

The Rock House Church
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Today God IS
My Anchor

Do You Have Anchors (Substance) to Hang Onto?

TODAY'S ENCOURAGING WORD: "Make MY Presence LARGE in your mind's eye. You will have problems today, but your choice is to make your problems bigger than they are by dwelling on them, then comes your conflict and stress

---or---

MAGNIFY MY PRESENCE in your problem, that keeps ME in the center of the problem allowing Me to show you the only, the best solution to every choice."

TODAY'S PRAYER: Dear Jesus, I know Your love for me took You to the cross and only by Your Grace is there any hope for me, that is such a comfort; Only by Your Love and Your Grace am I free! That is my anchor of TRUTH that I now live from. Thank You Jesus, I Worship You today. Amen and Amen.

I die Daily; help me Jesus today; I need your help again today!

TODAY'S TOP QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the "Substance" of your Faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
- 2) How can I grow the "substance" of my faith?
- 3) What is your "Substance" made off?
- 4) Do you have ANCHORS (substance) to hang onto?

TODAY'S WORD: "ANCHOR!" *What Are Your Anchors? Do you have any?*

ANCHOR #1 THE POWER OF THE CROSS OF JESUS

GOD'S LOVE GIFT TO ME!! MARK 8:34 Jesus said to them, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and **take up his cross and follow Me.**" Two parts: First Take up my cross (death of flesh, self)(Colossians 3:3a) and Second to Follow Jesus (alive in Spirit to live)(Colossians 3:3b)

Watchman Nee said, "The effect of the Cross of Jesus is twofold; first He **saved us from the penalty of our sin**; Secondly He **saved us from the power and control sin has over us.** (Romans 6:6 For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ **knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, [rendered powerless] so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;** ⁷ for he who has died is freed from sin.)

⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him

Romans 6:11 Again Watchman Nee, "The old man is not crucified by "touch or Feel" he has to be **crucified by reckoning.** Whenever a believer fails to reckon, his old man is revived.; when reckoned with

then there is a supernatural power, resurrection power that works in you.” (Col. 3:3 Even so consider or reckon, *yourself to be dead to sin*, but *alive to God in Christ Jesus.”*)(Take up your Cross and follow)

Then here is my problem , [Romans 6:13-12](#) (VOV)Therefore do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, because if you do, sin will reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts,

[Gods solution Romans 6:13-14](#) but spend time with God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under [GRACE. COLOSSIANS 2:15](#) , having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and *He(God the Father)* has taken it out of the way, *having nailed it to the cross.(of JESUS)* When *He(God the Father)* *had disarmed the rulers and authorities*, *He(God the Father)* made a public display of them having triumphed over them through Him.(JESUS)

[Watchman Nee](#) put it like this, *“When the Christians spiritually distinguish between sin and self, they come to know that sin is easier to overcome than self. Paul saw this problem in himself, “I die Daily” (1Corin.15:31) and to deny self is a daily matter that can never stop. Apart from the Cross of Jesus, you cannot defeat self---only Jesus has shown us and accomplished for us the way to the death of self,---or---co-crucifixion”* [Gal.2:20](#) *I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh (self) I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.)*

C. S, Lewis wrote, *“You ask ‘for what’ God wants of you. Isn’t the primary answer that He wants you? We’re not told that the lost sheep was sought out for anything except itself [Matthew 18:12-14; Luke 15:3-7]. Of course, He may have a special job for you and even that certain job ends results that you becoming more and more like Him and more and more His.*

MY GOD is GOOD!! ALWAYS GOOD so something GOOD is about to HAPPEN in me TODAY!

Oh How HE loves me! He is showing me the way.

EVERYTHING was accomplished on the CROSS for me when Jesus declared “IT IS FINISHED!”

OH how much JESUS loves me! His presence is mine to enjoy.

There is NOTHING my God can’t do; He raised my SAVIOR from the dead, He raised me from the dead!

Oh how much He loves me---how much I love him today. Intimacy, acceptance, HIS Love!

The POWER of His cross covers it all for me----I am free to worship Him.

TODAY’S SONG: Love so Amazing Love divine, DEMANDS my soul, life, my all!

When darkness seems to hide His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, My [anchor](#) holds within the [veil](#). On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand; Great is [Thy faithfulness!](#) Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.

[All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;](#) Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;

Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

His oath, His covenant, His blood, Support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my Hope and Stay On Christ the solid Rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand

[Here I Am to Worship](#) : Light of the World; You stepped down into darkness, Open my eyes, Let me see,

Beauty that made, This heart adore You; Hope of a life Spent with You; Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down, Here I am to say that You're my God; You're altogether lovely, Altogether worthy, Altogether wonderful to me; [King of all days](#) Oh, so highly exalted, Glorious in Heaven above

[Humbly You came](#) To the earth You created All for love's sake became poor

Here I am to worship Here I am [to bow down](#) Here I am [to say that You're my God](#)

You're altogether lovely Altogether worthy Altogether wonderful to me

[I'll never know how much it cost; To see my sin upon that cross](#)

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ANCHOR #2: THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

GOD'S LIVING, LOVE GIFT TO ME!! COLOSSIANS 2:9-15 For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,¹⁰ and in Him (JESUS) you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority;¹¹ and in Him (JESUS) you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ;¹² having been buried with Him (JESUS) in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him (JESUS) through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He (Father God) made you alive together with Him (JESUS), having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He (God the Father) has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him (JESUS) COLOSSIANS 3:1- Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. SET YOUR MIND on the things above, not on the things that are on earth.³ For you have died (Mark 8:34) and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry.⁶ For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience, But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self (Mark 8:34) with its evil practices and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—You who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other. Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.¹⁷ Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

ANCHOR #3: THE POWER OF THE LOVE OF JESUS

GOD'S LOVE FOR ME; HIS LOVE GIFT TO ME!! 1 JOHN 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.⁸ The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love.⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him.¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.¹² No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit.¹⁴ We have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son to be the Savior of the world.

¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.¹⁶ We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.¹⁷ By this, love is perfected with us, so that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world.¹⁸ There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love.¹⁹ We love, because He first loved us.²⁰ If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the

one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen.²¹ And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

ANCHOR #4: THE POWER OF THE LIVING PRESENCE OF JESUS

GOD'S LOVE GIFT HIS INTIMACY TO ME!! HEBREWS 6:19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,

For when God made the promise to Abraham, since He could swear by no one greater, He swore by Himself,¹⁴ saying, "I WILL SURELY BLESS YOU AND I WILL SURELY MULTIPLY YOU."¹⁵ And so, having patiently waited, he obtained the promise.¹⁶ For men swear by one greater *than themselves*, and with them an oath *given* as confirmation is an end of every dispute.¹⁷ In the same way God, desiring even more to show to the heirs of the promise the unchangeableness of His purpose, interposed with an oath,¹⁸ so that by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have taken refuge would have strong encouragement to take hold of the hope set before us.¹⁹ **This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and one which enters within the veil,**²⁰ where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek. **Romans 8:26, 27, 34 Spirit intercedes for us; Christ sitting at Father's right hand interceding for us**

ANCHOR #5: THE KEEPING POWER OF JESUS

GOD'S FORGIVING LOVE GIFT TO ME!! JOHN #:16,17: "For God so loved the world--- PSALM 23:

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.

James Goll: We need to allow the Bible to challenge and correct the way we think. Here are key foundational values upon which my life is built (and I invite you to take them for your life!):

Godly beliefs I have grafted into my soul: 1) Worship God with your questions. **2)** Do not doubt in darkness what God has spoken in the light. **3)** Build a safe house where there are secure boundaries of holiness. **4)** Feed yourself on a healthy diet of God's Word. **5)** Family is God's idea. Love, serve and value your family. **6)** Be committed to a community of Believers cultivating a culture of honor. **7)** Forgive, Forget and Forge Ahead! **8)** Declare with me, "The Best is Yet to Come!"

I believe that Values Anchored Believers will provide in Jesus the cures for societal ills, profitable businesses, healthy families, growing churches and will be a shining light to a lost world in the days that are ahead in Jesus' name! Something good is just about to happen!

Anchored to the Rock of All Ages!

TODAY'S HUMOR: Thinking: "When you clean out a vacuum cleaner,
you become the "vacuum cleaner."

Bert and Ernie

Bert: "Say, Ernie, would you like some ice-cream?"

Ernie: "Sherbert."

TODAYS THINKING: Playing your "Trump" prayer---IT'S "JESUS' NAME!"

C. S. Lewis: "You don't have a soul: YOU ARE A SOUL You have a body."