

"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the Divine Nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2 Peter 1:4No2 KJV



Physical desires are not necessarily needs. We need food, but not ice-cream or steak. American cowboys lived on beans, bacon, and coffee for decades and put in a hard day's work every day, at that. We need shelter, but not air-conditioning. Desert Bedouins live in tents and wear long robes. We pleasure our flesh so much we consider wants, needs. I grew up in the Amazon rain-forest, slept under mosquito nets, hunted and fished for food, had no TV, listened to shortwave radio twice a week, and enjoyed it (well, most of the time). We each carried a machete, and Dad even took a large kitchen knife and dulled it down so our littlest brother could have a "machete." We swam with piranhas, ate caiman (jungle gator) for breakfast, and played in the jungle. We lived like kings compared to the Yagua natives we lived among. Lusts of the flesh war against your soul/mind, enslaving you to the chains of sin! It's better to be a cripple and please God than be a tri-athlete and go to hell! (Not that we should start removing body parts) Jesus said, *"If thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."* Your life, it is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." It is a comparison. Jesus also said, *"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. No man can serve two masters."* In other words, our love of God should be so great all other love is hate by comparison! Mortal life is the first step of Eternity. At death we leave mortality forever! Like school, focus determines future. If you spend mortal life seeking temporal pleasure instead of eternal righteousness, you deprive yourself of the pleasures of faith, the presence of God in mortal life, and immortality! The spiritual realm is parallel and co-existent with our physical realm; unseen and undetected except by faith. Live by sight and die eternally or live by faith and live eternally. *"Faith is the...evidence of things NOT SEEN!"* Obedience to God's Word is the EVIDENCE of faith and faith is the Evidence of the invisible God! Men are born spiritually dead; separated from the Eternal Life of God which can only be found through faith in God's Word. God, the Holy Spirit again rejoins the sinner *"by Grace through faith."* His very eternal presence grants immortality, eternal life to the believer! Unless *"quickened"* by God, who is Life, man is separate from Life, or eternally dead! Your soul will be somewhere forever. Your body will fall away like leaves in autumn when your soul departs it, and you'll enter eternity. If you are joined to the Holy Spirit, God, then you'll live forever with the eternal immortal God! He promised an eternal body to the faithful soul. *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this Hope in him purifieth himself, even as He is pure."* Faith purifies our soul/mind/thoughts through believing, trusting, and obeying God's Word! *"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."* You say and do what you think! *"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad."* I know your faith or lack thereof by your life. You cannot hide your words or deeds.

The precious promises reveal,
Almighty God to those that kneel,
Through faith believing Truth alone,
Until they're ferried safely home! ~CGP

The spiritual realm is more REAL than the physical, because it is eternal. The physical realm is only temporary. *"We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."* Escape the chains of death through faith and live forever! Unbelief blinds men to Truth! Faith, alone, verifies Truth. Obey desire and you'll see God once at your sentencing on Judgment Day! Perish or partake. Faith separates the living from the dead. Without it you'll never know God! *"Without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please [God]!"* Faith (trusting belief) enables obedience. Unbelief secures your eternity in the Lake of Fire!

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ (God's Word): for it is the Power of God unto Salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (non-Jews). For therein is the Righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" Romans 1:16-17 KJV

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