



Are we
THERE
YET?

WHAT IS THE FOCUS ?

..... **the destination**

Hebrews 12:1-2

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and **sin which clings so closely ...***

And let us run with endurance

the race that is set before us,

Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith”

LAW OF LIBERTY grace- based living

2 Corinthians 3:18 *“but we all with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being **TRANSFORMED** into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord the Spirit”*

New American Standard.

IDENTITY

James 1:22-25 *“but proves yourselves doers of the Word and not merely hearers who **delude themselves**. If anyone is a hearer of the Word and not a doer, he’s like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror, but once he’s looked at himself and gone away, he immediately forgets what kind a person he was/is. But the one who looks intently into the perfect law of liberty, and abides by it, not being a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man/woman shall be blessed in what he/she does.”* NAS

THE INFLUENCER

THERE IS AN INFLUENCER IN THE WORLD

“We know we are of God and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one”. **1 John 5:19**

"Your mind doesn't
stay renewed
anymore than your
hair stays
combed."

RUN WITH ENDURANCE **Heb 12:2**

CAPACITY

**to last or withstand wear and tear
and to keep moving forward
in the same direction**



**Are We
THERE Yet?**

**IT'S ALL
ABOUT
ME**

**What happens when the focus is
the destination ?**

.... I'm outta of here!!!!

**And it's no longer,
the beauty of our ongoing relationship,
with Him.**

HANG IN THERE

NOT

GETS WORSE

JESUS DID NOT SAY

“I AM FINISHED”

OR

“YOU ARE FINISHED”

BUT



Telesztai

“It is finished”



Hebrews 7:27 *Unlike those other high priests, He does not need to offer sacrifices every day. They did this for their own sins first and then for the sins of the people. But Jesus did this **once for all** when He offered Himself as the sacrifice for the people's sins. NLT*

Hebrews 9:12, 28. *With His own blood – not the blood of goats and calves – He entered the Most Holy Place **once for all time** and secured our redemption forever. Christ died **once for all time** as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people.*

Hebrews 10:10. *For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, **once for all time.***



**When Jesus “sat down” He didn’t retire,
or drift off to sleep in a rocking chair.**



In fact, Jesus must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet!

1 Corinthians 15:25



**Jesus is our Advocate, Intercessor and High Priest. He’s our Healer. The Head
of the Church. Our Author and Finisher. Our Shepherd**

**YOU'RE
DONE!**



THIS IS HOW LICENSCIOUSNESS IS BORN:

LET'S EAT, DRINK AND BE
MERRY BECAUSE
TOMORROW ... HEY, YAY,
WE'LL BE OUT OF HERE

... ONTO THE STREETS OF
GOLD
LIVING IN MY MANSION 😊
YAY !!!

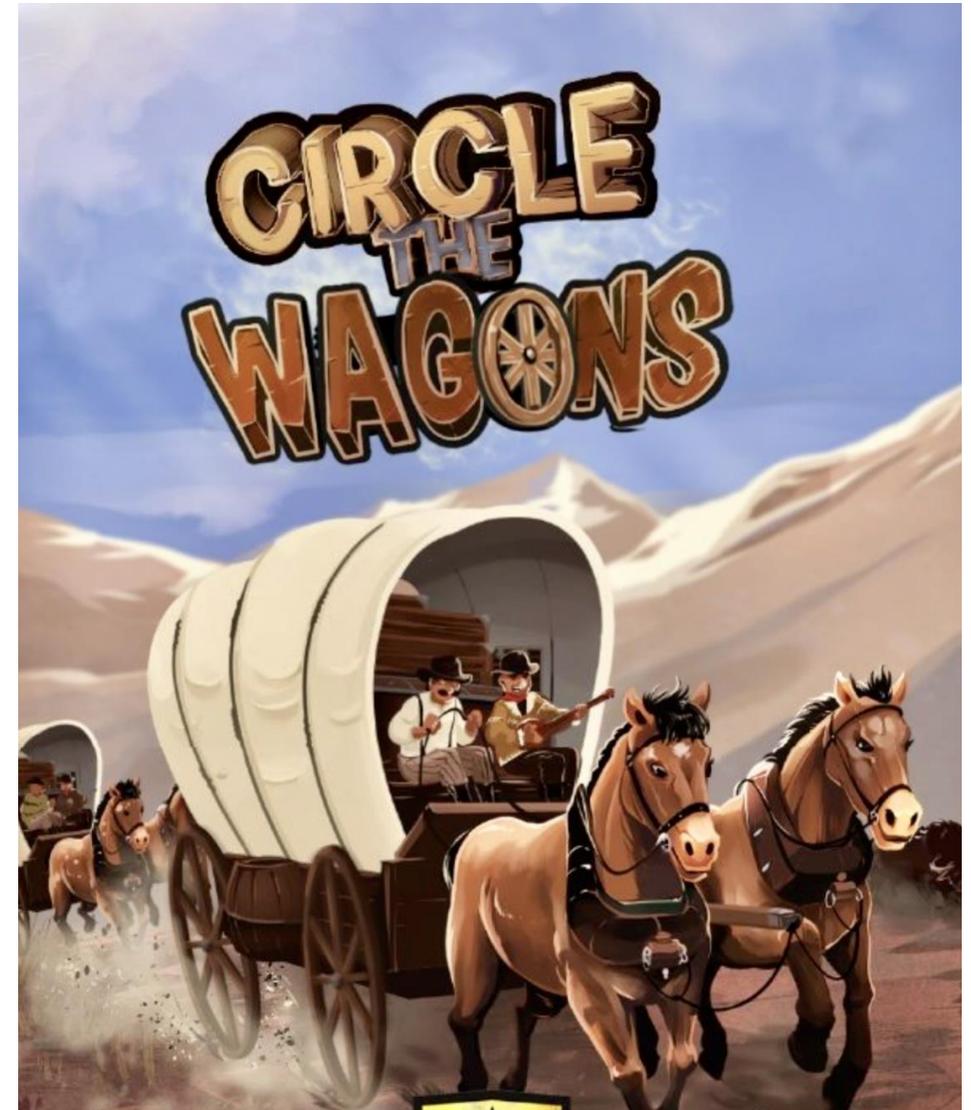


**THIS IS HOW RELIGION
AND CULTS ARE BORN ...**

Circle the Wagons

**Look out ... here comes the
world!**

**CHRISTIAN
OFF-THE-GRID
LIVING!**



**“the thief comes
only to steal, kill
and destroy;**

**I came that they may
have LIFE and have it
ABUNDANTLY”.**

John 10:10

*"If because of one man's trespass,
death reigned through the one man, **much more** will those who receive the
abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness ...*

**REIGN IN LIFE
THROUGH THE
ONE MAN
JESUS CHRIST**

Romans 5:17

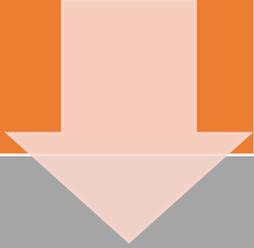


It's not about the
destination, it's about the
journey.

"In whom the whole building being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit" Eph 2:21,22

"You also as living stones are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" 1 Peter 4:5

WE ARE SPIRITUAL PEOPLE



1 Thessalonians 5:23,24

*Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely, and may your **spirit and soul and body** be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



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asleep on a
couch in
God's waiting
room**



LET'S START FROM HERE

We stand in the victory He has already secured.

Colossians
2:13-14

He disarmed
them making a
display of
them openly.

THIS IS THE
FINISHED
WORK

POWERS AND
PRINCIPALITIES
ARE DEFEATED

Colossians 2:13-15

***“And when you were dead in your transgression and the uncircumcision of your flesh,
He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.***

Having cancelled out the certificate of decrees which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the Cross.

When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him”

**If it's all about the destination,
we have misappropriated
the grace of God**

**GRACE IS GOD'S ABILITY
TO LIVE THIS LIFE.**

WE RECEIVE THE BENEFITS OF REDEMPTION BUT CHRISTIAN LIFE IS MORE THAN THAT!

*We are called to
grow in the grace of
God.*

2 Peter 3:18

The fact we are
**COMPLETE IN
CHRIST** does not
necessarily mean we
are **MATURE IN
CHRIST**

**GROWING UP
SPIRITUALLY** is part
of the Christian life.

“There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Jesus Christ appears” Philipians 1:6 MSG

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“One is saying, I am of *Paul*
and another *Apollos*,
another *Cephas* and another
Christ”

“I could not speak to you as
spiritual but as to men of
flesh, as to babes in Christ.
When one says *I am of Paul*,
another *Apollos*, are you not
mere men? **What then is
Apollos and what is *Paul*
Servants**”

Paul was discouraged being unable
to speak about spiritual truths with
the church at Corinth, as they were
still behaving like children – fussing
over who they were following, who
baptised them etc etc. He called
them fleshly, like mere men.

1 Cor 1 and 3

**THE JOURNEY
... IT'S
DEPENDING
ON THE HOLY
SPIRIT TO LIVE
HIS LIFE
THROUGH US!**

Galatians 5:16 - *walk by the Spirit and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.*

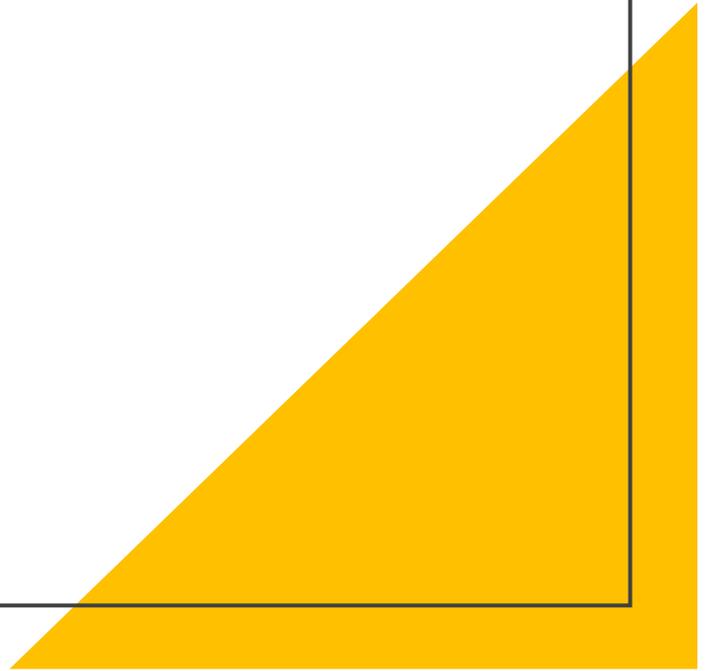
“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling for it is God who is at work within you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure ...” Philippians 2:12

not about *trying to achieve salvation*.
This is **already achieved by Christ**.

THIS involves trusting and relying on God to carry out His good purposes through us, guiding our actions.

**“I saw satan fall like
lightening from the sky”**

Luke 10:18



It's **RELATIONSHIP**,
rather than living by
the law.

Galatians 5:17,18

“for the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

****But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law”***

****Living from your new heart and desires God has given us through the indwelling Holy Spirit.***

Galatians 5:19 Now the works/deeds of the flesh are evident

**Galatians speaks of flesh
... the world's way of
thinking.**

**Our old strategies and old
patterns for living!**

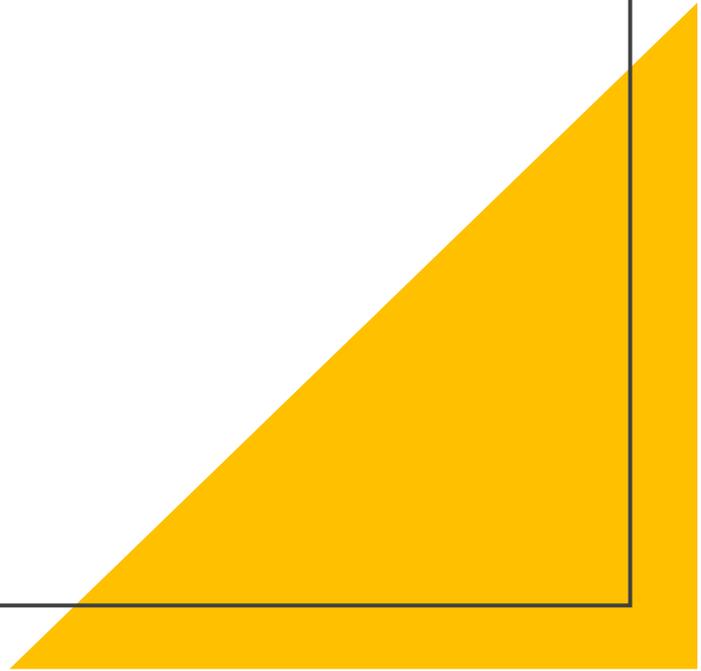
**immorality (sex, sex, sex watch movies/ads);
impurity (pornography); sensuality (enough
is never enough, lacking moral restraint);
idolatry (excessive devotion to something
other than the Lord), sorcery; enmity
(hostility), strife, jealousy, outbursts of
anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envy,
divisions, fits of rage; drunkenness (drink to
excess); carousing and things like these**

Hebrews 12:11

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness”

Do not associate
with a man
given to anger;
or go with a
hot-tempered
man,
lest you learn his
ways,
and find a snare
for yourself.

Proverbs 22:24.25



James 1:19-21

exercising patience
particularly in
moments of anger

*“Know this my beloved brothers,
let every person be quick to hear,
slow to speak, slow to anger, for
the anger of man does not
produce the righteousness that
God requires.*

*Therefore, putting aside all
filthiness and all that remains of
wickedness, in humility receive
the word implanted ... **which is
able to save your souls..”***

Colossians 3:1-2

“If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Galatians 5:22-25

“the fruit of the spirit is

*love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control;
against such things there is no law.*

*Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the
flesh with its passions and desires.*

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit”

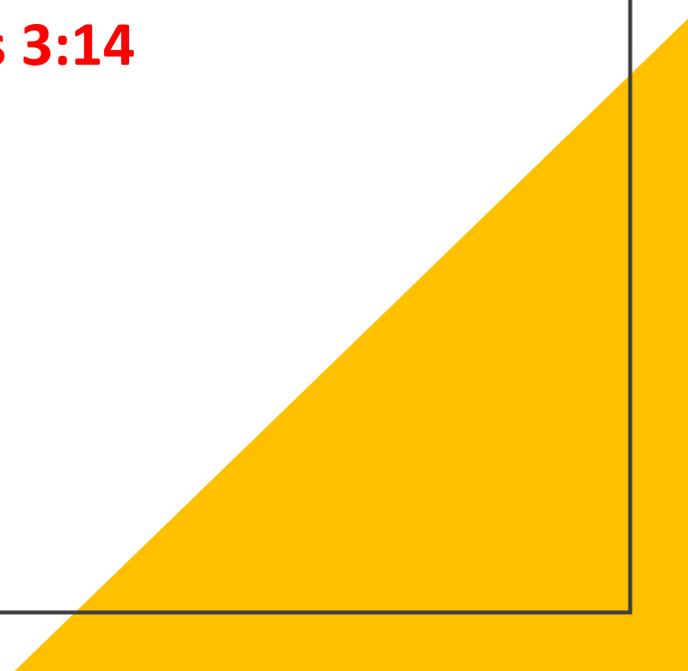
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destination, it's about the
journey.

The ultimate invitation to live as we truly are in Christ – united with Him, forgiven, walking in His grace.

*“I press on toward the goal for **the prize** of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”*

Philippians 3:14

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**The journey is
resting in His
finished work
and maturing
as we trust
Him day by
day.**

The prize

**is embracing the identity and
life Jesus has already given us
through His death and
resurrection.**



Galatians 5:13

“you were called to freedom but do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh.

“for the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the statement,

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AS YOURSELF”

“Walk by the Spirit and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh”

Galatians 5:1