of one of the above four issues.

Spiritual Disease M*ust* Be Removed

Jesus Is The O*nly* Cure
The reason why no one can enter God's Kingdom unless they have accepted Jesus' salvation is because of spiritual disease. These deadly, highly contagious contaminates have to be dealt with before anyone is going to be allowed to enter God's Kingdom. And, Jesus is the only One Who has the cure that sets us free from the spiritual disease of sin.

It's A Disease Free Kingdom
One of the main reasons why the Kingdom of God is going to be such a glorious place is because there will be no disease there. There won't be any physical or spiritual disease in God's Kingdom. That one feature alone makes it a wonderful place to live.

No physical disease: no cancer, no flu, no "common" colds, no broken bones, no disfigurement, or physical malady will be allowed to come on you.

No spiritual disease: no stealing or theft, no killing or being murdered, no cheating or being cheated, no lying or being lied to, no relational problems, no emotional problems, no financial problems, and no struggles with life.

BUT, one small contaminant would ruin the whole Kingdom for everyone; so, they are all ban from it.

Complete Free Will

Right now we have full freedom of choice. As long as Jesus hasn't come back, as long as we are alive, as long as we are conscious, and as long as we are sane here on earth, we will not lose our rights to full freedom. Right now, we can accept Jesus' power to set us free from the deadly, infectious disease of sin, if we want to. He is willing to provide His power and protection; this is so we can make a decision to become a part of His Kingdom; and it is so we can know we will not accidentally lose it, be forced to lose it, or be fooled into losing it.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

Week Two Day One

Four Ways To Reject Jesus As Your King:

Jesus, I have been hearing and studying about You. As of yet, I haven't made a decision; You are now teaching me that, that means I am in a current condition of having rejected You. You are showing me that it is important for me, who has heard about You, to go ahead and ask You to be my Lord, Savior, and King. I now know that You will allow me to try Christianity out so I can make a *knowledgeable* decision. You do this so I can truly know whether or not I want to keep it. Help me take a look at the four ways I can reject You so I can understand how this all works.

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Jesus, I now realize that, if by the time I die and I still haven't allowed You to set me free from all spiritual disease (sin), it will constitute rejection of You and God's Kingdom.

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Jesus, I now realize that, if You come back to take me to Your Kingdom before I die, if I haven't allowed You to set me free from sin (spiritual disease), my lack of acceptance will keep me out of the Kingdom of God.

4. Making A Decision Against Accepting Jesus

Jesus, I now realize that, if while I am still alive I decide against Your plan for how I go about entering into the Kingdom of God, that decision will constitute my rejection of God's Kingdom.

A Prayer To Try Christianity Out

Jesus, I thank you for providing prayers for me to go ahead and pray so I can accept You and try Christianity out. You have given me enough training; You have help me pray enough prayers; and You have given me enough faith in You to go ahead and let You show me what Christianity, my heavenly Father, and the Bible are all about. I believe this will protect me from missing out on the wonderful things in God's Kingdom because of one of the above four issues.

Jesus, I now, with this prayer, ask You to be my Savior, Lord, and King. Forgive me of all my sins I committed in my past, am committing in the present, and will commit in the future. I forgive everyone of any sins they have committed against me. I do this so You can forgive me just like I have forgiven everyone else. I thank You for hearing and answering my prayer. Thank You for becoming my Savior, Lord, and King.

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Jesus, I accept the reason for why no one can enter God's Kingdom unless they have asked for Your salvation; it is because of spiritual disease. These deadly, highly contagious contaminates have to be dealt with before I or anyone else is going to be allowed to enter God's Kingdom. And, I accept the fact that You are the only One Who has the cure that sets me free from the spiritual disease of sin. I believe You answered my prayer and cured me of all spiritual disease of sin.

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Jesus, I accept the fact that one of the main reasons why the Kingdom of God is going to be such a glorious place is because there will be no disease there. I accept that there won't be any physical or spiritual disease in God's Kingdom. That one feature alone helped me accept it as a wonderful place for me to live.

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I accept the fact that one small contaminant would ruin the whole Kingdom for everyone; so, they are all ban from it. Thank You for cleansing me from all contaminants and making me a part of it.

Complete Free Will

Jesus, right now I have full freedom of choice. As long as You haven't come back, as long as I am alive, as long as I am conscious, and as long as I am sane, I will not lose my rights to full freedom. Right now, I am accepting and believing in Your power; I believe You have set me free from the deadly, infectious disease of sin, because I *wanted* and *asked* You to. I believe You are providing me Your power and protection; You did it so I could make this decision and be made a part of Your Kingdom. I know I will not accidentally lose it, be forced to lose it, or be fooled into losing it. I have to use my God-given free will to get out of this relationship.

Thank You Jesus for answering all these prayers I have been praying all through this study. Thank you for making me be born again, be saved, be given Christianity, and be made a member of my heavenly Father's family and a citizen of His Kingdom.

Tell People Jesus Is Your Lord

Now, one more thing is needed: **Rom 10:9-10 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.** Jesus, I now **confess with** my **mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in** my **heart that God raised** You **from the dead.** I believe that after having done those two things I have been **saved. For it is with** my **heart that** I have **believed and am justified, and it is with** my **mouth that** I have **confessed and am saved.**

Congratulations! You have just been accepted into Jesus' family and Kingdom! Jesus and His Holy Spirit have come inside you; but, there will be a lot of training from them before you will be able to fully take advantage of that relationship. So, please continue studying these materials so you can get the full benefits of your born again experience, salvation, and justification. Jesus will be helping us see how to take advantage of all He has to offer.

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Week Two Day Two

The Kingdom Is Only Going To Be As Great As Its Provisions

A New Place To Live Forever

Now let's take a look at the city that is going to be a part of the Kingdom of God. God is going to turn the heavens and the earth into new ones. Then He is going to put His own city in the midst of it. The name of the city is going to be the New Jerusalem. This is going to be incredible.

A Perfect Place To Live Forever

Rev 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. The sea (ocean) has served as a killer that has taken a lot of lives. The storms and waves of the sea won't drown people. Its salt water and vast distances has also served as a great separator of continents, nations, people, and relationships. It won't take long plane or boat trips to finally get to the other continents. This barrier will be taken away because we will want to all be together.

A Permanent Place To Live Forever

This new heaven and new earth are not going to have the current problems. There will be no rotting, decay, deterioration, rusting, aging, or falling apart. No earth quakes, no areas too hot or too cold, no high winds, and no constant land erosion. There won't be any weeds, thorns, poisonous plants, or barren deserts. The fruit and nut trees will naturally grow; the vegetables and flowers will automatically flourish. And all this will last forever.

No Crime In This City

Rev 21:2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Because we have all yielded to Jesus and allowed Him to cure us of sin, we will have His attitudes, character, and love for each other. And, since there will be no lack of any good thing, we won't need to try to steal, cheat, lie, or mislead anyone. We will all have more than enough of everything we need. No one will be left out, poor, hungry, homeless, or naked.

The City With God's Special Presences

We will get a better look at this city a little bit later. The most awesome aspect of it is the fact that this is a special place for the presence of God. God, of course, is bigger and vaster than any special city. Since He is everywhere, it won't contain Him. However, this is where we will experience His presence in a very special way. Since we are learning how wonderful God is, this is helping us want to live where He is.

The City For God's Special People

Right now, we have a certain amount of contaminates even if we have done what it takes to have them dealt with. These contaminates keeps us from fully experiencing the presence of God. But, then we will be able to get as close as we want and experience it all. We won't have confusion, misunderstandings, feelings of loneliness, helplessness, hopelessness, fear, depression, or anger.

We And God Will Have The Same Character

Our Change Of Attitudes And Character Prepared Us For This

Rev 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God." If we didn't learn how wonderful Jesus and our heavenly Father are, this wouldn't mean much to us. If we hadn't experienced the evil of this world, we wouldn't have

anything to compare God with. But, Jesus has shown us a way of life that is far superior to the way of this world of sin.

Our Change Of Words And Deeds Prepared Us For This
No one has been able to love and care for us like God. No matter what system we have come up with, it has always had major flaws. No one has been able to help us get along with one another. No one has been able to cure us of these spiritual diseases that create hatred, anger, jealousy, envy, strife, murder, and all the other relational, financial, emotional, and physical problems we face. We were healed so we could live with God and appreciate His way of life.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

Week Two Day Two

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A Perfect Place To Live Forever

Jesus, help me see this **new heaven and a new earth,** help me see the need **for the first heaven and the first earth** to be **passed away, and there no longer** be **any sea (Rev 21:1).** I understand that the sea (ocean) has served as a killer that has taken a lot of lives, that the storms and waves of the sea will no longer drown people. Its salt water and vast distances have also served as a great separator of continents, nations, people, and relationships. Help me appreciate that it won't take long plane or boat trips to finally get to the other continents. This barrier will be taken away because we will want to all be together.

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Jesus, prepare my heart and mind for when we get a better look at this city a little bit later. Reveal to me that the most awesome aspect of this city is the fact that this is a special place for the presence of God. I know that God is bigger and vaster than any special city. Since He is everywhere, it won't contain Him. However, help me look forward to experiencing His presence in a very special way. Since I am learning how wonderful God is, let this help me want to live where He is.

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Jesus, right now I have a certain amount of contaminates even though I have done what it takes to have them dealt with. These contaminates are keeping me from fully experiencing the presence of God. But, then I will be able to get as close as I want and experience it all. I won't have confusion, misunderstandings, feelings of loneliness, helplessness, hopelessness, fear, depression, or anger.

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Jesus, as I read about this **loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God (Rev 21:3),"** help me understand how wonderful that will be. If I didn't learn how wonderful You and my heavenly Father are, this wouldn't mean much to me. If I hadn't experienced the evil of this world, I wouldn't have anything to compare God with. But, You have shown me a way of life that is far superior to the way of this world of sin.

Our Change Of Words And Deeds Prepared Us For This

Jesus, no one has been able to love and care for me like God. No matter what system I have come up with, it has always had major flaws. No one has been able to help me get along with others. No one has been able to cure me of these spiritual diseases that create hatred, anger, jealousy, envy, strife, murder, and all the other relational, financial, emotional, and physical problems I face. I have been healed so I can live with God and appreciate His way of life. Thank You for that!

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week Two Day Three

God Has The Solution

The System Of The New Heaven And Earth

God has created many things that are going to make His Kingdom a dynamic, exciting, active place:

- A cure for spiritual disease: No more war, hate, stealing, lying, cheating, killing, or inequality.

- A society filled with His character: love, compassion, justice, kindness, unity, and friendship.

- A Kingdom completely isolated from any evil influence: No more temptations to do wrong, bad, or evil things.

- Eternal life lived in that Kingdom: An incredible body, life, and place where you will *want* to live forever.

- Opportunities to do things with Jesus that will generate more excitement than we can imagine.

- A continued expansion of the Kingdom as more and more people come into existence and are tested.

- Our involvement as rulers in the Kingdom-of-God expansion: We will be very actively involved in important, exciting, and powerful issues.

No More Pain Or Sorrow

Rev 21:4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

No more sadness; no more emotional trauma; no more separation caused by death; and, no more endings of relationships due to misunderstanding, conflict, or evil. There will be joy, pleasure, resources, life, opportunities, and benefits. God, Whom we have invited to be our God, will respond to our invitation with the type of character, power, and provisions that only He can supply. However, our relationship with Him must first be established here on earth through Jesus. Once we learn we can trust Jesus, He will invite us to spend eternity with Him. The old will pass away; the new will last forever.

The Kingdom Is Only As Great As Its Economic System

Now, let's take a look at this New Jerusalem, the city of God where we will be with God. The Bible gives us a pretty good look at this New Jerusalem city. Its design will give you a better idea of the quality of this new heaven and new earth.

We Will Be Surrounded With Wealth

Rev 21:10-11 And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal.

It's Big

Rev 21:12-17 It had a great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates. On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. There were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west. The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

The angel who talked with me had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls. The city was laid out like a square, as long as it was wide. He measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. He measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.

A Planet Built In Beauty

The Garden Of Eden was a beautiful, wonderful place; but, sin made it important to exclude all of mankind from accessing it. Chaos, evil, confusion, hardships, destruction, conflicts, and pain entered into this world the moment sin entered. This world only allows us glimpses of what it would have been had there not been sin here. BUT, you, God's family, and God's Kingdom have all been separated from all sin. So, now we can get back to God's original plan.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

Week Two Day Three

God Has The Solution

The System Of The New Heaven And Earth

Jesus, my God has created many things that are going to make His Kingdom a dynamic, exciting, active place. Thank You for making me be a part of it.

- He is providing me a cure for spiritual disease: I will be in a Kingdom where there is no more war, hate, stealing, lying, cheating, killing, or inequality.

- He is providing me with a society filled with His character: I will have and experience love, compassion, justice, kindness, unity, and friendship.

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- He is providing me eternal life lived in that Kingdom: I am going to have an incredible body, life, and place where I will *want* to live forever.

- He is providing me opportunities to do things with You that will generate more excitement than I can imagine.

- He is making me a part of a continued expansion of the Kingdom as more and more people come into existence and are tested.

- He is making me a part of an involvement as a ruler in the Kingdom-of-God expansion: I will be very actively involved in important, exciting, and powerful issues. Thank You so much for making me aware of all these wonderful things He has planned for me through Your salvation.

No More Pain Or Sorrow

Jesus, God **will wipe every tear from** my **eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away (Rev 21:4).** This is a wonderful plan and future You have made me a part of!

Jesus, I will have no more sadness; no more emotional trauma; no more separation caused by death; and, no more endings of relationships due to misunderstanding, conflict, or evil. I will have joy, pleasure, resources, life, opportunities, and benefits. God, Whom I have invited to be my God, will respond to my invitation with the type of character, power, and provisions that only He can supply. However, I realize that my relationship with Him must first be established here on earth through You. As I learn I can trust You, You will invite me to spend eternity with You. The old will pass away; the new will last forever.

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It's Big

Jesus, let me see its **great, high wall with twelve gates, and with twelve angels at the gates.** Show me that **on the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel,** that **there** are **three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south and three on the west.** And that **the wall of the city** has **twelve foundations, and on them** are **the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb (Rev 21:12-17).**

Let me see **the angel talk with** John and **had a measuring rod of gold to measure the city, its gates and its walls.** Let me also see that **the city** is **laid out like a square, as long as it was wide.** Let me see that **he measured the city with the rod and found it to be 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long.** Let me see that **he measured its wall and it was 144 cubits thick, by man's measurement, which the angel was using.**

A Planet Built In Beauty

Jesus, I accept the fact that the Garden Of Eden was a beautiful, wonderful place; but, sin made it important to exclude it from all of mankind being able to accessing it. I accept the fact that chaos, evil, confusion, hardships, destruction, conflicts, and pain entered into this world the moment sin entered. This world only allows me glimpses of what it would have been had there not been sin here. BUT, I, God's family, and God's Kingdom have all been separated from all sin. So, now I can be a part of God's original plan.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week Two Day Four

It's Beautiful

Rev 21:18-21 The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst. The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass.

It's Perfect

Rev 21:22-27 I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

If God is preparing all of this for you in eternity, don't you believe that He is willing and able to heal you from the struggles you are having with life?

It's Powerful

Rev 22:1-5 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

This is a Kingdom that is based on generosity; no precious metals or gems that are exclusive; everything will be free. No rich people taking advantage of poor people; no poor people! Everyone will be wealthy; no hoarding; no stealing; no positions or power that puts others down. Giving will always be preferable to getting. No limit to all supplies; there will be so much of everything that no one will have to be concerned for more. No one will have to worry about doing without those things they need and want.

The Invitation

Jesus, the King of the universe, came to earth and set the Kingdom example. He gave, served, sacrificed, and loved; this is Who God is. God has a plan. We have a plan. We just have to decide whose plan is better. The Bible is giving us a glimpse into the beauty of God's Kingdom. He is generously sending out the invitation to any who will agree to let Him deal with the spiritual disease that is in their life. God would love to have You join Him in eternity. He just can't let you in like you are.

We know that the pleasures of this current world are a lot of fun; and, all you have known is life on this planet. It is difficult for you to grasp many aspects of the Kingdom of God. But, we believe God is talking to you and helping you to see the reality of His Kingdom. we are sure you can see the problems in the way you think, feel, talk, and act. As you look at yourself, the society at large, the conditions of our governments, and the direction things are heading, we are sure you can see God's reasoning.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

Week Two Day Four

It's Beautiful

Jesus, since **the wall** is **made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass,** and since **the foundations of the city walls** are **decorated with every kind of precious stone,** and since **the first foundation** is **jasper, the second sapphire, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald, the fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth amethyst,** and since **the twelve gates** are **twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl,** and since **the great street of the city** are **of pure gold, like transparent glass (Rev 21:18-21),** I can see what a beautiful thing You are making me a part of. Thank You for doing all it took to include me in Your plans for the future.

It's Perfect

Jesus, since John **did not see a temple in the city, because Lord God Almighty and** You, **the Lamb are its temple,** and since **the city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and** You, **the Lamb is its lamp, the nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it.** Since **on no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there,** and since **the glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it,** and since **nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written**

in the Lamb's book of life (Rev 21:22-27), I am excited with this plan You have for my future.

Since God is preparing all of this for me in eternity, I believe that He is willing and able to heal me from the struggles I am having with life.

It's Powerful

Jesus, take me with John as **the angel showed** him **the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations (Rev 22:1-2).** Give me a clear picture of it all so I can see the importance of really applying myself to all You want to teach me and empower me to do.

Jesus, I thank You that **no longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of** You, **the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him. They will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. <u>And they will reign for ever and ever</u> (Rev 22:3-5).** That is so exciting; I can see through this small glimpse that this is well worth the time, effort, and resources it takes.

I now see that this is a Kingdom that is based on generosity; no precious metals or gems that are exclusive; everything will be free. No rich people taking advantage of poor people; no poor people! Everyone will be wealthy; no hoarding; no stealing; no positions or power that puts others down. Giving will always be preferable to getting. No limit to all supplies; there will be so much of everything that no one will have to be concerned for more. No one will have to worry about doing without those things they need and want. That is the place where I want to spend my eternity!

The Invitation

Jesus, You are the King of the universe; You came to earth and set the Kingdom example. You gave, served, sacrificed, and loved; I now see that this is Who God is. God has a plan for me; but, I have a plan for me. Help me decide that God's plan is better. The Bible is giving me a

glimpse into the beauty of God's Kingdom. He is generously sending out the invitation to me as a person who will agree to let Him deal with the spiritual disease that is in my life. I believe God would love to have me join Him in eternity. He just couldn't let me in like I was. But, now that I have started trying Christianity out, it is helping me see how great it is.

I know that the pleasures of this current world are a lot of fun; and, that is all I have known on this planet. It is difficult for me to grasp many aspects of the Kingdom of God. But, I believe Jesus is talking to me and helping me to see the reality of His Kingdom. I can see the problems in the way I think, feel, talk, and act. As I look at myself, the society at large, the conditions of my government, and the direction things are heading, I can see God's reasoning. Help me totally cooperate with all You need to do in me to get me ready for a perfect, eternal family and Kingdom.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Truth Page

Week Two Day Five

A Kingdom Is Only As Great As Its Freedom

God Could Force Us

God has the power to take away everyone's will; He is able to turn us all into robots or slaves. He can force us all to live the Kingdom-of-God life; but, that would make Him a tyrant; it would make us mindless slaves; and the Kingdom would be a lifeless place of automation. He knows what He is doing; He also knows the best way to arrange this transition.

God Doesn't Always Get His Way

2 Pet 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, <u>not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance</u>.

This is what God wants for every person; but, He refuses to force us to do the right and best things. Some will be eternally lost because they will refuse to let go of their sins. They must be given the right to exclude themselves from God's plan and all His provisions. You have that right.

Your Freedom Of Sin-Choice Is Limited To This Lifetime

God has given you your life; and, it will remain your choice about Jesus' salvation. For as long as Jesus hasn't come to take all who are ready to His Kingdom, for as long as you are still alive, for as long as you are still conscious, and for as long as you are still sane, you are free to decide what you are going to do about Jesus' salvation. If Jesus comes, a person dies, permanently loses consciousness, permanently becomes insane, then their opportunities to allow Jesus to set them free from spiritual disease will be over.

We Have A God-Given Free Will

Individuals Are Free To Live The Way They Want

We're sure you have noticed that people pretty much do what they want here on earth. If they want to be good people, they can. If they want to lie, cheat, steal, murder, rape, or hoard, they can. If they want to love, share, help, befriend, sacrifice, accept, or build up, they can.

Leaders Are Free To Live The Way They Want

Leaders can be honest, filled with integrity, benevolent, resourceful, and beneficial, if they want to. Or, they can be tyrants, liars, cheats, murders, and produce war. Wherever God places them in life, they can decide what kind of character they are going to have in that position. This helps us see some very important things about God.

We Can See God's Character In These Desires:

- He wants us to be free.
- He allows us to choose what kind of person we want to be.
- He lets us influence those around us, good or bad.
- He offers us the opportunity to see the difference between His ways and evil ways; this makes it possible for us to make a *knowledgeable* choice.
- He provides us with a temporary life so we can choose how we want to spend eternity.
- He gives us limited power so we can use it and see why He puts us where He does in eternity.
- He rewards us in eternity based on how we live this temporary life.
- He is going to do what it takes to bring us to the place where we agree with His final decision on where and how we will spend eternity.
- He is gracious (gives us blessings we don't deserve), merciful (keeps us from getting what we really deserve), and is a loving God.

With all this freedom here and now, we can see that our freedom in eternity is going to be extensive.

You Only Lose One Freedom In Eternity

You Won't Be Free To Do Wrong, Bad, Or Evil

In eternity, the only freedom we will lose is the freedom to feel sinful feelings, think sinful thoughts, know how to sin, or have the ability to do any sins. Sins are evil thoughts, feelings, words, or deeds against ourselves, others, or God's wonderful plan. We will be *incapable* of doing harm, murder, war, terrorism, rape, lying, cheating, stealing, inflicting pain, gossiping, or being condescending.

You Will Be Free To Do Right, Good, And Righteousness In Eternity
All other freedoms with stay intact. We will be loving, kind, humble, generous, friendly, inclusive, exciting, joyous, and fun. We will lose one freedom we have here on earth, the right to be involved in the spiritual disease-contagion, sin.

It's Time To Make Your Choice

Would You Like To See More Benefits?
If you are still not sure you are ready to receive this new power-life, then after you have prayed about this issue in your Prayer Page, you will be given instructions on how to start the study, "From New Life To Eternal Life" next week. In it we will continue to look at the great benefits you will receive as a member of God's family and a citizen of His Kingdom.

Would You Like To See The Full Steps Into Salvation Now?
If you are ready to receive this new power-life and don't feel you need to look at more of its benefits, then after you have prayed about this issue in your Prayer Page, you will be given instructions on how to start the study, "How To G*et* The Power-Life" for next week. We will look at the Scriptures that tell you HOW to receive this new power-life.

Are You Already A Christian And Ready To Grow Spiritually?
If you have read all these things and have realized that you already have this new power-life, then after you have prayed about this issue in your Prayer Page, you will be given instructions on how to start the study, "How To K*eep* The Power-Life" and we will help you look at powerful passages in the Bible that will help you live a victorious Christian life.

The Importance Of Eternal Life Prayer Page

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We Can See God's Character In These Desires:

Jesus, help me understand and appreciate all these freedoms my heavenly Father is giving me and everyone else.

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- He allows me to choose what kind of person I want to be.
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You Will Be Free To Do Right, Good, And Righteousness In Eternity

Jesus, You are teaching me that all other freedoms with stay intact. I will be loving, kind, humble, generous, friendly, inclusive, exciting, joyous, and fun. I will only lose one freedom I have here on earth, and that is the right to be involved in the spiritual disease-contagion, sin; and, that is what I want and accept.

It's Time To Make Your Choice

Would You Like To See More Benefits?

Jesus, help me decide if I am still not sure I am ready to receive this new power-life, if You feel I should keep studying all these benefits, then empower me to start studying the book, **"From Power-Life To Eternal Life."** If that is what You want, help me start that study next week. Let You and I continue to look at the great benefits I will receive as a member of God's family and a citizen of His Kingdom.

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Jesus, if You feel I am ready to receive this new power-life and don't feel I need to look at more of its benefits, then empower me to start studying the book, **"How Do I G*et* The Power-Life."** If that is what You want, help me start that study next week. Let You and I look at the Scriptures that tell me *how* to *get* this new power-life.

Are You Already A Christian And Ready To Grow Spiritually?

Jesus, if You have helped me read all these things and have caused me to realize that I already have this new power-life, then empower me to start studying the book, **"How Do I K*eep* The Power-Life."** If that is what You want, help me start that study next week. Let You and I look at the Scriptures that tell me *how* to *keep* this new power-life. And, let You and I look at powerful passages in the Bible that will help me live a victorious Christian life.

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