

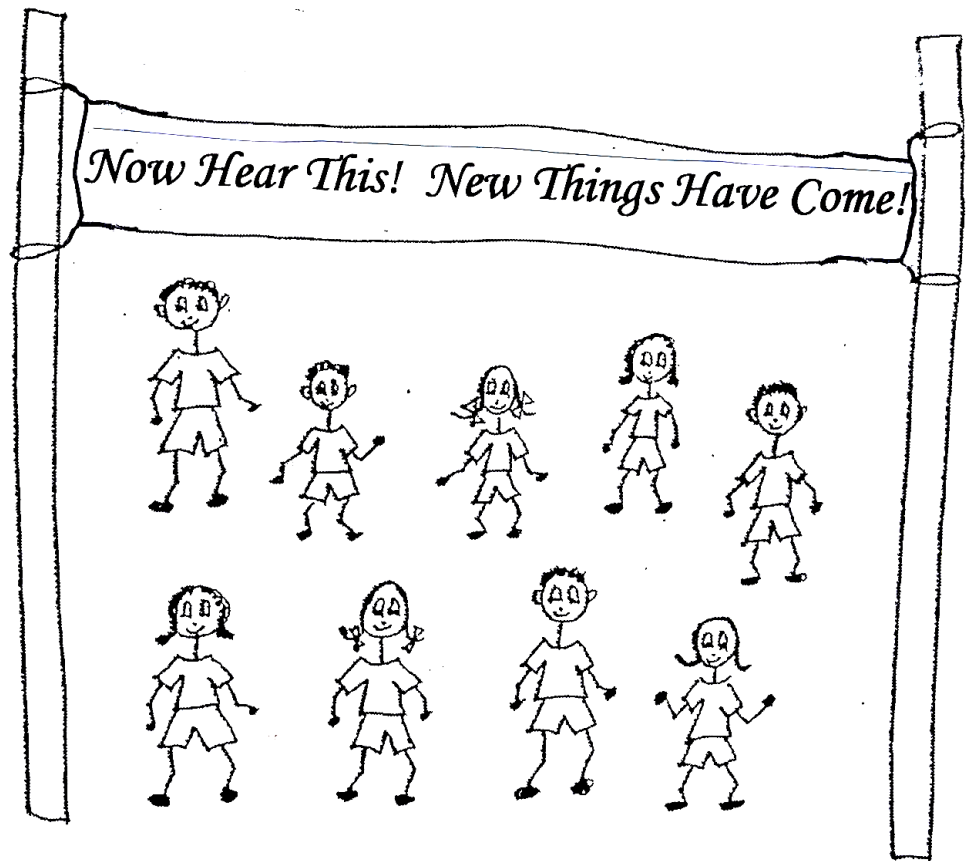
*Good News!*  
*God Sees Us As*  
*Who We Are In Christ!*



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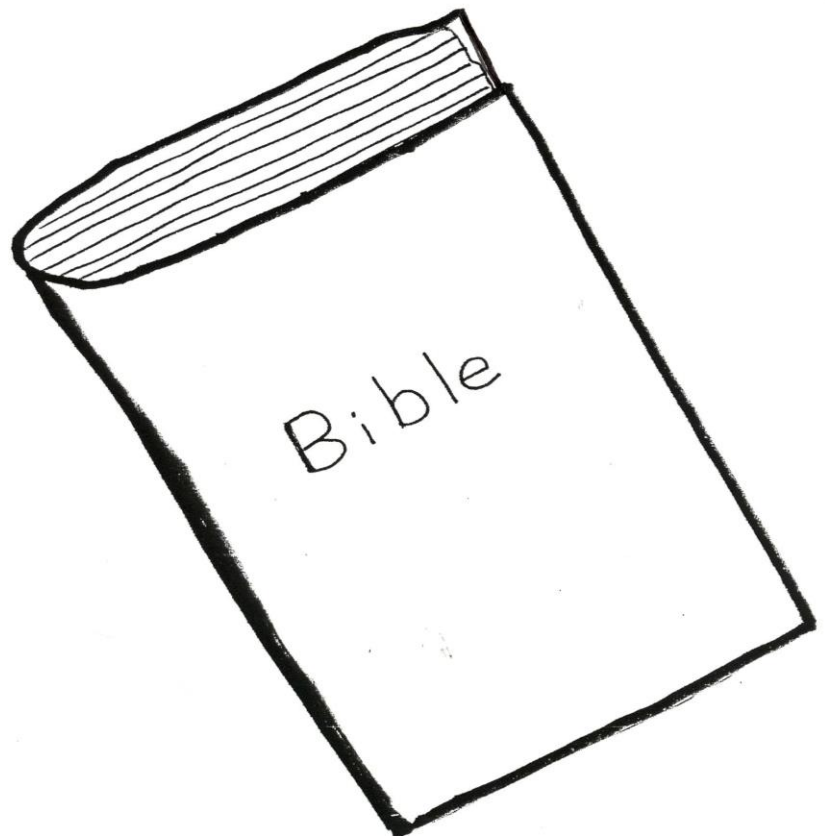
## *God sees us as who we are in Christ!*

Believers in the Church Age, new things have come! We have received grace gifts that never existed before! We have the **baptism of the Holy Spirit**. When we believed in Jesus Christ as our Savior, the Holy Spirit baptized or identified us with Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit made us **new spiritual creatures in the body of Christ**. God the Father sees us in the new man, who we are in Christ. What an identity! What a gift! What good news!



*2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (KJV)*

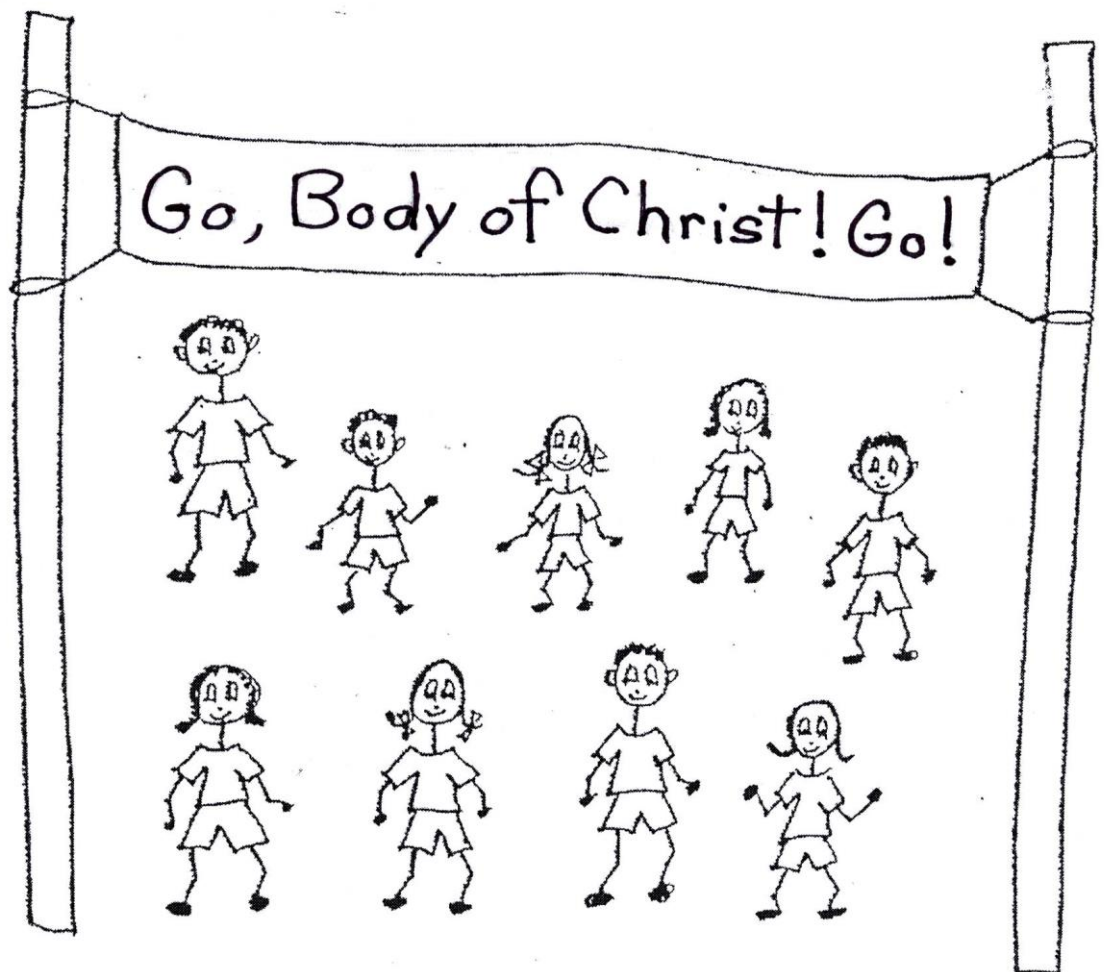
God has given us the book of good news - the Bible! Everything we need to know for our spiritual lives is in the Bible; it is lifesaving information! If we want the knowledge, God the Holy Spirit will make it known and understandable to us. He will teach us the love and grace of God and how to obey God's commands. He will teach us who we are in Christ. We will be able to do the things the Lord asks us to do because of the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, the word of God, a pastor-teacher and encouragement from the body of Christ! This is all good news!



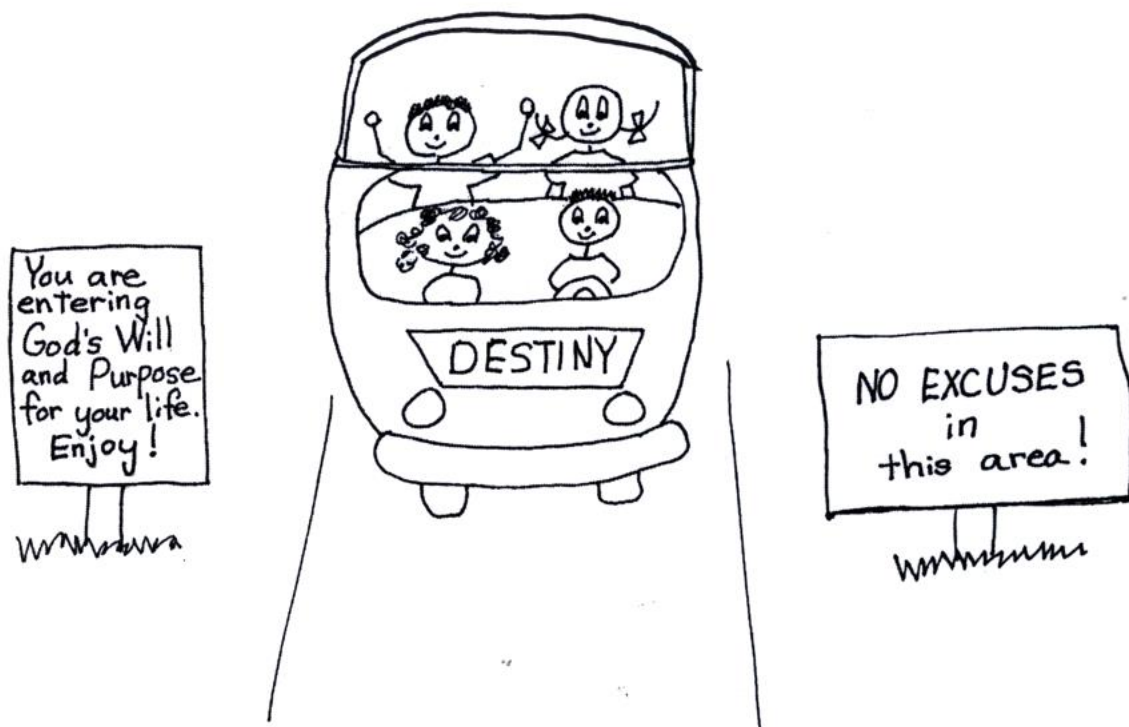
*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

God looks beyond our faults and sees our needs. At salvation, the Holy Spirit has a fantastic job to do to take care of our needs. It is an impossible job for us, but easy for Him because He is all powerful. He gives believers a brand new nature with a brand new life; we are put in union with Jesus Christ and we have eternal life with Him! Believers are in a common relationship with Him; we are one body with Jesus Christ as our Head! Just think about it. We are in our Lord's family - Jesus Christ's new Royal Family! It is a real privilege. God takes care of **all** of our needs! That's good news!

*1 Corinthians  
12:13 For by one  
Spirit we were all  
baptized into one  
body, whether  
Jews or Greeks,  
whether slaves or  
free, and we were  
all made to drink  
of one Spirit.*

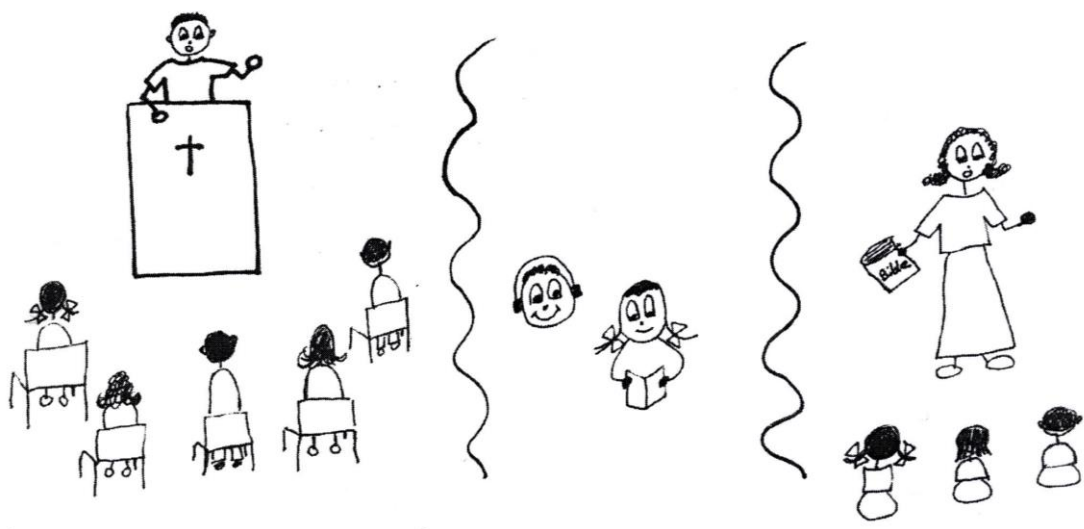


In our new man, **we each** have our own personal sense of destiny or direction for our journey to heaven. The instructions for this journey are in the Bible. As we each learn God's word, the Holy Spirit will make understandable to us God's will and purpose for our life. We each have a different role in the body of Christ; the Holy Spirit will see to it that we know what our role is. He gives us good news!



*Ephesians 1:10c-12 In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will, to the end that we who were the first to hope in Christ would be to the praise of His glory.*

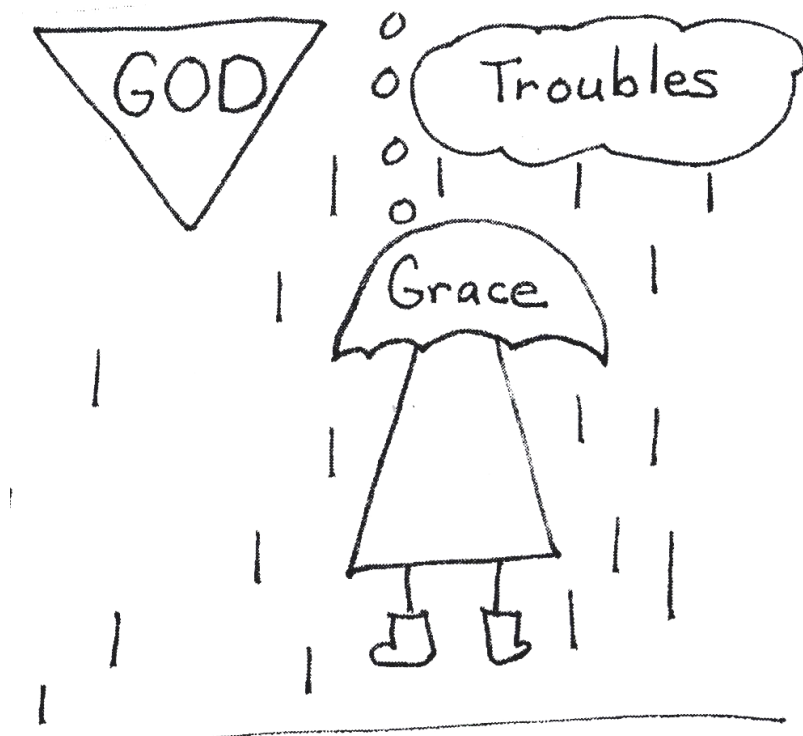
In His love and grace, God provides everything we need to obey His will. He knows we will go through times of trouble. They are part of normal living. What is important is how we handle these problems - with human power and viewpoint or with divine power and viewpoint! We need to rely on and use the power of the Holy Spirit - divine power. We need to learn and believe God's word so that we have divine viewpoint. Whatever we are going through, we can be assured that there is a purpose for it. Once we have gone through the challenges with God's power and viewpoint we will see how God's love and grace worked for us! We will see how God comes to the rescue! Now that's good news!



*Isaiah 41:10 Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.*

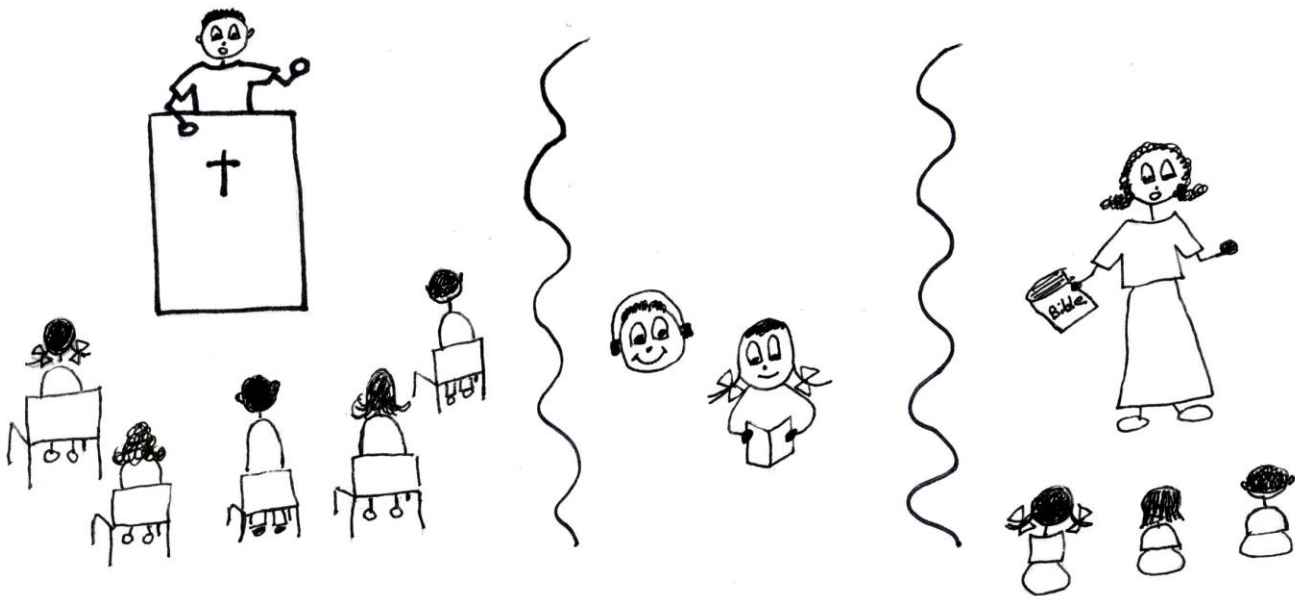


Sometimes we have to walk through our difficulties without other people so God can teach us special lessons. The Holy Spirit will always be with us, guiding us. Jesus was alone before His greatest challenge - providing salvation for all mankind on the cross of Calvary! The Holy Spirit sustained Him. Sometimes we are to bear our own loads without other people helping us. God will give us the power! We are to rely completely on Him and not to resent others who are having fun while we are having problems. We can't expect or demand that our friends be with us during our troubles. Our comfort is to come from the Lord! True friends will be there for us, but they will also respect the fact that at times we need to bear our own loads. Times of walking alone with the Lord are very special times! God teaches us so much!



*2 Timothy 4:16 At my first defense no one supported me, but all deserted me; may it not be counted against them.*  
*Mark 14:40 And they all left Him and fled.*  
*Galatians 6:5 For each one will bear his own load.*

In eternity past, God the Father provided for each believer in the body of Christ many benefits. In His grace, **God provided everything** necessary for us to live and to grow in His predesigned plan. These are things God wants us to experience on our journey to heaven. We learn more about them through Bible study. No one can take these benefits from us. Only we can prevent ourselves from experiencing them by not learning, believing and using the directions God has for us in the Bible. God wants us to believe that we are new creatures in Christ and that these grace gifts belong to us! As our relationship with God grows, the more we will be able to experience and enjoy our blessings! We must concentrate on and have faith in God's word, the good news!



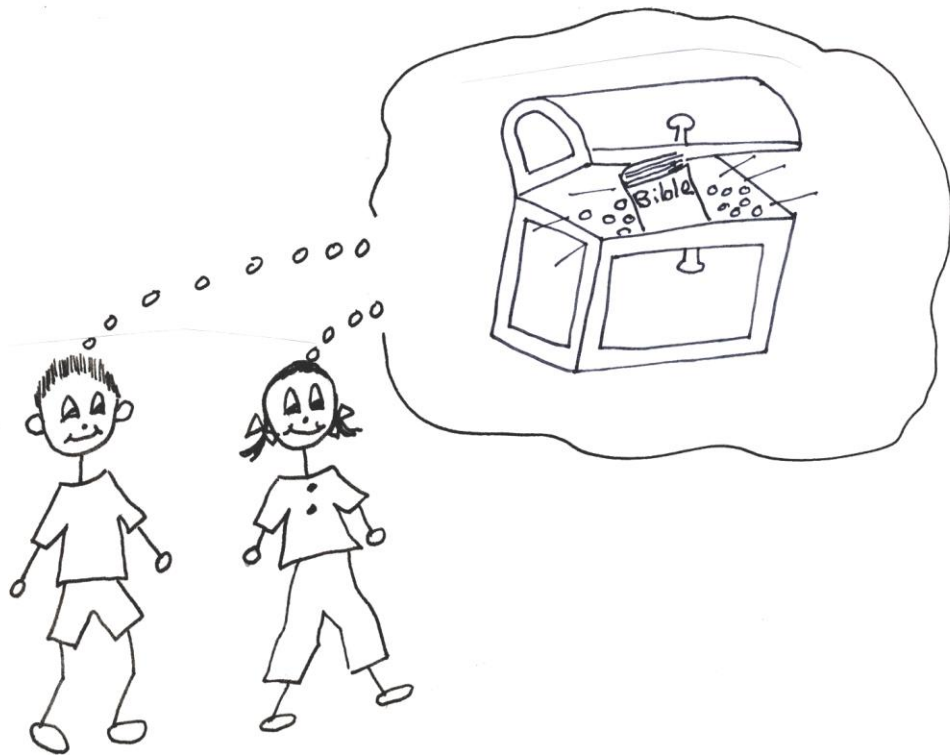
*2 Peter 1:2-3 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.*



God does look beyond our faults and sees our needs. He sees what we need for the Holy Spirit to make us into the image of Jesus Christ. With God's word or thinking in our souls, we can use the grace gifts He has given us for our needs. We've been given brand new confidence and new life. We are protected by the power of God.\* We are set free by God from the old things we were in Adam. God wants us to experience this freedom from the old things. He doesn't want us to be distracted by them! God wants us to use all of the grace gifts He gave us to take care of our needs. This will bring glory and honor to Him! He sees who we are in Christ; He wants us to see who we are in Christ!

\*Read 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Ephesians 3:20 Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*



## Points to Remember

1. Church Age believers have received grace gifts that never existed before!
2. God has given us the book of good news - the Bible!
3. God looks beyond our faults and sees our needs.
4. In His love and grace, God provides everything we need to live according to His will.
5. Sometimes we have to walk through our difficulties without other people so God can teach us special lessons.
6. In eternity past, God the Father provided for each believer in the body of Christ many benefits.
7. God wants us to see who we are in Christ.

