



GOOD MORNING!

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Men's Bible Study – August 4, 2022

Our Covenant Inheritance in God's Eternal Kingdom

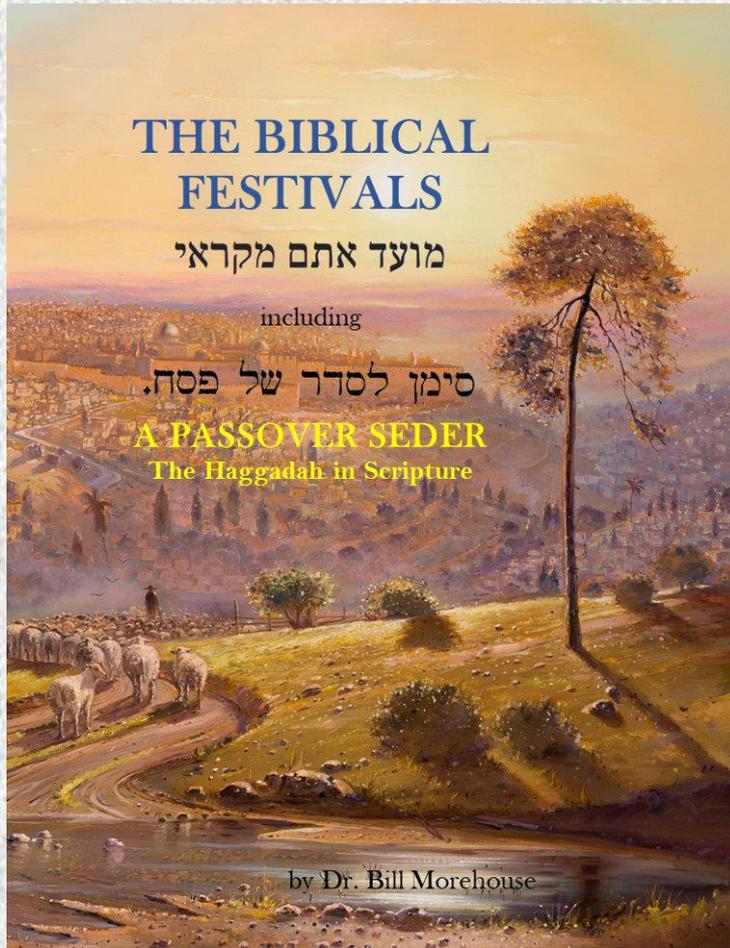


Our Hebrew Messiah



and some modern
counterparts...





A colorful and informative summary of the Biblical Festivals mandated in Leviticus 23, their fulfillment in Christ, and how to celebrate them in today's world.

Preparing for the Lord's Second Coming (return) by honoring His Word to His First Covenant people, learning to observe His Appointed Times, and looking forward to celebrating the Feast of Tabernacles in the Millennial Kingdom.

The Cultivated Olive Tree

If some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you.

see Romans 11

Paul's letter to the Romans

Read Romans 9-11

Then read Paul's conclusion of these three chapters in the passage that immediately follows:

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Romans 12:1-2

In the first few centuries, however, the Roman Church separated itself from the “cultivated olive tree” that it had been grafted into and styled itself as the “New Israel.” Hebrew names, promises, and Holy Days were replaced:

- ▶ Jerusalem replaced by Rome
- ▶ Miriam and Yeshua replaced by Mary and Jesus
- ▶ Covenant promises replaced with Platonic mysteries
- ▶ Sabbath moved from Saturday to Sunday
- ▶ Passover changed into Easter
- ▶ Shavuot into Pentecost, etc. etc.

FINDERS KEEPERS





LOSERS WEEPERS?



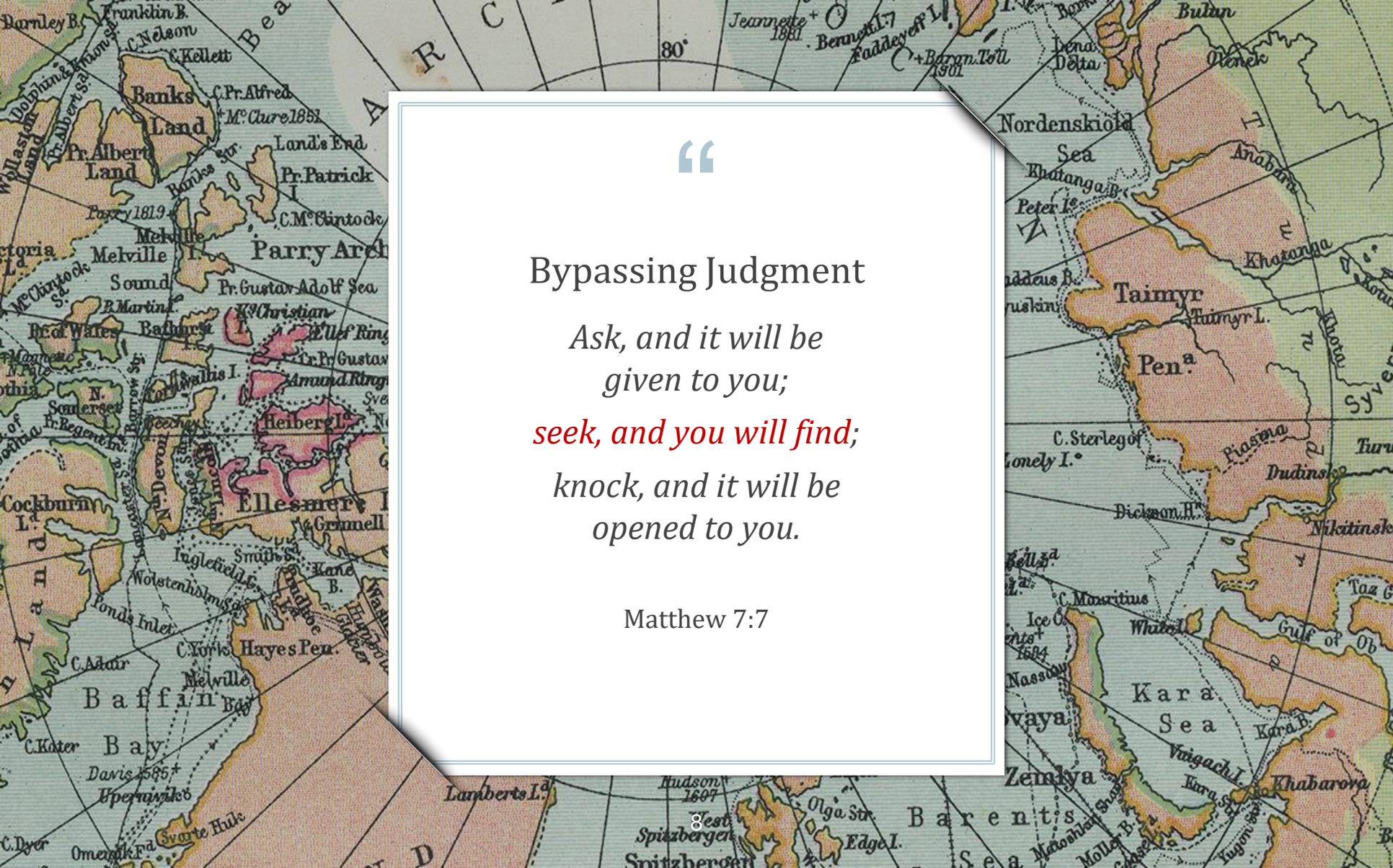
An aerial photograph of a city, likely Rome, showing a dense cluster of buildings with terracotta roofs. A river, the Tiber, flows through the city. In the background, a large cathedral with a prominent dome is visible. The sky is overcast with dark, heavy clouds.

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Appointment

*It is appointed for man
to die once, and after
that comes judgment.*

Hebrews 9:27



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Bypassing Judgment

*Ask, and it will be
given to you;
seek, and you will find;
knock, and it will be
opened to you.*

Matthew 7:7

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Priorities

*But **seek first** the
Kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things
will be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

Finding the Precious Kingdom



- The Kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man *found* and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
- Again, the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in *search* of fine pearls, who, on *finding* one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-4

Three Ways to Lose the Kingdom of God



1. **Ignorance:** I never heard much about the Kingdom of God, cared about it, or even looked for it.
2. **Neglect:** I had a loose hold on the Kingdom for a while but got distracted by the world and let go of it.*
3. **Pride:** I hold the keys to the Kingdom but don't need to use them and haven't shared them with others.

*(Arminian perspective vs. Calvinistic never had it)



1. IGNORANCE

Losing by default



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Evangelism

*How then will they **call** on him in whom they have not believed?*

*And how are they to **believe** in him of whom they have never heard?*

*And how are they to hear without someone **sharing** the Good News?*

Romans 10:14

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Lack of Vision

*Where there is no
prophetic vision the
people cast off restraint,
but blessed is he who
keeps the law.*

Romans 10:14



2. NEGLECT

Losing by failure





Failed Discipleship

*Go therefore and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **teaching them** to observe all that I have commanded you.*

Matthew 28:19-20

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Failed Diligence

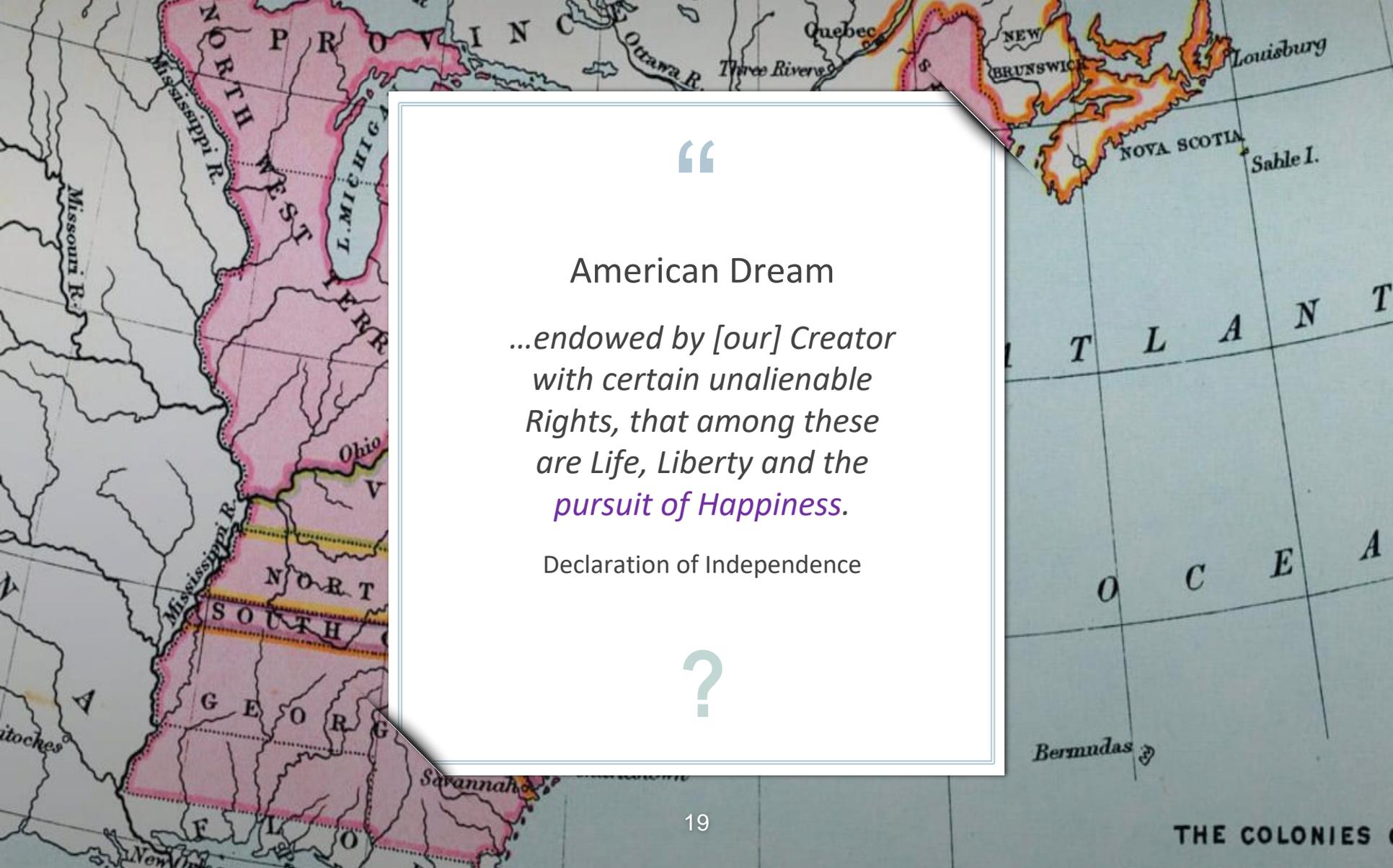
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

3. PRIDE

Losing by deception



A historical map of the eastern United States and parts of Canada. The map shows the Mississippi River, the Atlantic Ocean, and various colonies including North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, and Florida. A white text box with a thin black border is centered over the map. The text box contains a quote from the Declaration of Independence, a question mark, and the page number 19. The map is partially obscured by the text box.

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American Dream

*...endowed by [our] Creator
with certain unalienable
Rights, that among these
are Life, Liberty and the
pursuit of Happiness.*

Declaration of Independence

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Conversion needed?

*Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot **see** the Kingdom of God...*

*... unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot **enter** the Kingdom of God.*

John 3:3,5

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Conversion needed

Repent and be baptized
every one of you in the name
of *Jesus Christ* for the
forgiveness of your sins, and
you will receive the gift of
the *Holy Spirit*.

Acts 2:38

UNDERSTANDING WHAT KIND OF FAITH YOU HAVE



FAITH IN GOD AND HIS WORD

1. Seek God, receive conviction of sin, enter repentance, receive God's forgiveness.
2. Be baptized for the remission of your sins.
3. Receive Christ's offer on behalf of God the Father to become an adopted child of God.
4. Ask for and receive fullness of the Holy Spirit to empower spiritual adoption and new life.
5. Grow in grace, discipleship, and knowledge of God's Word and will in fellowship with others.
6. Seek God's Kingdom and His righteousness.
7. Freely share the Good News and your God-given abundance with others.

FAITH IN THE SACRAMENTAL CHURCH

1. Be properly initiated by undergoing ritual "baptism" (replaces *circumcision*) as an infant.
2. Study catechism and be confirmed (rep. *bar mitzvah*).
3. Receive communion (or equivalent) regularly to maintain your spiritual tie to your faith community.
4. Ask for and receive input from religious leaders to participate in other sacraments like marriage.
5. Grow in knowledge and skills necessary to be a good person and productive member of society.
6. Seek your own happiness and welfare.
7. Share some of what you've earned and learned with others when it seems like the right thing to do.

The Greatest Sacrifice – Agape Love



➤ 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.

John 3:16

* His part and our part:

“**loved**” from Hebrew *agapaó* = divine, sacrificial love

“**believes**” from Hebrew *pisteuó* = to believe, have faith in, trust in
(heartfelt, not impersonal or simply Platonic or intellectual)

Faith, hope, and love abide,
these three, but the greatest of
these is **love**.

1 Corinthians 13:13

And the Father... shall give you another
Comforter, that he may be with you forever.

John 14:16

Holy Spirit

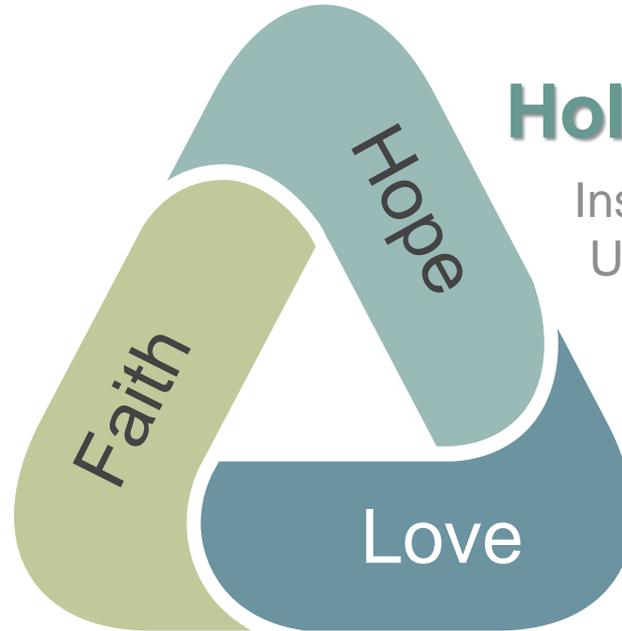
Insight, Wisdom
Understanding

Son

For **God** so loved
the world, that he
gave his only **Son**...

John 3:16

Door
Way
Truth
Life



Father

Attachment
Commitment

The Two Greatest Commandments – Agape Love



- You shall **love** the Lord your God with all your *heart* and with all your *soul* and with all your *mind*. This is the great and first commandment.
- And a second is like it: You shall **love** your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

The Main Enemies of Our Faith



- **The World:** The incessant demands of the world around us competing for our attention and loyalty.
- **The flesh:** Our human urges, lusts, desires, feelings and pride, especially having to do with sex, money, power and prestige.
- **The devil:** Deceptions, rationalizations, grievances, victimhood, principalities and powers that promulgate false gospels and ideologies to compete with God's Word.

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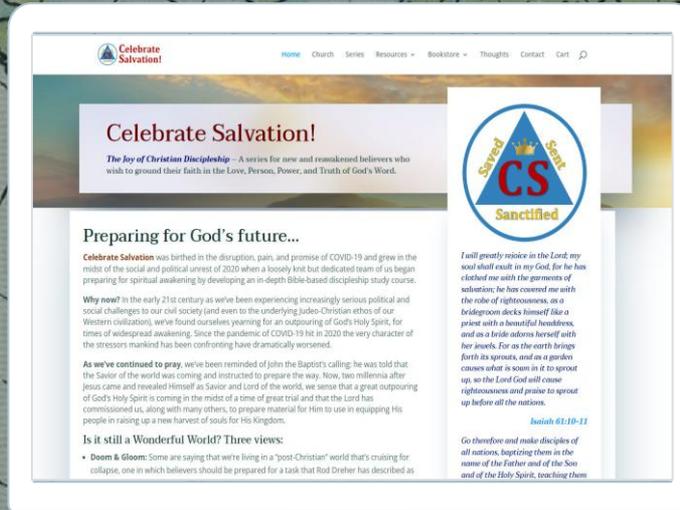
Encouragement

*The weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have **divine power** to destroy strongholds.*

2 Corinthians 10:4

Small group study material for your church

Celebrate Salvation!



How to find the door
to God's Kingdom,
use the keys to get in,
get cleaned up,
and stay forever.

<https://celebratesalvation.org>

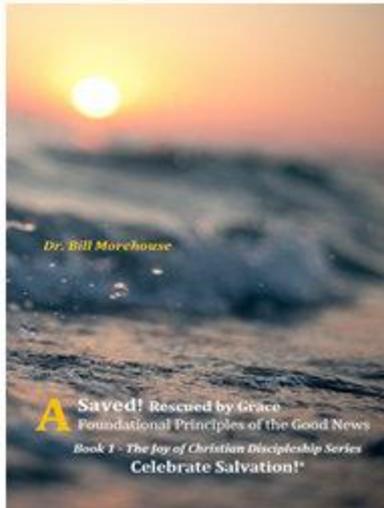


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COURSE 1 – FOUNDATIONS

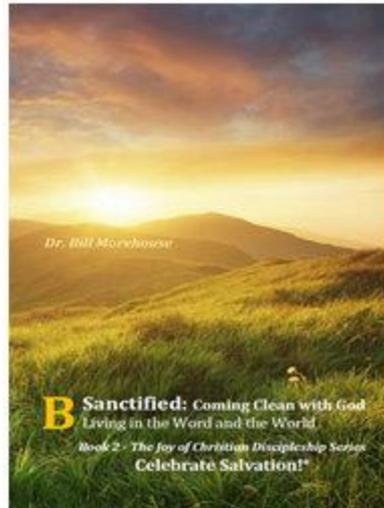
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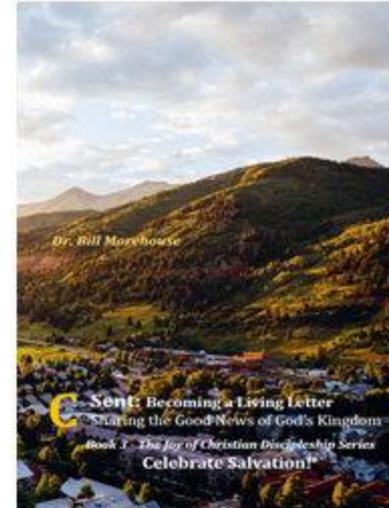
Rescued by Grace

B. SANCTIFIED



Coming Clean with God

C. SENT



Becoming a Living Letter

Being born again, pursuing God's Kingdom and His righteousness, and sharing with others

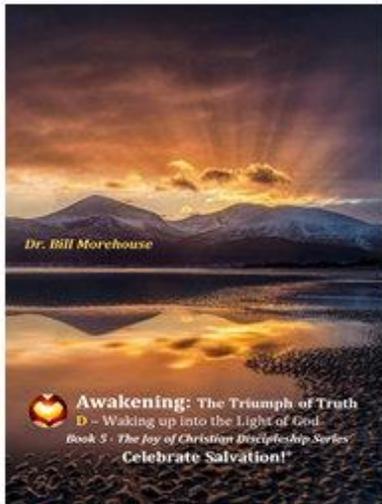


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COURSE 2 – UNDERSTANDINGS

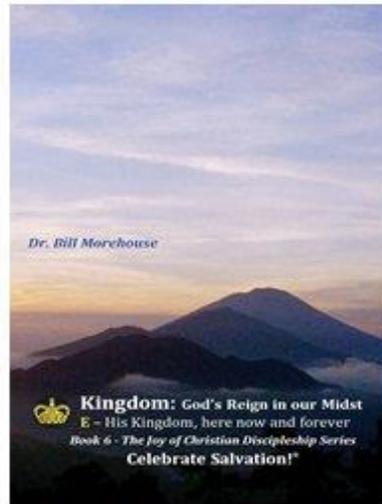
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D. AWAKENING



The Triumph of Truth

E. KINGDOM



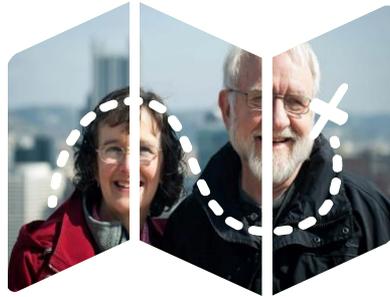
God's Reign in our Midst

F. HEAVEN



Our Ultimate Destiny

Being awakened in community, living in God's Kingdom, and envisioning our ultimate destiny



THANKS!

Any questions?

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