

**PRAYER
ACCORDING TO GOD'S WILL
(1JOHN 5:14)**

I Jn 5:1-15

1 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and every one that loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. **2** By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, **and keep his commandments.** **3** For this is the love of God, that **we keep his commandments:** and his commandments are not grievous. **4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. **5** Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? **6** This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. **7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.** **8** And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. **9** If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. **10** He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. **11** And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. **13** These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. **14** And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing (1)according to his (2)will, he (3)heareth us: **15** And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.(KJV)

Definitions:

(1)according to-2596 kata (kat-ah'); a primary particle; KJV-- about, according as, (concerning, pertaining to touching), by, after the manner of.

(2)His will-2307 thelema-1) what one wishes or has determined shall be done a) of the purpose of God to bless mankind through Christ b) of what God wishes to be done by us, commands, precepts 2) will, choice, inclination, desire, pleasure

(3)He heareth us-191 akouo (ak-oo'-o); a primary verb; to hear (in various senses): KJV-- give (in the) audience (of), come (to the ears), ([shall]) hear (-er, -ken), be noised, be reported, understand.

John 9:31 Now we know **that God heareth not (1)sinners:** but if any man be a worshipper of God, and **doeth his will, him he heareth.**

Definition: (1)sinners-268 hamartolos (ham-ar-to-los'); from 264; sinful, i.e. a sinner: KJV-- sinful, sinner.devoted to sin, a sinner: a) not free from sin b) preeminently sinful, especially wicked 1) all wicked men 2) specifically used of men stained with certain definite vices or crimes: tax collectors, the heathen, pagans

THE WILL OF GOD...Ref. Scriptures:

Matt 17:1-8

1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, **2** And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. **3** And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. **4** Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. **5 While he yet spake**, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, **This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.** **6** And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. **7** And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. **8** And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, save Jesus only.

John 17:20-21

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for **them also which shall believe on me through their word;** **21 That they all may be one;** as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.(KJV)

2 Pet 3:1-3

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance: **2** That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, **and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:** **3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,(KJV)

I Jn 5:14 ... this is the confidence that we have in him...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

Eph 3:1-21

1 For this cause **I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,** **2** If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward: **3** How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, **4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)** **5** Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; **6** That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel: **7** Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of his power. **8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: **12** In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him. **13** Wherefore I desire that ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. **14** For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **15** Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, **16** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; **17** That Christ may dwell in your

hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, **18** May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; **19** And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God. **20** Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, **21** Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen. (KJV)

Heb 3:5-14

5 And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; **6** But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. **7** Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, **8** Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: **9** When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. **10** Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. **11** So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.) **12** Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. **13** But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **14** For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; (KJV)

Heb 10:34-39

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, **knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.** **35** **Cast not away** therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. **36** For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. **37** **For yet a little while,** and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. **38** Now the just shall live by faith: **but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.** **39** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul. (KJV)

I Jn 3:18-24

18 My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth. **19** And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. **20** For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. **21** Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. **22** And **whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.** **23** And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment. **24** And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us. (KJV)

I Jn 5:14 ... if we ask any thing according to his will...Ref. Scriptures: (KJV)

John 14:14-15 (see also Matt 7:6-11)

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. **15** **If ye love me, keep my commandments.**(KJV)

John 15:6-10

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. **7** If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. **8** Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. **9** As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. **10** **If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.**(KJV)

John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.(KJV)

Rom 8:26-27

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. **27** And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.(KJV)

1 Tim 2:5 For there is **one God**, and **one mediator between God and men**, the man Christ Jesus;(KJV)

James 1:2-12

2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; **3** **Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.** **4** **But let** patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. **5** If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. **9** **Let the brother of low degree rejoice in that he is exalted:** **10** **But the rich, in that he is made low:** because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. **11** For the sun is no sooner risen with a burning heat, but it withereth the grass, and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. **12** **Blessed is the man** that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.(KJV)

James 4:3-10

3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. **4** Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. **5** Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? **6** But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, **God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.** **7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **8** Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. **9** Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. **10** Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.(KJV)

James 5:12-18

12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation. **13** Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. **14** Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: **15** And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. **16** Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a (1)righteous man availeth much. **17** Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. **18** And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. (KJV)

Definitions: (1)righteous man-1342 dikaios-righteous, observing divine laws a) in a wide sense, upright, righteous, virtuous, keeping the commands of God

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Prov 15:28-29

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer: but the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things. **29** The LORD is far from the wicked: but he heareth the prayer of the **(1)righteous.**

Definition: (1)righteous 6662 tsaddiyq (tsad-deek'); from 6663; just: KJV-- just, lawful, righteous (man).

Prov 15:31-33

31 The ear that heareth the reproof of life abideth among the wise. **32** He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul: but he that heareth reproof getteth understanding. **33** The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility.

John 9:31 Now we know **that God heareth not sinners:** but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.

1 Cor 1:19-20

19 For it is written, **I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.** **20** Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? **hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?(KJV)**

1 Cor 1:24-31

24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.** **25** Because **the foolishness of God** is wiser than men; and **the weakness of God is stronger than men.** **26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that **not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27** But **God hath chosen** the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and **God hath chosen** the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; **28** And **base things** of the world, and **things which are despised, hath God chosen,** yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: **29 That no flesh should glory in his presence.** **30** But of him are ye **in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto**

us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: **31** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.(KJV)

1 Cor 3:18-20

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you **seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.** **19** For the **(1)wisdom** of this world is **(2)foolishness** with **God**. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. **20** And again, **The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.**

Definitions: (1)wisdom of this world-4678 sophia-wisdom, broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters: a) the wisdom which belongs to men 2) the science and learning. **(2)foolishness** -3472 moria (mo-ree'-ah); silliness, i.e. absurdity: KJV-- foolishness.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, **Hath not God chosen the (1)poor** of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?(KJV)

Definitions: (1)poor-4434 ptochos-1) reduced to beggary, begging, asking alms 2) destitute of wealth, influence, position, honor a) lowly, afflicted, destitute of the Christian virtues and eternal riches c) poor, needy 3) lacking in anything, as respects their spirit; destitute of wealth of learning and intellectual culture which the schools afford (men of this class most readily give themselves up to Christ's teaching and proved them selves fitted to lay hold of the heavenly treasure)

James 2:13-20

13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment. **14** What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? **15** If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, **16** And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? **17** Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. **18** Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. **19** Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: **the devils also believe, and tremble.** **20** But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? (KJV)

THE LOCATION FOR THE SCRIPTURES MENTIONED DURING THE AUDIO:

We must remember, just because “**good things**” happens to us, doesn’t necessarily mean it is because of our prayers or the prayers of others. According to scriptures, **God** does good things for evil and unjust people, and so should **Christians! Let’s listen to Jesus:**

Matt 5:43-48

43 Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. **44** But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute

you; **45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.** **46** For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? **47** And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? **48 Be ye therefore perfect**, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (KJV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

John 17:1-16

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: **2** As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. **3** And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. **4** I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. **5** And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was. **6** I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word. **7** Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee. **8** For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me. **9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world**, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. **10** And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and **I am glorified in them.** **11** And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are. **12 While I was with them in the world**, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and **none of them is lost**, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled. **13** And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves. **14 I have given them thy word**; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **15** I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. **16** They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. **17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.** **18** As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. **19** And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. **20 Neither pray I for these alone**, but for **them also which shall believe on me through their word**; **21 That they all may be one**; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. (KJV)

FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD!! :

James 2:17-20

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James 2:24 Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and **not by faith only**. (KJV)

Acts 2:41-42

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. **42** **And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine** and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. (KJV)

Heb 7:19-22

19 **For the law made nothing perfect**, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God. **20** And inasmuch as not without an oath he was made priest: **21** (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec:) **22** **By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament.** (KJV)

Heb 8:1-9

1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an **high priest**, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty **in the heavens**; **2** A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man. **3** For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. **4** For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: **5** Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount. **6** **But now** hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also **he is the mediator of a better covenant**, which was established upon better promises. **7** For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. **8** For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: **9** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. (KJV)

Heb 9:1-28 (Read chapter 10 also for even a better understanding)

1 Then verily **the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary.** **2** For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary. **3** And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of all; **4** Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant; **5** And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly. **6** Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. **7** But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people: **8** The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: **9** Which was a

figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; **10** Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. **11** **But Christ being** come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; **12** Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. **13** For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: **14** How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? **15** And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. **16** For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. **17** **For a testament is of force after men are dead:** otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. **18** Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. **19** For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, **20** Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. **21** Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. **22** And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. **23** It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. **24** **For Christ** is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: **25** Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; **26** For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. **27** And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: **28** **So Christ was once offered** to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. (KJV)

2 Cor 12:5-10

5 Of such an one will I glory: **yet of myself I will not glory, but in mine infirmities.** **6** For though I would desire to glory, I shall not be a fool; for I will say the truth: but now I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth me to be, or that he heareth of me. **7** And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, **there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.** **8** **For this thing** I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. **9** **And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** **Most gladly** therefore will I rather **glory in my infirmities,** that the power of Christ may rest upon me. **10** **Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.**

2 Cor 13:1-14

1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established. **2** I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, I will not spare: **3** Since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, which to you-ward is not weak, but is mighty in you. **4** For though he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him by the power of God toward you. **5** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates? **6** But I trust that ye shall know that we are not reprobates. **7** Now I pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we should appear approved, but that ye should do that which is honest, though we be as reprobates. **8** For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. **9** **For we are glad, when we are weak, and ye are strong: and this also we wish, even your perfection.** **10** Therefore I write these things being absent, lest being present I should use sharpness, according to the power which the Lord hath given me to edification, and not to destruction. **11** Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. **12** Greet one another with an holy kiss. **13** All the saints salute you. **14** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. (KJV)

Phil 1:29-30

29 For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, **not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;** **30** Having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me. (KJV)

Acts 20:28-36

28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. **29** For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. **30** Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. **31** Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears. **32** And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. **33** **I have coveted no man's silver, or gold, or apparel.** **34** Yea, ye yourselves know, that these hands have ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. **35** I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. **36** And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. (KJV)

Gal 5:19-26

19 **Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these;** Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, **20** Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, **21** Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, **23** Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. **24** And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections

and lusts. **25 If we live in the Spirit**, let us also walk in the Spirit. **26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.** (KJV)

Rev 3:14-19

14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; **15** I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. **16** So then because thou art **(1) lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. **17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:** **18** I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and **anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.** **19** As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, **and repent.** (KJV)

Definition: **(1) lukewarm**-5513 chliaros (khlee-ar-os'); from chlio (to warm); tepid: KJV—lukewarm, tepid, metaphorically, used of the condition of the soul wretchedly fluctuating between a torpor and a fervor of love

1 Cor 6:1-11

1 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? **2** Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? **3** Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? **4** If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church. **5** I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? **6** But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. **7** Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. **Why do ye not rather take wrong?** why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? **8** Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. **9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived:** neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, **10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (KJV)

Matt 11:22-26

22 But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you. **23** And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. **24** But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee. **25** At that time **Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and (1) prudent**, and hast revealed them unto **(2) babes.** **26** Even so, Father: for so it seemed good in thy sight. (KJV)

Definitions:

(1) **prudent**-4908 sunetos (soon-et'-os); from 4920; mentally put (or putting) together, i.e. sagacious: KJV—prudent, intelligent, having understanding, wise, learned.

(2) **babes**-3516 nepios (nay'-pee-os); from an obsolete particle ne- (implying negation) and 2031; not speaking, i.e. an infant (minor); figuratively, a simple-minded person, an immature Christian: KJV-- babe, metaphorically: childish, untaught, unskilled.

Matt 24:1-5

1 And Jesus went out, and departed from the temple: and his disciples came to him for to shew him the buildings of the temple. **2 And Jesus said unto them**, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, **There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.** **3** And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? **4** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. **5** For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. (KJV)

James 1:21-25

21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. **22** But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. **23** For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: **24** For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. **25** But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (KJV)