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Praising God!







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Sowing the Word Ministries, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded by faith in Christ Jesus, through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Our Mission

Sharing God's good news with others so they may develop an intimate relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. This ministry is to God's honor and glory, now and forever more!

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Abide in Christ (John 15:4) Our Lord tells us what we are to do as branches in Him. Abide in me, he said, and I in you. Remain in me and I will remain in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me.

Abiding requires a belief in the sacrificial work for Jesus Christ on our behalf. It is a dependence upon His provision of life and strength that is emphasized in John 15:4 - if you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

Our Beliefs Praise God!

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, In light in accessible hid from our eyes, Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life though givest - to both great and small; In all life though liveest, the true life of all; We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree, And wither and perish - but naught changeth thee

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light, Thine Angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; All laud we would render: O help us to see Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee. Amen

Walter Chalmers Smith (5 December 1824 - 19 September 1908), was a hymnist, poet and minister of the Free Church of Scotland and is chiefly remembered for his hymn "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise".

Surrender All (including the smallest details of your life)



How to Experience a New Life in Christ!

Everyone is a sinner and is separated from God. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" ~Romans 3:23

God loved us so much that He gave His Son to die for our sins. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" ~ Romans 5:8

Death means separation forever from God. Eternal life, however, comes by trusting Jesus Christ. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" ~Romans 6:23

In order to begin a new life in Christ (i.e. be saved), you must believe that Jesus died for your sins and declare that you accept Him as your Savior. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" ~Romans 10:9

This is God's promise to you - if you accept Jesus, He will accept you. "For whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" ~Romans 10:13

Surrender All to Him today! You may not have another opportunity in your life journey. If you would like to accept Jesus Christ by faith as your Lord and Savior, pray the following prayer...

"Father, I know that I have grieved your Spirit and broken your commandments and that my sins have kept me from building an intimate relationship with you. I am sorry Father, and I so want to turn from my sinful past and live a life that leads to you only. Please forgive me Father, and I ask that you help me from sinning against you again. I believe that you are God the Father, maker of Heaven and Earth and that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, was resurrected from the dead, and is alive today in our hearts through the Power of the Holy Spirit. I accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and I so want to live the life that you have intended in my life. I pray Father too that you will teach me to trust and obey you all the days of my life. I ask these things in Jesus' Name - Amen."



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But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of

God. ~John 1:12

Faith Journey

When we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior and have asked Him to sustain us the remaining days of our life, and have been scripturally baptized, we are then spiritually ready to receive the Power of the Holy Spirit to move freely in our lives. It is then, that our Faith Journey truly begins in a new light - in His light.

It is by faith that we allow the Power of the Holy Spirit

What is Faith?

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. Hebrews 11:1-2 (NIV) to guide and direct our daily decision making, while trusting and obeying our Father in heaven to sustain us forevermore. Jesus Christ walks with us every step of the way.

Trusting our Father means looking outside of what we can see to what God sees.

When we continue to mature as Christian's and grow in our Faith, we learn to **listen**, **trust** and **obey**



Want Blessings?

When we <u>Surrender All</u> to Christ Jesus, we experience spiritual fulfillment and a peace that surpasses all understanding.

<u>Surrender All</u> to Him today, you may not have another

opportunity in your life journey. Turn to Christ and ask Him to bend your heart toward Him in everything!

Ask the Father to help you walk in obedience to Him

through the Power of the Holy Spirit and in Jesus' Name. And then, share God's good news with others!

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God's Armor

What is God's Armor?

We are engaged in a spiritual battle - all believers are subject to Satan's attacks because we are no longer on Satan's side. This is why Paul tells us to use **every piece** of God's armor to resist Satan's attacks and to stand true to God, even in the midst of those attacks.

Last of all I want to remind you that your strength must come from the Lord's mighty power within you. Put on all of god's armor so that you will be able to stand safe against all strategies and tricks of Satan. For we are not fighting against people made of flesh and blood, but against persons without bodies – the evil rules of the unseen world, those mighty satanic beings and great evil princes of darkness who rule the world; and against huge numbers of wicked spirits in the spirit world.

So use every piece of God's armor to resist the enemy whenever he attacks, and when it is all over, you will still be standing up. ~Ephesians 6:110-13 LBT



What are the **Pieces that make up God's Armor** and how do we apply them to our lives? Etch God's Armor into your heart, mind and soul, forever...

- · Belt (Truth)
- · Breastplate (Righteousness)
- · Shoes (Readiness to spread the Good News)
- · Shield (Faith)
- Helmet (Salvation)
- Sword (The Spirit; the Word of God)



Applying God's Armor to Daily Living

Only believers have God's truth (the **Belt**), which is the only source of defeating Satan's lies.

It is God's righteousness that is the **breastplate** to protect our hearts, ensuring His approval. God has approved us because of His love for us and sent His Son to die for us.

God gives us motivation to continue to proclaim the true peace that is available, only from God. Put on your **shoes** and spread His good news today – everyone needs to hear it!

The **shield** of faith protects us from Satan's flaming arrows. When we turn to Christ, we have God's assurance of ultimate victory.

Satan wants to plant seeds of doubt and confusion in your mind, so you will doubt God, Jesus Christ, and your salivation. However, with the **helmet** of salvation, your mind is protected from doubting God's work and saving grace for us.

Did you know that the sword is the only weapon of offense in the list of God's Armor? Anytime we are tempted by Satan, we need to trust God for His truth, the Word of God!

But to do this, you will need the strong belt of truth and the breastplate of God's approval. Wear shoes that are able to speed you on as you preach the Good News of peace with God. In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan. And you will need the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit - which is the Word of God. ~Ephesians 6:14-17 LBT

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(hy,consider Baptism?

The Bible teaches us...

Jesus commanded us ~ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them ..." (Matthew 28:19 NKJV)

To confess Jesus publicly ~ "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32 NKJV)

To join the fellowship of the church ~ "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them." (Acts 2:41 NKJV)

To follow Christ's example ~ "When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him." (Matthew 3:16 NKJV)

Baptism demonstrates Christ's death, burial and resurrection

When a believer is immersed below the surface into the water, it portrays to those watching, that Christ died and was buried. As the person is raised up out of the water, it symbolizes the resurrection of Christ as we are taught in

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Baptism is a picture-perfect moment of your new life in Christ

Your Baptism pictures the death of your old sinful life and represents that you have been resurrected to walk in newness of life in Christ. (<u>Romans 6:4-5</u>)

The Greek word "baptizo" is where we acquired the English word "baptism." The Greek definition is "to immerse, to dip or to submerge." Only a submerged body can represent death and burial. The body being raised up out of the water provides a picture of resurrection and life anew. (Acts 8:38-39)

Why wait?

If you struggle with the issue of baptism, locate a church that teaches the truth as documented in the scripture, or seek out counsel of someone who can help you resolve your concerns regarding baptism.

If you have to ask the question, "Am I scripturally baptized", you likely need to take the next steps toward your obedience to God.

Perhaps you were baptized as a child, or sprinkled perhaps, and weren't spiritually ready to receive the true meaning at that time - consider rededicating your life to Christ by taking this next step toward obedience to Him.

If you were baptized as an adult, but haven't been walking the path that Christ intended for you, perhaps you should consider rededicating your life to Christ and taking this next step toward obedience to Him.

Allow the Holy Spirit to move more freely in your life, guiding you to the truth in Him and enabling you to make life journey decisions that matter in the Kingdom of Heaven

Who are you?

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THE BELL I KNOW WHO I AM I am God's child (John 1:12) I am Christ's friend (John 15:15) I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17) I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20) I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1) I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8) I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14) I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27) I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2) I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20) I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34) I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21) I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18) I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6) I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39) I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22) I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28) I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16) I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12) I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13) I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5) I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10) I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3).. I have been justified (Romans 5:1) I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10) I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5) I have been redeemed and forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5) I belong to God Do you know

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And now, "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." ~Numbers 6:24-26

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