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THE PEN OF A READY WRITER

...I SPEAK OF THE THINGS WHICH I HAVE MADE TOUCHING THE KING:
MY TONGUE IS THE PEN OF A READY WRITER (PSALM 45:1).

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Our Anointing is Christ's Spirit!

The Anointing which we have received of God (1 John 2:27) is the Holy Spirit with which we were sealed upon our belief of the word of truth: the gospel of our salvation (Ephesians 1:13). He is called the Holy Ghost (John 7:39), the Comforter (John 14:26), the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9).

We have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will (Ephesians 1:11). We have obtained that inheritance, having received the earnest of our inheritance (Ephesians 1:14) through belief of the word of truth, the gospel (Ephesians 1:13).

What was the counsel of God's own will? Is it not that we obtain an inheritance with Christ, an inheritance we will receive at the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of Christ's glory (Ephesians 1:14)? We will receive it, because the Father has done something: he has predestinated us to be conformed to the image of his Son, that Jesus might be the firstborn among many brethren (Romans 8:29).

Christ is the firstborn from the dead, that in all things he might have the preeminence (Colossians 1:18). We are foreknown of God (Romans 8:29): known of God before the possession of the inheritance, that is, before the literal, physical adoption of children for which we now wait (Romans 8:23).

We are predestined to the adoption of children because we have received the Spirit of adoption (Romans 8:15), which is the Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9). Beloved, though it does not yet appear what we shall be, we are now the sons of God; and, we know that we shall be like him, when he shall appear, for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:2). Every man that has this hope purifies himself, even as Christ is pure (1 John 3:3).

For this maturing, Paul makes three requests in his prayer for those who have trusted Christ as their Savior: first, that God may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ (Ephesians 1:17). We have the Holy Spirit. We are sealed by him. We now need our spirit to be a teachable spirit, before God the Father.

Second, that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened. We need to know the hope of his calling. We need to understand the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18). Third, that you grasp the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead (Ephesians 1:19-20). We can, by his Anointing.



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Worrying over the Future?

I am thankful that God is my Strength and my Shield. God knows what today will be like, before I even wake up. I pray each day that God will give me strength and energy, to face the day.

I know that, when I feel afraid and want to worry, God is in control. I have to remember that. I know God watches over me, continually. He is my protection, both from the known and the unknown.

What will the Future hold? I have been through a lot in my 72 years of life, and I know that I am drawing closer to going home. I worry about my children and my grandchildren. I worry about their spiritual needs, as well as their physical needs.

There are many uncertainties in our lives, now, it seems, more than ever. Yet, there are wonderful certainties: that God is, that He so loved the world that He gave us his only begotten Son, that Jesus made a way for us to come to God through Him!

Al Smith wrote the song, *I Know Who Holds the Future. With God things don't just happen; everything by Him is planned. So as I face tomorrow with its problems large and small, I'll trust the God of miracles and give to Him my all!*

The Anointing ye have received...

God has promised us eternal life (1 John 2:25). And, because of our belief of the gospel (Ephesians 1:13), we have received of him the Holy Spirit, the anointing which abides in us (1 John 2:27). We need not that any man teach us: but, as the same anointing teaches us of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, ye shall abide in him [in Christ], even as it has taught you to abide in him.

We were convicted of the Holy Ghost, who taught us to trust in Jesus Christ. And, once we believed upon him, that same Spirit sealed us (Ephesians 1:13), moved in us (1 Corinthians 6:19) and made us a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17). We became "born of God" in an instant.

God's Seed now remains in us, in whosoever is born of God (1 John 3:9). Who is that? Whosoever believes that Jesus is the Christ, he is born of God; and, everyone that loves him that begat us loves him also that is begotten of him (1 John 5:1). Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and, every one that loves is born of God and knows God (1 John 4:7).

We know that whosoever is born of God sins not: but, he that is begotten of God keeps himself, and that wicked one touches him not (1 John 5:18). Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for, his seed remains in him and he [that seed] cannot sin, because he is born of God (1 John 3:9).

Abide in him: he is righteous; and, everyone that does righteousness is born of him (1 John 2:29).

Prayer Request

During the month of March, I will be undergoing cataract surgery. The left eye will be done on March 5th, with a post-op visit on the following day and a one-week post-op on the 14th. Surgery on the right eye is scheduled for March 18th.

Focus on February

February 5th

South Carolina Independent
Baptist Fellowship
Faith Baptist Church
Laurens, SC

February 14th – 15th

Valentine Celebration

February 18th

Truth Missionary
Baptist Church
Moncure, NC