

# Grounded In Him

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I had a teacher in high school that said that enlightenment begins with the 'process of the photosynthesis of the mind'. As a child of the Kingdom of God, I realize that the 'process of photosynthesis of the mind' begins

- when you know that God is
- when you know that Jesus is, and
- when you know that the Holy Spirit is.

As children of God, we enlighten our minds with God's Word. And as we enlighten our minds with God's Word, we grow.

*2 Peter 3:18 KJV ~ But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

And as we grow, we develop a covenant relationship with God. He becomes our God, and we become His people.

*Jeremiah 30:22 KJV ~ And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.*

A covenant relationship with God releases us from the power of sin, gives our souls eternal life, and gives us a heart that desires to obey God.

As we enlighten our minds with God's Word, we grow in faith.

*Romans 10:17 KJV So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Faith is having confidence and trust in God. It is not just a leap in the dark that a person takes without thinking. It is trust in God whom we believe to be trustworthy. Having faith, we can believe and entrust our lives to Jesus Christ.

*Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

In Jesus, we find a right relationship with God, not through our own good deeds, but only through faith – the faith that comes “*by hearing and hearing by the Word of God*”.

When we enlighten our minds with God’s Word, we grow in forgiveness. The Bible makes it clear that when we seek God and repent and turn from our sinful past, then God will forgive us and we will enter into a newness of life.

*Psalms 103:2-3 KJV ~ Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: 3Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;*

We become children of God. We are His children because we have been forgiven by His Mercy and His Grace. Then as children of God, we learn to forgive others, for we have been forgiven, and our forgiveness comes from God.

*Matthew 6:14-15 KJV For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

As we enlighten our minds with God’s Word, we grow in Mercy and Grace and Truth.

*Psalms 25:10 KJV ~ All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

*Psalms 100:5 KJV ~ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

*John 1:17 KJV ~ For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.*

*Hebrews 4:16 KJV Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

God is merciful and kind to us. There is no need for God to be like this. We do not deserve His Mercy or His Grace. God is good to us because He loves us – this is the grace of God. God loves us so much that He gave us His only Begotten Son.

*John 3:16-17 KJV ~ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. 17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.*

For what? To save you and me; to redeem us from sin; to make us His children.

As we enlighten our minds with God's Word, we grow in praise.

*1 Chronicles 29:13 KJV Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.*

As Christians, we praise God. We rejoice in the great act of salvation brought about by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We rejoice in

the guidance given to us by the Holy Spirit. We praise God for being God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

*Psalms 7:17 KJV I will praise the LORD according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.*

*Psalms 28:7 KJV The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.*

*Psalms 34:1 KJV ~ I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

We praise God because...

God is the World that gives a world.

God is the Life that gives life.

God is the Blessed One that gives blessedness.

God is the Knowledge that gives knowledge.

God is the Good One that gives goodness.

God is the Redeemer that gives redemption.

God is the Peace that gives peace.

God is the Mercy that gives mercy.

God is the Grace that gives grace.

God is the Truth that gives truth.

As we enlighten our minds with God's Word, we grow in prayer. Those who trust in God share their life with Him and communicate with Him through prayer. We pour our hearts before Him. We learn to listen to His voice and we learn to pray for the needs of others.

*Matthew 6:6 KJV But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.*

We confess our love of the Lord and we repent of our sins. We ask for our needs, wants and desires according to His Will, and we ask Him through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Photosynthesis of the mind begins...

When you know that you know that you know that God is... and

When you know that you know that you know that Jesus is... and

When you know that you know that you know that the Holy Spirit is... and when you know that you know that you know then you know that you must give God all the praise and all the glory.

So I'm... Believing in Jesus. Receiving in Jesus.

Beginning, Building, Striving, Surviving, Pressing, Continuing, Finishing and Ending in Jesus.

Renewing in Jesus. Restoring in Jesus. Replenishing in Jesus.

Praising, Worshipping, Singing, Praying and Glorifying in Jesus.

Abiding in Jesus. Dwelling in Jesus. Living in Jesus.

Responding, Agreeing, Meditating, Growing, Knowing, Understanding, Teaching and Preaching in Jesus.

Loving in Jesus. Forgiving in Jesus. Delivering in Jesus.

Healing in Jesus. Being in Jesus. Prospering in Jesus.

Obedying, Thinking, Talking, Walking and Moving in Jesus.

Sowing in Jesus. Reaping in Jesus.

Giving in Jesus. Sharing in Jesus.

Opening, Closing, Binding, Loosing, Testifying, Partnering, Serving and Ministering in Jesus.

Trusting in Jesus. Confiding in Jesus. Deciding in Jesus.

Planning, Waiting, Desiring, Fulfilling and Progressing in Jesus.

Blessing in Jesus. Encouraging in Jesus.

Connecting, Transforming, Reaching, Caring, Helping, Enduring, Benefiting and Staying in Jesus.

I'm Saturated in Jesus. I'm Grounded in Him.

*Ephesians 2:19-22 KJV ~ Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; <sup>20</sup>And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; <sup>21</sup>In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: <sup>22</sup>In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.*