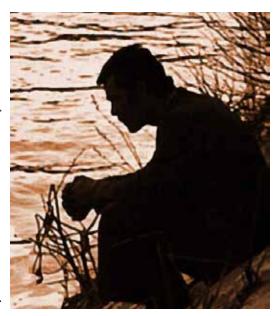
"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of His countenance." Psalms 42:5 KJV

Are you depressed? Depression is unbelief nurtured by doubt which blinds one to Truth. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of...Christ...should shine unto them." Doubt is wearing a blindfold in broad daylight, complaining of darkness. The Word of God "is the power of God...to everyone that believeth. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith...the just shall live by faith, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward." Doubt is lack of faith and "without faith, it is IMPOSSIBLE to please [God]!" Again, we revisit the facts: Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God: Not of



yourselves, it is the GIFT of God. For it is God which worketh in you; both to will and to do of His good pleasure." If God's Word is not hidden in your heart by virtue of study and meditation, you will have no faith or "little faith" at best and you WILL sin against God! "Thy WORD have I hidden in my heart that I might not sin against Thee. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his Way? By taking heed thereunto according to THY WORD!" Cleansing is the result of returning to obeying God's Word. You can't obey what you don't know and if you don't study your Bible daily, you WILL slip into unbelief, and you will doubt! "This Book of the Law(God's Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein DAY AND NIGHT." You can't meditate (ponder or muse on) what you don't even know. Which is better? Depending on another's directions to get you to Pittsburg, or buying and reading a map? If you depend on hearsay from those who don't read God's Word to get to heaven, you're probably going to end up in hell, knowing for all eternity, you could have easily and freely found out for yourself! Not only will you despair in life, you will despair forever in hell! Your choice: Live God's way, the right way, and get to heaven, or live your way, the wrong way, and go to hell! "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death!" You may say, "I don't believe in hell!" You will! "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." Now, you know and are, alone, responsible to God!

> When depths of doubt around me roll, And deep depression takes its toll, I need but turn and face God's Light, And He will make all things all right! ~CGP

If you feel despair, it's because you don't believe or trust God's Word!

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 KJV