

*The Rock House Church*  
*March 5, 2017*  
*Today God IS*  
*All*

TODAYS ENCOURAGING WORD:

*"I have not given you a Spirit of fear or Timidity for you to shrink back from life; I put in you My Spirit! My Spirit of Power, Confidence; My Spirit of Love and My Spirit of Soundness and Discipline. BELIEVE IT! 'I DID IT' RECEIVE IT! 'I AM DOING IT' DISPATCH IT!! 'I AM GIVING IT'*

TODAYS Thought For The Week:

C. S. Lewis: "You don't have a soul: You are a soul. You have a body."

TODAYS TOP QUESTIONS:

- 1) What is the "Substance" of your Faith? (Hebrews 11:1)
- 2) How can I grow the "substance" of my faith?

TODAYS SONG IN THE NIGHT:

*Just as I am I come, With out one plea      Just as I am And waiting not  
But that thy blood was shed for me,      To rid my Soul of one dark Blot  
And that thou bids me come to thee      To Thee whose Blood can cleanse each spot  
O Lamb of God I come, I come              O Lamb of God I come, I Come*

*I Come Broken to be Mended; I Come Wounded to be healed  
I Come Desperate to be Rescued; I Come Empty to be Filled  
I Come Guilty to be Pardoned; By the Blood of Christ the Lamb  
And I'm welcomed: With Open Arms!! Praise God, Just as I am.*

*Just as I am, I would be lost  
But mercy and Grace my Freedom Bought  
And now to Glory in Your Cross  
O Lamb of God I Come, I Come.*

TODAYS Humor:-----"I'm not sure about an inner child-----  
---but I have an inner "Idiot" that shows up every once in a while!!-----

TODAYS VERSE: MATTHEW 4:1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into desert  
To Be Tested---by Satan---after 40 days of fasting---Satan came---

Matthew 6:9-13 "Pray like this, Our Father who is in heaven, Your Name is Holy. Your kingdom come and Your will be done here on earth just like it is in Heaven. Father give us our daily provisions, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have done us wrong. Don't let our temptation be more than we can handle but rescue us from ourselves and the Devil. For Your Kingdom and your Power and Your Glory are forever! Amen and AMEN"

Matthew 26:39 And He went a little beyond them and fell on His face and prayed, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; but not what I want but Your will be done."

**QUESTION:** Did Jesus follow His own teaching on how to pray?

**QUESTION:** Did you notice Jesus request or temptation had to do with food again?

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed. Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."

And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will." And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying that **you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**" He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done." Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. <sup>46</sup> Get up, let us be going; behold, the one who betrays Me is at hand!"

**QUESTION:** Are you a disciple of Jesus?

**QUESTION:** How well do you do at following His instructions? Example:

How about Deuteronomy 6:6-7 "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

**QUESTION::** So what are the words?

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

**QUESTION:** How well are we doing? Or are we sleeping?

**QUESTION:** What is the difference, if any, from being unselfishness and virtue of Love?

C. S. Lewis said, "The negative idea of Unselfishness carries with it the suggestion not primarily of securing good things for others, but of going without them ourselves, as if our abstinence and not their happiness was the important point. I do not think this is the Christian virtue of Love."

**THE POWER OF HIS CROSS** by VBOJR (2/27/17)

That old Cross, Cursed, Standing all alone,  
Place of judgment, rejection, and deace.  
Where Hatred spills out, for some Release,  
Justice served, ill committed, just his own.

His Cross, Power of Judgment, Stands alone  
He, taking my place for wrongs I have done.  
His blood given, freely for me, I am stunned!  
His Life, for my shame, my guilt, He did atone.

The Power of His Cross, my freedom bought,  
Without His mercy and grace I would be lost.  
His Death--His Cross, for my life, What a Cost!  
Father's Love, all the lost, hopeless, He sought

His Cross Has Power of life for those gone astray  
Jesus Blood given, pardon for the Guilty for sure  
Sick to be healed, mended, all life to endure  
Live in the Glory and Power of His Cross Today.

**HEAVEN OR HELL** by VBOJR (3/5/17)

Life in Heaven or life in hell  
Live in freedom or live in a cell  
Live in freedom or live in shame  
Life can be full or life a game.

Life soon is over, all the parts end in a box  
Heaven or hell chosen by your valued stocks;  
Before it's to late, while you can still choose  
Make the right choice, if you snooze you loose.

Life judgment doesn't wait,  
Who's standing at your gate?  
Heaven or hell your decision to make  
Your choice; your destiny is at stake!

Jesus is the only way to heaven for certain  
My flesh, the Devil to hell their final curtain.  
God made the way, through His Son, to-day  
Give Him your heart, never more to-stray.

Come to Jesus look into His Face  
Be filled today with His Glory and Grace.  
Live your life here as in heaven above  
Full of His life, wrapped in His Love.

### **EMPTY CUP--- FULL CUP VBOJR (3/4/17)**

My cup is so empty this morning  
Despair, doubt, trouble all scorning  
Even before my feet hit the floor  
My defeat is standing at the Door.

Looked into my bathroom mirror to see  
My hopeless fate of who really I'm to be.  
Loser, sinner, guilty, becomes so clear  
Broken and empty, fighting off the tear.

But what is it I see looking back at me  
There in my eye; could it really be, Thee?  
Even before the hot water and soap  
In my own eye, a glimmer of Hope

Today is Your gift to me, just for me  
What was I thinking? You set me free!  
Your Love for me, in my own eye a twinkle  
You give me healing, grace, just a sprinkle.

Forgiveness through Your Blood is mine  
Your Love what a blessing for me--so divine.  
The grip of hell is broken, my darkness is done  
Looking right at me, saying, "you are my Son"

My empty cup, now full and over flowing  
New vision, confidence, ready for the going  
Your Joy fills my heart, Your presence here for me  
Thank you Lord, only you could set me Free.

*God's Cake, Trials* Sometimes we wonder, "What did I do to deserve this?" or "Why did God have to do this to me?" Here is a wonderful explanation!

A daughter is telling her Mother how everything is going wrong, she's failing algebra, her boyfriend broke up with her and her best friend is moving away. Meanwhile, her Mother is baking a cake and asks her daughter if she would like a snack, and the daughter says, "Absolutely Mom, I love your cake."  
"Here, have some cooking oil," her Mother offers. "Yuck," says her daughter.

"How about a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Mom!"

"Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Mom, those are all yucky!"

To which the mother replies: "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!" "God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!" God loves you so much! He sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning. Whenever you want to talk, He'll listen. He can live anywhere in the universe, and He chose your heart and will live there if you will only ask Jesus into your heart. I hope your day is a "piece of cake!" Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we can always choose to dance.

