

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure." Philippians 2:13 KJV



Every minute detail of every human soul is in the mind of God from “*before the foundation of the world.*” Men’s lives are the canvas and paint of His masterpiece. A builder doesn’t build with one board or one nail nor does he use only one tool. Tools and materials which do not conform are discarded. Once constructed, no single piece or form is lauded by onlookers. The builder receives all the glory for the design, form, and function of the dwelling. Only those materials that submitted to the builder are included in the final structure. The builder receives no criticism for their absence, but they are hauled away to the dump without apology. His design will be perfectly implemented, regardless of what yields or not. ALL pieces are cut and shaped to fit. God is not only the chief architect of our lives; He is also the head engineer and construction foreman. He designs, directs, and erects the framework and fabric of every man to conform to His plan through trust and obedience to His Word. God, Himself, being the plum, measure, level, and shaper of each piece included, and the final occupant and owner. The Church will be a joint completed masterpiece! “*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an Holy Temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an Habitation of God through the Spirit; as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an Holy Priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. God...even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*” If we don’t completely trust Him, obedience will be dutiful drudgery instead of loving loyalty. Believers can relax and rest in the luxury of God’s infinite ability and power. He will never fail us! Our “*Life is hid with God in Christ,*” and is well protected. It may not ever. In this life, be readily apparent to us what God is doing in, through, and for us, but those around us will certainly know and will benefit from the glory of God revealed in our lives. In a completed dwelling there are many finished pieces to admire and our final coat of paint and varnish will be the glorious righteousness of God, Himself! “*He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before His angels.*” I John saw The Holy City, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, “*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God.*” When we finally grasp that God does everything that He does to bring honor and glory to the God-head, we will begin to think and function in the fashion for which we were created; to please God. “*Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created.*” He has given us every tool and ability we need through His Word. When we do that for which we were created, we find “*peace and joy unspeakable!*” There are no words to describe the pleasure lovers enjoy when soul-mates rendezvous. There will never be words to describe the euphoric ecstasy that a child of God experiences when embraced with the fellowship of the God-head! It is an eternal existence which exceeds human understanding. “*Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him.*” While we may not be able to fathom or comprehend God’s presence, we can certainly experience and enjoy it. You don’t have to

understand all the chemical interactions of a campfire to enjoy its warmth, or have an engineering degree to flip a light switch. A small child can do both.

Mysterious and wonderful,
Is God's own hand upon our soul,
When we allow His full control,
Our peace and joy are ever full. ~CGP

Never doubt nor underestimate the attention to detail or interest God has in you. *"Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? And one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. (not counted, numbered) Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows. Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven."* God *"is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* David wrote, *"O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether."* Nothing past, present, or future is hidden from God's view or foresight! You can trust Him with your very life, forever!

"I will love thee, O LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower. I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies." Psalms 18:1-3 KJV

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