

# **VARIOUS THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**



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**A GRAND CRISIS LOOMING JUST AHEAD OF US AND NOTHING BUT VICTORY  
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1. Terrible times are coming. 2 Tim. 3:1; Jer. 4:20-28.
2. We need a deeper experience in the things of God to face the crisis. 2 Tim. 2:15.
  - a. Experience is knowledge. 1 Cor. 2:9-12.
  - b. Thus a deeper experience is a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3:18.
3. Our minds need to be fortified with the Word of Truth. Ps. 119:11; 1 Jn. 2:27.
4. There is hope of victory over sin. Jn. 8:10,11; 1 Jn. 5:4; 1 Jn. 3:6.
5. Exposition of Jam. 4:7-10.
  - a. Vs. 7. "Submit ..."
    - i. To submit to God is to first deny your ideas and knowledge no matter how good they may seem to be to you.
    - ii. Consult the Bible (in prayer) for a new holy view or knowledge. Jn. 5:39; 2 Tim. 3:15-17.
    - iii. Accept the revelation of God as your view which you are dedicated to obey. 1 Jn. 3:23; 2 Jn. 9; 1 Jn. 1:9.
  - b. Vs. 8. "Resist ..."
    - i. The Devil come to us through evil knowledge. Jam. 3:15; 2 Pet. 3:17.
    - ii. He comes to us over and over again. Acts. 20:19.
    - iii. But we must let the Faith of Jesus Christ be the knowledge we constantly abide in. (1 Jn. 3:9; the seed is the Word of God - Lk. 8:11).
    - iv. Eventually the devilish knowledge will leave because you now have acquired a new habit of thinking Faith. 2 Cor. 10:4-6.
  - c. Vs. 8. "Draw nigh ..."
    - i. We are near to God when the Divine Nature (God) dwells in us through Faith. Eph. 2:11-13; Eph. 3: 17.
    - ii. God is near and in us when the words of Christ dwells in us. Jn. 15:7; Col. 3:16; 1

- Jn. 4:15,16.
- iii. To draw nigh to God is to constantly study and abide in the Truth. Jn. 15:7; 1 Cor. 15:34.
  - iv. The cleansing of our hands begins by first cleansing the heart. Matt. 23:25,26.
  - v. Because everything comes from the heart. Matt. 15: 18,19.
  - vi. It is taking heed to the Word of God that cleanses. Ps. 119:9.
  - vii. The Truth of Christ in the heart is to be a substitute for the errors that usually dwell in the mind. 2 Cor. 4:6,7; Rom. 6:17.
- d. Vs. 9. “Morn ...”
- i. This is a time to be solemn because it is the Judgment time. Lev. 16:29,30; Joel. 2:15-17.
- e. Vs. 10. “Humble...”
- i. To humble is to have a right esteem of oneself that one is nothing and God is all Things, or the Greatest. Ex. 34:5-8.
  - ii. This means to have a right view of the majesty and greatness of God and the depravity of man. Isa. 6:1-5; Lk. 5:4-9.

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## HAVING CONFIDENCE (TRUST) PHIL. 3:3,4

1. What confidence means? “Full belief in the trustworthiness or reliability of a person or thing ... assurance ... boldness...” Webster’s International Dictionary, Vol. 1, Pg. 212.
2. What trust means? “Reliance on the integrity or justice of a person or confidence in some quality, feature, or attribute of a thing; confident expectation or hope; ... To have faith or confident in something or someone; to hope; ... to believe...” Ibid. Vol. 2, pg. 1061.
3. An illustration of what confidence means:

### CONFIDENCE

1)BELIEVE TRUTH      2)TRUST: HOLD THAT (TRUE) KNOWLEDGE IN MIND      3)DEPEND ON THAT KNOWLEDGE

4)OPERATE ACCORDING TO THAT KNOWLEDGE

4. God is our confidence. Ps. 65:5; Ps. 118:8,9; Pr. 14:26.
5. This means that God’s knowledge helps. Pr. 9:10,11; Pr. 11:9.
6. A confident man has knowledge. Isa. 33:6; Pr. 22:17-21.
7. God’s knowledge makes us understand troublous situations. Pr. 28:2.
8. All wrong situations that bring failure and take away confidence starts with erroneous knowledge. Job. 38:2; Isa. 47: 10,11.
9. One must get the knowledge that brings success thus confidence. Pr. 3:13-26; Pr. 8:5-21.
10. One must believe knowledge; (accept it as it really is, i.e. Truth). Col. 3:10; 1 Jn. 5:13,14.
11. We must trust or hold the knowledge in the mind (keep it in the consciousness). Pr. 3:5,6.
12. We must depend on that knowledge for our way of thinking and relating. Pr. 3:5,6; Col. 1:9,10.

13. The Sabbath shows perfect creation - perfect Creator, thus to have God as the Creator of our new existence, is to have assurance of perfection, success and thus confidence. (Gen. 1:31; Gen. 2:1-3).
14. Confidence is thus the experience of believing truth, trusting Truth, depending on truth to think and to relate to all things.

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**WHAT IS “PROPITIATION” IN ROM. 3:25; 1 JN. 2:2, AND 1 JN. 4:10.**

1. The meaning of the word “propitiation” in Rom. 3:25; 1 Jn. 2:2; 1 Jn. 4:10.
2. The original language of the word “propitiation”.
  - a. It is the Greek word “hilasterion” in Rom. 3:25.
  - b. It is the Greek word “hilasmos” in 1 Jn. 2:2; 1 Jn. 4:10.
3. The word “hilasterion” is the word for “mercy seat” in the LXX as it is evidently the same word in Heb. 9:5.
4. The word “hilasmos” is explained “... the noun and verb forms are a covering and to cover respectively”. H. H. Hobbs, **The Epistles of John**, pg. 40-41.
  - a. The verb form of the word is present in Lk. 18:13; Heb. 2:17.
  - b. Since the verb of “hilasmos” is translated “merciful” in Lk. 18:13, but “reconciliation” in Heb. 2:17, the better word for it is “mercy” in its noun form in 1 Jn. 2:2 and 1 Jn. 4:10.
5. Thus to Rom. 3:25, Christ is our “mercy-seat, and in 1 Jn. 2:2 and 1 Jn. 4:10 Christ is the “Mercy”.
6. The first use of the word “mercy-seat” is in Ex. 25:17-22.

7. God dwells between the cherubim's (on the mercy seat). Num. 7:89; 1 Sam. 4:4; 2 Sam. 6:2.
8. Thus the mercy seat is a symbol of the throne of God. Ps. 11:4; Ps. 80:1; Ps. 99:1; Lev. 16:2.
9. This is the "throne of Grace" since grace is mercy. Heb. 4: 16; Ex. 34:5-7.
10. Grace is the Plan of Salvation. Tit. 2:11-14.
11. God's throne which is the "mercy-seat" (which is Christ), is based upon principles of the Plan of Salvation (which is Christ Himself, making Him our "mercy-seat" and "mercy"). Ps. 9:4,7; Ps. 47:8; Ps. 89:14; Ps. 97:2; Pr. 20: 28.
12. The mercy seat (Christ) delivers us from sin. Isa. 6:1-7.
13. Jesus Christ Himself is our Grace (mercy and truth). Jn. 1: 14,16,17.
14. Thus the word "propitiation" really tells us:
  - a. Jesus Christ is our "mercy-seat" of the Plan of Salvation.
  - b. Jesus Christ is our "mercy" of the Plan of Salvation.

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### **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**

1. It is the 1888 message.
  - a. "The Lord in His great mercy sent a most precious message to His people through Elders Waggoner and Jones. This message was to bring more prominently before the world the uplifted Saviour, the sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. It presented justification through faith in the surety; it invited the people to receive the righteousness of Christ, which is made manifest in obedience to all the commandments of God. Many had lost sight of Jesus. They needed to have their eyes directed to His divine person, His merits, and His changeless love for the human family. All power is given into His hands, that He may dispense rich gifts unto men, imparting the priceless gift of His own righteousness to the helpless human agent. This is the message that God commanded to be given to the world. It is the third angel's message, which is to be proclaimed with a

loud voice, and attended with the outpouring of His Spirit in a large measure.” **Ellen G. White, Testimonies to Ministers, pg. 91-92.**

2. The Gospel contains Righteousness. Rom. 1:16,17.
3. There are basically two types of Righteousness.
  - a. The Divine Nature - God Himself. Jer. 23:5,6.
  - b. The works of the Law - the Ten Commandments. Rom. 8:4.
4. Faith alone can please God and save us. Heb. 10:38; Heb. 11:6.
5. Faith is the revealed truths of the Plan of Salvation. Heb. 11:1,3; 1 Tim. 4:6; Rom. 10:8.
6. It is the Spirit of Truth or Faith. Rom. 10:8; In. 17:17; 1 Jn. 5:6.
7. Thus Righteousness by faith is the Divine Nature placed in us through faith. Rom. 3:22; Rom. 10:1-6.
8. Faith or the Gospel contains Righteousness thus it could put the Divine Nature in us. Phil. 1:27; Rom. 1:16,17; Pr. 12:17; Rom. 3:22.
9. Thus faith and its Divine Nature of Righteousness in us causes obedience to the works of the Law (works Righteousness) in us. Rom. 9:31,32; Jam. 2:20,26.
10. Thus Righteousness by Faith is two things together:
  - a. The Divine Nature in the Revealed Truths of the Plan of Salvation.
  - b. The doing of the works of the Law by the influence of Faith and the Divine Nature.

THE END

## **HOW TO CLEANSE ONES WAYS**

1. Cleansing one's ways are done by the Word of God. Ps. 119:9.
2. Why? Because the thoughts of the heart are the problem.
  - a. A man is as he thinks. Pr. 23:7.
  - b. The thoughts are evil. Gen. 6:3.
  - c. Evil ways come out of the thoughts of the heart. Mk. 7: 20-23.
  - d. The thoughts need forgiveness. Acts. 8:21,22.
3. Thus we are to reason with God. Isa. 1:18.
4. The word of Faith must be in the heart. Rom. 10:8.
5. This word makes us keep the Commandments. Ps. 19:11, 33,34,43,44.
6. Victory comes by Faith, which is the word of Truth. 1 Jn. 5:4; 1 Tim. 4:6,15,16.
7. The Spirit is Truth or Faith. 1 Jn. 5:6; 2 Cor. 4:13.
8. The Spirit enters our hearts. Gal. 4:6.
9. Through this we gain victory over sin. 1 Jn. 2:27; 1 Jn. 3:9, 24.

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## **WHY TRUE PURPOSE IS FOUND IN CHRIST**

1. The following is a definition of purpose:

A plan to fulfill an outlined pattern of knowledge that gives meaning and fulfillment to one's existence. A designed plan given to a converted man by God for him to experience and fulfill.
2. The unconverted man is purposeless, he does not have a plan to live or fulfill in his existence. Rom. 3:10,12; Isa. 1: 4,5,11-16; Eccl. 1:2-10; Eccl. 2:11.

3. Adam was first given the Plan of dominion to live in which was our Spiritual self. Gen. 1:26.
4. When Adam sinned he was no longer able to fulfill that Plan, thus all his descendants, being born in his condition was born without a Plan to get purpose from. Rom. 5:17-19; Ps. 51:5; Eph. 2:1-3.
5. Jesus Christ taught that men needed to be born again. Jn. 3: 1-8.
6. The new birth, which is getting your born again self, is being placed into the kingdom of God, which is Righteousness. Jn. 3:3,5; Rom. 14:17.
7. Since Righteousness is found in the Gospel, the Kingdom of God which is that Righteousness, which we are brought into as the new birth, is in the Gospel, thus our born again self is in the Gospel of Christ. Rom. 1:16,17.
8. The Kingdom of God's dear Son that we are taken into at the new birth is the Righteousness that is in Christ - the Gospel. Col. 1:13,14; Phil. 3:9; Rom. 1:16,17.
9. Thus true purpose is found in Jesus Christ the Plan of Salvation. Jn. 14:6; Jn. 1:4; Jn. 4:14; Eph. 1:10-12; Eph. 3:10, 11.
10. Why is true purpose found only in Jesus Christ?
  - a. Because He is the Creator. Jn. 1:10; Col. 1:16.
  - b. Because He alone is the Saviour. Acts. 4:10-12; 2 Pet. 1:1; Tit. 2:13,14; Matt. 1:23.
  - c. Because our Born Again self is created already in Christ. Eph. 2:10; Eph. 3:9,10.
  - d. Because Christ is the second Adam through whom we get our new self or purpose. 1Cor. 15:22,45-49.
11. Jesus Christ who is the Word makes us alive by His Word - self, thus gives us our Born Again self or purpose. Jn. 1:1,14; Ps. 119:50; Jam. 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:23; 2 Cor. 4:6,7.
12. Our true purpose or true self is revealed in certain tribal characteristics. Rev. 7:4-8.
13. Our Born Again self operates in certain ministerial functions - gifts of the Spirit. Eph. 4:7,8,11,12.
14. Our Born Again Self, operating in these ministerial functions has diversities. 1 Cor. 12:4-11.
15. **Summary and chart.**
  - a. Our purpose is the particular wisdom God wants each to be from in the Plan of

Salvation. This purpose is the Born Again Self and is revealed in certain tribal traits, in various ministerial functions in different ways.

- b. **Purpose:** Born Again Self.
- c. **Tribal Traits:**
- d. **Spiritual Gifts: Ministerial functions.**
- e. **Diversity Of Operations:**

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### **THE NEED FOR THE STUDY OF THE BIBLE (OR THE WORD OF GOD)**

1. We must study in a way approved unto God. 2 Tim. 2:15.
2. How would we come to know the Truth? The Spirit will reveal Truth to us. Jn. 14:26; Jn. 16:13,14.
3. How are we sure we would know the Truth? If we will to do God's Will we will know the Truth. Jn. 7:16,17.
4. God has given us His Word so that we may know the Truth. Pr. 22:17-21.
5. The Truth makes us free from bondage to sin. Jn. 8:32; Rom. 6:18.
6. What is the grave importance of studying the Word of God?
  - a. Because we are born again with the Word of God. 1 Pet. 1:23; Jam. 1:18.
  - b. Our born again spiritual self is made up of the Truth. 1 Cor. 15:10; Tit. 2:11,12; 2 Cor. 4:6,7.
  - c. It is the Truth that makes our born again self grows. 1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:16, Col.

- 3:10.
- d. We study to grow in grace and in knowledge of Jesus Christ. 2 Pet. 3:18.
  - e. If we do not study we shall die spiritually and that means to end back up in sin. Jn. 6:53; Eph. 2:1,5; Col. 2:13.
  - f. Lack of study could make us become susceptible to error and cause us to fall. 2 Pet. 3:17.
7. The study of the word of God gives us Truth to make us perfect in all good works. 2 Tim. 3:15-17.
8. How do we benefit from Bible study?
- a. As we study the Spirit unfolds Truth to us. 1 Jn. 2:27.
  - b. This Truth is always about the Gospel as it relates to our sins. Eph. 1:13; Rom. 1:16,17.
  - c. When we repent and believe these Truths, God justifies us or declares those truths as our new values in place of sin. Mk. 1:14,15; Acts. 13:39; 1 Cor. 15:10; Col. 3:16.
  - d. This is also separating us from sin or sanctifying us by the Truth. Jn. 17:17,19.
  - e. Thus we have the Truth in our hearts to keep us from sinning. Ps. 119:11; 1 Jn. 3:9.
  - f. Thus we have a strong mental, “spiritual influence” to make us obey the Law of God. 1 Jn. 3:9; Eze. 36:26,27.
9. We must therefore pray earnestly for light from God before we open the Bible to study. Jam. 1:5,6; 1 Jn. 5:14,15.
10. Finally, when we study we must dig deeply for hidden gems of Truth below the surface. Matt. 13:44,52.

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## **TO BE RIGHTEOUS OR CHANGED**

1. Unconverted men have error in their minds. Gen. 6:5; Rom. 8:5-8.
2. This exalts creation to be God in place of God. Gen. 3:5.
3. Man therefore needs the knowledge of God. 1 Cor. 15:34.
4. This knowledge has Righteousness or God in it. [Rom. 1: 16,17; Pr. 12:17; Jer. 23:6].
5. It comes as the living Spirit of Truth. Jn. 16:13; 1 Jn. 5:6.
6. The erroneous knowledge in man's mind is his values. Pr. 23:7.
7. God must convict us in our minds with His Truth. Jn. 16:7-11.
8. We must thus repent of our evil knowledge and believe the Gospel knowledge. Mk. 1:15.
9. The gospel knowledge is Faith. Phil. 1:27.
10. When we believe the Gospel knowledge/Faith, God does not count our evil knowledge as our own any more. Rom. 4:8.
11. Then God counts or esteems the knowledge of God/Faith as our new value. Rom. 4:5,6; [Rom. 8:6; Rom. 5:1].
12. Thus Justification gives us the knowledge of God. 2 Cor. 4:6.
13. Thus we are made righteous or changed. [Rom. 4:11; 1 Jn. 3:7].
14. We are new persons, made the Righteousness of God; that is, we have this Righteousness as our new value. [2 Cor. 5:21, 1 Jn. 2:29]
15. Thus we are what we are, and work by the Grace of God. 1 Cor. 15:10.
16. All our thoughts are now subjected to this knowledge of God. 2 Cor. 10:4,5.
17. We must obey this knowledge from the heart. Rom. 6:17.

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