

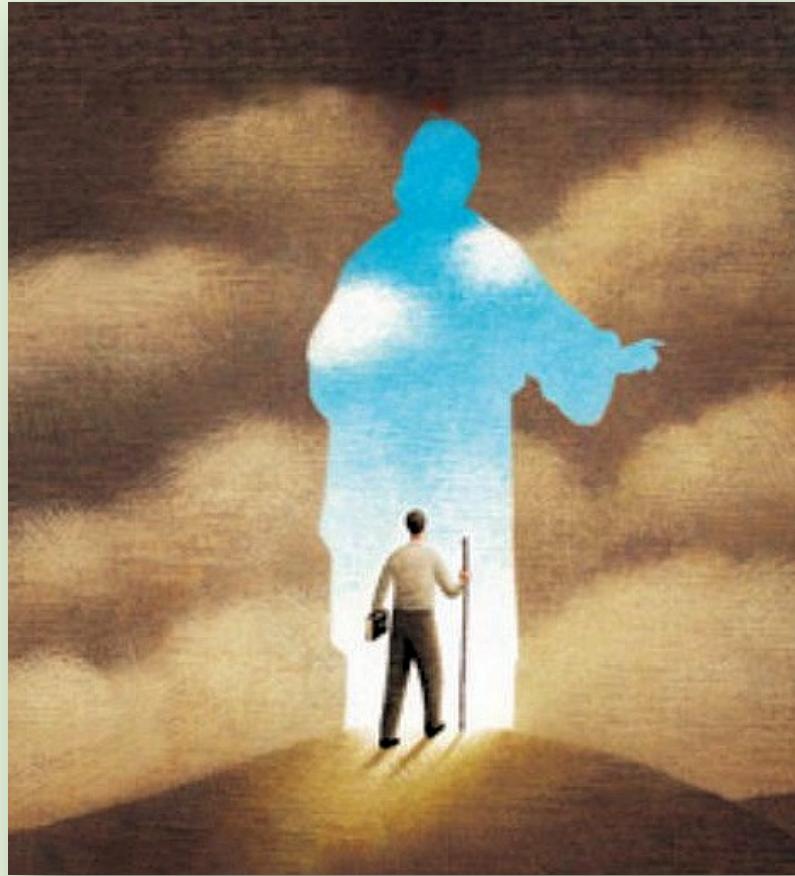


Welcome
to
Rehoboth New Life Center

Sunday
August 7th, 2022

The Perfect Man

Part 1 Dealing With Doubt



Ephesians 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

What is this ?



MEH

The “MEH” Church



- Revelation 3:14 ¶ And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
- 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- 16 So then because **thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out of my mouth.**

Loss of Faith leads to... “MEH”



- Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, **Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:**
- 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Loss of Faith leads to... “MEH”



- John 21:2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples.
- 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, **I go a fishing.** They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; **and that night they caught nothing.**
- 4 But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: **but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus.**

Just going through the motions !



An annoyed and joyless
Christian is the devil's
greatest billboard.

Isaiah 29:13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

The Road to “MEH”



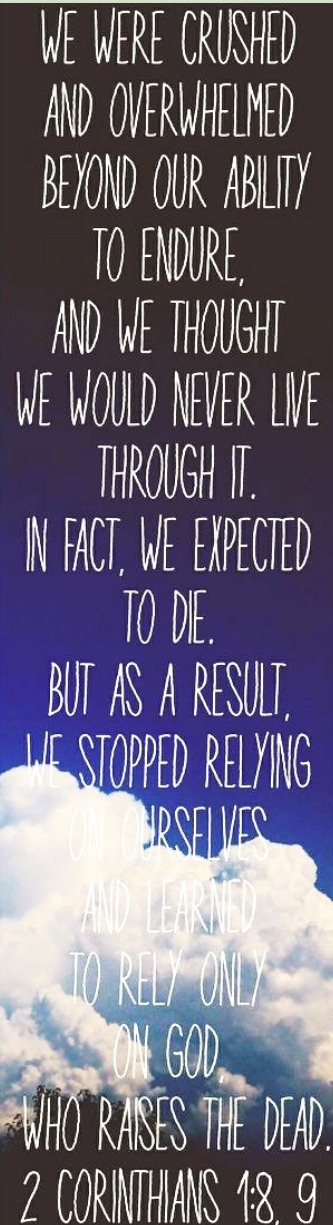
Numbers 21:4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way.

Captured by The Giant named Despair!



- Matthew 11:2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,
- 3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?
- 2 Timothy 4:10 For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

Pressed out of Measure



WE WERE CRUSHED
AND OVERWHELMED
BEYOND OUR ABILITY
TO ENDURE,
AND WE THOUGHT
WE WOULD NEVER LIVE
THROUGH IT.
IN FACT, WE EXPECTED
TO DIE.
BUT AS A RESULT,
WE STOPPED RELYING
ON OURSELVES
AND LEARNED
TO RELY ONLY
ON GOD,
WHO RAISES THE DEAD.
2 CORINTHIANS 1:8, 9

2 Corinthians 1

- 8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, **that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:**
- 9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:
- 8 Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the hard times we suffered in Asia Minor. We were having a lot of trouble. It was far more than we could stand. We even thought we were going to die.
- 9 **In fact, in our hearts we felt as if we were under the sentence of death.** But that happened so that we would not depend on ourselves but on God. He raises the dead to life. 10 God has saved us from deadly dangers. And he will continue to do it. We have put our hope in him. He will continue to save us.

The Cure for M E H

Understanding Gods Love
Believing Gods Love

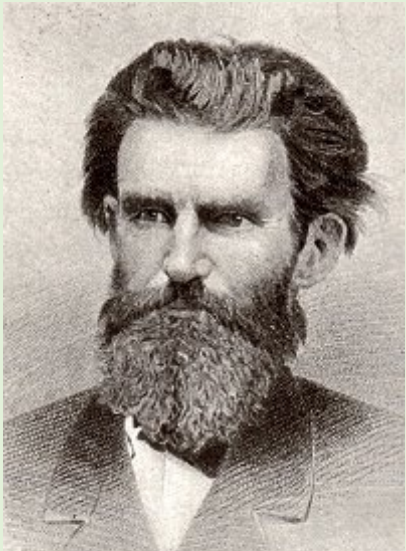
The KEY Promise!



Anna Bartlett Warner

Jesus loves me—this I know,
For the Bible tells me so;
Little ones to Him belong—
They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.



William Batchelder Bradbury

Jesus loves me—He who died
Heaven's gate to open wide;
He will wash away my sin,
Let His little child come in.

The Promise is Love

TRUE LOVE IS
UNCONDITIONAL

New King James Version

[Chapter](#)[Parallel](#)

[Isaiah 54:10 \(NKJV\)](#) For the mountains shall depart And the hills be removed, But My kindness shall not depart from you, Nor shall My covenant of peace be removed," Says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

New Living Translation

[Chapter](#)[Parallel](#)

[Isaiah 54:10 \(NLT\)](#) For the mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken," says the LORD, who has mercy on you.

New Revised Standard

[Chapter](#)[Parallel](#)

[Isaiah 54:10 \(NRS\)](#) For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed, says the Lord, who has compassion on you.

Romans 8: 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's Promise does not depend upon our effort

Fear not, FOR I HAVE REDEEMED YOU;
I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME,
you are mine.

WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS,

I will be with you;

AND THROUGH THE RIVERS,

they shall not overwhelm you;

WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH FIRE

YOU SHALL NOT BE BURNED,

AND THE FLAME SHALL NOT CONSUME YOU.

For I am the Lord your God,

THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL, YOUR SAVIOR.

ISAIAH 43:1-3

Romans 9:16 So then, it does not depend on man's desire or effort, **but on God's mercy.**

Galatians 2:16 Knowing that a man **is not justified by the works of the law,** but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: **for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.**

The Prodigal Son



- Luke 15:11 ¶ And he said, A certain man had two sons:
- 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.
- 13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

The Fathers Love



- Luke 15:17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
- 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
- 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
- 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

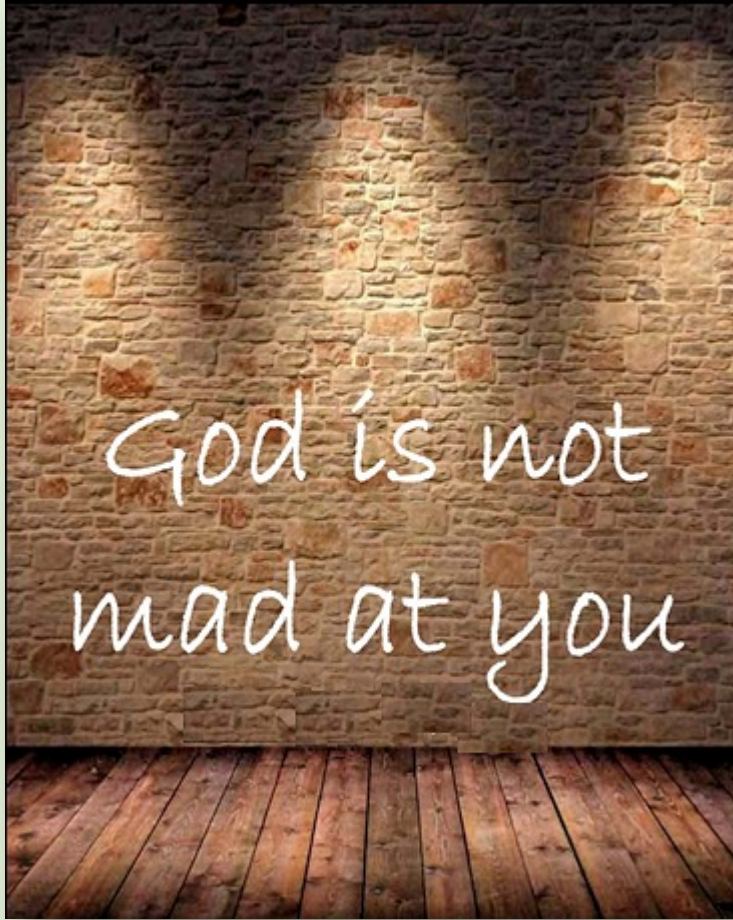
Perfection by your love ?



Hebrews 7:19 For **the law made nothing perfect**, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

- Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
- 38 This is the first and great commandment.
- 39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.
- 40 **On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

Perfection by his Love!



- Old testament, The Law
- Emphasis on how much we love God

- New Testament, Grace
- Emphasis on how much God Loves us

- John 21:7 Therefore that disciple **whom Jesus loved** saith unto Peter, It is the Lord.

John 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

The Promise of his Love

I am convinced that
NOTHING
can ever separate us
from God's LOVE.

- Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.