

# Preparation for Bible Class

## THE THREE CRITICAL FUNDAMENTALS OF CHRISTIANITY



1- Salvation  
+R of JC

**Rom 3:28**



2- Spiritual life  
Guarding the Spiritual Life

**2 Tim 2:20-22; Eph 6; Job 31:1**



3- Greater Grace Life  
Growing in Grace

**James 4:6; Heb 4:11**

1. **Romans 3:28** *“For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.”* No works of any kind (mental, verbal, religious, law) merits salvation.

2. **2 Tim 2:20**, *“if anyone cleanses himself from these, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master . . . .”* We all have our own Achilles' heel, and Satan knows you better than you do. We are in AC, Eph 6:10-20. Consider Job in 31:1.

3. **Growth.** Like our physical birth, the spiritual birth is the most important event in our lives, because it is the beginning of everything else. Yet in another sense, it is the least important thing, because it is merely the starting point---rest is potential.

LIFE OF DAVID (79) – DAVID'S RECOVERY FROM REVERSIONISM:  
THE BLESSED POWER OF FAITH REST Psalm 56:9-13

**Psalm 56:9-13** Then my enemies will turn back in the day when I call; This I know, that God is for me. <sup>10</sup> In God, *whose* word I praise, In the LORD, *whose* word I praise, <sup>11</sup> In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me? <sup>12</sup> Thy vows are *binding* upon me, O God; I will render thank offerings to Thee. <sup>13</sup> For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, Indeed my feet from stumbling, So that I may walk before God In the light of the living.

56:9

- ✓ Note the incredible confidence David has, especially in light of his recent failures. SG believers are keenly aware that God is for them (“know” in Rom 8:28-30). It is the carnal/reversionistic person who lives in uncertainty and feels he must cajole God into blessings and being for him. God (Elohim) speaks of the Trinity. David dimly understood that there were three Persons in the One Godhead.

56:10

- ✓ Note David’s attitude to the WOG! If you want to know what it was that made David (and every great believer) so great, it is right here! Each believer must make the Word of God the issue of his entire life.

## 56:11. The blessings and power of the FRT

1. Note the power of faith rest (FR) to pull David out of reversionism, stabilize him, turn a complicated situation into a simple one, and remove all stress from his life. FR is the quickest way for any believer to get back in the POG.
2. FR is simply the faith application of the Word of God.
3. In FR the believer takes the promises of the Word of God and mixes them with personal faith,
  - ✓ **Hebrews 4:2** For indeed we have had good news [of the promised land] preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard.

4. In FR, the believer casts his cares on the Lord, knowing that the Lord cares for him,
  - ✓ **1 Peter 5:6** Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup> casting (ἐπιρίψαντες) all your anxiety (πᾶσαν τὴν μέριμναν) upon Him, because He cares for you.
  
5. Through FR, the believer moves out of anxiety and into peace and security,
  - ✓ **Philip 4:6**, Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses (ὑπερέχουσα) all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

6. Basics: Any and all faith comes by hearing & hearing by the Word of God,
  - ✓ **Romans 10:17** So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
  
7. Without faith it is impossible to please God,
  - ✓ **Hebrews 11:6** And without faith it is impossible (ἀδύνατον) to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

8. FR stabilizes the believer by enabling him to get control of his mental attitude and get out from under emotional confusion. FR stabilizes the mentality through BD and guards the believer from moving into emotional sinning.
- ✓ **Isaiah 26:3** "The steadfast of mind Thou wilt keep in perfect peace (אִלְמָד אִלְמָד), Because he trusts (בַּיהוָה) in Thee. <sup>4</sup> "Trust in the LORD forever, For in God the LORD, *we have* an everlasting Rock.
9. The believer's entire life is about going from one stage of faith/BD to another stage as he advances up the Glory Road
- ✓ **Rom 1:17** For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

- ✓ **1 Peter 1:7** that the proof of your faith, *being* more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ;
- ✓ **James 1:3** knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. <sup>4</sup> And let endurance have *its* perfect result, that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing.

10. FR is never a blind leap of faith. It takes hold of the invisible God through His promises. The nature of Biblical faith/reason stands in contrast to depiction in Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> Street.
11. God gave us all of these magnificent promises in His Word so we can relax, and enjoy the abundant super grace life.
- ✓ **Romans 8:28** And we know (Οἶδαμεν) that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.  
<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to become* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; <sup>30</sup> and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

## 12. Divine warnings for failure to use FR

- ✓ Ex 17:1-2. God delivered them from Egypt. Is there any reason to think that God is going to do less after redemption? God wants us to trust Him. This is why He has given us these promises to enter into His rest. If there is any people on the earth that should be calm, it should be the people of God. 1 Thess 5:18!
- ✓ Num 20:1-13. Even after watching 40 years of the faithfulness of God---when God provided everything. God has a reason for all testing and for the 7,000 promises in the WOG. No believer can grow or enter the promised life apart from FR. We are all in the training period for the coming Kingdom. We need spiritual strength, skill, and fortitude.
- ✓ Heb 3:7-15, 19; 4:1-16. Warning for NTCA believers.

13. The power of FR, Isa 40:29-31; 41:10; Psa 37:4-5; 46:1; 55:22; Prov 3:5-6; Philip 4:19; 1 Cor 10:13; 2 Cor 5:7; 10:3-5.

- ✓ **Psalm 37:4-5**, Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, and He will do it.
- ✓ **Psa 46:1**, God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.
- ✓ **2 Corinthians 10:4**, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. <sup>5</sup> *We are* destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and *we are* taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

- ✓ **2 Peter 1:3** seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, in order that by them you might become partakers of *the* divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.
- ✓ **Deuteronomy 31:6** "Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid or tremble at them, for the LORD your God is the one who goes with you. He will not fail you or forsake you."

14. FR faces and defeats any and all difficulties in life by orienting us to divine viewpoint (suffering, AC, the issues of SL, growth) where we can see things as God sees them and live within the doctrinal realities of His Word. The Plan of God is perfect! With FR we get our eyes off of the problems of life and back on God, the SL, the POG, & God's faithfulness.

15. With FR we tap back into the perfect plan by getting our eyes off of the problem and on the solution to the problem. The believer can solve any problem through FR.
16. FR requires genuine humility, 1 Pet 5:5-6.
17. FR is able to keep away fear and anxiety which are always pernicious to the spiritual life. With FR we can trust God and move forward. Consider the power of FR with David. Whether you know a lot or a little, FR is for every believer---from a single passage to huge doctrinal rationales. FR is the only way to really get us reconnected to the POG and move us away from our own machinations and advance us in the PPOG.

56:12. Reversion recovery. Really getting back to a dedicated life to God and appreciation of His matchless grace. Personal love for God provides powerful motivation, Rom 12:1; 2 Cor 5:14.

56:13.

1. FR sees God's deliverances as already accomplished. David is still in the thick of trouble, but he knows God will deliver him. FR provides amazing confidence, the same confidence David had with Goliath.
2. David was only able to get to this point through the various doctrines in the previous verses—from panic to confidence.
3. God has delivered our souls from eternal death which means that He has already done the most difficult for us.

4. God's goal in all of our deliverances is that we would return to Him. Active fellowship with God is the foundation to everything in life and the great reason He orders the events around our lives. Let us see to it that God's purpose is our resolve, and that we do not lose the good of any troubles.
5. Active fellowship
  - a. Walking with God emphasizes pure F-ship, Gen 5:24.
  - b. Walking before God emphasizes the adjustments in F-ship, Gen 17:1.
  - c. Walking after God emphasizes pursuing God in F-ship, Dt 13:4.
6. "May walk." Again, God's goal in all deliverances is to get us back to walking in the light of His plan. Working? David in essence makes a vow of walking in F-ship.

7. The light of the living corresponds to walking in fellowship with God. The sunshine of the super grace life is in contrast to the darkness of carnality and spiritual ignorance.
8. The light of the living refers to the spiritual life. The ones who really live are those who live in Christ: He lightens their lives.
9. The light of the living would include illumination from God as to His Being and His path for us. The believer who lives in light of God will live in the sunshine of His plan as per divine guidance.
10. John 8:12 ***Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life."***