

Get Ready! Guide

Steps to Victory and Ministry for Last Day Disciples

*Discover and do YOUR part
in spreading the Last Rays of Light*

2nd Level:

Growing the Church

How we make disciples
or acquire the six marks of discipleship

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C. Come to Life – 001. Overview

SUMMARY: Theme C shows **how** you acquire the **1st** mark of discipleship, **absolute loyal love**, by taking steps **1 to 3** in the discipling process.

Theme Details

- C1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus**
- God's Love of His World
 - God's Plan of Salvation
- C2. Receive Salvation by Faith**
- The Stages in Our Restoration
 - The Steps in Our Justification
- C3. Obey Jesus from Love**
- The Three Biblical Baptisms
 - The Marks of the Remnant

Purpose

To help participants

appreciate more deeply the love of God for us, His plan of salvation, and our response to Him:

1. **Recognize** the cross of Jesus as the evidence of God's agape love and the only means of our redemption.
2. **Understand** the Biblical way of salvation from sin and experience personal justification by grace through faith.
3. **Awaken** a true love for Jesus that is willing to receive the three baptisms and to obey all His commandments.

PHASE / Section	Need I: REVIVAL – Apostolic Faith and Godliness				
	1st Level: Calling the Church – Why God Calls Disciples = Requires the Marks				I have / do it hardly → daily
	This	Theme	Need	Response	
Awareness and Decision		A. Sound the Trumpet	1st – 3rd Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Awake to Our Present Time	1. win the final battle	1. absolute loyal love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Stand on the Side of Truth	2. guard against deception	2. complete self-denial	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Preparedness and Precision		3. Qualify for the Seal of God	3. be secure in Jesus	3. perpetual abiding	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		B. Hear the Call	4th – 6th Mark of Discipleship		
		1. Join the Revival and Reformation	4. work with members	4. mutual agape love	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Fulfill the Divine Commission	5. use talents effectively	5. fruit-bearing ministry	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Be Ready to Stand at Last	6. be fully equipped	6. overcoming witness	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2nd Level: Growing the Church – How We Make Disciples = Acquire the Marks				
	This	Theme	Step	Result	
PHASE 1: Courtyard “Come to Me” = Pardon (Look back to His life & sacrifice) Message → Member (Gather / Gaining) (Reach up)	►	C. Come to Life	1st Mark of Discipleship: absolute loyal love		
	►	1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	(1) believe Gospel	(1) grateful surrender	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	2. Receive Justification by Faith	(2) receive justification	(2) truthful conversion	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	►	3. Obey Jesus from Love	(3) love commandments	(3) joyful obedience	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		D. Join the Movement	2nd Mark of Discipleship: complete self-denial		
		1. Accept Our Prophetic Identity	(4) accept identity	(4) purposeful membership	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 2: Holy Place “Learn of Me” = Purity (Look up for His presence & Spirit) Member → Maturity (Grow / Training) (Reach Across)		2. Affirm the SDA Beliefs	(5) grasp teaching	(5) meaningful conviction	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Order Your Life as a Steward	(6) (re)order life	(6) faithful stewardship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		E. Grow in Grace	3rd Mark of Discipleship: perpetual abiding		
		1. Let Jesus Form Within	(7) form Jesus	(7) spiritual growth	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Study the Word of God	(8) study Word	(8) doctrinal purity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Pray According to God's Will	(9) pray in the Spirit	(9) personal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
PHASE 3: Most Holy Place “Go for Me” = Power (Look forward to His work & return) Maturity → Ministry (Go / Retaining) (Reach out)		F. Share the Love	4th Mark of Discipleship: mutual agape love		
		1. Exercise Christlike Love	(10) practice love	(10) effectual unity	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Contribute to Church Meetings	(11) value groups	(11) communal worship	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Help with Practical Support	(12) serve needs	(12) practical support	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		G. Bear much Fruit	5th Mark of Discipleship: fruit-bearing ministry		
		1. Recognize and Confirm All Talents	(13) recognize talents	(13) doubtless certainty	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Organize and Combine All Talents	(14) organize talents	(14) classless teamwork	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Utilize and Commend All Talents	(15) utilize talents	(15) selfless service	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		H. Tell the World	6th Mark of Discipleship: overcoming witness		
		1. Enable Latter Rain Power	(16) enable power	(16) boundless light	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		2. Reflect the Character of Jesus	(17) reflect Jesus	(17) spotless life	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. Spread the Gospel of Jesus	(18) spread Gospel	(18) fearless fight	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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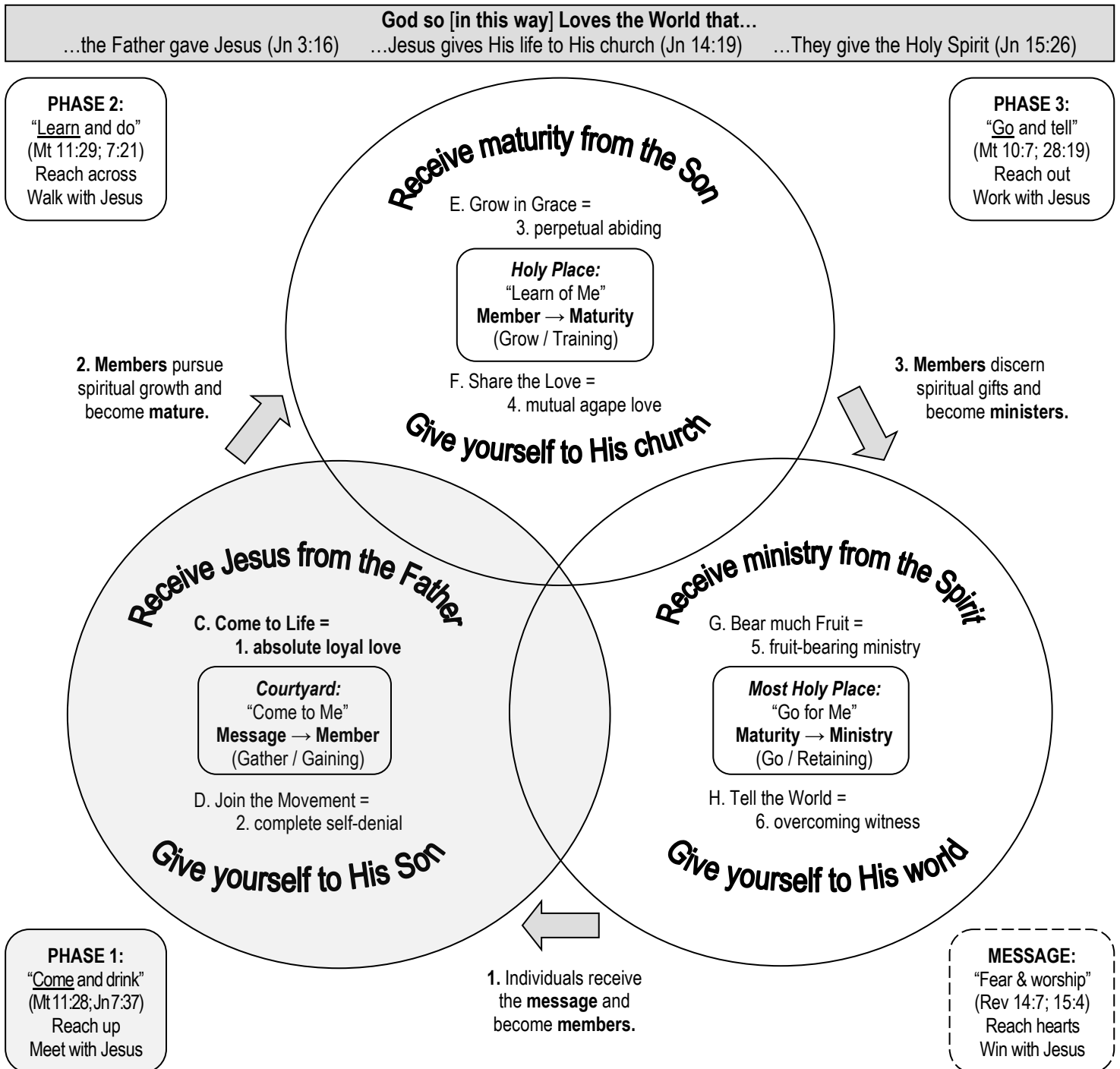
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C. Come to Life – 002. Dynamic Circles of Love

SUMMARY: Consider and appreciate now the **receiving** side of that circle of love, which forms **phase 1** in the discipling process.

The first theme and mark of discipleship in each phase cover the receiving side of the relationship, the second theme and mark the giving side. Jesus said, "Come to Me, Learn of Me." (Mt 11:28-30); then, "Go for Me into all the world." (Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20). So the three circles of love together form the process by which Jesus builds His church (Mt 16:18): **1.** He calls her to Himself (Mt 16:24), **2.** grows her into His full stature (Eph 4:13; 5:27), and **3.** sends her to complete her number (Rom 11:25-26). Then He will return to take His beloved bride home into God's eternal glory (Jn 14:1-3).



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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 101. God's Love for His World

SUMMARY: You take **step 1** in the discipling process, as you **believe** the Gospel of God's love and **respond** to it with absolute love for Jesus.

"'God is love.' 1 John 4:16. His nature, His law, is love. It ever has been; it ever will be....With Him 'is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.' James 1:17. Every manifestation of creative power is an expression of infinite love. The sovereignty of God involves fullness of blessing to all created beings." (PP 33). "In the beginning, God was revealed in all the works of creation. It was Christ that spread the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth. It was His hand that hung the worlds in space, and fashioned the flowers of the field... It was He that filled the earth with beauty, and the air with song. And upon all things in earth, and air, and sky, He wrote the message of the Father's love." (DA 20; MM 10).

"The message that the sinner should hear is, 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.'" (GW 154-155; Ev 189; Jn 3:16). "In order to break down the barriers of prejudice and impenitence, the love of Christ must have a part in every discourse. Make men to know how much Jesus loves them, and what evidences He has given them of His love. What love can equal that which God has manifested for man, by the death of Christ on the cross? When the heart is filled with the love of Jesus, this can be presented to the people, and it will affect hearts." (Lt 48, 1886; Ev 189). Is our heart totally filled with Jesus' love?

	The Love of God in Jesus	I appreciate it hardly → deeply
1	1. Before Earth's Creation (Eternity past)	
2	Before the fall of Lucifer, the Father and the Son decide to create mankind in Their own image (3SG 36; PP 36; Ge 1:26).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Before creation, They decide Jesus will become man's Savior by His sacrifice (Eph 3:11; 1 Pe 1:19-21; Rev 13:8; PP 63).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	They decide to bless believers in Jesus with His holy purity and to adopt them as God's children (Eph 1:3-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	2. At and After Its Creation (~4000 BC)	
6	Jesus creates a very beautiful earth, fitted for humanity; the angels look at it with delight and rejoice (Ge 1:31; PP 44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Jesus delights in forming Adam in God's image, giving Him His own breath of life (Ge 1:26; 2:7; Pr 8:31; Zec 12:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Jesus provides Adam with a fitting companion, and they celebrate the very first marriage (Ge 2:7, 22; 3SG 33; PP 46).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Jesus gives Adam and Eve freedom of choice, so they can obey Him willingly from love, not coercion (Ge 2:17; PP 49).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Jesus gives them dominion over the works of His hands, and crowns them with glory and honor (Ge 1:28; Ps 8:5; Heb 2:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Jesus provides them with a special garden for their home, "Eden," meaning "delight" (Ge 2:8-14; 3SG 34; PP 47, 62).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	Jesus gives them pleasant and invigorating labor, to dress and keep their garden home (Ge 2:15; 3SG 34; PP 47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Jesus creates and blesses the Sabbath so humanity can behold and rest in His goodness and love (Ge 2:1-3; PP 46).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Adam and Eve enjoy communion with Jesus, instructions from angels, and converse with nature (Ge 3:8; PP 48, 50-51).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Jesus steps in as Savior after their fall; He reveals and angels explain to them the plan of salvation (Ge 3:15; PP 63-66).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Jesus bars their access to the tree of life, places them in a cursed environment, and institutes sacrificial offerings	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	a) to help them and their descendants realize that the wages of sin is death, separation from God (Ge 2:17; Rom 6:23);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	b) to thus lead them to repentance of their sin and saving faith in Jesus as the promised Redeemer (Ge 3:15); and	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	c) to vindicate the character of God and the validity of His law before the whole universe (3SG 45-46; PP 66-70).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	3. Jesus' Life on Earth (3 BC – AD 31)	
21	Jesus lives a sinless, holy life, so He can give it to all His followers and save them by it (Rom 5:10; 2 Co 5:21; Php 3:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Jesus reveals God's shepherd love by seeking and feeding the lost in compassion (Ps 23, Isa 40:11; Mk 6:34; Jn 10:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Jesus reveals God's loving care for His people by healing, teaching, and forgiving them (Mt 4:23; 8:16; Jn 8:11; Lk 23:34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Jesus reveals God's love for His people by praying for all who would forsake and crucify Him (Isa 53:12; Lk 22:32; 23:34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Jesus reveals God's love for people by dying for all while they were yet sinners (Rom 5:8; Jn 1:11; 15:13; Mt 27:40-44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	4. After His Ascension (AD 31 – Eternity future)	
27	Jesus sends the Holy Spirit and gives leadership gifts to grow and mature His church (Ac 2:1-4; 11:17; Eph 4:8-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Jesus constantly intercedes for His people and answers their prayers in His name (Jn 14:13-14; Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Jesus is their advocate when they sin, and He represents and confesses them in the judgment (1 Jn 2:1; Mt 10:32; Jn 5:24).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Jesus offers His people His presence, His faith and love, His righteousness, and His discernment (Jn 14:18; Rev 3:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Jesus gives His people power to overcome, and will protect them in the time of trouble (Rev 3:21; 12:11; GC 629, 631).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Jesus will come again to deliver His faithful people out of tribulation and to take them to heaven (Da 12:1; 1 Th 4:13-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Jesus will restore their lost face-to-face relationship and direct personal communion with Him (1 Jn 3:2; Rev 7:15; 21:3).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	Jesus will restore His people to their lost dominion, as He shares with them His kingdom (Ge 1:26; Da 7:27; Mt 25:34).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	Jesus will give them mansions in the New Jerusalem and eternal access to the tree of life (Jn 14:1-3; Rev 2:7; 22:2, 14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
36	Jesus will be their God, feed them, and forever wipe away every tear from their eyes (Isa 25:8; Rev 7:17; 21:3-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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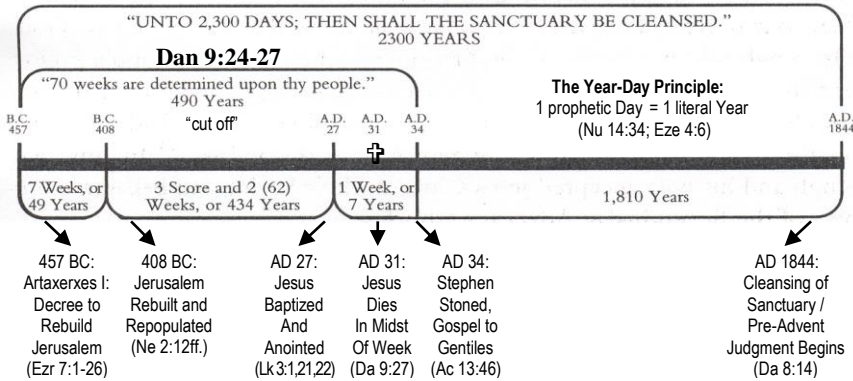
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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 102. Gabriel's Prophecy of the Messiah

SUMMARY: You see God's love for you in His **prophecy** that identifies **Jesus** as your Savior, and **1844** as the beginning of your final judgment.

The 2300 Evenings and Mornings (Dan 8:14)



George McCready Price, *The Greatest of the Prophets*, Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1955. Public domain. Adapted.

The vision in Da 8 with the 2,300-day/year prophecy was given in "the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar" (8:1), i.e., in 550/549 BC, but "none understood" it (8:27).

The 70-week/490-year prophecy (9:20-27) came in answer to Daniel's prayer (9:1-19), in "the first year of Darius" (9:1), or 539/538 BC, to bring understanding to Daniel (9:22).

All details of the 70th week or last 7 years were fulfilled in the life and work of Jesus who thus proved to be the *Messiah* (9:25) or *Christ* (Mt 16:16), the One *anointed* or empowered by the Holy Spirit (Isa 61:1; Lk 4:17-21; Ac 10:38).

Jesus lived "that it might be fulfilled." (Mt 1:22) and died "according to the scriptures" (1 Co 15:3), to fulfill all things "written in the law of Moses, the prophets, and in the psalms." (Lk 24:27, 44). The Scriptures testify of Him (Jn 5:39).

Daniel 9:24 The <u>Purpose</u> of Jesus' Life and Work	Daniel 9:25 The <u>Timing</u> of Jesus' Life and Work	Daniel 9:26-27 The " <u>Last Week</u> " of Jesus' Life and Work
<ol style="list-style-type: none">To finish transgression: Restrain: Jesus called the Jews to accept Him as the fulfillment of the covenant with Abraham (Ge 17:1-8; Gal 3:16; Mt 23:37). Complete: Jesus' rejection (Jn 1:11) ended Jewish probation (Ac 7:52; Rom 10:1-4).To make an end of sins: Jesus takes sin away (Jn 1:29), becoming sin (2 Co 5:21) & giving Himself (Gal 1:4).To make reconciliation for iniquity: Jesus died so God can reconcile people to Himself (Rom 5:10; 2 Co 5:19).To bring in everlasting righteousness: Jesus is our righteousness (1 Co 1:30). He imputes & imparts it to us (2 Co 5:21).To seal up the vision and prophecy: Jesus confirms or ratifies it by fulfilling its time predictions (Mk 1:15; Gal 4:4).To anoint the Most Holy: The earthly sanctuary was anointed to inaugurate divine service (Ex 40:9). The anointing of the heavenly sanctuary points forward to Jesus' high priestly, intercessory ministry there following His ascension (Heb 9:12, 21, 24).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">From the going forth of the commandment: Decree of Persian King Artaxerxes I "in the seventh year of the king" (Ezr 7:7), 457 BC, implemented in the fall. Authorized the Jews to rebuild the temple & the city of Jerusalem (Ezr 7:11-28).Unto Messiah the Prince: This can only refer to Jesus, since He is the one who fulfilled the time frame given here.Seven, and threescore and two weeks: 69 prophetic weeks are 483 years. Counting from 457 BC, this leads to the fall of AD 27, since there is no year "zero." That fall, Jesus was baptized and anointed & began His public ministry "in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" (Lk 3:1, 21, 22). "The time is fulfilled." (Mk 1:15).	<ol style="list-style-type: none">After threescore and two [62] weeks: After the fall of AD 27, the beginning of the 70th week of the prophecy.Messiah shall be cut off: Jesus would be cut off (Isa 53:8), that is, die, to "cut" (Ge 15:8-18) or mediate the New Covenant in His blood (Lk 22:20).But not for himself: Or, shall have nothing: Jesus sacrificed Himself to save others (Isa 53:5-8; Mt 20:28; 26:28; 1 Co 15:3).The people of the prince shall... destroy: Titus' army destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70.Confirm the covenant for one week: For 7 years, AD 27-34, Jesus and then His disciples confirmed the promise (Rom 15:8; Ac 2:38-39). After Stephen's death (Ac 7:59) the Gospel went to the Gentiles (Mt 21:43; 24:14; 28:18-20; Ac 11:5-18; 13:45-49).Midst of the week...cause to cease: After 3½ years, in the spring AD 31, Jesus died; the temple veil was torn in two, marking the end of the sacrificial system (Mt 27:51). Type met Antitype, "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Co 5:7), the new and living way into the Holiest (Heb 10:12-22).
Daniel 9:24-27 – Summary		
The exact and complete fulfillment of the 70-week prophecy in the life and work of Jesus proves Him to be the predicted Messiah and testifies to the reliability and power of God's Word (Isa 55:11; Jn 17:17).		
Daniel 8:14 – Summary		
Since the 490-year prophecy ended in AD 34, AD 1844 marks the end of the 2,300-year prophecy, and thus the beginning of Jesus' high priestly ministry of the cleansing of the heavenly sanctuary, or the pre-advent judgment. This present truth is confirmed and proclaimed by the Three Angels' Messages (Rev 14:6-11; 18:1-4), which have been entrusted to God's remnant church (Rev 10:11; 12:17; 14:12).		

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 103. The Great Central Truth

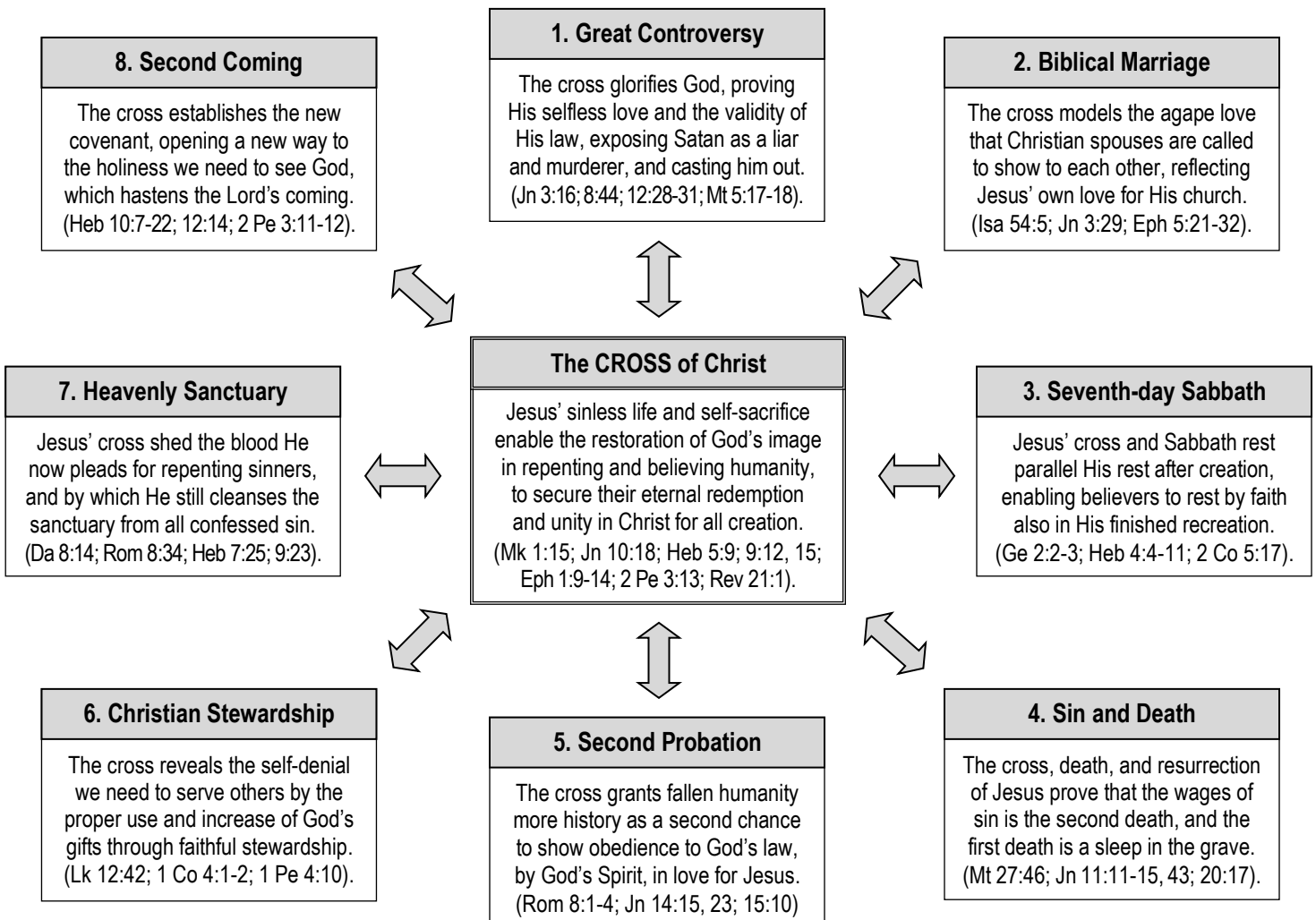
SUMMARY: You see God's love for you in Jesus' death on the **cross**, the **center** of all other truths and the only **reason** for your end-time victory.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ centers on His self-sacrifice for the salvation of the human race. "There is one great central truth to be kept ever before the mind in the searching of the Scriptures--Christ and Him crucified. Every other truth is invested with influence and power corresponding to its relation to this theme. It is only in the light of the cross that we can discern the exalted character of the law of God. The soul palsied by sin can be endowed with life only through the work wrought out upon the cross by the Author of our salvation." (MS 31, 1890; 7ABC 458).

The cross is the only key to all other truths. "The sacrifice of Christ as an atonement for sin is the great truth around which all other truths cluster. In order to be rightly understood and appreciated, every truth in the word of God, from Genesis to Revelation, must be studied in the light that streams from the cross of Calvary. I present before you the great, grand monument of mercy and regeneration, salvation and redemption,--the Son of God uplifted on the cross. This is to be the foundation of every discourse given by our ministers." (GW 315; 7ABC 457).

The cross exerts a most powerful attraction and guarantees the greatest victory. "The cross of Calvary challenges, and will finally vanquish every earthly and hellish power. In the cross all influence centers, and from it all influence goes forth. It is the great center of attraction; for on it Christ gave up His life for the human race. This sacrifice was offered for the purpose of restoring man to his original perfection. Yea, more, it was offered to give him an entire transformation of character, making him more than a conqueror. Those who in the strength of Christ overcome the great enemy of God and man, will occupy a position in the heavenly courts above angels who have never fallen." (MS 56, 1899; 6BC 1113).

The cross is therefore the only reason for our faithfulness in the final crisis. "The only way in which men will be able to stand firm in the conflict is to be rooted and grounded in Christ. They must receive the truth as it is in Jesus. And it is only as the truth is presented thus that it can meet the wants of the soul. The preaching of Christ crucified, Christ our righteousness, is what satisfies the soul's hunger. When we secure the interest of the people in this great central truth, faith and hope and courage come to the heart." (LDE 151). Is the cross the center of your life?



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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 104. His Experience of the Cross

SUMMARY: Your love for Jesus **grows** when you study and ponder His **experience** of suffering and death on the cross, as He Himself **describes** it.

May we all "behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us" (1 Jn 1:3) through the suffering and death of Christ, as Jesus describes it in His own words. "Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." (Jn 13:1). "Hanging upon the cross Christ was the gospel....This is our message, our argument, our doctrine, our warning to the impenitent, our encouragement for the sorrowing, the hope for every believer. If we can awaken an interest in men's minds that will cause them to fix their eyes on Christ, we may step aside, and ask them only to continue to fix their eyes upon the Lamb of God." (MS 49, 1898; 7ABC 458). May we ever and only "glory in the cross...." (Gal 6:14).

	The Suffering and Death of Jesus – In His Own Words		I appreciate it hardly → deeply
	Jesus' Words	EGW Comments	
1	1. In the Upper Room		
2	After foot washing: "I have given you an example." (Jn 13:15).	Servant leadership; institutes ordinance (DA 650).	□ □ □ □ □
3	"Take, eat; drink...my blood of the new covenant." (Mt 26:27-28).	Passover lamb; ratifies covenant (1 Co 5:7; Heb 9:15).	□ □ □ □ □
4	"Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22:19; 1 Co 11:24-25).	Comfort for disciples; makes life sacred (DA 652-60).	□ □ □ □ □
5	"One of you shall betray me." (Mt 26:21; Jn 13:21 [11, 18]).	Patience and mercy of God toward erring (DA 655).	□ □ □ □ □
6	"A new commandment I give: love one another." (Jn 13:34).	Christlike love; identifies disciples (Jn 13:35; DA 677).	□ □ □ □ □
7	"Be not troubled...believe in God and me....I will return." (Jn 14:1-3).	His absence is temporary & for their benefit (DA 663).	□ □ □ □ □
8	"Love me....keep my words...ask...work." (Jn 14; DA 663-674).	As He shows the Father so they reveal Him (DA 664).	□ □ □ □ □
9	"Comforter will teach /remind you...Have my peace." (Jn 14:26-27).	Conditional promise; His last legacy (DA 668-672).	□ □ □ □ □
10	2. To and In Gethsemane		
11	"All ye shall be offended because of me this night..." (Mt 26:31).	Said in deepest sadness; disciples amazed (DA 673).	□ □ □ □ □
12	To Peter: "Thou shalt deny me thrice." (Mt 26:34-35; Mk 14:30).	All deny in self-confidence; are unprepared (DA 673).	□ □ □ □ □
13	"Abide in me and I in you...bring fruit...bear witness" (Jn 15 & 16).	Spiritual union essential for our mission (DA 674-680).	□ □ □ □ □
14	To Father: "They believed....Keep them from evil." (Jn 17:8, 15).	As Shepherd entrusts His church to Father (DA 680).	□ □ □ □ □
15	To 3 disciples: "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death:	He bears terrible wrath of God against sin (DA 685).	□ □ □ □ □
16	Tarry ye here, and watch with me...and pray" (Mt 26:38, 41).	Longs for sympathy; feels it for them (DA 686-690).	□ □ □ □ □
17	Three times: "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from	Dreads separation from God; weight of sins (DA 687).	□ □ □ □ □
18	me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." (Mt 26:39-44).	Beholds man's fate; decides to save us (DA 690, 693).	□ □ □ □ □
19	An angel strengthens Jesus after His bloody agony (Lk 22:43-44).	Falls dying; assured of Father's love & power (DA 693).	□ □ □ □ □
20	To mob: "Whom seek ye?...I am He....Let these go." (Jn 18:4-8).	Seeks to shield weak disciples from trial (DA 695).	□ □ □ □ □
21	To Judas: "Betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?" (Lk 22:48).	Final appeal to arouse Judas' conscience (DA 696).	□ □ □ □ □
22	To Peter: "Put up again thy sword into its place." (Mt 26:52-54).	No violent defense; Jesus fulfills Scripture (DA 696).	□ □ □ □ □
23	To priests /elders: "Are ye come out as against a thief?" (Mt 26:56).	Submits to mob; disciples flee for safety (DA 697).	□ □ □ □ □
24	3. During the Mock Trials		
25	To high priest's officer: "Why smitest thou me?" (Jn 18:23).	Does not retaliate; is calm, not provoked (DA 700).	□ □ □ □ □
26	To accusations: He answered nothing (Mt 26:62-63; 27:12, 14).	Eloquent silence from conscious innocence (DA 726).	□ □ □ □ □
27	To Sanhedrin: "Ye say that I am [God's Son]." (Mt 26:64; Lk 22:70).	Appealed to, Jesus declares His character (DA 706).	□ □ □ □ □
28	To Sanhedrin: "Ye shall see [me] sitting...." (Mt 26:64; Lk 22:69).	Now judged, He shall be the judge of all (DA 708).	□ □ □ □ □
29	To Pilate: "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or...?" (Jn 18:33-37).	Pilate's one opportunity to admit conviction (DA 727).	□ □ □ □ □
30	4. To and On Calvary (Also Words of Others)		
31	To women: "Weep for yourselves and your children." (Lk 23:28-31).	Has sympathy for unbelievers' future misery (DA 743).	□ □ □ □ □
32	1. "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do." (Lk 23:34).	Pities ignorance and guilt of all sinners (DA 744-745).	□ □ □ □ □
33	Crowd and priests: "Come down from the cross." (Mt 27:40-43).	Satanically mocked, He stays to save us (DA 749).	□ □ □ □ □
34	2. To penitent thief: "Thou shalt be with me in paradise." (Lk 23:43).	Faith comforts, His pardon glorifies Him (DA 749-751).	□ □ □ □ □
35	3. "Woman, behold thy son! ... Behold thy mother!" (Jn 19:26).	Amid anguish, shows His mother filial love (DA 752).	□ □ □ □ □
36	4. "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Mt 27:46).	Evil of sin & Father's wrath break His heart (DA 753).	□ □ □ □ □
37	5. That the Scriptures might be fulfilled: "I thirst." (Jn 19:28).	Revives to a sense of physical suffering (DA 754).	□ □ □ □ □
38	6. After He had received the vinegar: "It is finished." (Jn 19:30).	Battle is won, our redemption accomplished (DA 758).	□ □ □ □ □
39	7. "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." (Lk 23:46).	Regains sense of Father's favor; is victor (DA 756).	□ □ □ □ □
40	Centurion: "Truly this was the Son of God." (Mt 27:54; Mk 15:39).	Third witness borne to His identity that day (DA 770).	□ □ □ □ □

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 105. The Depth of God's Love

SUMMARY: You can see the **mystery** of God's love in yet greater **depth**, as you consider the divine **anguish**, not only of Jesus but of the Father.

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." (1 Jn 3:1). "Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end." (Jn 13:1). "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8). "...that the love wherewith Thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them." (Jn 17:26). "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you." (Jn 15:12). Not only will the love of God be our eternal study and joy, but it is here and now to be the principle of the disciples' life.

"God's wonderful purpose of grace, the mystery of redeeming love, is the theme into which 'angels desire to look,' and it will be their study throughout endless ages. Both the redeemed and the unfallen beings will find in the cross of Christ their science and their song. It will be seen that the glory shining in the face of Jesus is the glory of self-sacrificing love. In the light from Calvary it will be seen that the law of self-renouncing love is the law of life for earth and heaven; that the love which 'seeketh not her own' has its source in the heart of God." (DA 19).

The true height and depth of this selfless, self-sacrificing love of Jesus is nowhere else more dramatically and ultimately revealed than during those despairing hours on the cross, when the Savior felt nothing but the guilt of humanity and the wrath of God against sin; when He was not upheld by the joy that previously had been set before Him of seeing souls eternally saved; when He had no assurance of His own resurrection and return to glory, but only the fear that the separation from His beloved Father might be for eternity – and yet, even then, He did not give in to the demonic challenges of the bystanders to come down from the cross and save Himself, but chose to give Himself up for us all (1 Ti 2:6; Tit 2:14).

The Self-Sacrifice of Jesus – In the Words of Ellen G. White		I appreciate it hardly → deeply
1	1. The Desire of Ages, 752-753	
2	And now the Lord of glory was dying, a ransom for the race.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	In yielding up His precious life, Christ was not upheld by triumphant joy. All was oppressive gloom.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	It was not the dread of death that weighed upon Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	It was not the pain and ignominy of the cross that caused His inexpressible agony. Christ was the prince of sufferers;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	but His suffering was from a sense of the malignity of sin, a knowledge that through familiarity with evil,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	man had become blinded to its enormity. Christ saw how deep is the hold of sin upon the human heart,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	how few would be willing to break from its power.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	He knew that without help from God, humanity must perish, and He saw multitudes perishing within reach of abundant help.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Upon Christ as our substitute and surety was laid the iniquity of us all. He was counted a transgressor,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	that He might redeem us from the condemnation of the law.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	The guilt of every descendant of Adam was pressing upon His heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	The wrath of God against sin, the terrible manifestation of His displeasure because of iniquity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	filled the soul of His Son with consternation.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	All His life Christ had been publishing to a fallen world the good news of the Father's mercy and pardoning love.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Salvation for the chief of sinners was His theme.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	But now with the terrible weight of guilt He bears, He cannot see the Father's reconciling face.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The withdrawal of the divine countenance from the Saviour in this hour of supreme anguish	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	pierced His heart with a sorrow that can never be fully understood by man.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	So great was this agony that His physical pain was hardly felt.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Satan with his fierce temptations wrung the heart of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	The Saviour could not see through the portals of the tomb. Hope did not present to Him His coming forth from the grave	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	a conqueror, or tell Him of the Father's acceptance of the sacrifice.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	He feared that sin was so offensive to God that Their separation was to be eternal.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Christ felt the anguish which the sinner will feel when mercy shall no longer plead for the guilty race.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	It was the sense of sin, bringing the Father's wrath upon Him as man's substitute, that made the cup He drank so bitter,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	and broke the heart of the Son of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	2. Manuscript 93, 1899 (7BC 924)	
29	The Captain of our salvation was perfected through suffering. His soul was made an offering for sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	It was necessary for the awful darkness to gather about His soul because of the withdrawal of the Father's love and favor;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	for He was standing in the sinner's place, and this darkness every sinner must experience.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	The righteous One must suffer the condemnation and wrath of God, not in vindictiveness;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	for the heart of God yearned with greatest sorrow when His Son, the guiltless, was suffering the penalty of sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
34	This sundering of the divine powers will never again occur throughout the eternal ages.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 106. The Streams of Compassion

SUMMARY: The more you ponder the Father's **suffering** with His Son, the deeper you **appreciate** His infinite compassion and matchless love.

Some people tend to interpret the sacrificial death of Jesus on Calvary as a means to appease the righteous wrath of God against sinful humanity, as the way by which God's Son reconciled His Father in heaven to humanity on earth, or changed His wrath toward them into love and acceptance. But this view reflects more the heathens' fear of their ill-minded gods (PK 124) than the compassionate God of the Bible. 1. It is true that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven," yet His wrath is directed, not against the people themselves, but "against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men" (Rom 1:18), that is, against the sin in them. God "hates the sin, but loves the sinner." (DA 462).

2. Jesus did not come to turn the Father's wrath into love, but because the Father Himself loved the world, He sent and gave His Son (Jn 3:16). "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us." (1 Jn 3:1). "God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:8). In love, God took His wrath against our sin upon Himself by making Jesus to be that sin for us (2 Co 5:21). 3. God did not need to be reconciled to the world, but rather humanity to God (2 Co 5:19); and the call to reconciliation still goes out to every individual as Jesus' last day disciples spread the three angels' messages (2 Co 5:20-21; Rev 14:6-12; 18:1-4).

4. Though on the cross God's Son experienced the wages of sin, eternal death, as separation from His Father (Rom 6:23; Mt 27:46), the Father did not leave His Son to suffer by Himself but suffered that separation with Him in His own heart, enduring the "sundering of the divine powers." (7BC 924). "The heart of God yearned with greatest sorrow when His Son, the guiltless, was suffering the penalty of sin." (*ibid.*) Anticipating the unfathomable depth of this divine pain, the Father had struggled long during Their counsel of peace "to yield up His Son to die for the guilty race. But 'God so loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son,'Oh, the mystery of redemption!" (PP 63-64).

The Compassion of the Father – In the Words of Ellen G. White		I appreciate it hardly → deeply
1	God's Amazing Grace, 188	
2	It is from the Father's heart that the streams of divine compassion,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	manifest in Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	flow out to the children of men. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	God permitted His beloved Son, full of grace and truth,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	to come from a world of indescribable glory,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	to a world marred and blighted with sin, darkened with the shadow of death and the curse.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	He permitted Him to leave the bosom of His love,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	the adoration of the angels,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	to suffer shame, insult, humiliation, hatred, and death. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	It was the burden of sin, the sense of its terrible enormity,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	of its separation of the soul from God	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	--it was this that broke the heart of the Son of God. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	God suffered with His Son.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	In the agony of Gethsemane, the death of Calvary, the heart of Infinite Love paid the price of our redemption. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Nothing less than the infinite sacrifice made by Christ in behalf of fallen man	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	could express the Father's love to lost humanity. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The price paid for our redemption, the infinite sacrifice of our heavenly Father in giving His Son to die for us,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	should give us exalted conceptions of what we may become through Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	As the inspired apostle John beheld the height, the depth, the breadth of the Father's love toward the perishing race,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	he was filled with adoration and reverence;	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	and, failing to find suitable language in which to express the greatness and tenderness of this love,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	he called upon the world to behold it. . . .	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	What a value this places upon man!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Through transgression, the sons of man become subjects of Satan.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Through faith in the atoning sacrifice of Christ, the sons of Adam may become the sons of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	By assuming human nature, Christ elevates humanity.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Fallen men are placed where, through connection with Christ, they may indeed become worthy of the name, "sons of God."	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Such love is without a parallel.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Children of the heavenly King!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	Precious promise!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Theme of the most profound meditation!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	The matchless love of God for a world that did not love Him!	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus – 107. Humanity's Need and Choice

SUMMARY: In gratitude for such divine love you **believe** the gospel, and seeing your **need** of the Savior you **choose** to surrender all to Him.

Even before They created this world, the Father and the Son agreed on the plan of salvation because They knew humanity would need a Savior. Yet people overlook their need of Jesus even after they know they are sinners (Ge 3:7). So God shows them the alternatives and their results. He told Adam and Eve what sin would do to them and the whole earth (Ge 2:16-17; 3:15-19). Through Moses, He set life and death before Israel (Dt 30:1, 19). Through Jesus, He outlined the blessings of faith and the woes of unbelief (Mt 5:1-20; 23:13-39). In these last days, God calls all humanity to respond to His final revelation (Rev 1:3; 14:6; 22:18-19).

"What you need to understand is the true force of the will. This is the governing power in the nature of man, the power of decision, or of choice. Everything depends on the right action of the will. The power of choice God has given to men; it is theirs to exercise. You cannot change your heart, you cannot of yourself give to God its affections; but you can choose to serve Him. You can give Him your will; He will then work in you to will and to do according to His good pleasure. Thus your whole nature will be brought under the control of the Spirit of Christ; your affections will be centered upon Him, your thoughts will be in harmony with Him.

"Desires for goodness and holiness are right as far as they go; but if you stop here, they will avail nothing. Many will be lost while hoping and desiring to be Christians. They do not come to the point of yielding the will to God. They do not now choose to be Christians. Through the right exercise of the will, an entire change may be made in your life. By yielding up your will to Christ, you ally yourself with the power that is above all principalities and powers. You will have strength from above to hold you steadfast, and thus through constant surrender to God you will be enabled to live the new life, even the life of faith." (SC 47-48). Choose life!

Humanity's Choice: Sin or Salvation, Death or Life, Satan or Jesus (Dt 30:15-30; Rom 6:16-23; Mt 27:17)			I choose life hardly → daily
1	Past Condemnation = <i>deserve penalty of sin</i>	Past Justification = <i>freed from penalty of sin</i>	
2	Believe Satan more than God (Ge 3:1-6; PP 54; Jn 8:42-47).	Believe God and Jesus more than Satan (Mk 1:15; Jn 14:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	Adam and Eve disobey or sin (Ge 3:3, 11; 1 Jn 3:4).	Jesus always obeys, is sinless (Jn 8:29, 46; Heb 4:15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Lose their original innocence and holiness (Ge 3:7; PP 57).	Receive Jesus' tried innocence and holiness (Rev 3:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Have guilty conscience, are afraid of God (Ge 3:7-9; Tit 1:15).	Have clear conscience, peace with God (1 Ti 1:5; Rom 5:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Deny and try to justify their own sin (Ge 3:12-13; PP 57-58).	Confess and are forgiven own sin (Lk 18:13-14; 1 Jn 1:9).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Receive judgment of condemnation (Ge 3:11; Rom 5:16-18).	Receive declaration of justification (Rom 3:24-26; 5:16-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Attempt justification by works (PP 61; Rom 9:30-33; Gal 2:16).	Receive justification by grace thru faith (Rom 3:24; Eph 2:8).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Lose right to tree of life and immortality (PP 61; Ge 3:19-24).	Have right to tree of life & immortality (1 Co 15:54; Rev 22:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Expelled into cursed earth, subject to death (Ge 3:24; PP 61).	Baptized into Jesus' death, unto newness of life (Rom 6:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	Daily Demonification = <i>submit to power of sin</i>	Daily Sanctification = <i>freed from power of sin</i>	
12	Sin reigns unto death as its wages (Rom 5:21; 6:12, 16, 23).	Grace reigns unto life as divine gift (Rom 5:17, 21; 6:16, 23).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Depraved fallen nature, is sold under sin (Rom 7:14; PP 61).	Divine nature in fallen one, dead to sin (2 Pe 1:4; Rom 6:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	Human nature is indwelt by sin as a power (Rom 7:17, 20).	Human nature indwelt by the Spirit of Jesus (Rom 8:9, 11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Is captive to the law of sin and death (Rom 7:23).	Is freed by the law of the Spirit of life in Jesus (Rom 8:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	The carnal mind is enmity against God (Rom 8:5-8).	In Jesus is enmity against Satan (Ge 3:15; Jn 14:30; Jas 4:7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	Is not and cannot be subject to God's law (Rom 8:7).	Delights in God's law and will (Ps 1:2; 40:8; Rom 7:22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	Human history is a succession of falls (1BC 1082-1083).	Jesus gives continuous victory (1 Jn 5:5; Jude 24; Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	Satan controls humanity thru fear of death (Heb 2:14-15).	Believers are freed from fear of death (1 Jn 4:18; Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	Sin expresses itself in works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21, 26).	Life of faith bears fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:22-25; 1 Co 13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	Fallen churches full of demons (Rev 18:2; ST 01-31-1900).	Remnant church full of God's Spirit (Rev 18:1; Joel 2:28-32).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Holy Spirit withdrawn from unbelieving humanity (GC 614).	Believers receive seal of living God (Rev 7:1-3; EW 38, 48).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Soon Annihilation = <i>die with presence of sin</i>	Soon Glorification = <i>freed from presence of sin</i>	
24	Receive seven last plagues, God's unmixed wrath (Rev 16).	Are protected from plagues (Ps 91:1-8; Rev 7:1-3; EW 43).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Are destroyed at His coming (Lk 23:30; 2 Th 2:8; Rev 6:16).	Are resurrected or translated at His coming (1 Th 4:13-18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	Retain their fallen, sinful nature or vile body (GC 662).	Freed from their fallen nature or vile body (Php 3:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	Remain dead and scattered over the earth (Rev 19:17-21).	Become immortal & go to heaven (1 Co 15:51-57; 1 Th 4:17).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	Wicked resurrected with fallen nature (Rev 20:7-9; GC 662).	Saints return to earth in glorified nature (Rev 21:2-3; GC 663).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Satan deceives all wicked to capture Holy City (Rev 20:9).	God's throne & saints above Holy City (Rev 20:11; GC 665).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	Satan and all wicked condemned (Rev 20:11-13; GC 666).	All redeemed praise God for their salvation (GC 665).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	All constrained to bow to Jesus (Rom 14:11; GC 669-670).	All freely praise Jesus for He is worthy (Rev 5:12; GC 671).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Hell fire destroys angelic & human wicked (Rev 20:14-15).	Jesus purifies & renews earth for the redeemed (Rev 21:1).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 2. Receive Salvation by Faith – 201. The Three Stages of Salvation

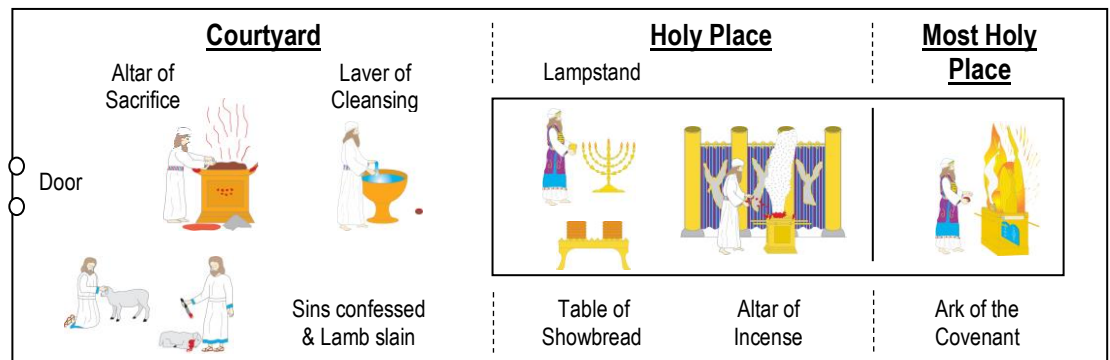
SUMMARY: In response to the gospel of Jesus, you **receive** salvation by faith in three **stages**, typified by the three **sections** of the sanctuary.

God has revealed His plan to save fallen humanity from sin throughout history, to Adam and Eve (Gen 3:15), Abraham (Gen 22:18; Jn 8:56), Isaiah (Isa 53), Daniel (Da 8 & 9) and others, and clearly has illustrated it through Moses in the sanctuary system (Ex 25:8-9). Ever since Eden, God is offering to the whole human race the benefits of the life, death, resurrection, and heavenly intercession of His Son (Rev 22:17), that is, salvation in three stages, justification or forgiveness, sanctification or holiness, and glorification or sinlessness.

All three stages of our restoration are typified in the sections, furniture, and services of the OT sanctuary. The earthly structure was a model of the heavenly original (Ex 25:9, 40), where Jesus is now completing the atonement He began in His life and through death on earth (Heb 9:23-28). "What was done in type in the ministration of the earthly sanctuary is done in reality in the ministration of the heavenly sanctuary." (GC 420). "The correct understanding of the ministration in the heavenly sanctuary is the foundation of our faith." (Ev 221).

God makes all stages available by grace; we receive them through faith (Eph 2:8). Jesus' righteousness is first imputed to us (Rom 4:3-5) as our *title* to heaven (FLB 116), then imparted as our *fitness* for heaven (ibid.) as we partake of His divine nature (1 Co 3:16; Col 3:9-10; 2 Pe 1:4) and love the world as He did (DA 641). As Jesus is perfectly reflected in us, we are *candidates* for heaven (5T 216), glorifying God in our bodies and as His body (1 Co 6:20; Jn 17:20), and at His return He will give His glory to our bodies (Rom 8:30; Php 3:20-21).

"The sanctuary in heaven is the very center of Christ's work in behalf of men. It concerns every soul living upon the earth. It opens to view the plan of redemption, bringing us down to the very close of time, and revealing the triumphant issue of the contest between righteousness and sin. It is of utmost importance that all should thoroughly investigate these subjects..." (GC 488).



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	Section of Sanctuary	I. Courtyard Sinners & Priests – daily		II. Holy Place Priests & High Priest – daily			III. Most Holy Place High Priest only – annually		
1	Stage of Restoration / Relationship with Jesus	Justification (Enabling Holiness): <u>Come</u> to Jesus = Pardon Look back to His life & sacrifice (Mt 11:28; Jn 6:37; Rev 22:17)		Sanctification (Growing Holiness): <u>Learn</u> from Jesus = Purity Look up for His Spirit and help (Mt 11:29-30; Jn 13:15; Eph 4:20-24)			Glorification (Perfecting Holiness): <u>Go</u> for Jesus = Power Look forward to His work and return (Mt 28:18-20; Rev 12:11; 1 Pe 5:10)		
2	Righteousness of Jesus	<u>Imputed</u> /credited (title to heaven) [what Jesus did and does <u>for</u> us]		<u>Imparted</u> /bestowed (fitness for heaven) [what Jesus and the Spirit do <u>in</u> us]			<u>Reflected</u> /revealed (candidates for heaven) [what Jesus does <u>through</u> and <u>with</u> us]		
3	Furniture of Section	Altar of Sacrifice	Laver of Cleansing	Lampstand with Oil	Table of Showbread	Altar of Incense	Ark of the Covenant:		
4	Symbol of Jesus	Ministry & Death	Baptism & Resurrection	Light of World	Bread of Life	Friend of Sinners	Law	Mercy Seat	Throne
5	Experience of Sinner / Believer in Cooperation with Jesus by His Grace and in His Way	Confesses and forsakes sin & claims merits of Christ: Is forgiven and adopted as God's child.	Is born again of water and the Spirit: Identifies with and joins Christ's body, His church.	Has presence of Jesus thru Spirit: Knows Him thru study, prayer and service.	Has Word of Jesus thru Bible: Feeds on & obeys it, and helps spread it.	Has access to Father thru Jesus: Pleads His merits for saints and sinners.	Disciples glorify God <u>in</u> their own bodies by Christlike character & lifestyle.	Disciples glorify God <u>as</u> His church body by Christlike ministry & sacrifice.	Jesus gives His glory <u>to</u> our bodies by resurrection & instant translation.
6	Time of Experience	Conversion & daily	Baptism & daily	All the time	Twice daily or more	Twice daily or more	All the time	All the time	Very, very soon
7	Result of Experience	Freedom from <u>penalty</u> of sin – Peace with God (Rom 5:1)		Freedom from <u>power</u> of sin – Power to become God's children (Jn 1:12)			Freedom from <u>presence</u> of sin – Promise in body	in church	on earth

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C. Come to Life – 2. Receive Salvation by Faith – 202. The Two Parts of Justification

SUMMARY: You take **step 2** in the discipling process, as you **enter** the first stage of salvation, **justification** by faith in its two parts, renewed **daily**.

Justification, as do sanctification and glorification, comes by God's grace through faith (Eph 2:8-9; Tit 3:7). He makes it available to "whosoever will" (Rev 21:6; 22:17); the sinner receives it at conversion (1 Co 6:11), and maintains it by daily walking after the Spirit (Rom 10:8-10; 8:1-4). It means forgiveness of sins (Rom 3:23-25) upon repentance (sorrow for and forsaking of sin, 2 Co 7:9-11; Isa 55:7), restitution (Ex 22:1-15; Lev 5:16; Num 5:7; Lk 19:8), and confession of sin and of faith in Jesus as Savior (2 Chr 7:14; Lk 24:47; 1 Jn 1:9; Rom 3:25).

As soon as the repentant sinner accepts and claims by faith that Jesus took upon Himself the just penalty for his or her sins, that faith is counted or imputed to him or her for righteousness as it was to Abraham (Ge 15:6; Rom 4:3, 23-25; Gal 3:6). He or she is declared free from condemnation, is at peace or reconciled with God, and as a new creature or creation (Rom 8:1; 5:1, 10-11; 2 Co 5:17-20) is adopted into His family and so a joint heir with Jesus (Rom 8:14-17; 6BC 1070-1071). In this healed relationship the justified sinner rejoices (Rom 5:11).

In the OT, the daily sanctuary service illustrated that justification, or atonement, is accomplished only when the blood of the sacrifice is both shed (the sinner's part) and applied (the priest's part). This service typified Jesus who spilled His blood at His death on earth as the sacrifice (1 Co 5:7) and now applies or pleads it in the sanctuary in heaven as our High Priest (Rom 8:34; Heb 7:25; Lt 87, 1894).

This two-part process was already in place, when God instructed the Israelites to kill lambs and then apply the blood to the doorposts (Ex 12:1-13; 21-23; PP 277), and also later made the old covenant (Ex 24:6-8; Heb 9:18-21). Likewise, Jesus confirmed the new covenant with His shed blood (Da 9:27; Rom 15:8; Heb 2:3), and now administers it by the sprinkled (applied) blood (Heb 12:24; 1 Pe 1:2).

God's plan is to save us *from* sin and *for* service (Rom 6:1-11; 12:1; Heb 9:15). Will we cooperate?

Two Parts		The Type or Symbols: Sin and Trespass Offerings (Lev 4-7; 10:16-20)		The Antitype or Reality: Justification by Faith (Rom 3:26; 4:5; Gal 3:8)		I do this hardly → daily
I. Part of the sinner: Sheds blood near altar	1	Sinner becomes aware of and repents of his or her sin.	Lev 4: 14, 23, 28; 5:3, 4	Jn 8:9; 16:8; 2 Co 7:9-11; Isa 55:7	Sinner is convicted of and repents of his or her sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	2	Sinner makes restitution or amends where needed.	Lev 5:16; 6:4, 5	Ex 22:1-15; Nu 5:7, 8; Lk 19:8	Sinner makes restitution to God and/or people if needed.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	3	Sinner brings a sacrifice without blemish and enters courtyard through door.	Lev 4: 3, 4, 14, 23, 28, 32; etc.	1 Pe 1:19; Heb 9:14; 4:15, 16; 7:25; Jn 14:6	Sinner accepts Jesus as the sacrifice without blemish and comes to God through Him.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	4	Sinner lays hands on sacrifice, confessing his or her sin, thus transferring sin to the sacrifice.	Lev 4:4, 15, 24, 29, 33; Lev 5:5	Pr 28:13; 1 Jn 1:9; 1 Pe 2:24; Isa 53:4-12	Sinner confesses his / her sin, and faith in Jesus as the vicarious bearer of it.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	5	Sinner kills the sacrifice, which bears the confessed sin.	Lev 4: 4, 15, 24, 29, 32; 7:2	Isa 53:10; 1 Co 5:7; 2 Co 5:14	Sinner accepts by faith the atoning death of Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
II. Part of the priest: Applies blood to altars	6	Priest washes hands and feet in the laver before serving in the sanctuary or at the altar, so he does not die.	Ex 30:18-21	Jn 17:19; Rom 12:1-2; 2T 611-612; 1SM 366; SC 43-48	Sinner accepts in awe the need for a clean and holy life to serve God. Fully surrenders heart and will to God / Jesus.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	7	Priest applies sacrificial blood to the altar of sacrifice, to the altar of intercession, before the second veil, OR by eating of the meat.	Lev 4:25, 30, 34; 5:9; 7:2; Lev 4:7, 18; Lev 4:6, 17; Lev 6:26; 7:6	Heb 7:25; Rom 8:34; 1 Jn 1:9; 1SM 215, 366-7; 4SP 309; GC 483	Sinner claims and receives by faith that, as Jesus pleads His blood in intercession, God pardons his or her sin and imputes His righteousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	8	Priest separates fat from the sacrifice and burns it on the altar of sacrifice.	Lev 3:16; 4:8, 19, 26, 31, 35; 7:3, 5, 31	Lev 3:5, 16; 4:31; Isa 43:4; Eph 5:2; 2 Co 2:15	Sinner appreciates and commits to being a sweet savor and precious to God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
	9	Priest burns body of sacrifice outside the camp.	Lev 4:12, 20	Heb 13:11-14; Jn 15:18-21	Sinner commits to bearing Christ's reproach as pilgrim.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Result: Sinner justified laver	10	Sinner leaves the sanctuary knowing by faith that as all confessed sins are forgiven, acceptance with God and the holiness of His people are renewed.	Lev 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:6, 10, 13, 16, 18, 6:7; 7:7; Lev 20:1-27; Ex 19:6	1 Co 6:11; COL 98; Heb 10:22; Rev 1:5-6; 1 Pe 2:5, 9-10; Mt 28:18-20; Jn 3:3, 5; Rom 6:3-11	Sinner, born of the Spirit and cleansed by Christ's blood, (re)commits to serving God as a holy priest and, if new to this faith, to also being born of water in (re)baptism.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 2. Receive Salvation by Faith – 203. Signs of Genuine Conversion

SUMMARY: You will recognize that you can **receive** justification by faith only in a **genuine** or truthful conversion, as **described** by Ellen G. White.

"In order to be saved, we must know by experience the meaning of true conversion. It is a fearful mistake for men and women to go on day by day, professing to be Christians, yet having no right to the name. In God's sight, profession is nothing, position is nothing. He asks, Is the life in harmony with my precepts? There are many who suppose that they are converted, but who are not able to bear the test of character presented in the Word of God. Sad will it be, in the day when every man is rewarded according to his works, for those who can not bear this test....

"In the lives of many of those whose names are on the church books there has been no genuine change. The truth has been kept in the outer court. There has been no genuine conversion, no positive work of grace done in the heart. Their desire to do God's will is based upon their own inclination, not upon the deep conviction of the Holy Spirit. Their conduct is not brought into harmony with the law of God. They profess to accept Christ as their Saviour, but they do not believe that he will give them power to overcome their sins. They have not a personal acquaintance with a living Saviour, and their characters reveal many blemishes....The [genuine] change can be made only by the Holy Spirit." (RH 07-07-1904).

Will God's people allow the Spirit of God, if need be, to move them from a mere profession to genuine conversion?

	Genuine Conversion Description by Ellen White (RH 07-07-1904)	I desire it hardly → greatly	Notes and Comments About Statements
1	Paragraph 11		
2	A man [individual] sees his danger.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	He sees that he needs a change of character, a change of heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
4	He is stirred; his fears are aroused.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
5	The Spirit of God is working in him,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	and with fear and trembling he works for himself,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
7	seeking to find out his defects of character,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
8	and to see what he can do to bring about the needed change in his life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
9	His heart is humbled.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
10	By confession and repentance he shows the sincerity of his desire to reform.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	He confesses his sins to God,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
12	and if he has injured any one, he confesses the wrong to the one he has injured.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	While God is working, the sinner, under the influence of the Holy Spirit,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
14	works out that which God is working in mind and heart.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
15	He acts in harmony with the Spirit's working,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
16	and his conversion is genuine.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
17	Paragraph 3		
18	Conversion is a change of heart,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
19	a turning from unrighteousness to righteousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
20	Relying upon the merits of Christ,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
21	exercising true faith in Him,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
22	the repentant sinner receives pardon for sin.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
23	As he ceases to do evil, and learns to do well,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
24	he grows in grace and in the knowledge of God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
25	He sees that in order to follow Jesus he must separate from the world,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
26	and, after counting the cost, he looks upon all as loss if he may but win Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
27	He enlists in His army,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
28	and bravely and cheerfully engages in the warfare,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
29	fighting against natural inclinations and selfish desires,	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
30	and bringing the will into subjection to the will of Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
31	Daily he seeks the Lord for grace, and he is strengthened and helped.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
32	Self once reigned in his heart, and worldly pleasure was his delight.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
33	Now self is dethroned, and God reigns supreme.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
34	His life reveals the fruit of righteousness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
35	The sins he once loved he now hates.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
36	Firmly and resolutely he follows in the path of holiness.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	
37	This is genuine conversion.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	

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C. Come to Life – 3. Obey Jesus from Love – 301. The Three Baptisms

SUMMARY: You take **step 3** in the discipling process, as you lovingly and joyfully **obey** Jesus and commit yourself to the three Biblical **baptisms**.

The new believer gladly receives three baptisms which will mark his or her new journey with Jesus. **1.** Baptism in water by immersion declares his or her conversion and confirms one's membership in Christ's body, His church. **2.** Baptism of the Holy Spirit upon prayer empowers sanctification and the exercise of ministry according to his or her spiritual gifts. **3.** Baptism of suffering means persecution and/or martyrdom, which may come to any true disciple of Jesus as people or powers reject his or her sanctified life and Spirit-filled testimony (2 Ti 3:12).

Water baptism and baptism of suffering are one-time and short-term events. The baptism of the Holy Spirit, though received once initially, requires daily renewal to be effective. This is because sanctification and gifted ministry are both lifelong developments and tasks, which can be accomplished only through constant and total dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit, received in answer to prayer. Of all three baptisms, therefore, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the most crucial for a successful Christian walk. Without daily growth in sanctification and obedient use of spiritual gifts, neither past water baptism nor future suffering will testify of "Christ in you" (Rom 8:10; 2 Co 13:5; Col 1:27; Gal 2:20).

"Impress upon all the necessity of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sanctification of the members of the church, so that they will be living, growing, fruit-bearing trees of the Lord's planting." (6T 86). "What we need is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Without this, we are no more fitted to go forth to the world than were the disciples after the crucifixion of their Lord." (RH 02-18-1890). "There is nothing that Satan fears so much as that the people of God shall clear the way by removing every hindrance, so that the Lord can pour out His Spirit upon a languishing church and an impenitent congregation. When the way is prepared for the Spirit of God, the blessing will come." (RH 03-22-1887). Are we ready?

The Three Baptisms of Last Day Disciples		I see / desire it hardly → clearly
1	1. Baptism in Water (Mt 3:6, 13; Jn 4:1; Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38-41; 8:12, 38; 9:18; 10:48; 16:15, 33; 19:5).	
2	New believer receives baptism in loving obedience to Jesus' Great Commission (Mt 28:19; Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 10:47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	By immersion, upon affirmation of faith in Jesus and evidence of repentance (Mt 3:6; Jn 3:23; Ac 2:38; 8:36-38; 19:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	Believer publically declares his or her faith in the vicarious death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (Rom 6:1-5; Col 2:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	Believer testifies of his or her death to sin and resulting purpose to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:6-11; Col 2:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	Believer, being one of God's people by faith, is received as a member by His church (Mt 28:19; Ac 2:38-41; 11:24).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	Baptism is followed by further instruction in the Holy Scriptures and acceptance of their teachings (Mt 28:20; Ac 2:42).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	Rebaptism is appropriate after repentance and reconversion (1SAT 366), or after significant spiritual growth (Ac 19:2-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	2. Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Mt 3:11, 16; Lk 4:1, 18; Jn 1:33; Ac 1:5; 2:4, 38; 4:31; 8:15-17; 9:17; 19:6; Eph 5:18).	
10	Also "anointing" (Lk 4:18; 1 Jn 2:27), "filled with" (Lk 4:1; Ac 2:4; Eph 5:18) or "receiving" the Spirit (Jn 7:37-39; Ac 10:47).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	It is an initial event, but also needed daily (Lev 24:1-4; COL 139), repeatedly (Ac 2:4; 4:31), and continually (Eph 5:18).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	It is the presence of Jesus in believers (Jn 14:16-18; 1 Jn 3:24), and therefore secured only by abiding in Him (Jn 15:4-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	It is the New Covenant, heartfelt love (Dt 5:29; Eze 36:24-28; Jn 14:15; Rom 5:5; 9T 40) to obey God (Ps 40:8; Rev 12:17; 14:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	It is the fire Jesus is eager to send on His people again (Mt 3:11; Lk 12:49), which Satan tries to counterfeit (Rev 13:13).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	Its first <i>purpose</i> is that believers are ready when the bridegroom comes (Mt 24:42; 25:1-13; Lk 12:35-37; Rev 16:15).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
16	Its second <i>purpose</i> is that believers bear fruit, so God can do for them whatever they ask in Jesus' name (Jn 15:7, 16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	- Its first <i>fruit</i> is purity, sanctification, Jesus' character in them (Rom 15:16; 1 Co 6:11; 2 Co 3:18; Gal 5:22-23; 6T 85).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	- Its second <i>fruit</i> is power, proper use of the Spirit's gifts, to do Jesus' works (Jn 14:12; 1 Co 12; Eph 2:10; Heb 13:21).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	- These fruits are the former rain; once they grow, added power will come as latter rain (Joel 2:23; Rev 18:1-4; AA 55).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	- Both fruits, sanctified life and gifted witness, are the means by which end-time believers overcome all evil (Rev 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	- However, without Spirit baptism, people will not love the truth, fall for the end-time deceptions, and be lost (2 Th 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	Received after being "born of" the Spirit (Jn 3:5-8), that is, experiencing true heart conversion (Ac 2:38; 3:19; TDG 326).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	Received either before (Ac 9:17-18; 10:47-48) or after (Mt 3:16; Ac 2:38; 8:14-17) water baptism, not at or because of it.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	Received in answer to prayer (Lk 3:21; 11:13; Ac 1:14; 4:31; 8:15), or by hearing God's word in faith (Ac 10:44; Gal 3:2).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
25	Received as a result of the laying on of hands (Ac 8:17; 9:17; 19:6), but does not depend on it (Mt 3:16; Ac 10:44).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	3. Baptism of Suffering (Mt 20:22-23; Lk 12:50; Da 7:21; 8:24; 9:26; Mt 24:9; Jn 21:18-19; DA 56, 642; TDG 49).	
27	Also called the "cup" of suffering of unjust persecution and other mistreatment (Mt 20:22-23; 26:39; 5:10-11; 2 Ti 3:12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	For many, it includes the suffering of being "immersed" in death for the truth, or martyrdom (Ac 22:20; Rev 2:13; 17:6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	Many will be shaken out in the last days due to the legal threat of hardships and death (Rev 13:15-17; LDE 173-174).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	True disciples of Jesus rejoice that they are counted worthy to suffer for Him, and remain faithful (Ac 5:41-42; Rev 2:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	True disciples of Jesus are willing to die for their Master without fear of death (Da 3:16-18; Mt 10:28; Rev 2:10; 12:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
32	Like Jesus, His true disciples are willing to suffer and die for His future satisfaction and joy (Isa 53:11; Heb 12:2; DA 624).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
33	Their reward will be Jesus sharing His eternal glory with them (Rom 8:17-18; 2 Th 2:14; Heb 2:10; 1 Pe 1:11; 4:13; 5:1, 10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 3. Obey Jesus from Love – 302. The Four Marks of the Final Remnant

SUMMARY: You also commit to lovingly obeying **all** the **commandments** of Jesus, and to fulfilling the other three **marks** of His final remnant.

Revelation describes the final remnant, God's people during the time of the end, by four identifying marks. First, they keep God's commandments (Rev 12:17; 14:12). Second, they have the testimony of Jesus or the spirit of prophecy (Rev 12:17; 19:10; 22:9). Third, they keep the faith of Jesus (Rev 13:10; 14:12). Fourth, they have patience, that is, they endure (Mt 24:13) or persevere (Rev 13:10; 14:12).

1. To keep God's Commandments means to delight in them out of love for the Lord Jesus (Ex 20:6; Ps 40:8; 119:35; Jn 14:5, 21; 1 Jn 2:3-6).
2. To have the testimony of Jesus means to hear it, especially in Revelation and EGW, to heed it, and to spread it (Rev 1:2, 3; 3; 10:11; 18:1-4).
3. To keep the faith of Jesus means to have the kind of faith He had, loving and tried, and to have faith in Jesus (Rev 3:18; Gal 2:16; 5:6).
4. To persevere means to endure unto the end without being deceived or falling away (Mt 24:13; 2 Th 1:4; 2:3; Rev 1:9; 13:10; 14:12).

These four identifying marks of the remnant are dependent on each other; none of them is effective or even possible without the other three. Keeping the Commandments requires the faith of Jesus as well as perseverance (Heb 12:1-4), both of which we receive by heeding His testimony (Rev 3:18). It is therefore essential that all members of the remnant uphold their prophetic identity by making a daily, unconditional, and uncompromising commitment to all four characteristics. The Lord greatly desires that all will be found among the faithful at His coming (Lk 18:8).

I. Keep All the Commandments of God (Ex 20:1-17; Mt 5; 22:36-40; Rev 12:17; 14:12)	I do this hardly → daily	III. Keep the Faith of Jesus (Lk 18:8; 2 Th 1:4; Rev 3:18; 13:10; 14:12)	I seek this hardly → daily
The Great Commandment (Mt 22:36-40)		The faith of Jesus is...	
1. Love the Lord your <u>God</u> with all your heart, with all your soul, & with all your mind (Dt 6:5; Mt 22:36). If you love me, keep my words (Jn 14:15, 23). We love, because He first loved us (1 Jn 4:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. the life and teachings of Jesus (<i>Pioneers</i>);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Love your <u>neighbor</u> as yourself (Lev 19:18; Mt 22:38). Love one another, as I have loved you (Jn 13:34). Love your enemies (Ex 23:4-5; Mt 5:44; Rom 12:20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	2. living, abiding faith in Jesus (Gal 2:16);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		3. faith that works by love (Gal 5:6, 13);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		4. faith tried and purified by affliction (Job 23:10; 2 Th 1:4; Jas 1:2-5; Rev 3:18);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
		5. to receive, experience, understand, accept and communicate redemption (2MR 7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17)		The faith needed in the last days...	
"I am the Lord your God" (Ex 3:14; Rev 1:18). Accept Jesus Christ as the Lord your God.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. will have convincing power (CME 22);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
"Who brought you out of...bondage" (Jn 1:29). Receive Christ as the Savior from your sins.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	2. is assurance, claims promises (CH 210);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
1. Worship only God, nobody and nothing else.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	3. sustains strength amid family divisions, hatred of the world, and realization of own faults (Mt 10:32 ff.; RH 5-19-1895);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. Stay away from all idolatry and materialism. "I visit the iniquity of the fathers...but..." Seek victory over every inherited tendency.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	4. can endure being menaced, denounced and betrayed by family and church (PK 588; 5T 450);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Shun irreverent speech and empty worship.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	5. can endure weariness, delay and hunger, will not faint though tried (GC 621);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4. Rest in Christ, the Creator & Savior (Heb 4:9-11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	6. can face danger, endure privation, and suffer reproach and persecution (GC 629);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5. Respect your parents and all rightful authority.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	7. can risk imprisonment, loss of property and of life itself (5T 712);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Never harbor or act on human anger (Mt 5:22).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	8. endures anguish of Jacob's trouble (GC 649);	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7. Never lust after another, even in thought (Mt 5:28).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	9. is earnest, agonizing faith in God's power and promises; awaits deliverance (CC 69; PK 387-388).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Never dishonestly obtain or retain goods of others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
9. Never speak or allow untruth about others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
10. Never desire anything that belongs to others.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		
II. Have Testimony of Jesus / Spirit of Prophecy (Joel 2:28; Rev 10:11; 12:17; 19:10; 22:9)	I do this hardly → daily	IV. Have Patience / Perseverance (Mt 10: 22; 24:13; 2 Th 1:4; Rev 13:10; 14:12)	I do this hardly → daily
1. I heed the testimony that Jesus gives, esp. in Rev and through E.G. White (Rev 1:2, 3; 3; Eph 4:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	1. I run the race with steadfast endurance, by faith, looking unto Jesus (Heb 12:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
2. I seek and use occasions to spread the prophetic Third Angel's Message (Rev 10:11; 19:10).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	2. I persevere, confident in God's promised inheritance (Tit 1:2; Heb 10:35-39; 1 Jn 2:25).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3. I pray and prepare for the Latter Rain power to help give the Loud Cry as Christ's end-time witness (Joel 2:28-29; Ac 1:8; Rev 18:1-5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	3. I rejoice in all tests of my faith, because / so that they produce perseverance, character, hope and maturity (Rom 5:3-4; Col 1:23; Jas 1:2-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

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C. Come to Life – 3. Obey Jesus from Love – 303. Promises to Claim

SUMMARY: You can exercise **faith** and **faithfulness** during the trials of the last days, as you claim God's **promises** to His remnant people.

The Lord wants to ensure His remnant people that He has made all the provisions necessary to preserve them in the faith and enable them to be faithful in the trials and sufferings during the last day events. His promises are precious because He guarantees to protect and sustain them, to bring about justice and their deliverance, and to graciously give them their great reward and eternal inheritance.

Will each member of God's people be faithful to Him by claiming these promises in the faith of Jesus?

	God's Precious Promises	I claim it hardly → daily
1	1. Safety and Sustenance	
2	We can be strong, courageous, and fearless, because the Lord will never leave us, nor forsake us (Dt 31:6; Heb 13:5-6).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
3	The Lord will hide us in time of trouble, His angel will surround us, because He is our keeper (Ps 27:5; 34:7; 121:1-7).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
4	We need not be afraid, but trust the Lord and make Him our habitation, for He is our refuge and fortress (Ps 91:1-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
5	As the Lord cared for Elijah, so our bread and water will be sure, and we will soon see our King (Isa 33:15-17; GC 629).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
6	We need not fear; He redeemed us, we are His and are precious to Him; neither waters nor fire will harm us (Isa 43:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
7	When we love and obey Jesus, and preach His Gospel, He is always be with us by His Spirit (Jn 14:15-18; Mt 28:18-20).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
8	We will have tribulation in this world, but Jesus has gained the victory for us and desires to share it with us (Jn 15:33).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
9	We can, discern and overcome demonic influences by faith, because Jesus in us is greater than the devil (1 Jn 4:4; 5:4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
10	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
11	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
12	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
13	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
14	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
15	2. Justice and Deliverance	
16	Although delayed to form their character (DA 200; COL 177), God will avenge His elect (Dt 32:43; Lk 18:7-8; Rom 12:19).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
17	The Lord will deliver us and let us see the end of the wicked, if we trust Him now during terror and love Him (Ps 91:1-16).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
18	The Lord will stand up for us, His people, whose names are written in His book, and deliver us (Da 12:1; 7:10; Rev 3:5).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
19	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
20	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
21	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
22	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
23	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
24	3. Reward and Inheritance	
25	We are blessed, if we are persecuted as were the prophets of old, for our reward will be great in heaven (Mt 5:10-12).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
26	We are blessed, if we are partakers of Christ's sufferings, because when He comes we will be full of joy (1 Pe 4:12-14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
27	If we patiently and perseveringly endure to the end, run the race, we will be saved (Mt 24:13; Jas 5:7-11; Heb 12:1-4).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
28	If we are faithful unto death out of love for Jesus, we will receive the crown of life (2 Ti 4:8; Jas 1:12; Rev 2:10; 3:11).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
29	If we keep God's truth and commandments, we have a right to enter the heavenly New Jerusalem (Isa 26:2; Rev 22:14).	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
30	<u>Similar promises:</u> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
31	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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34	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
35	4. Other Promises	
36	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
37	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
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C. Come to Life – 401. Commitment

Summary: Knowing now **how** you acquire the **1st** mark of discipleship, **absolute loyal love** for Jesus, you commit to **implementing** it in your daily life.

Upon working and praying through this theme I commit and pledge allegiance to the following, by the grace of God and according to His will:

My Commitment Pledge of Allegiance	I make it hesitantly → decidedly
C1. Believe the Gospel of Jesus	
I commit to daily trusting in God's love, and to relying on His faithfulness to His plan of salvation as He works it out in me.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to daily spending thoughtful time reflecting on the cross of Jesus, and to letting this central truth impact my total life.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C2. Receive Salvation by Faith	
I commit to receiving my justification from God TODAY, and to maintaining it through daily repentance and faith in Christ.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to refreshing my conversion on a daily basis, and to assuring that it remains genuine through the Holy Spirit.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
C3. Obey Jesus from Love	
I commit to receiving the three baptisms – in water, of the Spirit, and of suffering – in the way and at the time God has chosen.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
I commit to keeping all of God's commandments, and to also practicing the other three identifying marks of His remnant church.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Name: _____ Date: _____

My Notes