

A FAITH FILLED FOCUS

“O love of God, how strong and true! Eternal and yet ever new; uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.” **Horatius Bonar**

“To accept that God exists outside the time and space framework as we know it renders any question of where He came from and what He was doing before He created what we know as the universe totally meaningless.” **John McDowell**

“In God there is no was or will be, but a continuous and unbroken is. In Him history and prophecy are one and the same.” **A.W. Tozer**

“Believe God’s Word and power more than you believe your own feelings and experiences. Your Rock is Christ and it isn’t that Rock that ebbs and flows – but your sea.” **Samuel Rutherford**

“Such is the triumph of the cross. It has made it possible for God to bless us in perfect harmony with everything He is, and everything He has ever declared Himself to be, and in spite of all that we are, and of all that He has ever said we ought to be.” **Sir Robert Anderson**

- Who do you say that I am? (**Luke 9:20**)
 - Here’s what the Lord says about Himself:

⁶Then the Lord passed by in front of him and proclaimed, “The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; ⁷who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave *the guilty* unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.” ⁸Moses made haste to bow low toward the earth and worship. ⁹He said, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, O Lord, I pray, let the Lord go along in our midst, even though the people are so obstinate, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us as Your own possession.” **Exodus 34:6-9 NASB**

Know therefore that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God, who keeps His covenant and His lovingkindness to a thousandth generation with those who love Him and keep His commandments. **Deuteronomy 7:9 NASB**

² “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. ³ “I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden wealth of secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name. ⁴ “For the sake of Jacob My servant, and Israel My chosen *one*, I have also called you by your name; I have given you a title of honor though you have not known Me. ⁵ “I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides Me there is no God. I will gird you, though you have not known Me; ⁶ That men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that there is no one besides Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, ⁷ The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; I am the Lord who does all these. **Isaiah 45:2-7 NASB**

You are good and do good; teach me Your statutes. **Psalms 119:68 NASB**

- Look what He says about you:

But now, thus says the Lord, your Creator, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel, “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! ² “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. ³ “For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. ⁴ “Since you are precious in My sight, *Since* you are honored and I love you, I will give *other* men in your place and *other* peoples in exchange for your life. **Isaiah 43:1-4 NASB**

“...since you are precious in My eyes, you are honored and I love you...” **Isaiah 43:4 The Interlinear Bible**

“...because of your value in My eyes, you have been honored and loved by Me...” **Isaiah 43:4 The Bible in Basic English**

“...so precious are you to Me, so honored, so beloved...” **Isaiah 43:4 Moffatt**

“...so prized, so honored, so clearly loved...” **Isaiah 43:4 KNOX**

“...because you are precious to Me, you are honored and I love you...” **Isaiah 43:4 NLT**

And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.” **Luke 22:20 NASB**

But now, He has obtained a more excellent ministry, by as much as He is also the mediator of a better covenant, which has been enacted on better promises.

Hebrews 8:6 NASB

- This should alter what you think about you...and what you think about His Word.

Therefore I esteem right all *Your* precepts concerning everything, I hate every false way. **Psalms 119:128 NASB**

He who leans on, trusts in, *and* is confident of his own mind *and* heart is a [self-confident] fool, but he who walks in skillful *and* godly Wisdom shall be delivered.

Proverbs 28:26 AMPC

- Establishing a fresh focus:
 - Fix your hope.

For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. **1 Timothy 4:10 NASB**

Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober *in spirit*, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. **1**

Peter 1:13 NASB

- Set your affection.

I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **Psalms 16:8 NASB**

³⁰ I will not speak much more with you, for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me; ³¹ but so that the world may know that I love the Father, I do exactly as the Father commanded Me. Get up, let us go from here. **John 14:30-31 NASB**

- Direct your heart.

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB**

“And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the endurance of Christ.” **2 Thessalonians 3:5 NT Transline**

- A fresh focus...fixing your hope in Him...setting your affections on Him...directing your heart to Him.