

Doctrinal Studies

God's Magnificent Plan

What God desires and has planned for His own is beyond human comprehension. The plan of our Lord is perfect since it is the plan of impeccability. We notice as we study the life of Abraham that he had thirteen silent years—years of discipline and years of spiritual advancement. He moved around the bases of life until he came to base three, Ultra-Grace, or the Echo (Ἔχω) Zone. This was the point of advancement, which brought pleasure to God in addition to honor and glory.

1. God's magnificent plan includes grace for every born-again believer who desires to be a recipient (Isaiah 30:18).
2. The characteristic of maturity and advancing from one base to another is continual occupation with the Lord Jesus Christ (James 4:6). We are to love the Lord Jesus Christ (the Living Word) and the Bible (the Written Word) preeminently, surpassing every other factor in life. We are to be soaked, imbued, saturated, and impregnated with the Truth of God. Since the Bible is the mind of Jesus Christ, we are to be saturated with His thinking.
3. God's Plan challenges born-again believers to move away from babyhood.
 - I Corinthians 3:1-3: *"And I brethren, could not speak to you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal and walk as Men?"*
 - The word for "babes" in the Greek is *nepios* (νέπιος), which means an infant, a baby feeding on milk, an immature person.
4. God's plan is for believers to be stable, strong, and mature. Psalm 119:130, 131: *"The entrance of thy words giveth light (soul-light); it giveth understanding unto the simple (negative, non-perceptive). I open my mouth and panted (breathed): for I longed for thy commandments (Word, Truth)." Children see from a child's vantage point! Maturity sees from God's vantage point!!!*

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5. God's plan for each believer is for that person to have inner happiness and the greatest possible love and appreciation for the Lord Jesus Christ.

- "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Colossians 3:1,2
- "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

6. God's plan includes great blessings for those who have real capacity for living.

When a person, like Abraham, is more in love with the Giver (God) than the gift (Isaac), he can receive great prosperity, great wealth, great promotion, and great temporal successes, and still have his focus totally on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of the temporal successes God has in store for Super, Greater, and Ultra Grace folks include: promotion, material prosperity, social prosperity, physical prosperity, sexual prosperity, leadership prosperity, and many, many others.

In addition to God's blessings in the material world, the Lord will give the ability to exit from this life in a very gracious way. We call this Dying Grace.

In the light of these facts, *why would ANY Christian be careless—apathetic—indifferent—or negligent to accepting God's magnificent Plan?*

God desires the very best for us in life — and throughout Eternity!!!