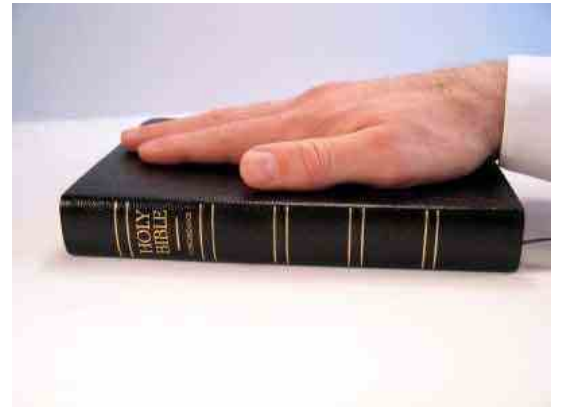


*"Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:" Acts 26:22 KJV*

From the powerful and rich to the poor and helpless, believers have an obligation, to be a witness of Christ in them, *ōthe hope of glory.ö* We must have first-hand knowledge. I can't be a witness to what I have not seen or experienced. I must have intimate knowledge of Christ, the Truth, if I am to be a witness to His Mercy, Grace, and Love. It must be something that is personal and real to me before I can be a witness to it. Many believers leave Christ *ōat the altar,ö* and continue on as if they have merely made an acquisition to their life, rather than receiving a new Life, and becoming a *ōnew creatureö* in Christ. Nothing of any importance, changes. Same old habits and desires, same old places, same old friends, and no time spent at the Well of living Water. If nothing changes, nothing happened. The Word of God says, *ōOld things are passed away behold, all things are become new. And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep (OBEY) His commandments.ö* Before you say, *ōSome things are not specifically forbidden in God's Word,ö* consider these commands; *ōAbstain from ALL APPEARANCE of evil. Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.ö* God isn't a liar. I can say I believe without trusting, but I can't trust without believing. True believers trust God and follow Him. *ōMy sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.ö* His Voice is the Truth that enters your consciousness. True witnesses know His voice. They obey His commands. Even the devils believe and tremble. Maybe that's the problem. Many don't fear God enough to tremble in His presence. More honor is given the local mayor than to God. If we feared more, we would sin less; be a better witness for Him; and love Him more. Does God have to visit His wrath upon us before we get serious? We are to *ōbe ready always to give answer for the hope that lies within us.ö* We may be always ready with an answer, but do we always have the right answer for the right reason?



To give an answer to the lost,  
We must first go to the Cross,  
And from the Life that's given there,  
We can then Hope, more fully share. ~CGP

*ōThe fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,ö* but it is only the beginning. If you try to get into the race anywhere but at the start, you'll not be recognized at the finish. If you do not fear God you'll never fully trust Him. If we humble ourselves under His mighty hand, we'll find more caresses than chastisement. *ōIf ye be without chastisement (correction), whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth (molds) every son whom He receiveth.ö* If chastened, you know that you are loved. *ōServe God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire.ö* If you cling to God, Satan will leave you alone.

*"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." James 4:7 KJV*