



# Knowing Christ

Forever Together

## Alive Together

- <sup>NAS</sup> **Galatians 2:20** "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Ephesians 2:4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Colossians 1:27** to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

## Life, Eternal and Abundant

- Eternal

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 3:16** "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.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:27** "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; <sup>28</sup> and I give eternal life to them, and they shall never perish; and no one shall snatch them out of My hand.

- Abundant

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 10:10** "The thief comes only to steal, and kill, and destroy; I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly. <sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

## Unfailing Compassion

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 12:27** "Now My soul has become troubled; and what shall I say, 'Father, save Me from this hour '? But for this purpose I came to this hour.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 13:21** When Jesus had said this, He became troubled in spirit, and testified, and said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, that one of you will betray Me.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
- <sup>NAS</sup> **Lamentations 3:22** The LORD's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; Great is Thy faithfulness.

## Grace to Help

- **NAS Hebrews 2:17** Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup> For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted.
- **NIV Hebrews 7:26** Such a high priest meets our need-- one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens.
- **NAS Hebrews 4:14** Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. <sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

## The Object of Saving Faith

- NAS **John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.
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- NAS **John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- NAS **John 10:30** "I and the Father are one."
- NAS **John 14:9** Jesus said to him, ... He who has seen Me has seen the Father; how do you say, 'Show us the Father '?  
<sup>10</sup> "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.  
<sup>11</sup> "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves.

## The Only Way to God

- **NAS John 14:6** Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.
- **NAS Acts 4:12** "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved."
- **NIV John 3:36** Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."
- **ESV 1 John 2:23** No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.
- **NIV 2 John 1:9** Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

## The Content of Saving Faith

- **NAS 1 Corinthians 15:1** Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you...<sup>2</sup> by which also you are saved, ...<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,
- **NAS Romans 10:8** But what does it say? ... that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation...<sup>13</sup> for "Whoever will call upon the name of the LORD will be saved."



## The Fruit of Saving Faith

- **NAS John 14:12** "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. <sup>13</sup> "And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.
- **NAS James 2:14** What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?...<sup>17</sup> Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.
- **NAS John 13:35** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
- **NAS Galatians 5:6** For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

# Applications

## A Place with Jesus

- <sup>NAS</sup> **John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled; ... <sup>2</sup> "In My **Father's house** are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; **that where I am, there you may be also.**
  - **What:** Dwelling places for multitudes, a dwelling place for you.
  - **Where:** in God's kingdom with Jesus.

## A Place with Jesus in Life

- NAS **John 14:3** "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also
- NAS **Ephesians 2:5** even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus,
- NAS **Colossians 3:1** If then you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

## A Place with Jesus in Death

- **NAS John 14:3** "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also
- **NAS Romans 8:38** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, ... <sup>39</sup> ... shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- **NAS 2 Corinthians 5:6** Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord-- <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight-- <sup>8</sup> we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.
- **NAS Philippians 1:21** For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain... <sup>23</sup> But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better;

## A Place with Jesus in Eternity

- NAS **John 14:3** "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also
- NAS **1 Thessalonians 4:16** For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord.
- NIV **Psalm 16:11** You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.



# Conclusions

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- NAS **John 14:1** "Let not your heart be troubled; ... <sup>2</sup> "In My Father's house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that *where I am, there you may be also.*
- NAS **Revelation 21:1** And I saw a new heaven and a new earth; ... <sup>2</sup> And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and *He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be among them,* <sup>4</sup> and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."