<u>Doctrinal Studies</u> Faithfulness of God

- 1. Divine *Faithfulness* is the Grace of God expressed to the believer while the believer lives upon the earth. This *faithfulness* is possible because of the propitiatory work of Jesus Christ. That work removed any compromise of God's character. His essence is not compromised in any way by His *faithfulness* to the born-again believer. *Faithfulness* is actually the consistency of God's character to do the same, totally on the basis of who and what He is.
- 2. God's faithfulness is manifested to the Royal Family in restoration. I John 1:9
- 3. God is *faithful* within the framework of a perfect plan. His plan is perfect, and He is *faithful*. I Corinthians 1:9 "God is faithful through whom you have been called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."
 - God cannot be inconsistent.
 - If He is inconsistent, He is imperfect.
 - If He is imperfect, He is not God.
- 4. God is *faithful* in provision and blessings. I Thessalonians 5:24 "Faithful is He who has called you and He will also bring it to pass". God will take care of the believer either by means of blessing him, or by disciplining him.
- 5. God's faithfulness in testing. I Corinthians 10:13 "No testing has overtaken you but such as is common to man (If you are advancing, you are under testing) and God is faithful who will not allow you to be tested beyond what you are able, but with testing, provide the way of escape that you may be able to endure it.
 - As you advance, the pressures increase.
 - The apostate retreats leaves God's Word.
 - The "unbending" advance with pressure.
- 6. God is faithful to the Royal Family. Hebrews 10:23 "Let us keep holding fast....."

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- 7. God is faithful to the Apostate believer. II Timothy 2:13 "If we are faithless (bending, unstable, negative, non-perceptive) He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself."
 - God is objective.
 - God does not say, "You are unfaithful to me, I'll be unfaithful to you....."
 - He is *faithful* because of His character.
- 8. God is faithful to the believer in the realm of the conflict of the Ages. II Thessalonians 3:3 "But the Lord keeps on being faithful, He will support you and guard you from the evil one, Satan."

CONCLUSIONS:

- 1) Faithfulness is the consistency and stability of God being God.
- 2) God cannot be inconsistent with His own essence.
- 3) He cannot change His essence, therefore He cannot be unfair to you.
- 4) God is consistent with Himself, therefore, He is consistent with us, and therefore faithful to us.
- 5) One of the acts of consistency of God is to make a promise and keep it. He has made a promise relative to the Abundant Life and its blessings.
- 6) There never was a time when God was unfaithful.
- 7) Unfaithfulness is totally incompatible with God's character.
- 8) The very existence, function, provision and blessing of the Royal family, now and forever, depends upon the faithfulness of God, therefore the character of God.

GOD IS NEVER UNPREPARED!!!