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“..... looking unto Jesus”/ “the hope set before us” (part three) (Hebrews 12:1 & 6:18-19 NKJV)

Hello folks,

I know you folks love and treasure God's Word just as I do ... and there's a verse in Psalm 119, verse 162, which says, **"I rejoice at your word as one who finds great treasure"** which could equally have been the title of this study.... because it's through God's Word, revealing The Lord Jesus and His finished work, that we receive all that our Father has prepared for us in Christ.

This verse from the New Living Translation bible puts it so well.., it's The Lord speaking to the Pharisees.., *"You search the Scriptures because you think they give you eternal life. But the Scriptures point to me! Yet you refuse to come to me to receive this life".* (John 5:39-40 NLT)

So always it comes down to this..., revelation of The Lord Jesus..., for in Him we see God's love for us. All the things He suffered on our behalf in order that we should be saved, bear witness to that love....and our part is simply to receive it all by faith. The Holy Spirit enlightening the eyes of our heart. Our old nature on the other hand, always seeks to earn God's favour ... but our spirit is energised through revelation of God's grace towards us in Christ Jesus..., through revelation and faith alone.

And we've been beneficiaries of God's grace for around 2,000 years now, predominantly non Jews that is.... because of the veil that's been on their hearts but it's clear that very soon they'll come to see Jesus as their Saviour too. And the wording is quite significant in the scripture in Zechariah which speaks of this.., in that again, it's about looking unto Jesus..., revelation of Jesus as their Saviour.

*"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me whom they pierced.** Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for [his] only [son], and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn."* (Zechariah 12:10 NKJV)

It's been said that this is typified in the account where Joseph eventually revealed himself to his brethren in Egypt, unrecognisable up until that moment in his regal Egyptian clothing and appearance... and the fear and shame that gripped them in that instant but how Joseph quickly dispelled their fears and embraced them and wanted them to live close by, telling them that everything that had happened was all part of God's plan to save many lives. That's all in Genesis 45.

When you think, it's through believing the Gospel, God's Word of life concerning Jesus, that we're born again, *"having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through **the word of God which lives and abides forever.** because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away,... But the word of the LORD endures forever. Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you".* (1 Peter 1:23- 25 NKJV)

(Through believing the Gospel) we're filled with The Holy Spirit...,

"In Him you also [trusted], after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise....," (Ephesians 1:13 NKJV)

(Through believing the Gospel) we're transformed into His image ...,

"but we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of The Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by The Spirit of The Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV)

(and through believing the Gospel) we're given an inheritance as sons and daughters of God.

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified". (Acts 20:32 NKJV)

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And that's been the theme of these 3 studies, one of *"looking unto Jesus"*.

While on the other hand, every effort of the adversary, is to try and get us to be looking at ourselves, at our performance, anything, other than the finished work of The Lord on our behalf and our new identity in Christ.

John 3:16 is a verse that we love and know really well ... but if we go back just a couple of verses, it says., *"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."*

For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:14-16 NKJV)

Did you notice the phrase, *"...that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life,"*

is repeated twice? (**NOTE:** the translators chose to change them slightly...but the Greek text of both lines is exactly identical!) And whenever a word is repeated twice in scripture it's a very strong emphasis, like *"shama, shama"*, is not just 'hear', but *'to hearken diligently ..'*. (Isaiah 55:2). (The actual Hebrew reads slightly differently "shimoo shama but that's only because of grammar rules.)

"Shalom, shalom", is not just 'peace', it's 'perfect peace' (Isaiah 26:3)... that it can't get any better than that.

"You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You because he trusts in You." (Isaiah 26:3 NKJV).

But here..., it's God's promise of Eternal Salvation to whoever believes on Jesus, that's spoken twice.

Not just a word that's doubled up ... but The whole promise! A stronger confirmation you can't get. In fact, when you look closely, sandwiched between His promise, is the love of God and His beloved Son. Isn't that something!

And it was The Lord Jesus himself, The Word of God in the flesh, that spoke these words this didn't He? Referring to the bronze serpent, that God instructed Moses to make, which was then fitted to a pole and held up high for all those who had been bitten by those deadly serpents to look upon and be healed...,bronze speaking of judgment.

The Lord saying that this typified His forthcoming death on the cross when He would be made sin for us and bear our judgement.... but again, even with that bronze serpent on a pole, it was all about looking and believing.

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:14-15 NKJV)

And I find it remarkable, that this symbol, or logo of a serpent on a pole, is widely used to this day in the medical profession, often outside of pharmacies, on signs and on forms etc.

Probably there are all kinds of opinions as to why it was adopted, attributing it to Hippocrates, or a false God of the time and what have you very few I'm sure have eyes to see it from a Christian perspective... but for me, every time I see it, I think to myself, *"that's the Gospel..., right there"*.

A symbol of the incredible cost of our salvation, when The Lord Jesus who knew no sin was made sin for us on the cross. Which at the same time also revealed the depth of God's love for us, in that He gave His only Son..., His beloved, to identify with us in that way and to die in our place.

So God's plan of salvation was there in The Old Testament wasn't it? In all the types etc. But without revelation, understanding..., in effect it was hidden ... because as scripture tells us..., v8 *"...none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."* (1 Corinthians 2:8 NKJV).

And it was vital that The Lord should die for our sins, the just for the unjust ... but now by God's Grace, through the Gospel, life is freely imparted to all who see and believe.

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"before whose eyes...", Paul said..., *"...Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified"* . That was what he wrote to the Galatians if you remember, who were being persuaded by some, that to believe on Jesus was not enough,

*"Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, **before whose eyes** Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?"*

Well meaning people no doubt, telling them that they should still be observing and keeping elements of The Law, The Old Covenant with its blessings and cursings.

So Paul wrote a strongly worded letter as to the seriousness of this, because it would make of no effect, God's Word of Life to them. Since The New Covenant is all about God's grace..., man's efforts have no place in this, with the gift of The Spirit and God's power, being received through faith alone.

On the surface, I suspect the thought of 'doing', probably appealed to the old nature but anything besides trusting in the finished work of Christ, implies that the blood of Jesus wasn't quite good enough. When in truth, our salvation is entirely of The Lord and is perfect and complete.

His sinless life, given for us, which has fully met all the righteous requirements of God's law on our behalf.

So he urgently wanted to bring them to their senses and asks them to consider how they received The Holy Spirit in the first place. That it wasn't through effort.

"Just one thing I want to know from you", he says. *"How did you receive The Spirit?"*

He wanted them to realise that it was through revelation of Jesus through the gospel and by believing. Nothing more. And then cites an example of this at the end, saying..., *"**just as** Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness."* (Galatians 3:6 NKJV)

Despite his circumstances which as yet were unchanged, regarding Sarah being able to have a son, Abraham took God at His word and believed..., nothing more. (Genesis 15:5-6 NKJV).

And that's the first mention of 'believe' by the way, '*aman*', to believe..., where we get the word '*amen*' from.

Galatians 3:1-3

*"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth..., **before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?**"* (There's the revelation of The Lord Jesus) *This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?*

*Are you so foolish? **Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?*** (Galatians 3:1-3 NKJV) So that's our beginning, our foundation.

He says, *".... **are you now being made perfect by the flesh?**"*

And we've looked at this, concerning our new life in Christ and of walking by faith in His finished work. *"but we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of The Lord are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by The Spirit of The Lord."* (2 Corinthians 3:18 NKJV).

And Paul continues his strong words to them...,he says, (Galatians 3:4-6)

*"Have you suffered so many things in vain--if indeed [it was] in vain? Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, [does He do it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Just as Abraham **believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**"* (Galatians 3:4-6 NKJV)

"before whose eyes"..., essentially, revelation of Jesus and his finished work and *"the hearing of faith"* when our heart says, *"amen!" ("I believe !" .)*

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In his letter, this time to the Ephesian church, Paul again expresses this same desire for folks to 'see' the truth and makes it very clear that it's the work of The Holy Spirit, through the preaching of the Lord Jesus....,

*"I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him...., **the eyes of your understanding being enlightened**; that you may know what is the hope of His calling..., what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints..., " and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places..," (Ephesians 1:16-20 NKJV)*

The eyes of our understanding being enlightened and then it's with the heart that we believe. *'the hearing of faith'*, being the acceptance, the *"amen"*, to the word revealed.... and the result is the flow of God's Spirit within.

If you remember in the last study we saw how The Lord, after His resurrection, opened the scriptures concerning himself to the disciples ... and later on to Paul as well, that they should see Him as their Saviour, in order for them to see and believe and be saved. Forgiveness of sins through his blood. And it was The Lord Jesus who explained to his disciples about The Holy Spirit, who would continue to do the same thing, of revealing The Lord Jesus to us and leading us into all the truth....,

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear [them] now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own [authority], but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare [it] to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare [it] to you." (John 16:12-15 NKJV)

And that's the wonder..., that now He lives within us and works in us both to will and to do the things that please our Father. Opening the eyes of our understanding as He reveals The Lord Jesus and the love of the Father through the preaching or whatever. Leading us into all the truth and always into paths of peace and faith in Christ. *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." (1 Corinthians 2:12 NKJV)*

Just in passing, it's worth pointing out that in Hebrew, the word *'shama'*, 'to hear' ..., is also used for 'obey'. And in Greek it's similar, in that the word for hear, *'akouo'* becomes obey when it has a prefix in front of it and becomes *'hypakouo'*. (It almost sounds a bit Yorkshire doesn't it ? "ee- pa- gum"). Do you remember *'hypomene'* endurance/patience, in Hebrews 12:1 from the last study? *"let us run with endurance the race set before us"*? (*hypo/under ...meno/to remain*). Well it's our old friend *'hypo'* again.)

With *'hypo'* meaning under (for instance, hypodermic - under the skin), here, *'hyp-akouo'* implies a compliance with what's heard, in effect we place ourselves under the word we've heard . Like Mary, who said to the angel Gabriel, "be it unto me according to your word." So that, when we read *"the obedience of faith"* and *"the hearing of faith"*, it's one and the same thing..., a word that's received into one's heart. An *'amen'* which The Lord witnesses to every time with His Spirit.

A really good example that shows the 'hearing of faith' being obedience in God's sight, is in Romans 10:16 NKJV..., where quoting from Isaiah 53:1, Paul says...,

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"But they have not all obeyed (hypakouo) the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, who has believed our report?" They all heard but not all believed. Which shows that where His Word is concerned, God considers obedience and faith, as one and the same thing.

There's another Greek word for 'obey' (*'pietho'*), that's used to a much lesser extent, which in meaning, leans more towards, *'being persuaded'*".

Always, it's about revelation of The Lord Jesus, The Word of God who was sent from the Father to save us. There's that lovely scripture in Isaiah 55:10-11 NKJV that says....,

"For as the rain comes down..., and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper [in the thing] for which I sent it". (Isaiah 55:10-11 NKJV)

At first it was through the prophets..., The Spirit of Christ in the prophets revealing God's intentions and will.... and then as it says in Hebrews 1:2-3 (NKJV), that God *"has in these last days spoken to us by [His] Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of [His] glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.* (Hebrews 1:2-3 NKJV)

The Word of God who came in the flesh.., of whom John said, *"in Him was life and the life was the light of men."*

And it's true isn't it? When God's Word quickens us, there's a real joy inside.

"didn't our heart burn within us as He opened to us the scriptures?" (Luke 24:32 NKJV)

And the Apostle John had been given this wonderful insight, as to who The Lord Jesus is..,that He's The Word of God. His gospel begins with this doesn't it?

Then, in the book of Revelation 1:8, again written by John, we read of The Lord appearing to him in a vision and when you read the account..., almost like a signature denoting The Word of God, The Lord says..., *"I am the Alpha and Omega"*, which are the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet.

JP points out that The Lord probably spoke Hebrew or Aramaic to John and would have used the first and last letter of the Hebrew alphabet, 'Aleph and Tav' but since the New Testament was written in Greek, they put 'Alpha and Omega'.

But either way, there's this insight once again that John had been given, of The Lord as The Word of God.

And it's easy to overlook the very first thing that The Lord said to him..., which was , " I AM " . *"I AM ... the Alpha and the Omega, [the] Beginning and [the] End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

Often quoted as, *"who was and is and is to come"* but *'who is'* comes first, since that's how he describes Himself ..., as I AM.

If you remember..., when Moses spoke with God at the burning bush?

"Then Moses said to God, "Indeed, [when] I come to the children of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they say to me, 'What [is] His name?' what shall I say to them?" And God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."

And He said, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Moreover, God said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the

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*God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. **This [is] My name forever, and this [is] My memorial to all generations.*** (Exodus 3:13-15 NKJV)

But essentially The Word of God is The Lord Jesus and everything about Him is life giving and revelatory. We looked at this last time in 1 Peter 1:10-12, how it was the Spirit of Christ in the prophets that moved them to speak. (1 Peter 1:10-12). Their words recorded in scripture for our benefit.

And Paul telling Timothy that... *"All Scripture [is] given by inspiration of God, and [is] profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness",* (2 Timothy 3:16 NKJV)

There's a psalm that's also worth pointing out, in that it just magnifies The Word of God, it's Psalm 119... and what is so relevant is that the theme throughout this very long psalm, is how God's Word meets all our needs. Life giving.., cleansing.., leads and guides us.., keeps us.., everything.

At first glance because of translation and the fact that it was written at a time when they were under The Law, it doesn't fully reveal what's going on ... but on closer inspection you realise that it's pointing us to The Word of God constantly.

Every verse of its 176 verses except for 4, has a reference to God's Word in some form. And the theme throughout is one of our walk with The Lord. And why I mention it, is because it's making a statement of our total need and dependence on God's Word.

(6 verses have 2 references in them, so in all there are 178 mentions of God's Word in some form, exceeding the number of verses.)

Of course it was written when they were under The Old Covenant of the Law, hence all the references to Statutes and Precepts and what have you.... but the principle of God's Word being central to our lives is sound. Which for us under The New Covenant, is The Gospel of grace, God's Word of life concerning Jesus. Which is *"a ministration of Spirit"* (2 Corinthians 3:8-9), and through faith alone, in Him.

So all the references to Law, Commandments, Judgements etc, obviously we need to read through the lens of the finished work of Christ. Because the blood of Jesus, shed for all our sin, changed everything.., forever.

For instance, verse 9...

"How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed to your word".

Which is the Gospel message, isn't it? Cleansed and saved, through faith in the blood of Jesus. God's Word of life that's been proclaimed throughout the world.

No longer trying to be righteous in God's sight as they did under the Old Covenant ... but declared righteous in His sight, through faith in the finished work of His beloved Son Jesus.

For The Lord Jesus didn't do away with the law, did He ? He actually fulfilled it on our behalf.

"one died for all, therefore all died". The Lord's body, nailed to the cross said in effect, "Paid in full", for everyone.

Anyway, this psalm with a reference in almost every line to God's Word in some form, is portioned up into 22 segments, one for every letter of the Hebrew alphabet.... and just magnifies The Word of God.

All 22 segments, one for each letter of the Hebrew alphabet..., has 8 lines of verse allotted to it....and in our bibles the translators have inserted the relevant Hebrew letter as a header in bold print at the start of each segment but as far as I'm aware that header isn't there in the original text...., so it was necessary to do this because the beauty of what's there in the Hebrew is lost in the translation.

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Which is that all of those first 8 lines of verse in the segment under ALEPH, all start with a word that has Aleph as it's very first letter. Aleph being the first letter of the alphabet. Like the letter 'A' would be for us.

Then the next 8 lines of verse, all start with a word that has BET as its first letter (B).... and so it goes throughout the whole psalm.... and all 22 letters in turn are represented in this fashion.

Every letter allotted 8 lines of verse. So it seems that they're all of equal value.

I don't know how this would have appeared on ancient scrolls ... but certainly if you saw each line of verse presented one above the other it would be striking..., a real in your face statement, not hidden at all as some acrostics are, such as in the book of Esther.

Acrostic, as I'm sure you know, just means that by taking say the first, or last letters of words in a text, sometimes it makes up another word, a kind of hidden code within a text but there's nothing hidden or secret here, quite the opposite really..., it's making a statement....., of God's Word being the answer to all our needs.

Reading from right to left, a Hebrew would instantly see a column of 8 Alephs, stacked one above the other...., then the next 8 lines would reveal a column of 8 Bets..., then 8 Gimmel..., 8 Dalet and so on. Like our A, B, C, D, kind of thing.

So it's no surprise, that this Psalm, which highlights the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet in this unique way, is just crammed full of references to God's Word in some form or other..., such as Word, Commandments, Precepts, Judgments, Testimonies, Law, Statutes, Testimonies, almost every verse of the 176 verses. There's only 4 without a reference. Which in itself is probably significant but I haven't found anything in those 4 verses, that stands out. [verses, 3...37...90...and 122.] . Perhaps you'll see something there?

But the Alphabet and God's Word..., they go together....and the theme is of God's Word being there for us.

Verse 162, which says, "**I rejoice at your word as one who finds great treasure**". And this psalm is so rich, with many scriptures that we know by heart found here..., verse 9, for example which we've already looked at...,

"How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed to your word".

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"...Remember your word upon which you have caused me to hope. This is my comfort in my affliction for your Word has given me life." (Psalm 119:49)

Which is something we looked at last time, The Hope of the Gospel, God's promise of eternal salvation through faith in Jesus..., which carried in our heart will see us through difficult times.

Do you remember, in 1 Peter 1:3... ?

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you...., who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (That's God's word upon which we hope.)

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honour and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ," (1 Peter 1:3-7 NKJV)

Another good example that again relates to things we've been looking at, is in verse 37... *"Turn away my eyes from looking at worthless things and revive me in Your way." (Psalm 119:37),*

That's Hebrews 12:1 isn't it? Of looking away from our cares and the sin that so easily besets us unto Jesus.

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And the word translated there as 'revive', is the Hebrew word 'chaya', meaning "to quicken" or, "cause to live".

Which is exactly what happens when we look to Jesus. "In him was life and the life was the light of men". So many others that we know really well..., such as "your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

(Psalm 119:105)

And this is the theme all the way through, of God's Word being the answer to all our needs. And whereas in the book of Hebrews it refers to 'the race that's set before us' ..., here, it's the same thing but refers to this as 'our path', 'our way'.

The essential thing though, as with all of The Old Testament, is that we have to read it in the light of the finished work of Jesus, The New Covenant.

To rightly divide The Word, as Paul told Timothy..., separating The Old Covenant which Jesus fulfilled and has been done away with..., from The New Covenant of Grace that we're under .

But nevertheless, to be able to see The Lord in all the types and examples, recorded there for us in scripture.

So whether it's through the preaching, words on a page, or directly to our heart ..., it's through revelation of The Lord Jesus, that life is imparted when we receive His Word by faith. It's the "amen" of Abraham.

Anyway, I thought this psalm which magnifies God's Word as it does, was worth a mention...because the principle of believing and walking according to God's Word, is sound . We just need to keep in mind, that for us, it's all about walking by faith in the finished work of Christ...and acknowledging our place in Him. Learning now to be led of The Spirit.

Every stage of our development as God's children involves revelation of Jesus.

From the cross., to the throne., to the moment when we see him face to face., it's all about looking to Him.

So to finish, maybe we could just have look at that verse in Hebrews 12:1-2, which is where we started. " Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares [us], and let us run with endurance (hypomene) the race that is set before us..., looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of [our] faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured (hypomene) the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God". (Hebrews 12:1-2 NKJV)

The word "looking", if you remember, meaning "to look away from", unto something else., 'unto' Jesus. To see in Him, all that God has promised us..., that He is our vision, our Hope.

"... who for the joy that was set before Him..., endured the cross".

So even The Lord had a vision in his heart that helped him to endure., a vision of the salvation of souls and restoration of a fallen world that would result from His sacrifice.

"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (Isaiah 53:11 KJV)

Anyway that's it ..., "looking unto Jesus / the hope set before us", just to be assured, knowing that our identity is completely wrapped up in Him. It's the easiest thing in the world to find oneself being introspective and what have you ... but in The Lord Jesus we see God's promise to us of eternal salvation.

And the Gospel of God's Grace isn't hidden, or down to us to sort out is it? He's the one who finds and calls us to Himself..., He's the one who delights in us and He will perform all His will, there's no doubt about that.... and He's the one who enlightens the eyes of our heart to see Jesus and all that's ours in Christ.

Our part is easy..., just to allow His word into our heart.

"**just as** Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness." (Galatians 3:6 NKJV)

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Just remember that double seal on His promise to us, spoken by The Lord Jesus Himself for our assurance.

*“.... as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up....,” that **whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.***

*For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son .. **that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**”* (John 3:14-16 NKJV)

And just to repeat the NOTE of earlier...., while the translators chose to change the text slightly... the Greek text of both lines are in fact exactly identical! And I believe The Lord wants us to know that.

And that sandwiched between His promise, we see God’s love for us, revealed in His beloved Son Jesus, which is the heart of the Gospel, isn’t it?

You know.., with the greatest reverence....,“ What a sandwich, eh !”

Like Joseph Prince often says, “you’ll never know how much He loves you, until you know how much He loves His Son...because He gave His Son to die for you.”

Notes:

- Use this link to view a side-by-side presentation of Psalm 119, in Hebrew and English https://thelongpsalm.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/ps119_hebtransliteration.pdf

Example:

There are some online resources for the transliterated Hebrew Bible:

<http://interlinearbible.org/psalms/119.htm> = interlinear

http://www.scripture4all.org/OnlineInterlinear/Hebrew_Index.htm
= reverse interlinear (link to PDF file)

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| ¹ ʔašrê ʕəmîmê-dāreḵ ḥəḥōlḵîm bəʔōraʕ yḥwh(ʔādōnāy) | Happy are they that are upright in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD. |
| ² ʔašrê nōšrê ʕēdōtāyw bəḵol-lēḇ yidrašūhū | Happy are they that keep His testimonies, that seek Him with the whole heart. |
| ³ ʔap lōʔ-ḵāʕālū ʕawlāh bidrāḵāyw ḥālāḵū | Yea, they do no unrighteousness; they walk in His ways. |
| ⁴ ʔattāh ʕiwvīʕāh ʕiqqūdeʕkā lišmōr məʔōḏ | Thou hast ordained Thy precepts, that we should observe them diligently. |
| ⁵ ʔəḥālay yikkōnū dərāḵāy lišmōr ḥuqqeʕkā | Oh that my ways were directed to observe Thy statutes! |
| ⁶ ʔāz lōʔ-ʕəḇōš bəḥabbīʕī ʔel-kol-mišwōteʕkā | Then should I not be ashamed, when I have regard unto all Thy commandments. |
| ⁷ ʔōḏkā bəyōšer lēḇāḇ bəlomḏī mišpəʕē ʕidqēkā | I will give thanks unto Thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn Thy righteous ordinances. |

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