

Foundation Building Blocks

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A. God Will Write Them in Their Hearts

To better understand how God reaches out to all mankind in this spiritual (Holy Ghost) manner, a person should understand God's Grace and how His desire to connect with His special creation - the living soul created in His image.

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation **hath appeared to all men**, 12 **Teaching us** that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; 13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and **purify unto himself** a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

The Grace of God: (Greek 5485 - as used in Titus 2:11) charis khar'-ece from 5463; **graciousness** (as gratifying), **of manner or act** (abstract or concrete; literal, figurative or spiritual; **especially the divine influence upon the heart**, and **its reflection in the life**; including gratitude):--acceptable, **benefit, favour, gift**, grace(-ious), joy, liberality, pleasure, thank(-s, -worthy).

The Grace of God as a manner, may be defined as graciousness from Him that no person deserves, especially considering that God extends it before that soul is even looking toward Him. As an action, the Grace of God maybe defined as the divine influence on the heart and its reflection in one's life.

Just as God has influence upon the heart and appeals to the soul, Satan also has influence upon the mind and appeals to the flesh. God directly influences the heart through convictions. The tables of one's heart bear record of the engrafted Word of God within their hearts. When conviction of heart is in harmony with the engrafted (applied) word, there is spiritual direction and purpose of the eternal soul. When temptations come to the mind, they appeal to the flesh through the things of the world. At the point of choice and decision of acting on the thought (or impulse) a check and balance spiritually occurs within the spiritually healthy person. Their heart places their mind in subjection to the spirit and word of God.

Proverbs 1:23-33 Turn you at **my reproof**: behold, **I will pour out my spirit** unto you, I will **make known** my words unto you. 24 Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; 25 But ye have set at nought all **my counsel**, and would none of **my reproof**: 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; 27 When your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you.



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28 Then shall they call upon me, but **I will not answer**; they shall seek me early, but they **shall not find me**: 29 For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: 30 They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. 32 For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them. 33 But whoso **hearkeneth** unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil.

Within the heart of a person lays the ability to sense conviction, this is the place known as the inward parts (Jeremiah 31:33). As man is created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27), God also created a spiritual place referred to as the conscience, where He could walk and talk with him spiritually. This conscience is where God interacts with the mind and heart of a person regarding His ways and laws.

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God *is* one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with **all thine heart**, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, **shall be in thine heart**: 7 And thou shalt **teach them diligently unto thy children**, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

Mark 12:29-34 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments *is*, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: 30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: *this is the first commandment.* 31 And the second *is* like, *namely* this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. 32 And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: 33 And to love him with all the **heart**, and with all the **understanding**, and with all the **soul**, and with all the **strength**, and to love *his* neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices. 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, **Thou art not far from the kingdom of God**. And no man after that durst ask him *any question*.

In the Old Testament, parents had to teach their children to know the Lord. In the New Testament, God teaches all and seeks after those that will allow Him to be their God and that they would be His people. God is seeking those that will worship Him from their hearts in spirit and in truth.

John 4:20-26 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 21 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall **neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem**, worship the Father. 22 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in **spirit** and in **truth**: for **the Father seeketh** such to worship him. 24 **God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him **must worship him in spirit and** in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which



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is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

1 Timothy 1:5-7 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a **pure heart**, and of a **good conscience**, and of faith unfeigned: 6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; 7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; **understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.**

Hebrews 4:12-13 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the **dividing asunder** of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.** 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened **unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**

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Proverbs 3:1-7 My son, forget not my law; but **let thine heart keep** my commandments: 2 For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. 3 Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; **write them upon the table of thine heart:** 4 So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths.** 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

2 Corinthians 3:3 *Forasmuch as ye are* manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but **with the Spirit of the living God**; not in tables of stone, but in **fleshy tables of the heart.**