

Effective Prayer (3)



Pastoral Issues

- Homemakers & Retirees
- Marketplace
- Students



BBTC Direction & Emphasis

- 2018 - Year of Prayer
- 2019 - Year of Proclamation
- 2020 - Year of Personal Discipleship

For BBTC, we do all 3 simultaneously but noting the National Church's Emphasis



Prayer Goals:

Pray daily (*make mention*) for:

1. Family and
2. CG members.



Proclamation Goals:

1. Share Christ to bring at least one person to the Lord each year.
2. Bring at least one person to BBTC each year.

Theme Verse

James 5:16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.



1. Our **Personal Destiny** is written in a book in heaven.

Psalm 139:16 (NKJV) Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And **in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned (ordained-NIV) for me, when as yet there were none of them.**



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God's Will-Plan for me is in the Book

His Word, His Ways and
His Wisdom for me
are all in the Book

Pray the Book



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Pray to know
our Identity and
discover to pursue
our Purpose.



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A. The Person we are becoming

B. The Purpose of our calling.



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A. To be a certain type
of **person** (Romans 8:29)

B. To fulfill His particular
purpose (Ephesians 2:10)

Who am I becoming?

Am I fulfilling God's
Call and Purpose
for my life?

Our Personal Destiny



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A. The **Person** we are becoming

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to be **conformed to the image of His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

WHY?





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A. The **Person** we are becoming

Because Jesus, the Son of Man filled with the Holy Spirit is our **model** to live a victorious life pleasing to God.



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The Lord Jesus as:

Son of God - fully God

Son of Man - fully Man

His life & ministry on earth was lived as a **man filled with the Holy Spirit.**

Philippians 2 - He put aside His Divine Powers. Justice of God. Last Adam

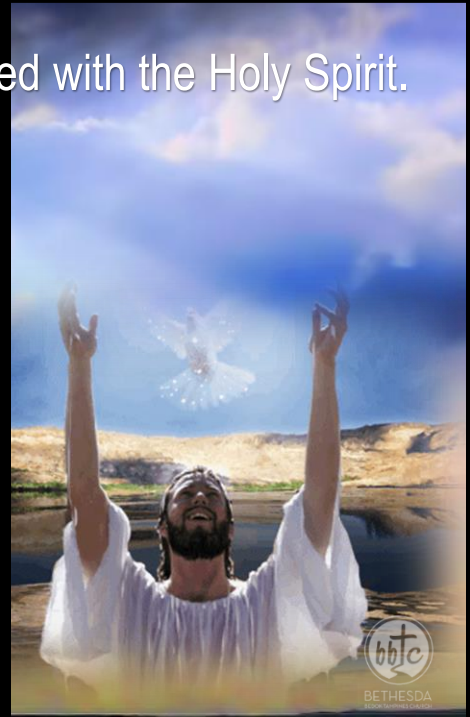


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The Model of Jesus, the Son of Man filled with the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:21-23

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(1) When we are born again, we become **Children** of God; His sons and daughters.

Romans 8:15-16

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but **you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."** **16** The **Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.**



(2) When we are born again, we live under open heavens.

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Romans 5:1-2



(3) This life can only be lived with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

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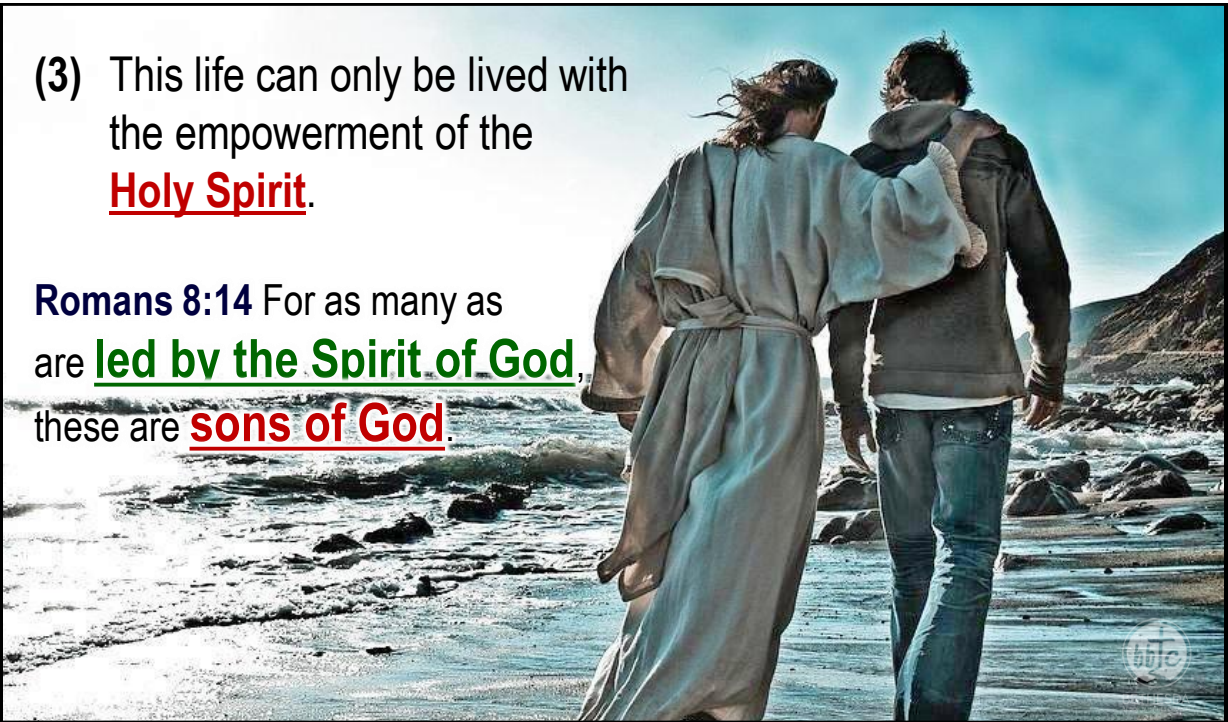
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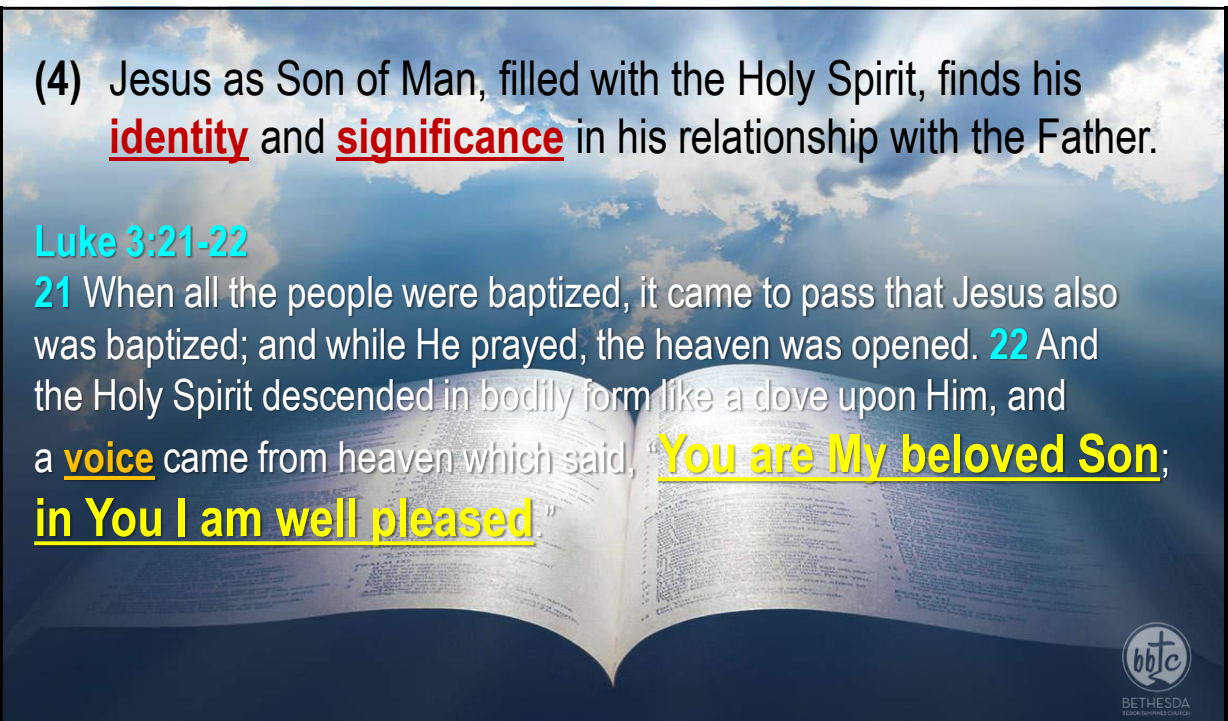
Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.



(4) Jesus as Son of Man, filled with the Holy Spirit, finds his identity and significance in his relationship with the Father.

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(5) When we fail to know and develop our identity and significance in God, we revert to live as orphans.

John 14:18, 16

18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—

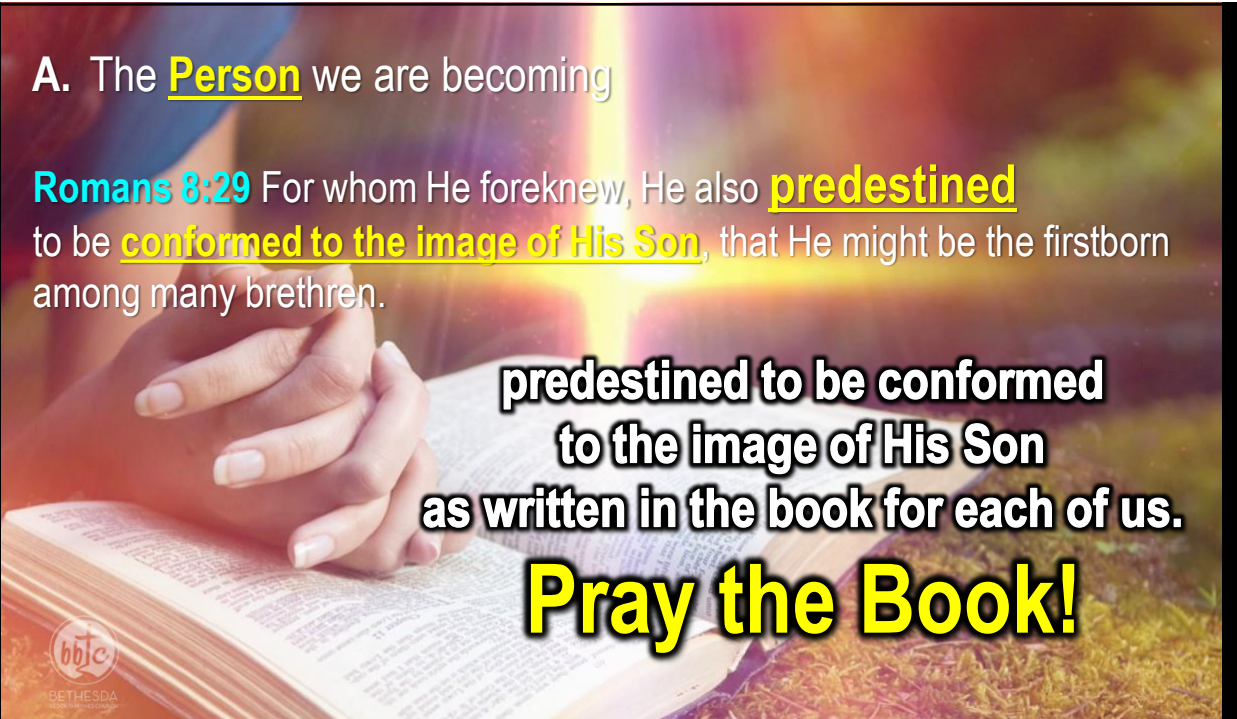


A. The Person we are becoming

Romans 8:29 For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

**predestined to be conformed
to the image of His Son
as written in the book for each of us.**

Pray the Book!



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B. The Purpose
of our calling.



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- Open Heavens
- Holy Spirit upon Jesus
- Identity and Significance in Father love-relationship
- After the above, then do ministry - Purpose



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(1) It is to do **good works** to value-add and value-multiply into others.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, **created** in Christ Jesus **for good works**, which God prepared [planned] beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matthew 5:16



(2) This is our calling from God even before we are born.

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Psalm 139:16 (NIV) Your eyes saw my unformed body [substance]; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.



(3) When we live out God's calling, His grace will be there.

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(4) Grace is the empowerment attached to our purpose.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.



(5) Our Calling and Destiny are related to the way we are wired up, our strengths, gifting and talents.

This is something we should do, want to do and can do.



This is our sweet spot - our

“Hallelujah Quadrant”.

(6) Our various stations and stages in life - be it our jobs, home, community, etc. are platforms by which we live out our purpose in life.

Housewife	Chef	Father / Mother	Administrator
Teacher	Taxi Driver	Husband / Wife	Friend
Engineer	Receptionist	Son / Daughter	Neighbour
Sales Person	Physio T	Plumber	Mechanic
Manager	Nurse	Florist	Technician
Grandfather / Grandmother	Cleaner	Clerk	

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- Journey, Process, Time - Age, Growing in Maturity
- Basic Provision Issues - Salary & Financial Matters
- Success & Significance
- Calling, Gifting, Portion
- Fulfilment & Meaning
- Surrender - Brokenness



Video

What is True Success
by Peter Tanchi

WHAT IS TRUE SUCCESS?



What is TRUE SUCCESS?



#LIFEGOALS

(7) We must continually discover and pursue our calling and destiny.



Philippians 3:14 | press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 12:1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us ...

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(A) To be Salt & Light.

Matthew 5:14-16

14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. **15** Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **16 Let your light so shine before men**, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.





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(B) To administer God's Grace to others.

1 Peter 4:10-11

10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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(C) To do Relational Evangelism

1 Peter 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.



Mark 16:15

Matthew 28:18-20

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(C) To do Relational Evangelism [Luke 10:5-9]

- Find a man of peace via Bridge Building Activities
- Fellowship with them
- Meet their felt needs - Love, Pray, Care, Bless them
- Share Christ with them.



In BBTC, we do this **TOGETHER** in our CG/Cluster/Tribe

Living out our Purpose

40%

Seen / Visible

Establishing our Identity

60%

Unseen / Invisible

Joshua 1:8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Journey-Process-Takes Time-
Different Stages & Milestones



Our Personal Destiny

To thrive in life, we must

1. Know and establish our identity / person and
2. Discover and pursue our purpose / calling in life!

Pray the Book!

Our Person & Purpose

Why? The evil one wants to take us out!

E.G #1 - Destiny of Joshua, the High Priest

Zechariah 3:1-5

1 Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him. 2 And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked from the fire?" 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the Angel.



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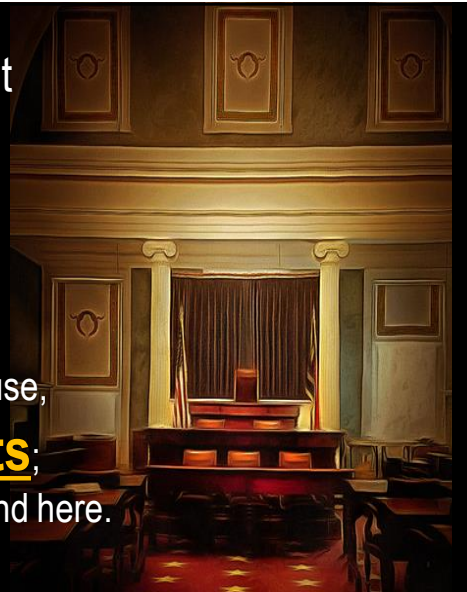
4 Then He answered and spoke to those who stood before Him, saying, “**Take away the filthy garments from him.**” And to him He said, “See, I have **removed your iniquity from you**, and I will **clothe you with rich robes.**” 5 And I said, “Let them put a **clean turban on his head.**” So they put a clean turban on his head, and they **put the clothes on him.** And the Angel of the Lord stood by.



E.G #1 - Destiny of Joshua, the High Priest

Zechariah 3:6-7

6 Then the Angel of the Lord admonished Joshua, saying, 7 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: ‘If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My command, then you shall also **judge** My house, and likewise **have charge of My courts**; I will give you places to walk among these who stand here.



This is the destiny of Joshua, the High Priest

E.G #2 - Destiny of the Apostle Peter

Luke 22:31-32

31 And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. **32** But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."

E.G #2 - Destiny of the Apostle Peter

Acts 2:38-41

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. **39** For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." **40** And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." **41** Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

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Galatians 2:7-8

7 But on the contrary, when they saw that the gospel for the uncircumcised had been committed to me, as the gospel for the circumcised was to Peter 8 (for He who worked effectively in Peter for the apostleship to the circumcised also worked effectively in me toward the Gentiles) ...

This is the destiny of the Apostle Peter



E.G #3 - Destiny of Jesus, the Son of Man

The Temptation of Jesus

Luke 4:1-13 & Matthew 4:1-10

“If you are the Son of God x2 ...”



E.G #3 - Destiny of Jesus, the Son of Man

Psalm 40:6-8

6 Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require. **7** Then I said, “Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. **8** I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart.”

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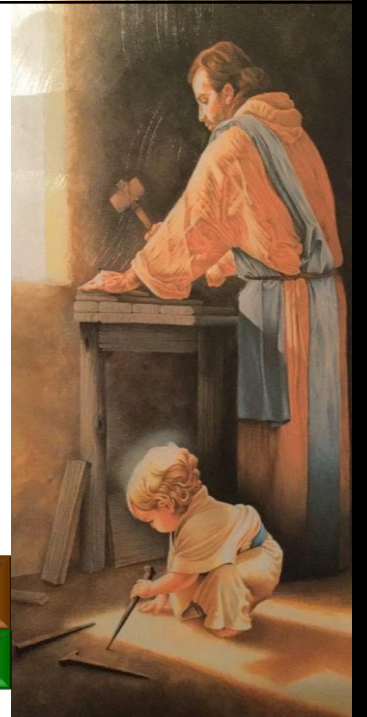
Hebrews 10:5-7

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but a body You have prepared for Me. **6** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin you had no pleasure. **7** Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—in the volume of the book it is written of Me—to do Your will, O God.’”

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John 10:10b

1 John 3:8b





BOTTOM-LINE

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God is looking for righteous men & women who know their **identity & purpose** to impact lives and nations!.

BOTTOM-LINE

Example of Apostle Paul - Acts 9:5-6

Who are You Lord?

(our **identity** found in Him)

What do you want me to do?

(our **purpose**)

BOTTOM-LINE



The Powerful Prayer of Moses

Exodus 32:11-14 (The Golden Calf Incident)

11 Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said: “Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? **12** Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, ‘He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people.

BOTTOM-LINE

Exodus 32:11-14

13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” **14** So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people.



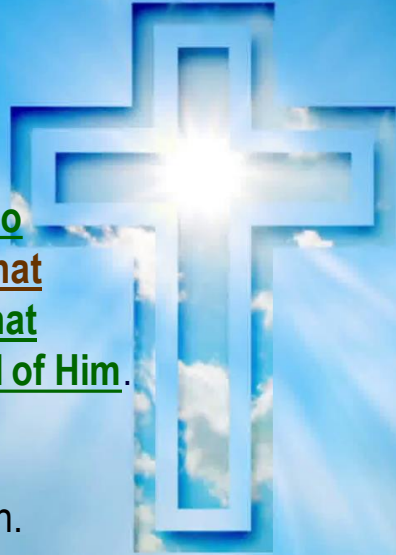
**God's Purpose + God's Name
+ God's Covenant / Promises
+ God's Glory**

BOTTOM-LINE

1 John 5:14-15

14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Matthew 6:10 Your kingdom come.
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



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