Spirit Food

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Once you are presented with what the Word of God has to say about an issue, you are responsible for receiving His love, grace, & favor; and the gift of His righteousness. Remember, you are greatly blessed, highly favored, and deeply loved by your Heavenly Father.

This month, let’s focus on practicing God’s presence.

Matthew 1:23 - *“…*and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

How do we practice being conscious of God’s presence?

By seeing God with you in whatever you do and wherever you are. Where ever you are … remember, when you accepted Jesus as the Lord of your life, His Holy Spirit came to dwell inside of you with your spirit. You are a spirit being, your body is just the house in which your spirit dwells/lives, along with your soul (which is your mind, will, and emotions). Your spirit is going to live forever!

Therefore, when you attend a meeting, go shopping, or do any activity, God is with you, as the Holy Spirit lives within you. What we need to do is acknowledge that He is with us, and listen to His prompting.

Hebrews 13:5 – “… I will never leave you or forsake you.”

Understand that God has promised you His constant presence. When you focus and are conscious of His presence every day, worries and fears will have no foothold in your mind. You will see Him maximizing your joy and fun, and prospering you in what you say and do!

Hebrews 13:9 – “*…*it is good that the heart be established by grace*…*”

When you depend on God’s grace, that is, His undeserved, unmerited favor, the opposite happens—your heart becomes established. When you know that the only thing that qualifies you to receive God’s blessings is faith in the finished work of Christ, your heart becomes established. Then, you will walk without the fear of your troubles swallowing you up. You will walk with full assurance that His blessings will be manifested in your life.

This comes from developing a personal relationship with Jesus. And that is accomplished by investing time with Him … in prayer (talking with Him), finding out how much He loves you by providing you with love letters He has written for you (The Bible), and praising Him and thanking Him for redeeming you from condemnation!

God desires your heart to be established, knowing that His righteousness, healing, protection and provision are yours—all paid for by Jesus’ finished work at the cross. God’s blessings are available in your life because they are not dependent on your ability to keep His laws, but Jesus’ perfect obedience.

Hebrews 8:12 - “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

This is the Good News (Gospel) under the new covenant, your sins no longer disqualify you because God Himself has said, “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

Because of His grace, you have full access to His blessings. You no longer have to worry about whether you are good enough. You can stand firm on the promises made in His Word and enjoy His blessings today because Jesus has paid the price. Your part is only to believe and receive!

Don’t you find this exciting and praise worthy? Glory To God for His love for mankind, that John 3:16-17 is true!

Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

When you desire God’s promises to be apparent in your life, you cannot depend on yourself. If you depend on yourself—your obedience, goodness, service and even faith—you will not be able to receive God’s promises. But when you depend on God’s grace—His unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor toward you—that is when His promises become manifested in your life.

God desires to have a personal relationship with you, enabling you to see His grace. And when you see His grace, He sees your faith, your right believing that He loves you and desires only the best for you! God says, “For by grace are you saved through faith.” The Greek word for “saved”, sozo, doesn’t just mean to save from hell, but also to heal, preserve and make whole. So it is by grace that you are made whole, kept healthy, preserved and blessed. It is by grace through faith that God’s promises become reality in your life.

Focus on developing a closer, deeper personal relationship with Jesus. Begin to see God’s grace in your situation and He will see that as faith (right believing). And because He sees your faith, you will receive the breakthrough you need!