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GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR HIS GLORY

This is God's Word for my life in this Place and at this Time. Today I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I KNOW He has a purpose for my life.



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The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. You must not do as they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. Do not follow their practices.’”



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“When you gather in the harvest of your land, you must not completely harvest the corner of your field, and you must not gather up the gleanings of your harvest. You must not pick your vineyard bare, and you must not gather up the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You must leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 18:1-3, 19:9-10



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ECONOMIC ATHEIST

Someone who believes in the salvation of God, but retains authority over their economic life



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God cannot grow what you don't PLANT



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Choose to Live DIFFERENTLY

What are you living for?

What will it be like when you get there?

Who can you trust to guide you?



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Fence #1 - Live inside your BUDGET

10-10-80 Budget Plan

Give

Save

Live



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“When you enter the land and plant any fruit tree, you must consider its fruit to be forbidden. Three years it will be forbidden to you; it must not be eaten. In the fourth year all its fruit will be holy, praise offerings to the Lord. Then in the fifth year you may eat its fruit to add its produce to your harvest. I am the Lord your God.”

Leviticus 19:23-24



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Fence #2 - Respect the ECONOMIC Cycle

What guarantees a fruitful life?

SOW

Season of Preparation (John 12:24)

“Listen carefully: Unless a grain of wheat is buried in the ground, dead to the world, it is never any more than a grain of wheat. But if it is buried, it sprouts and reproduces itself many times over.



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Fence #2 - Respect the ECONOMIC Cycle

What guarantees a fruitful life?

SOW Season of Preparation (John 12:24)

GROW Season of Perseverance (James 1:4)

“Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.”



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Fence #2 - Respect the ECONOMIC Cycle

What guarantees a fruitful life?

SOW

Season of Preparation (John 12:24)

GROW

Season of Perseverance (2 Thes 3:5)

HARVEST

Season of Plenty (Matt. 13:23)



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World Communion Sunday



In Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



Pastor:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Response:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Thanks be to God.



Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**



Pastor:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.



Pastor:

You created for yourself a world filled with diversity and blessed by your breath of life. Rainbow colors bloom in spring, summer breezes bring garden delight, and now as Autumn comes our way we see the work of your paintbrush upon every face and tree.



Pastor:

In mercy, while we still held to the chains of our winter, of pride, self-righteousness, and historic egos you loved us steadfastly and delivered us as babes to reflect the beauty and diversity of your grace, to bring us into a community of love, hope, and peace.



Pastor:

And so,

with all your people on earth
in every place where two or
more are gathered in your
name and all the company of
heaven who have gone
before us we praise your
name and join their unending
hymn:



Congregation Sings:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of
power and might, heaven and
earth are full of you glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is
he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.**



Pastor:

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.



Pastor:

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

He prayed that we might be one as he is one with you, Father and he asked that we might be known by the love we have for one another.



Pastor:

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”



Pastor:

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”



Pastor:

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.



Congregation sings:

**Christ has died;
Christ is risen;
Christ will come again.**



Pastor:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we, together as a new creation and a new community around the globe may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.



Pastor:

By your Spirit help the body of Christ be one. Help the left hand and the right hand work as one in ministry to all the world. Help the eyes and the ears sense your present and coming kingdom.

Bring the blessing of the diversity of the body to bear fruit until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.



Pastor:

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.



Congregation sings:

Amen ~ Amen ~ Amen



This is the *Miracle* we share...

One with Christ

One with Each Other

One in *Ministry* to all the World.

