

what we believe and why it matters

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15 "If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—
17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.

John 14:15-19

²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

²¹ Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them." ²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?"

John 14:20-22

Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.²⁵ All this I have spoken while still with you.²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."

John 14:23-26

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"Before Abraham was, I am," John 8

"I and the Father are one," John 10

He who has seen me has seen the Father," John 14

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3rd clue-You have to look carefully.

verse 18: "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."

verse 23: "My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them."



¹⁸ When Simon saw that the Spirit was given when the apostles laid their hands on people, he offered them money to buy this power. ¹⁹ “Let me have this power, too,” he exclaimed, “so that when I lay my hands on people, they will receive the Holy Spirit!”

Acts 8:18,19

And do not bring sorrow to God's
Holy Spirit by the way you live.

Ephesian 4:30

2 Peter 1:3,4

By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. ⁴ ... He has given us great and precious promises. These are the promises that **enable you to share his divine nature** and escape the world's corruption caused by human desires.

16 For, "Who can know the Lord's thoughts?
Who knows enough to teach him?" But we
understand these things, for we have the
mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

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"I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love." Romans 8:38

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We have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit),
so we can know the wonderful things God has freely
given us.

1 Corinthians 2:12

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The Holy Spirit is our ultimate friend

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KLEOS-to declare or argue ...

John 16:8

And when he comes, he will
convict the world of its sin, and
of God's righteousness, and of
the coming judgment.

16 For his Holy Spirit speaks to us deep in our hearts and tells us that we really are God's children.

Romans 8:16



1 John 3:20:

“When our hearts condemn us,
God is greater than our hearts.”





"The good work that God began in
you he will bring to completion in
the day of Jesus Christ."

Philippians 1:6

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**You have to believe the ministry
of the first Advocate.**

(Jesus) is at the right hand of God
and is also **interceding** for us.

Romans 8:34

My dear children, I write this to you
so that you will not sin. But if
anybody does sin, we have an
advocate with the Father—Jesus
Christ, the Righteous One. He is the
atoning sacrifice for our sins ...

1 John 2:1

III. How to receive what the Spirit gives.

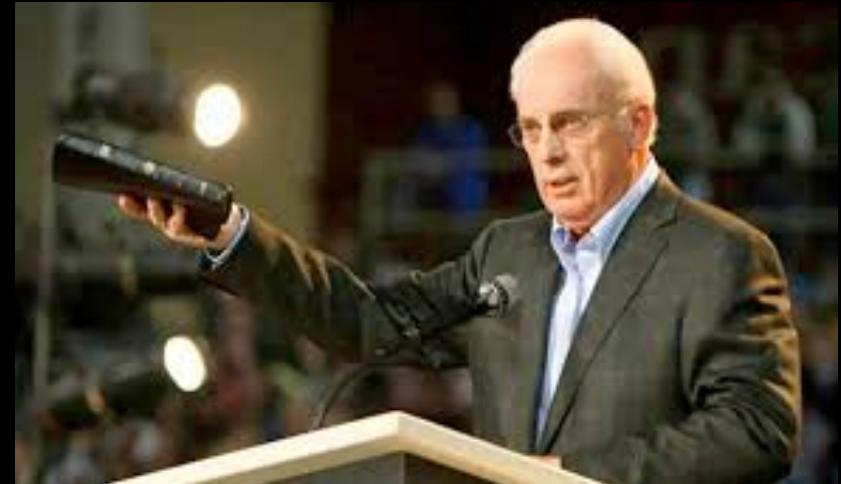
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What are Jesus' commandments?

³And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. **1 John 2:3-6**

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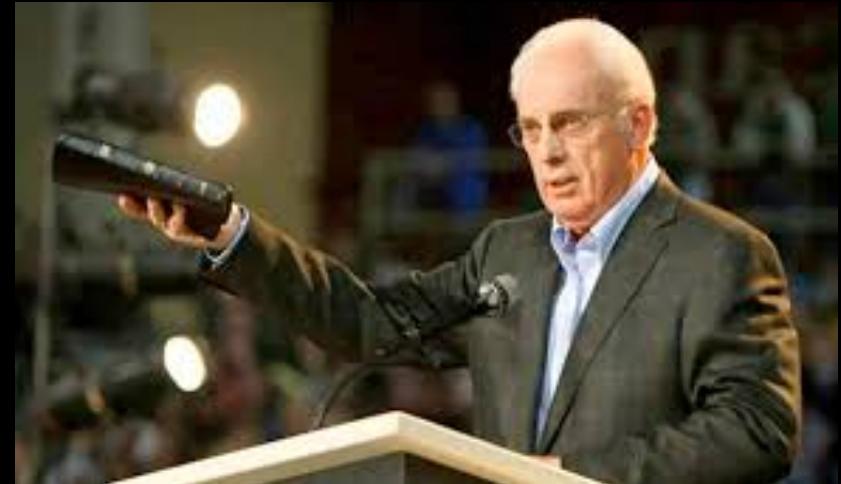
Though the assurance of salvation is part of redemption and vital to joy and comfort, God's Word teaches that it is possible to forfeit it unless one pursues it

So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. 2 Peter 1:10

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

Romans 8:14-16

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The witness of this assurance entails the Holy Spirit's working in believers' conscience and emotions so that they feel the joy of their forgiveness, and long to be in God's presence, like children with a beloved father. They sense how the Spirit leads and directs them, not through their own wisdom and discernment, but through granting them the desire to live godly lives and obey the scriptures.

Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:37-40

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not covet, " (and if there is any other commandment) are summed up in this, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

Romans 13:8-10

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