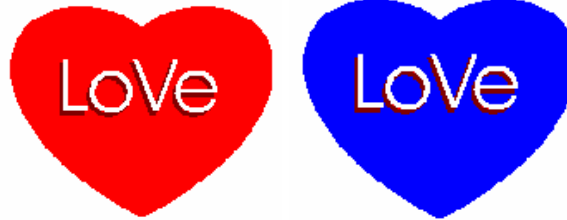


The Christian Life - The Power Of Love
God has a plan for you and me!



Today's Key Word is Love which means "Others First"
The Life of Jesus Christ, our Model for Living

GOD IS LOVE AND IS BOTH
Personal Love & Unconditional Love



God has always been love before anything was created.
His love is eternal and never ending.

The Persons of God Personally loved each other, before time began.

God The Father Personally Loved God The Son, and The Holy Spirit
God The Son Personally Loved God The Father, and The Holy Spirit
God The Holy Spirit Personally Loved God The Father and God The Son
**At the cross they worked together harmoniously, and showed their love for us. At
the cross they each had a role to perform.**



**"God demonstrates His Love for us in this way: while we were sinners,
Christ died for us (as our substitute and in our place)"**

God is perfect and God CANNOT sin, or be tempted to Sin.
God is perfectly righteous. He loves His righteousness wherever it's found.
They always had perfect love for their own righteousness, and each other's perfect
righteousness.

They know how to love, because they have always loved each other.
They love each other with personal love and never had to unconditionally.
God's unconditional love is for sinful creatures like us.

Jesus Christ the creator of all things came down to earth as the God-Man.
He demonstrated His love for God His Father, and then for all people.



Jesus Christ loved His Father so much, that He did exactly as His Father commanded Him. **He always did His Fathers Will.**
Some Scripture verses show us this example
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Please fill in the blank words of Jesus

"For I have come down from heaven, not to do my _____ but to do the will of Him who sent me"

Sword Drill: John 6:38

"My food is to do the _____ of Him who sent me and to finish His work"

Sword Drill: John 4:34



How did God The Father show His love for us? _____

How did Jesus Christ show His love for His Father? _____

How did Jesus Christ show His Love for us?
Use the pictures as a guide





What happened after Jesus died for our sins and was laid in a tomb?



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If we **believe** in Jesus work and sacrifice for us, then we are said to be

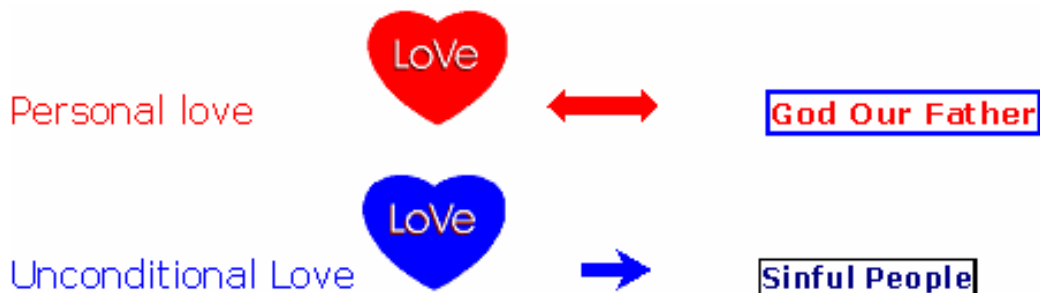
Sword Drill: John 3: 1-8 B_____A_____

Sword Drill: John 10:9 S_____

Sword Drill: Romans 14:8 B_____ to the L_____

Now we have been born again into God's Family, we belong to God.
We are God's family. Because we are His family we must learn to live like members of His family, just like Jesus has shown us how to live.

We must learn and have the same Love, as He did.



We can only personally love a few people around us.
We should unconditionally love all people, as the bible say's
This is done when we **"Forgive as Jesus Christ forgave us"**

**In God's family we must learn to obey God's commands
and follow His instructions!**

Please fill in the blanks

"If you obey my _____ you will live in my love, just as I have obeyed my
Fathers commands and live in His love"

"I have taught you this so that my joy may be in you, and your joy may be _____"

"My command is this, _____ each other as I have loved you"

"Greater love has no one than this, than a man lay down his life for his _____"

"You are my friends if you do what ___ command"

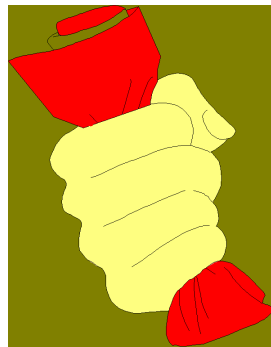
Sword Drill: John 15:10-14



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Now we are in God's family, God expects that we learn and obey Jesus' commands. Just as Jesus obeyed His Father's commands. In His family we are **always** a part of His family forever. God never kicks us out of His family. Once a child of God, we are always children of God.

"Nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord"
Sword Drill: Romans 8:35-39



Jesus says "I give unto you eternal life, you will NEVER perish. No one can snatch you out of my hands"
Sword Drill: John 10:28

If we are faithful to Jesus Christ by obeying His commands, then Jesus calls us His friends, because we know and obey His commands. He has deposited special rewards for us in heaven's bank FOREVER. If we are faithful to Him throughout our life, we shall receive our inheritance when He checks our life and service at the "judgement (evaluation) Seat of Christ".

Why not find and read again the following Lesson's at this site?
What Must I Do To Be Forever Saved
Eternal Rewards

To Love God we must obey God's commands, which are Jesus' commands too! All His commands are grouped together into a plan called Love, as shown in the ten "Stress Busters".

There are many situations in life, which cause us to be stressed, but God has given to us His promises so we can trust Him always, in our troubles.

The ten "Stress Busters", which God has provided us, are provided so that in any situation in life, we can trust, relax and be confident in the Lord's provision and care, because

GOD KNOWS WHAT HE'S DOING

Note: It would be of great help for you, to read the lesson at this site about the "Person of God". You can then understand **how trustworthy and reliable** the Word of God is.

He has a plan to make us just like His Son Jesus, so that in the middle of our problems, the thinking within our soul can be just like Jesus' thinking.

He had great peace, tranquillity and joy (God's happiness) in all situations. He endured the cross knowing His future glorious resurrection.

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Some of God Promises for you, as you live in this world and face many problems and heart aches.

Please fill in the blanks

"God works all things together for good, to those who _____ Him"

Sword Drill: Romans 8:28

"If _____ is for you, who can be against you"

Sword Drill: Romans 8:31

"The Lord is my _____, I will not be afraid what can people do to me"

Sword Drill: Hebrews 13:6

"Living is _____ and dying is great profit (great gain and benefit)"

Sword Drill: Philippians 1:21

"You will keep in perfect _____, the person whose mind is steadfast (firm and not changing) on the Me, because they _____ in you"

Sword Drill: Isaiah 26:3

"Cast your cares upon Me, for I Care for you"

Sword Drill: 1 Peter 5:7

Jesus say's

"Whoever has my commands and _____ them, he is the one who loves _____. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love Him and show myself to him"

John 14:21

"If anyone _____, he will obey my teaching.

My Father will love him, and we will come to Him

and make our _____ with him"

John 14:23

"A new command I give you: Love _____.

As I have loved you, you must love one another.

**By this all men will know that you are _____ disciples,
if you love one another"**

John 13:34-35

Important

The Word of God and The Word of Christ are the same, as God is Jesus Christ in the flesh and Jesus is God. John 1:1-14

The bible calls itself

The _____ of God and the _____ of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:16

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STRESS

**Fear - Worry - Anxiety
Hatred - Jealousy - Anger**



Love conquers all.

God's commands are found within the "Stress Busters" (**SB**).

We can be calm and at peace in our minds, in every situation and difficulty within our life. We can come out of our problems stronger in our faith (believing God's Word), trust and more confident in The Lord. This pleases God and we gain a good report before God, the angels and each other.

Sword Drill: Hebrews 11:39

As we believe God's Promises in His Word,
so we can obey all Jesus' commands.



SB1

Fellowship (companionship) With God

Worry, fear, anxiety, jealousy, feeling guilty, acting selfishly, fits of anger, rage, hatred are some of the attitudes, which God regards as sinful and they break fellowship with Him.

When we allow these attitudes to enter into our thinking, which is often seen by our actions, in what we say and do, we need to use **SB1** to get back in fellowship with God.

(Please read again the Tabernacle-Bronze Laver Lesson)

Confessing sin to God is telling God what He already knows!

God's Rule:

"Against God and God only have I sinned!"

Sword Drill: Psalm 51:4

God's Promise:

"If we confess our sin's (to God), He will forgive our sins and cleanse us (make us clean) from all unrighteousness (wrong doing)"

Sword Drill: I John 1:9



SB2

The Power of The Holy Spirit

When we are in fellowship with God we are under the controlling power of the Holy Spirit again.

God's Strength and Power working in us, and for us!

(Read again Tabernacle-Golden Lamp stand Lesson)

God's Rule, Command & Promise:

"Live by the Spirit and you will not live by your sinful nature desires (way's)"

Sword Drill: Galatians 5:16

God's Promise

"The fruit (production) of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control"

Galatians 5:22-23



SB3

Faith Rest

We now need to find and use the promises of God, so we can trust the Lord, and can relax in our minds, not worried, afraid, anxious or jealous about anything.

Sometimes the battle in our mind, rages long and strong and for a long time. We have to use these "Stress Busters" many times in a single day.

These "Stress Busters" help us keep a relaxed mental attitude, and keep our fellowship and life in harmony with God, no matter what our problems are.

The Lord is My Strength and My Shield

We have a mind of peace, because we believe God's is our shield, refuge and protection in everything. Our good thinking leads to good decisions and good actions.

God's Rule and Promise:

"With God nothing is impossible"

Sword Drill: Luke 1:37 - 18:27

God's Command and Promise:

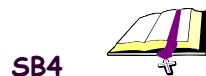
"Stand at the cross roads and look, ask for the paths of old (God's paths), ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls"

Sword Drill: Jeremiah 6:16

God's Command and Promise:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart (thinking) and don't lean (depend) on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him (tell God about it), and He will direct you paths"

Sword Drill: Proverbs 3:5-6



SB4

The Word of Christ our God

We must us **SB1-SB3** before we read the bible and learn the Word of God. God only speaks to us with His Word, when we are in fellowship (companionship) with Him.

Learn, use and live by God's Word - Daily

God's Rule:

"Let the peace of God rule in your hearts" (thinking)

" Let the word of Christ live in you richly"

Sword Drill: Colossians 3:15-16

God's Command:

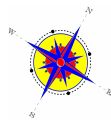
"Grow in the grace and knowledge of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ"

Sword Drill: 2 Peter 3:18

God's Promise:

Jesus says "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a person remains in Me (My Word) and I in him, he will produce much fruit; Apart from Me, you can do nothing"

Sword Drill: John 15:5



SB5

The Grace Compass

As we learn God's Word we come to understand what grace is, and how God's grace applies to us, and how we can be gracious in our attitudes and actions toward others.

God's Rule:

"It is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works,

so that no one can boast"
Sword Drill: Ephesians 2:8-9

God's Command:

"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus"
"Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility,
gentleness and patience"
"Forgive as the Lord forgave you"

Sword Drill: 2 Timothy 2:1- Colossians 3:12-13

God's Promise:

"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all
that you need, you will abound in every good work"

Sword Drill: 2 Corinthians 9:8

His Grace, Forgiveness and Favour is Sufficient and Enough for Me!



SB6

Strong Unshakeable Belief in Your Destiny

Each day we use **SB1 - SB5**.

One day we come to the place in our life of Strong Unshakeable Belief in Your Destiny,
where we are certain in our mind about God's plan for our life with the Lord, and are
very confident in Him.

I will dwell in the House of The Lord Forever

God's Rule and Promise:

"I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm
you, plans to give you a hope and a future"

Sword Drill: Jeremiah 29:11

God's Command:

"Stand firm and hold to the teaching you have learnt"
"Resist the Devil (Satan) standing firm in the faith (believing God's Word)"

Sword Drill: 2 Thessalonians 2:15 & 1 Peter 5:9

God's Rule and Promise:

"To Him who is who is able to keep us from falling and present us faultless before His
Glorious presence without fault and with great joy - to the only God our saviour be glory
and majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now
and forevermore! Amen"

Sword Drill: Jude 25



SB7

Personal Love For God

One day we come to a place of a personal Love for God
and an unconditional love for people

Sureness in Your Love For God

Our minds are on our Lord and not people. This great victory means that we can enjoy people more and more, because we look at them through the eyes of Jesus Christ. People can't hurt us the same as they used to!

God's Rule and Command:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind"

& "Love your neighbour as yourself"

Sword Drill Matthew 22:37-39

Gods Rule:

"Hope does not disappoint us, because the Love of God is poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which is given to us"

Sword Drill: 2 Thessalonians 3:5

"Do everything in love"

Sword Drill: 1 Corinthians 16:14

God's Promise:

"Blessed is the person who perseveres under trial, because when they have stood the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him"

Sword Drill: James 1:12



SB8

Unconditional Love For All People

A forgiving, kind and compassionate love for everyone.

Love for God and a love for people go hand in hand!

Gods Rule:

"Love one another, as I have loved you"

Sword Drill: John 15:12

God's Command:

Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you"

Sword Drill: Matthew 5:44

"Support (bear with) each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another"

Sword Drill: Colossians 3:13

God's Promise:

"God loved the world so much that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him **SHALL NOT** (Never) PERISH but shall have eternal life"

Sword Drill: John 3:16



SB9

God's Happiness

Content and satisfied in all circumstances

God's Word is **periodically** tested more and more, and we come to a place, where we are content because we share God's happiness in every pleasant or unpleasant circumstance of life.

God's Rule:

"Shout with Joy to God all the earth. Sing the Glory of His Name;

Make His praise glorious"

Sword Drill: Psalm 66:1-2

God's Command:

"Think it pure joy, my fellow believers, when you face trials of many kinds because the testing of your faith develops perseverance, which produces a mature person"

Sword Drill: James 1:2-4

God's Promise:

"To Him who is able to keep us from falling us from falling and to present us before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy"

Sword Drill: Jude 24

Joy is Learnt

"I have learnt the secret of being content (satisfied) in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want"

Sword Drill: Philippians 4:12



SB10

Jesus Attitude Becomes Our Attitude

What Decision's Can I Make to Please My Saviour Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ and His Word become our best friend, and priority.

He means more to us than anything else in life.

His thinking becomes our thinking.

God's Rule and Command:

"Do nothing out of selfishness, but in humility think about others better than yourselves.

Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interest of other's.

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ"

Sword Drill: Philippians 2:3-5

God's Command:

"Let us fix our eye's on Jesus, the author and completer of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, disregarding it's shame and sat down at God's right hand"

"Think about Him who endured such hostility from sinful people, so that you will not become weary and loose heart"

Sword Drill: Hebrews 12:2-3

Jesus' Promise:

"I am coming soon! My reward is with Me"

Sword Drill: Revelation 22:12

God's plan is the Lifelong Plan for the believer in Jesus Christ.
It is also known as the Christian way of life.

It's a great plan, with so much to expect. There will be difficulties and suffering, but not always. The benefits of persevering are far better for us as we live on this earth.
Persevering in our faith pleases our Saviour- Jesus Christ.

God's Promise to you

"No problem or difficulty has got a hold of you, except what is common to people. And **God is FAITHFUL**; He will not let you be tested beyond what you can bear. But when you are tested, He will provide a way out, so that you can stand up under the test"

1 Corinthians 10:13

Your rewards will be great as you live on earth and in eternity!!!

Review the lesson about Eternal Rewards



Each of these rewards are symbols pointing to amazing positions, power glory and wealth forever, in Jesus Christ.

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We can use these "Stress Busters" our entire life
Through Thick and Thin

Our reward will be great in heaven.

Jesus will say "Well Done!" when we see Him face to face.

Activity

Please fill in the blanks

Sword Drill: 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Love is P_____

Love is K_____

Love does not E_____

Love does not B_____

Love is not P_____

Love is not R_____

Love is not Self S_____

Love is not easily A_____

Love keeps no record of W_____

Love does not delight in E_____

Love rejoices with the T_____

Love always P_____

Love always T_____

Love always H_____

Love always P_____

Love never F_____

Verse 13b

Now these three remain, F_____, H_____, L_____

The greatest of these is L_____

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My Testimony

Dear All,

I was thirteen when I believed in Jesus Christ, and took Him as my Saviour. I was eighteen years old when I learnt that the most important issue in my life was the Word of God. I was twenty when I became serious about learning the Word of God. I realised how important the Word of God was for doing God's Will. I had made myself a lot of trouble, so much so that I couldn't live at peace in my mind. During my troubles I played a tape with bible truth being taught, then I truly knew and was encouraged that God had a plan for my life.

I decided to order more bible teaching tapes, listen, learn and use what I was learning. I decided that God's plan was more important than anything or anyone else.

That was nearly thirty years ago, and I have kept to the plan mostly. There was suffering, disillusionment and difficult days, times of sadness. As I look back and reflect on my past, I have seen The Lords plan work so incredibly in every situation. At times God has left me astonished by His answers to prayer, and thoroughly encouraged me. I have felt completely graced out by a God who cares. He never gives us situations that we are unable to live with.

He's careful and truly very, very faithful to us all.

I could say much in this regard, but I would just encourage anyone to learn and use The Word of God in their life, with the assistance, training and help of your mentor The Holy Spirit. I would encourage you to pray to God our Father, and trust His Word. Be patient and HE WILL ANSWER you, lead and guide you in way's unimaginable.

"To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask and imagine, according to the power that is working within us (for us)"

Sword Drill: Ephesians 3:20

As I look back, I will say to anyone that The Word of God is true, reliable and works in our life. I would encourage anyone to persevere in the plan of God.

IT'S WORTH IT!!!

Regards Keith

Leave a message on the web site, with your telephone number if you wish to contact me.

I will make every effort to call you, or email me at tabinors@gotalk.net.au

I would love to hear from you.

"Grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - "To Him be glory forever and ever - Amen"

Dear Heavenly Father

Thank You that you have saved me, and have provided all I need to be as Jesus was I pray that you will help me to live knowing eternity is just around the corner. Help me through your Holy Spirit and Your Word to obey your commands, and to live faithfully for the precious Name of Jesus Christ. I ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Amen