

# GRACE CHANGES EVERYTHING



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

"FOR BY GRACE YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED THROUGH FAITH, AND THAT NOT OF YOURSELVES; IT IS THE GIFT OF GOD, NOT OF WORKS, LEST ANYONE SHOULD BOAST." EPHESIANS 2:8-9

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# BLESSINGS FOR THE TAKING

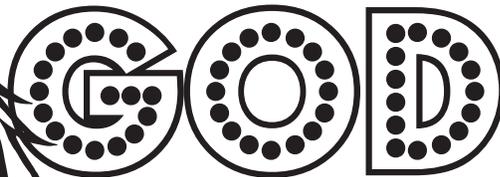
Once we begin to understand the Word, we see that it isn't our righteousness or ability to reach some high level of holiness that makes us worthy of **GOD'S** blessing. **GOD** blesses us when we simply trust in Him for His blessings.

The longer we live, the more we realize how undeserving and unworthy we are of **GOD'S** touch. He wants to bless us, not because we are good and holy and pure, but because that is His nature.

## HE ENJOYS BLESSING HIS CHILDREN!



His **LOVE** for us doesn't change from day to day. He doesn't **LOVE** us more today than He **LOVED** us yesterday. **GOD'S LOVE** isn't like that. **GOD'S LOVE** for us is constant;



**ALWAYS LOVES US!**

### **IT NEVER VARIES!**

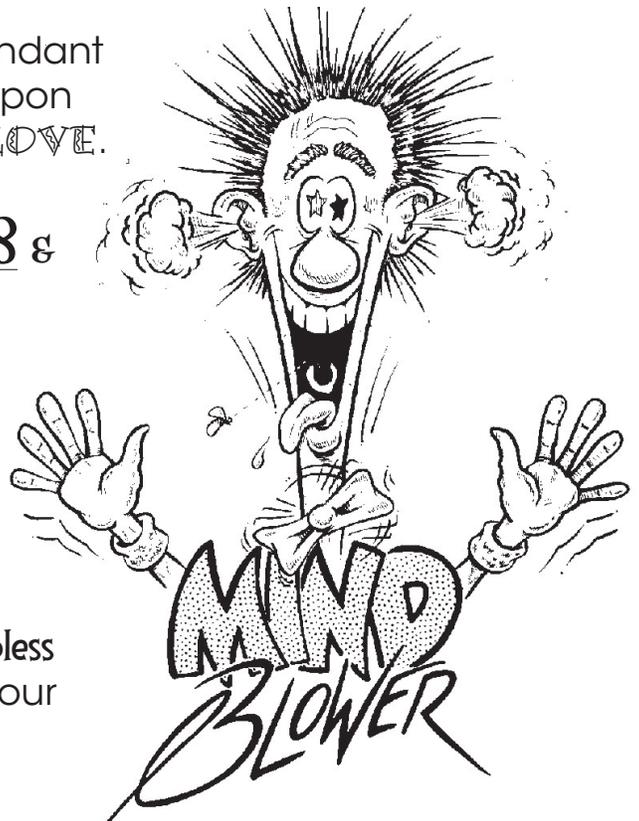
His **LOVE** for us is not dependant upon us; it is dependant upon **GOD** and on His nature of **LOVE**.

**LOOK UP 1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8** & read it to see how God loves us.

**GOD** is **LOVE**.

He **LOVES** you now and He **LOVED** you even when you didn't **LOVE** Him, and were rebelling against Him. He **LOVED** you then. And He **LOVES** you now.

Because **GOD LOVES** us, He wants to bless us. His blessings are not dependent upon our goodness, our righteousness, or our **FAITHFULNESS**.



The blessings of **GOD** depend solely upon His desire to bless us. Our part is simply to receive and believe Him for His blessings.

LOOK UP GALATIANS 3:2 & Read what Paul says about receiving the Spirit. Fill in the Blanks:

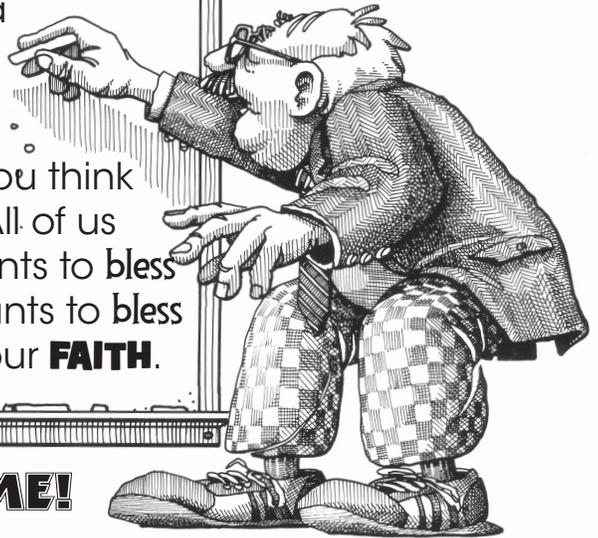
"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the \_\_\_\_\_, or by the hearing of \_\_\_\_\_?"



**WE ARE NO MORE RIGHTEOUS NOW THAN THE FIRST DAY WE BELIEVED.**

You can't imagine the **blessing** and power that **GOD** is eager to impart to you if you will just believe and trust Him for it. We are so often like the foolish Galatians. Why would we be so foolish as to return to a legal **RELATIONSHIP** when we can relate to **GOD** in a **LOVE RELATIONSHIP**?

**DON'T BE A FOOL** and demand what you think you deserve, because you deserve death. All of us do, for all of us sin (**ROMANS 3:23**). **GOD** wants to **bless** you now because He **LOVES** you. **GOD** wants to **bless** your life, and the avenue to that **blessing** is your **FAITH**.



**YOU CAN'T MEAN ME!**



Some people may believe that **GOD** can't possibly **bless** them because they have failed Him too much or because they are too weak or because they have done something terribly wrong.

The problem is that people are looking for a **blessing** on the basis of their own performance. They are trapped in the kind of thinking that says, "When I become so good and so perfect, then He can bless me." But that is so wrong!



We must get it into our heads that **GOD** wants to fill our lives with the **Holy Spirit**.



When you pray for **GOD** to fill you with the **Holy Spirit**, instantly **Satan** will begin to throw all kinds of **lies** and **accusations** into your mind. He will **distract** you. He will make you feel **guilty** or **unworthy**.



"What are you doing, asking **GOD** for that?" He'll **sneer**. "You should be ashamed of yourself. You have no right!"

Look at what you are. Look at what you have done. How could **GOD** possibly fill you with His **Holy Spirit**?"

What a tragedy! We know we don't deserve the **blessings** of **GOD**, but **GOD** doesn't **bless** us because we deserve it. **GOD** **blesses** us on the basis of His **LOVE** toward us and of His **GRACE** toward us in **CHRIST JESUS**.

That is the basis of the **blessings** - not our goodness, not our righteousness, and not our perfection. If we could just believe this, we'd start being **blessed** like we can't imagine!



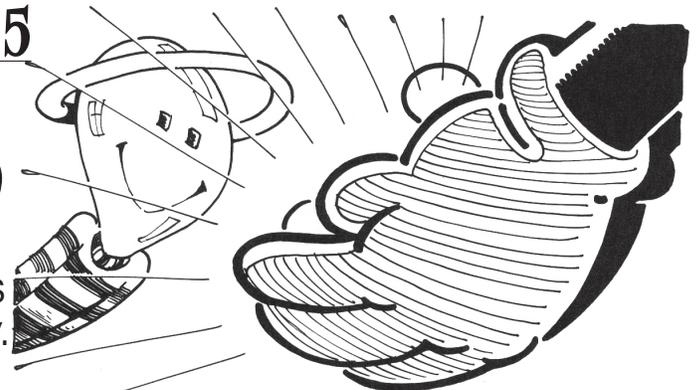
The **blessings** are there. **GOD** wants to **bless** you. All you have to do is simply believe Him to **bless** you, though you know you don't deserve it. The **blessings** don't come because of your works, they come because of your belief - because you trust and believe **GOD** will **bless** you.

**LOOK UP & READ PSALM 24:5**



**GOD**

wants to **bless** His people today.



**2 CHRONICLES 16:9a** says

"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him."





Just turn your heart toward **GOD**, believe in His Word, and trust that He will do as He promises. Say, "Lord, bless me now." And receive it.



**LOOK** Up, **READ**, & Fill in the Blanks of **JEREMIAH 29:11-13**

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the **LORD**, thoughts of \_\_\_\_\_ and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your \_\_\_\_\_."

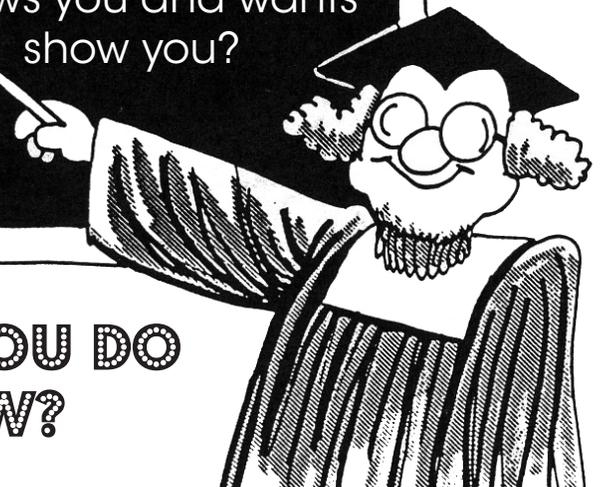


It is so hard for us to believe that **GOD** wants to bless us.

But when we finally get over that barrier and believe that **GOD** wants to bless us simply because that is **GOD'S** nature, there is nothing that can stop His blessings from touching our lives!



Wouldn't this be a good time to thank **GOD** for His goodness, blessings, and **LOVE** that He shows you and wants to continue to \_\_\_\_\_ show you?

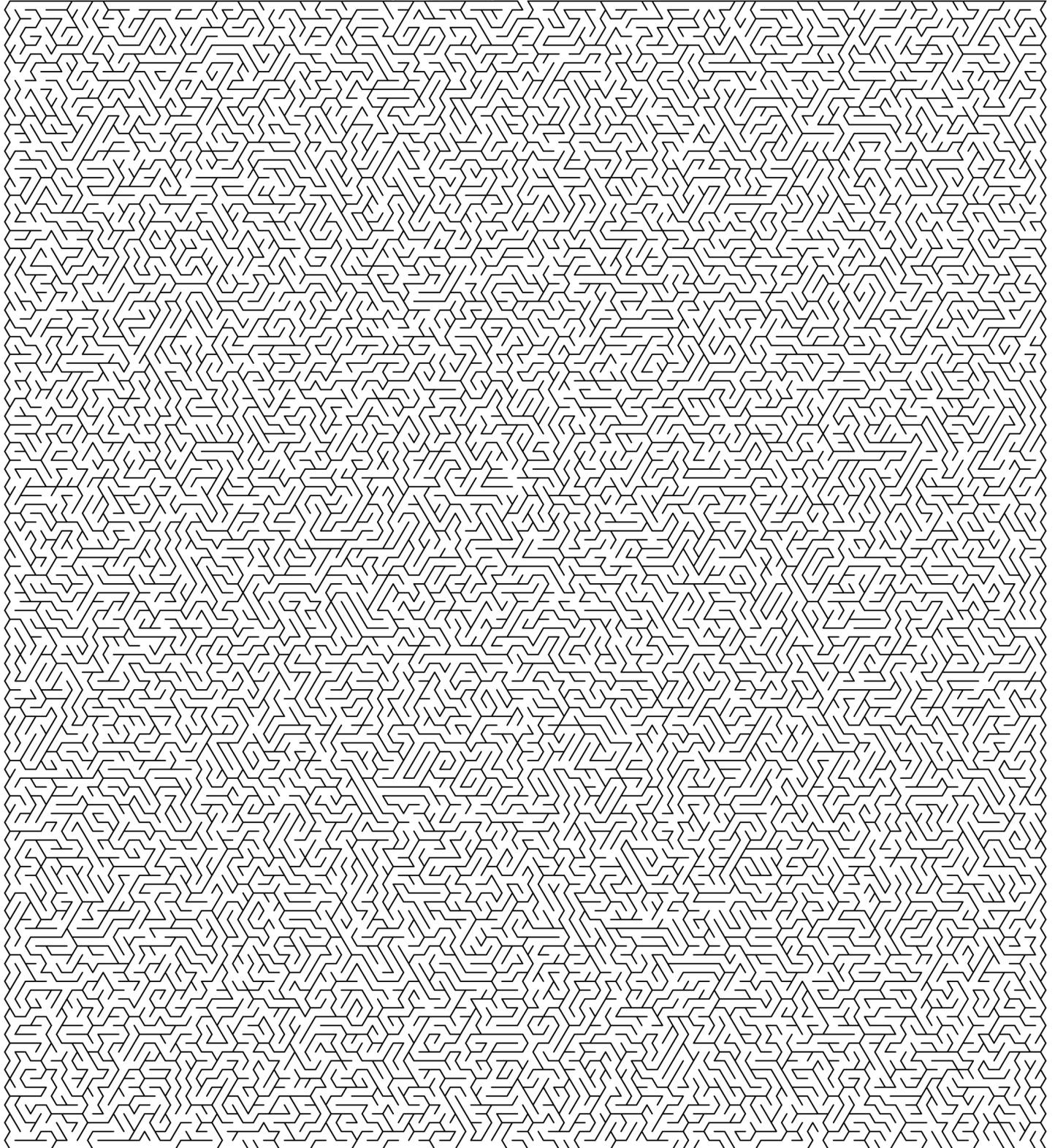


**WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT NOW?**



# ACTIVITY PAGE 1

**CAN YOU DO IT?**





# ACTIVITY PAGE

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