



That I May Know Him The Spirit of Holiness

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Philippians 3 ¹ My beloved ones, don't ever limit your joy or fail to rejoice in the wonderful experience of knowing our Lord Jesus! I don't mind repeating what I've already written you because it protects you— ⁸ To truly know him meant letting go of everything from my past and throwing all my boasting on the garbage heap. It's all like a pile of manure to me now, so that I may be enriched in the reality of knowing Jesus Christ and embrace him as Lord in all of his greatness. ⁹ My passion is to be consumed with him and not cling to my own "righteousness" based in keeping the written Law. My only "righteousness" will be his, based on the faithfulness of Jesus Christ—the very righteousness that comes from God. ¹⁰ And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and become like him in his death. ¹² I admit that I haven't yet acquired the absolute fullness that I'm pursuing, but I run with passion into his abundance so that I may reach the purpose for which Christ Jesus laid hold of me to make me his own. ¹³ I don't depend on my own strength to accomplish this; however I do have one compelling focus: I forget all of the past as I fasten my heart to the future instead. TPT

Nehemiah 8 ^{10b} ...for the joy of the Lord is your strength. NKJV

John 14 ⁶ Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. ... ¹⁶⁻¹⁷ And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Savior, the Holy Spirit of Truth, who will be to you a friend just like me—and he will never leave you. The world won't receive him because they can't see him or know him. But you know him intimately because he remains with you and will live inside you. TPT

1 Peter 1 ² *You are not forgotten,* for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. The Holy Spirit has set you apart to be God's holy ones, obedient followers of Jesus Christ who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood. May God's delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over! ... ⁴ We are reborn into a perfect inheritance that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you! ⁵ Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time. ... ⁸ You love him passionately although you have not seen him, but through believing in him you are saturated with an ecstatic joy, indescribably sublime and immersed in glory. ¹⁶ For Scripture says: "You are to be holy, because I am holy." TPT

1 Corinthians 1 ³⁰ For it is not from man that we draw our life but from God as we are being joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. And now he is our God-given wisdom, our virtue, our holiness, and our redemption. TPT

Hebrews 10 ¹ The old system of living under the law presented us with only a faint shadow, a crude outline of the reality of the wonderful blessings to come. Even with its steady stream of sacrifices offered year after year, there still was nothing that could make our hearts perfect before God. ²⁻³ For if animal sacrifices could once and for all eliminate sin, they would have ceased to be offered and the worshipers would have clean consciences. Instead, once was not enough so by the repetitive sacrifices year after year, the worshipers were continually reminded of their sins, with their hearts still impure. ... ⁹ And then he said, "God, I will be the One to go and do your will." *So by being the sacrifice that removes sin,* he abolishes animal sacrifices and replaces that entire system with the new covenant. ¹⁰ By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah! ... ¹² But when this Priest had offered the one

supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God, ... ¹⁴ **And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time!** ¹⁵ The Holy Spirit confirms this to us by this Scripture, for the Lord says, ¹⁶ "Afterwards, I will give them this covenant: I will embed my laws into their hearts and fasten my Word to their thoughts." ¹⁷ And then he says, "**I will not ever again remember their sins and lawless deeds!**" ¹⁸ So if our sins have been forgiven and forgotten, why would we ever need to offer another sacrifice for sin? ¹⁹ And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family **because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and without hesitation.** ²⁰ For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him! ²¹ And since we now have a magnificent High Priest to welcome us into God's house, ²² we come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. **For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity, and we have been freed from an accusing conscience.** Now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out! ²³ So now wrap your heart tightly around the hope that lives within us, knowing that God always keeps his promises! ²⁵ **This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together,** as some have formed the habit of doing. In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning. TPT

...another aspect of Heaven: *holiness*—the overwhelming and powerful sense of God's glorious presence. *Holy* means righteous. *Holy* means clean. Sinless. Blemish-less. Without error. Without blind spots. Perfection. *Excerpt from "Visiting Heaven" by Captain Dale Black – pages 135-136; www.destinyimage.com*

2 Corinthians 5 ⁴ So, while living in this "tent," we groan under its burden, not because we want to die but because we want these new bodies. We crave for all that is mortal to be swallowed up by *eternal* life. ⁵ **And this is no empty hope, for God himself is the one who has prepared us for this wonderful destiny. And to confirm this promise, he has given us the Holy Spirit, like an engagement ring, as a guarantee.** ⁶ That's why we're always full of courage. Even while we're at home in the body, we're homesick to be with the Master—⁷ **for we live by faith, not by what we see with our eyes.** ⁸ We live with a joyful confidence, yet at the same time we take delight in the thought of leaving our bodies behind to be at home with the Lord. ⁹ **So whether we live or die we make it our life's passion to live our lives pleasing to him.** ... ¹⁴ For it is Christ's love that fuels our passion and holds us tightly, because we are convinced that he has given his life for all of us. This means all died with him, ¹⁵ so that those who live should no longer live self-absorbed lives but lives that are poured out for him—the one who died for us and now lives again. ... ¹⁷ **Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person.** All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new. ¹⁸ And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to himself, **and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God.** ¹⁹ In other words, it was through the Anointed One that God was shepherding **the world, not even keeping records of their transgressions,** and he has entrusted to us the ministry of opening the door of reconciliation to God. ²⁰ We are ambassadors of the Anointed One who carry the message of Christ to the world, as though God were tenderly pleading with them directly through our lips. So we tenderly plead with you on Christ's behalf, "Turn back to God and be reconciled to him." ²¹ **For God made the only one who did not know sin to become sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God through our union with him.** TPT

Luke 11 ¹³ If imperfect parents know how to lovingly take care of their children and give them what they need, how much more will **the perfect heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit's fullness when his children ask him.** TPT

Psalms 51 ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.** NLT