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# God Has Provided

As followers of Christ, there is an absoluteness to the hope we have in Christ Jesus and the eternal life that is ours through Him. John wrote these comforting words in 1st John 5:13, "These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God." That said, there is still a "race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1) that needs our full attention, and with good reason. Satan is on the prowl (1st Peter 5:8). He is an opportunist, and he is looking for, you guessed it, opportunities to pull us back into his domain. It is for this very reason we are exhorted to "put on the whole armor of God" so we can "stand against the wiles of the devil" (Ephesians 6:16). The One who has given us hope for eternity has also provided all we need to get home safely.

# "Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue...." 2nd Peter 1:2-3

Once again, we see our Lord as the great provider, only this time, He is offering all we need to finish the race, survive the battle, outrun the adversary. Peter wants his readers to realize the source with the words "His divine power." Paul's words quickly came to mind, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." This word strengthens means to fill with power, make strong, to empower. All the things we may face in life: all the obstacles that seem too challenging and impossible are only so if we rely on ourselves. Jesus offers us everything we need to finish! What does He offer? All we need for life is the new life we now have in Christ Jesus. What he gives also includes all that we need for godliness; that is, what we need to be respectful towards God. When God invites us to "Be holy because I am holy" (1st Peter 1:16), He provides all we need to pursue that goal. When He encourages us to "be imitators of God" (Ephesians 5:1), He has given us the One to mimic to do so. One person notes this important caveat, "He does not give life and godliness in maturity, but supplies us with the means of winning them for ourselves." All the tools we need, He provides! All the protection we need, He gives! All the help we need, He provides! Where? Through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue. The Great I AM, Lord of lords, King of kings, the Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End, He who is glorious and holy has invited His children to be a part of something so much bigger than just life as we know it.

### "...by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." 2nd Peter 1:4

God doesn't want us to claim salvation merely. He wants us to rise above the darkness that surrounds us so often. Through Jesus, we can do it! The promise maker is a promise keeper. The ETRV says, "With these gifts, you can share in being like God." Not be God, but be like Him. Partakers of the divine nature. The very One who made it possible for us to escape the corruption in this world promises to provide us with everything we need to be partakers of the divine nature. It is never a question of whether we can, but rather, whether we trust Him enough to provide us with what we need. With faith in place, transformation, although challenging at times, is a given. That is His promise.

# By Dennis Godin, Biddeford, ME

We have a commitment, empowered by the Holy Spirit, To give glory to God To be unified in reaching others To be living witnesses for Christ

# Welcome to the Falm Springs Church of Christ



Friends! We are pleased to have you here today. Let us all join together with joyful hearts as we worship the One who holds us in the hollow of a loving hand. Blessing on all!

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)"

### Pray for our Church family:

For: James Brannon and Sue Collins who are recovering from Covid, Brenda Jones who is recovering from thyroid surgery, Joyce Winings who is recovering from surgery at The Fountains at the Carlotta in Palm Desert and Betty Johnson who is struggling with diabetes. Pray for those that mourn: Wanda Goodenough and family as well as Jeff Mercer and family. We ask that you pray for the improved health of: Mae Britton, Kerry Britton, Sue Collins, Phyllis Francis, Wanda Goodenough, Delores Jensen, Betty Johnson, Brenda Jones, John Leonard, Roy & Lucy McDonald, Jeff Mercer, Jerry Munn, Dail Paramore, Francis Pati and Joyce Winings.

# Pray for family & friends:

Please pray for the improved health of Mary Fields, Keith & Lisa Britton, Delores' brother Len, Marjorie Counts, Kathy's husband Kevin, Brianna Schaldweiler, Robert Gray, Derek Fields, Dail's friends Marie and Teddy Kovack who is recovering from cancer surgery, Brenda's son Uriah, Rossie Stansbury, and Wanda's daughter Lynette.

**First responders:** Please keep those who are serving their communities in your prayers: Phyllis Francis' extended family member Alisha K. (EMT). Dail Paramore and Stuart Huggins' family members: Joanna Carter (Nurse), Luther Carter (Naval Officer), Jody Huggins and Jory Huggins (both are MI Patrol Officers). Jerry Munn's sister, Dr. Janice Massey of N.C. If you have family members or friends you would like to add to this prayer list, please let Kathy know.

# Military:

Jeff Mercer's son-in-law Brandon Deusenberry, Glenn Fields, and Kathy's family friends T. Burgess and T. Cairo.

#### **Prayer Warriors Corner**

Heavenly Father, we are in waiting. Waiting to see Your promises. Waiting to feel Your strength in the trials of life we are experiencing. We believe You will provide. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Power For Today; Carol Rhodes; July 3, 2021

Read: Genesis 22:1-19

#### News:

**Placed membership:** Kaylan Jones placed membership with the Palm Springs Church of Christ. Please add her information to your membership directory: Kaylan Jones: 3003 N. Indian Canyon Drive, #3, Palm Springs, CA 92262. 502-807-1100.

**Reminder:** Our new email address is: **pscoc@outlook.com**. Please discontinue using the @hotmail address as this it is no longer in use. Thank you.

*Individually wrapped* **communion supplies** are available for those who are not comfortable with in-person worship service and/or during temporary closures.

#### Scripture readings: Matthew 6:31-33 & Matthew 7:7-12

So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him and snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

# Sermon title:

# "God's Promise to Provide"

# Birthdays:

Mario Fuentes:	10/1
Camelia Munn:	1022

# Worship service: Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

Unvaccinated individuals are required to wear a mask or cloth face covering

#### Please bring your own bible

While we will be having in-person worship service on Sunday mornings, we understand that there are many of our number that are still not comfortable attending. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you, and that you are truly missed.

In the meantime, the expenses of maintaining the building, yard care, property insurance, utilities, etc. continue. If you can continue your financial support, please mail it to: Palm Springs Church of Christ P.O. Box 2267

Palm Springs, CA 92263 (Checks or money orders - do not mail cash)

God bless us all and bless our families and loved ones too.

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