

## CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

### **The Bible, God's Holy Word, teaches us that our blessed hope of being with God forever rests upon His divine truths.**

Through the gift of His Holy Word, God provides us with a feast of heart and mind and reminds us of His plan for our lives and the world. We experience God's eternal truths—through the reading and hearing of His divinely inspired Word, through having a relationship with the one God existing in three persons, and through experiencing God's love through His gracious spiritual blessings. Our Heavenly Father loves, nurtures, and blesses us in His gifts of—Christ's saving love, the Holy Spirit's cleansing and empowering work in our lives, and the hope that He gives us for Christ's return. God has given us the precious ordinances of the church through which we remember His generous blessings.

### **The Bible, God's Holy Word, teaches us that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has worked in the past, continues to work in the present, and will fulfill His plan in the future.**

- We learn that God the Father is the Creator and the source of all things, being therefore in the forefront in the work of creation.
- We learn that the Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came into this world and died on the Cross to pay the price for our sins. He stands in the forefront in the work of redemption.
- We learn that the Blessed Holy Spirit applies the saving grace of Christ to our hearts. He stands in the forefront in the work of regeneration, sanctification, and spiritual empowerment for witness and service.

Yet in all these works, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit participate. All Three work as One. What the Father does, the Son and the Holy Spirit also do.

### **The Bible, God's Holy Word, teaches us about God's promises and demonstrates His love.**

God has always had a plan for redemption. This plan has existed throughout eternity, even before creation. This holy plan will be completed one day in the future following Jesus Christ's Second Coming. In God's plan for the world, we can see and feel God's great love and compassion for us. We see His love in His creation of the world, in His giving of His Son, and in His promise for Christ's return. When Christ returns, God will redeem His people, bringing us into a full and complete relationship of love with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Until that day we want to wait expectantly for...

*the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,  
who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed  
and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.*

(Titus 2:13-14)

## Discussion

- 1) What new things have you learned in this study?
- 2) During this study how have you grown spiritually?
- 3) How do you want to apply what you have learned to your life?

## Prayer

Dear Lord, You have given us Your Holy Word, the Book of books, the very foundation of our faith.

**We praise You for the inspired Word. It is a lamp for our feet and a light for our path.**

**May we learn to love Your sacred Word!**

Almighty God, You are the Father, the Creator, who has loved, nourished, and sustained Your people;

You are Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the Savior of the world;

You are the Holy Spirit, the Giver of new life and the Source of spiritual gifts and power.

**We praise You, Great One in three. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**May we love, adore, and praise You forever!**

Jesus Christ, You are the only Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. You were crucified, buried, and raised from the dead to set us free from our sins. As the mighty Redeemer, You are our Savior, our Brother, and our Friend.

**We praise You, the Lamb of God who was slain and exalted to Your throne.**

**May we love and adore You for Your sacrifice for us!**

Lord, we know that we have sinned and come short of the glory of God. When we grow weary under the weight of guilt and sin, You invite us to come and repent, and You give us rest for our souls. The depth of Your mercy is amazing.

**We praise You for Your mercy, for dying to forgive us, and for granting us eternal life.**

**May we accept Your love and forgiveness, and live for You always!**

Lord, we rejoice that You were born a child, so that we could be "born again," and enter into fellowship with our heavenly Father. Through faith in Your precious blood that You shed on the Cross, our sins have been forgiven, and now we have new life.

**We praise You, Lamb of God, for making us Your heirs through Your atoning death.**

**May we embrace Your love and Your plan for our lives!**

Gracious Lord Jesus, in Your life that You lived on the earth, we see the beauty of holiness—righteousness, truth, gentleness, kindness, faithfulness, meekness, and goodness. You are our example and standard for holy living.

**We praise You for Your blameless life and for Your promise that the pure in heart will see God.**

**May we desire a closer walk with You, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, reflect Your love in the world!**

Exalted Savior, You pour out the Holy Spirit and baptize us in divine power. Through Your Spirit, You inspire us, giving us a passion to serve others, and a desire to see them experience God's saving grace.

**We praise You, our Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—for power from above, for kindling love in our hearts for the unsaved, and for giving us spiritual gifts for service.**

**May we in the power of the Holy Spirit, tell the world of Your desire to give new life to all!**

Our Gracious Heavenly Father, You have given the church Your holy ordinances to remind us of Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and how our Lord suffered that we might be saved. As we observe these sacred acts of worship, we join with the church in heaven and on earth to express our gratitude.

**We praise You, our Father, that Your Son's blood has cleansed us from our sins, and has restored us to fellowship with You and each other.**

**May we observe Your holy ordinances with hearts full of joy, remembering Your love!**

Gracious Savior, You are Lord and Master of life and death. You heal our spirits, saving us from spiritual death. You also heal our bodies and minds. Through Your Cross and by the touch of Your hand, You have brought life and strength, and have given sight and wholeness.

**We praise You for Your compassion toward us, and for delivering us from infirmities, disease, and even death.**

**May we always praise You—when we are strong or weak, when we are rich or poor, when we are content or troubled!**

Precious Savior, Your return is our hope and expectation. When You return, the struggles and adversities of life will end, and our waiting and watching for full salvation will cease. We shall see You face to face, and greet You, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**We praise You, our Lord, and wait expectantly for Your return, with our lamps burning and the oil of our spirits replenished!**

**May You come quickly, Lord Jesus!**

Almighty God, with great anticipation, we celebrate Your final victory. As recorded in Your Word in the Book of Revelation, we shout, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

**We praise You, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit—Three in One!**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever!"**

**The all-powerful Lord God reigns! ALLELUIA!**

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