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INTRODUCTION

This little word, **trust**, has a universe of meaning. In the scriptures, we are commanded to trust the Lord. Society wants you to distrust others and trust yourself. Again, it can be read that we are to take refuge in God and not men, but society wants you to take refuge in yourself.

God's way is complete, and His living Word is trustworthy. You can take refuge in Him. This says it all.

THE PERFECT WAY



"As for God, His way is perfect; The word of the Lord is proven; He is a shield to all who **trust** in Him. For who is God, except the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God?" (2 Samuel 22:31–32 NKJV)

During the Exodus, Christ is referred to as the rock people followed in the wilderness, implying that Christ is God.

"Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ." (1 Corinthians 10:1–4 NKJV)

PUT YOUR TRUST IN HIM



"Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him." (Psalm 2:12 NKJV)

There is a path that leads to eternal life with God. We understand that this path requires transformation. Words such as wrath, anger, and trust describe our experience of consciously separating our worthiness to be with God by examining our thoughts and actions. However, those who hold onto the Lord experience His love, which forms an unbreakable bond between our soul and His Spirit. It is much more fulfilling to embrace the Son.

"The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart **trusted** in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him." (Psalm 28:7, NKJV)

REJOICE



"But let all those rejoice who put their **trust** in You; Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them; Let those also who love Your name Be joyful in You." (Psalm 5:11 NKJV)

What's in a name? Previously, your name would determine your destiny, and what society expected from you would depend on your family's background. The name of Jesus means 'Jehovah Saves,' which implies that you don't. Receiving Jesus as Christ is receiving Jehovah in action, which means you give up trying to qualify for His life as yours. Which life dies? Your having to think you are your flesh, thoughts, and thoughts about your thoughts. Which life lives? Your soul is attached to Jesus, who has become the life-giving Spirit.

"My defense is of God, Who saves the upright in heart." (Psalm 7:10, NK7V)

HIDE YOUR TRUST



"Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your **trust** in the Lord." (Psalm 4:5, NKJV)

Yes! You have two options - either standing and watching God's deliverance or trying to do it with your own strength, which is not what God intends. Only those who lack trust try to become righteous before God, yet He has already accomplished everything for us to become wise, redeemed, and sanctified, and we are filled with joy because we are included in His Son. As His children, we are worthy to trust Him. The act of trusting Him proves our worth. Trusting Him, His Person, His purposes, and His presence is a sacrifice. That is why we live from one trust moment to the next.

"For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from **faith to faith**; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'" (Romans 1:17, NKJV)

KNOW THE NAME



"And those who know Your name will put their **trust** in You; For You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You." (Psalm 9:10 NKJV)

When you trust Jehovah's saving power, you rely on His name. The Son of God proved the greatness of His Father's name. Those who find refuge in God's love are at peace with His name. Those who reject His Personified love do not rely on His name. Instead, they experience their wrath toward Him, thinking it is His wrath toward them. However, for those who trust Him, our wrath was poured on the Son of God at Calvary.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but **be**transformed by the renewing of your
mind, that you may prove what is that good
and acceptable and perfect will of God."
(Romans 12:2 NKJV)

GOODNESS PERSONIFIED



"Oh, how great is Your goodness, Which You have laid up for those who fear You, Which You have prepared for those who **trust** in You In the presence of the sons of men!" (Psalm 31:19 NKJV)

The awe of encountering Mr. Love lies in acknowledging that His love stands as the paramount force in the vast expanse of the universe. His abilities draw us, entwining us with purposes so empowering they escape the limits of our imagination. Mr. Love is not merely a fleeting sentiment but a person, in fact, the Person of persons. When you embrace Him, you don't just feel His love. Instead, your encounter with His love becomes the essence of your existence. Embodying His love, you are free to be charitable.

"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace" (Romans 8:6 NASB95)

ACCEPTANCE



Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5–6)

In the embrace of Mr. Love, you don't just have life; instead, Life 'has you.' It's an immersive experience intertwining your being with the very source of all love. As He holds you, others around you can't help but experience the life-giving warmth of His love emanating through you. In this union with God, you become a vessel, a conduit through which the boundless love of Mr. Love flows into the world. Your submission becomes their opportunity to accept the one you have humbly accepted.

By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."
(John 13:35)

MY SONG



The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart **trusted** in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him. (Psalm 28:7)

Christ Jesus overcame our wrath for Him. When Mr. Love envelops you, you become Christ's goodness, one who is acceptable to God and perfectly free to do God's will.

Yet, in the absence of experiencing His love, one finds oneself entangled in the confines of one's mind and body – a state better known as death. Without the life of Mr. Love, one remains trapped in a self-imposed prison, disconnected from one's intended destiny, which is to experience existence as God's eternal expression.

"Behold, God is my salvation, I will **trust** and not be afraid; 'For Yah, the Lord, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation." (Isaiah 12:2, NKJV)

FEED



"Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness." (Psalm 37:3, NKJV)

Embodying His love becomes a liberation bounded only by His will. Not only the will for you as an individual but for all. He unlocks the doors of self-imposed confinement, freeing you to embrace the essence of charity. In this liberated state, you become a beacon of love, radiating kindness and compassion to those around you. He in you becomes the catalyst for true freedom – freedom to extend a helping hand, offer a comforting word, and contribute to the well-being of others. This is His law in action, His image reflected.

"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Matthew 7:23, NK7V)

AUTHENTIC



"Trust in the Lord forever, For in Yah, **the**Lord, is everlasting strength." (Isaiah
26:4, NKJV)

Let's go beyond mere apprehension of Mr. Love and fully welcome His presence into our hearts. Allow His love to course through you. This is more than a sentiment; it is truth in action: you were recreated to manifest His love. In the world, we strive against participating with rejection, hostility, discrimination, exclusion, intolerance, indifference, alienation, neglect, and criticism. Through His Spirit, we reflect love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these.

"The Lord has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more." (Zephaniah 3:15 NKJV)

GOD DID IT



"Commit your way to the Lord, **Trust** also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass."
(Psalm 37:5 NKJV)

Exercising trust in God means receiving His love as His very Person who shares His love. When we feel secure in God, we can help others feel secure. By God being Himself within us, they, too, can begin to acknowledge God in them. To the extent you do not trust God loves you, you will not love yourself, nor can you love your neighbor. The ability to reject God comes through doctrines or methods to gain God, get More, or become. Your new you is empty of self and bound to His love to express Christ's person and will.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5–6 NKJV)

PATHS



"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3:5–6 NKJV)

Your ways! Your path. Or His ways and His paths.

God, as the master of your soul, reveals His way of bringing forth life. Those who place their trust in Him can do what they desire to do: give life. Similarly, those who distrust Him will do what they want to do: take life. Ultimately, the question is whether you did the things you did or trusted God to do them through you as if it were you. Once settled, He has you; you can have Him.

"Now may the Lord direct your hearts **into the love of God** and into the patience of Christ." (2 Thessalonians 3:5, NK7V)

OLIVE TREE



"But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God forever and ever." (Psalm 52:8 NKJV)

Within Christendom, mercy is commonly understood as the gracious act of not receiving the consequences one rightfully deserves. However, a deeper perspective emerges, transforming your behavior into a covenant with God's acceptance by our unwavering trust in God's loving character. This broader view sees mercy as a continuous attitude, where God not only withholds deserved consequences but perpetually accepts our reliance on His love as the foundation of our trust in Him.

"Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your **trust** in the Lord." (Psalm 4:5 NKJV)

ARE YOU AFRAID?



"Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You." (Psalm 56:3 NKJV)

The world often inundates us with various forms of fear, suggesting our lives are in danger. From a shortage of food to destruction, we are constantly urged by our independent living to think God is out to harm us, and it is our responsibility to prevent it. However, entertaining such a notion implies a lack of trust in God's love for His creation. Jesus Christ came to dispel this belief. From what have you been saved? You have been saved from the limits of your mistaken identity! The old 'i'.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **trust** Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (John 3:16–17 NKJV)

TOTAL DEPENDENCE



"Cause me to hear Your lovingkindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You." (Psalm 143:8 NKJV)

Our complete reliance on God affirms that we cannot do better than follow. We have the privilege of doing exactly what God is doing. If He desires to feed people in a starving nation, He, in human form, wakes up early to plow, plant, tend, harvest, and distribute the crops. At the same time, He also energizes sailors to transport goods. He desires to work through us to live out His ways of love. He, even through our selfish desires to harm others through acts of greed, can become His opportunities to provide abundance for all.

"You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence." (Acts 2:28, NKJV)

REJOICING HEARTS



"But I have **trusted** in Your mercy; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation." (Psalm 13:5 NKJV)

Simply put, this verse tells us that our salvation comes from trusting in God's mercy. Some people believe that God despises them, but Jesus' sacrifice shows that he took the punishment for their sins, offering them forgiveness. However, this belief can trap them in a cycle of doubt, always questioning if they're truly saved. Instead, those who seek freedom from relying on themselves find fulfillment in Christ's love, which reassures them of God's affection. By turning away from worldly desires, they experience the power of Christ's sacrifice, which sets them free from doubting God's love.

"Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we **must be saved**." (Acts 4:12 NKJV)

THE CURE



"The Lord is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble; And He knows those who **trust** in Him." (Nahum 1:7, NKJV)

Imagine having skin cancer, and only one company possesses a cream to cure it. Would you hate, despise, or reject them over being the only remedy? What if that life-saving remedy were named JESUS and offered the cure for free? The analogy highlights the value of the remedy provided by Jesus, urging us to embrace it with gratitude and recognize its unparalleled significance for the soul. Those who choose to dis this cure remain in peril. Your soul attached to your flesh is death. The solution that separates your soul is Christ's blood. Then, His love binds you to God.

"They hated Me without a cause." (John 15:25b NKJV)

MY STRONGHOLD



"Yet, for all that, you did not **believe** the Lord your God" (Deuteronomy 1:32 NKJV)

If you asked a friend to help you, you would want them to have your exact address. Let God know your coordinates. How? Pray! What is prayer? Prayer is a simple conversation. Jesus said it was as easy as saying...

"In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen." (Matthew 6:9—13 NKJV)

SHINE THROUGH



"Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust." (Psalm 16:1 NKJV)

To experience the full expression of God through us, we must first completely trust in His ability to do so. Our attempts to do good on our own accord are ultimately flawed. However, we can witness His glory shining through by surrendering to God's natural ability to meet the challenges in our lives. This glory can transform our minds and hearts, allowing us to let go of our efforts and trust in both His divine plan and methods.

"For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience." (Hebrews 4:10–11 NKJV)

YOUR CHOICE



"But as for me, I **trust** in You, O Lord; I say,
"You are my God." (Psalm 31:14, NKTV)

This verse expresses steadfast trust and devotion to God. It reflects a personal declaration of faith, affirming God's sovereignty and acknowledging Him as the ultimate source of guidance, protection, and provision. It's a declaration of loyalty and reliance on God amidst life's surprises, affirming He is worthy of your trust and adoration.

See Him, then trust Him!

"And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

(John 6:40, NKJV)

HEALED CORE



"A talebearer reveals secrets, But he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter."

(Proverbs 11:13, NKTV)

What if the heart was ill, not physically but spiritually, and the cure was embodied in the Person of JESUS' residence within it? Furthermore, what if this spiritual remedy was freely accessible to all? Jesus is the ultimate solution for the deeper matters of the soul. He encourages us to accept Him with gratitude, acknowledging His unmatched value and having brought healing to the very core of our being.

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!" (Luke 13:34, NK7V)

YOUR CROSS



"He has put a new song in my mouth—Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will **trust** in the Lord." (Psalm 40:3, NKJV)

These verses highlight the themes of trust, reliance, and faithfulness in God throughout the Old Testament. But make no mistake, it takes from you a repentant heart. What is that? Well, it is simple. Die to any idea of coming to God for you to keep or gain. Come to God with the same humility as Mary, and let Christ be formed in you. As ruler of your heart, He is as ready to transform the world through blood as Then. Not the shedding of another's blood but the shedding of His blood now coursing through His life in your veins.

"But Jesus said to him, 'Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword." (Matthew 26:52, NKJV)

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