

A PERSONAL SURVIVAL KIT FOR Y2K

It is obvious to most believers and even to the unbeliever, that we are facing "the last days," and "perilous times," which has described for us.

2 Timothy 3:1–2, *This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,*

"Lovers of their own selves," PHILAUTOS; "Lovers of money," i.e., covetous, PHILARGUS

2 Timothy 3:3–4, *Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;*

"Lovers of pleasures," PHILEDONOS; "Lovers of God," PHILOTHEOS.

Since the believer in the Lord Jesus Christ is called the "salt of the Earth." And the "Light of the world" we are the stabilizing force in spite of a decadent nation.

How is the believer, the remnant of the Body of Christ, to function in these last days of the Church Age? Well, whether we survive or not depends upon the amount of the Word of God you learn from the Bible. The Word of God inside of you determines what is going to happen to you in any given set of circumstances, now and in the year 2000. Now you can carry the Word of God around with you, inside of you. Our rate of learning the Word of God differs, but the important thing is that we have to be consistent. And take this promise from Isaiah.

Isaiah 33:6, *And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times, and strength of salvation: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.*

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It is impossible to survive in perilous times apart from a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. And this can be attained in the following manner.

John 1:12–13, *But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His Name: These things have I written unto you that believe on the Name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the Name of the Son of God.*

John 3:36, *He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.*

1. **The first thing that is necessary for the maintaining of your stability in perilous times is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.**
2. **The second thing that is necessary, is the doctrine of eternal security,** found in the following passages.

John 10:28–29, *And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.*

Romans 8:35–39, *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

You must know that salvation is the work of God. And that god is perfect, and His work is perfect. And that you cannot do anything to lose it, and that no one can ever take it from you.

3. **The third thing you need to know, is the use of Bible techniques, in order live the Christian way of life.**

These techniques are designed to keep you in line so that you can take in the Word of God as a maturing believer.

- A. **One of the techniques is being restored to fellowship. This is the consistent use of 1 John 1:9, which results in ...**
- B. **The filling of the Holy Spirit.**

This is when God the Holy Spirit controls your life and produces Divine Good in your life.

Ephesians 5:14–18, *Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;*

C. **Faith in the promises of God.**

This is knowing and believing and claiming the promises of God. See Hebrews 3:7–4:14.

Hebrews 4:1, *Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into His rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.*

D. **Living in the Word.**

You have to grow in Grace.

2 Peter 3:18, *But grow in Grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.*

2 Timothy 2:15, *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Psalm 119:9–11, *Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to Thy Word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from Thy commandments. Thy Word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against Thee.*

E. Occupation with Christ.

This is thinking Divine viewpoint, a mental attitude that is fixed on Christ.

Hebrews 12:1–2, Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

4. Start using the promises and begin with at least 10.

Romans 8:28, And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose.

Matthew 21:22, And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

1 Peter 5:7, Casting all your care upon Him; for He careth for you.

Psalms 55:22, Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and He shall sustain thee: He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Isaiah 41:10, Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness.

Psalms 37:4–5, Delight thyself also in the LORD; and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass.

1 Samuel 17:47, And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands.

Luke 1:37, For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Isaiah 26:3–4, Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

Psalms 56:3, What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

1 John 1:9, If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

5. Erecting and edifying a spiritual structure in the soul.

A. There must be a communicator of the Word with people in public assembly for private intake of the Word of God.

1 Peter 5:2, Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Hebrews 13:7, Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the Word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.

Hebrews 13:17, *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

- B. The Word must be comprehended, and understood.
- C. Then faith must be applied to the Word, and the Word stored in the human spirit.

James 1:22, *But be ye doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.*

- D. Then the Word by faith is transferred in the mind as frame of reference with a memory center, the conscience having Divine norms and standards, and giving the believer a viewpoint which reflects the mind of Christ.
- E. The Word is applied and used in daily living.
- F. Finally there is a spiritual structure in the soul with these facets.

Grace orientation, mastery over the details of life, capacity for life, capacity for love, inner happiness, and a relaxed mental attitude.

- G. This preserves our nation under the "salt and light" principle.

6. Understand doctrines and categories.

- A. The essence of God: A foundational doctrine.
- B. Dispensations: Time doctrines, understanding God's time clock.
- C. Christology. Who Christ is, what He did for you on the Cross, now and in the future.
- D. God the Holy Spirit: Understand his part in salvation and spirituality.
- E. Divine guidance: How to know the will of God at any point, under any circumstances.
- F. Volitional principles: Very important, this is the concept of free will.
- G. Suffering: A vast subject, and needed for the believer's orientation.
- H. Death: Departure, the concept of dying in Grace, and related doctrines.

7. Orientation to Grace.

- A. We do not earn or deserve anything from God.
- B. Everything depends upon who and what He is.
- C. God has a purpose for your life as a believer.
- D. If you fulfill the reasons for living here, you are going to have a wonderful life and you will live through anything.
- E. If you do not fulfill that purpose, you will live miserably.

- F. You need to understand the wedding of Grace and faith at the cross.
1. Only Grace, God's plan, and faith, man's nonmeritorious system of perception, can conceive, result in, the new birth.
 2. If a substitution is made for faith, like works, then a Biblical spiritual conception *doesn't* take place.
 3. Bringing works to Grace, makes Grace step aside. Grace will not tolerate a harem of works. Works is a concubine.
- G. Understand the doctrine of the Grace apparatus for perception—which is the Word of God, God the Holy Spirit as teacher, and the filling of the Spirit for perception.

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