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*Reasons
I'm Glad
I'm a
Christian!*

*A Celebration
of God's Love
to us — Today,
and Tomorrow,
and Forever!*

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I Can Celebrate Innocence

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In a world where there is so much darkness and sadness, what a blessing is mine! As a child of the Highest, I can think about the things that are True, and Honest, and Just, and Pure, and Lovely, and of Good Report. And I can rejoice always in the Good News—God is on His throne... and He is shaping me after His own likeness, and for all eternity!



2

My Life is Anchored in Hope

In the same way that a mighty ship is safely anchored from drift by the huge iron anchors hanging on their heavy chains, so is my life safely anchored by my deep Hope in the Promises and Goodness of God.

The Scriptures even go so far as to say we are 'saved by hope'— for the lively Hope within us refuses to give up, and we rest upon God's faithfulness, enduring to the end.



I Can Share My Life With Others

When Jesus gave us the first and greatest commandment, it concerned our relationship with God.

But he said the second is like unto it, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor even as thyself." How do I love myself? However I do, in such a way I can love my neighbor, by opening my heart and hands to him... by sharing my life with his, so we both are blest.

4 I Can Know My Prayers are Heard

*Do I appreciate the
privilege that is mine,
that the cries of my
heart are HEARD,
by a listening and a
compassionate Maker?*

*Even if all the world should
see me as poor, or crippled,
or undesirable, there is One
Who is never too busy or too
uncaring to give me His open
ear, and His loving heart.*

*“Come unto Me,” our Savior
says, “and I will give you rest.”
Surely the wisest investment of
my time is to daily bring my
requests gratefully to Him.*



I Can See the Big Picture

*What a panorama
of perspective I have!
Through the lens of
God's faithful Word I
may look at Life, and
Purpose, and Creation,
and People, and hard
Situations, and even
God Himself, and know
I am seeing truly.*

*Let History past
give way to History
future,— my Heavenly
Father sees it all, and
has revealed the outline
to us already in rich
and exciting detail.*

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I Can Face My Fears

Life is tough. Losses are real.

*A phone call may suddenly spin
our world in the wrong direction,
leaving us face-to-face with what
appears to be only terrible tragedy
and traumatic unknown changes.*

*But God CANNOT be surprised;
and He is well able to bring us
tremendous personal growth
and eternal blessing from these
painful situations of struggle.*

*As we study the Bible biographies
of people like Hannah and Sarah,
and Job and Joseph, and even
Jesus— we see a loving purpose
in the pattern of God's perfect
faithfulness: through it all, He is
bringing “many sons to Glory.”*





All Things Are Mine 7

No, I may never be able to travel to Europe or Israel— and I probably won't be taking a cruise soon.

But God has given me “all things richly to enjoy! A snowflake... a flower... a songbird... a new song to learn and sing... dear friends and family— these are just a few of the pleasures God gives us!

And the future is even better, for “all things present, or things to come, all are yours; and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's.”

8

My Sins Are ALL Forgiven

“Blessed is he whose iniquities are forgiven,” the Psalmist writes, “and whose sins are covered.”

Have I felt the full weight of my sins? When I honestly face my failures, confess my great need of a Savior, and walk with the Lord, He wants me to claim His promise: “I will be merciful... and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more (Heb. 8:12).

He has cast ALL my sins into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19), and in that blessed graveyard I shall gladly leave them, forever.

As a Child of the King, I Am a Truly-Real Prince(ss)



Why do royal Kings and Queens, Princes and Princesses, and thrones and castles still fill our storybooks, and excite our imagination today?

I believe that in our innermost hearts we know we were not made for ignorance and despair, but to be conformed to the image of God, and to reign as 'royalty' with Christ!

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My Life Can Count Big for Eternity

*“When I consider the stars...
which Thou hast ordained, what
is man, that Thou art mindful of him?”*

Like David, when we look at the vast expanse of God’s visible heavens, we are tempted to wonder at our puny insignificance. But Jesus reminds us that one soul is worth more to God than this entire world. As I care more about my friend than his possessions, so GOD values MY friendship.



I Am 11 *Free to Be* *100% Real* *with my* *Father*

*Do I enjoy my relationship
with God, or does something
in me keep Him at a distance?*

*He invites me, as His child,
to cast ALL my cares upon
Him! Though He sees all my
sins, He wants me to tell Him
about them so I can RECEIVE
His glad Forgiveness, and BE-
LIEVE Him for lasting victory.*

*So in my innermost heart
I shout a mighty "Yes!" to Him,
for the incredible goodness of
His wisdom and mercy.*

12 Nothing— Nothing at All—is Too Small to be Sacred

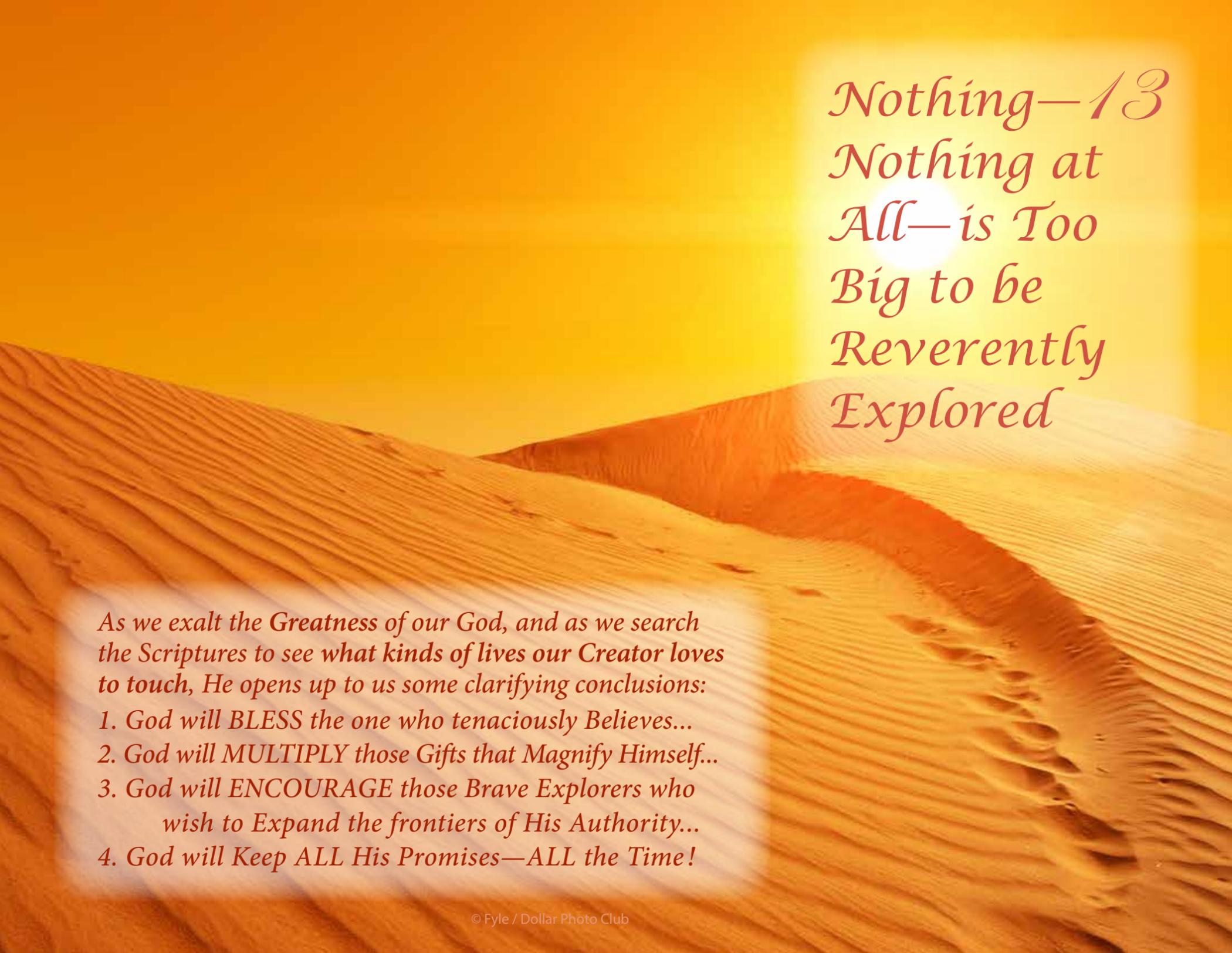
*I'm glad that our Lord
cares about the small things:*

- the wayside lily He clothes...*
- the sparrow that falls...*
- the woman's lost coin...*
- the little children that He
welcomes into His arms...*

*Beware of the idea that
our Father is too big and too
powerful—too important—to
bother with our smaller cares.*

*Surely it is true, that “If it's
big enough to worry about...
it's big enough to pray about.”*





*Nothing—13
Nothing at
All—is Too
Big to be
Reverently
Explored*

As we exalt the Greatness of our God, and as we search the Scriptures to see what kinds of lives our Creator loves to touch, He opens up to us some clarifying conclusions:

- 1. God will BLESS the one who tenaciously Believes...*
- 2. God will MULTIPLY those Gifts that Magnify Himself...*
- 3. God will ENCOURAGE those Brave Explorers who wish to Expand the frontiers of His Authority...*
- 4. God will Keep ALL His Promises—ALL the Time!*

14 When I Don't Like Myself, I May Open Up the Gift of Repentance!

Have you ever felt somewhat like Jesus' friend Peter must have felt, after he betrayed our Lord? Or like David felt, when the prophet pointed his finger at David's heart, and said "Thou art the man!"? Or like Paul must have felt, after He met the Lord He had despised, in a blinding flash of insight?

Of all the precious Gifts God has given us for our pilgrimage here, one of the most Valuable— and one we should use easily and more often— is the Gift of Repentance! From failure and shame to faith and adoration— instantaneously— now what could be better than that!





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I Can Trust *15* *My Friends*

*No, my friends are not perfect, but
their Friendship is a Perfect Blessing!*

*For I have friends who are real...
who really care about me... who have
right priorities... who love life and the
Author of Life... who encourage me—
they're definitely the kind worth having!*



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16 All My Pain is Being Traded in For Blessing

Pain hurts! Always! ...and that's why I don't like it—ever.

But if I lift up my eyes in Faith, I can say “Yes, Lord, I believe that You really are using this pain for my future Benefit, and I reckon that ‘the sufferings of this present time are not even worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed’ in me” (Rom. 8:18).

As a songwriter, I've noticed more than once that the best songs come after the hardest experiences.

Lord, increase my FAITH!



I Am Free to Be Proactive

[Proh-AK-tiv] Adj. 1.To prepare for, or control, an expected (usually negative) situation; 2. To take charge of a situation before it happens, instead of waiting to respond to it.

Since the word 'enthuse' comes from the Greek words 'god in you' it is the true followers of God who should be Faith-filled, Spirit-filled workers of Blessing.

I do not need to let fearful or critical persons discourage me, or founder my faith. Always, I am to be 'looking unto Jesus' and I shall receive my daily marching orders from Him.

18 I Can Genuinely Empathize With Others

*“Blessed are the merciful,”
our Lord promises, “for they
shall obtain mercy.”*

*As we examine the Life
of our Lord Jesus, we are
amazed by the tremendous
compassion He showers on
the people He is touching.
And how rich is the joy in our*



*hearts, when we share the “grace,
mercy, and peace, from God our
Father and Jesus Christ our Lord”
with the hungry hearts around us.*

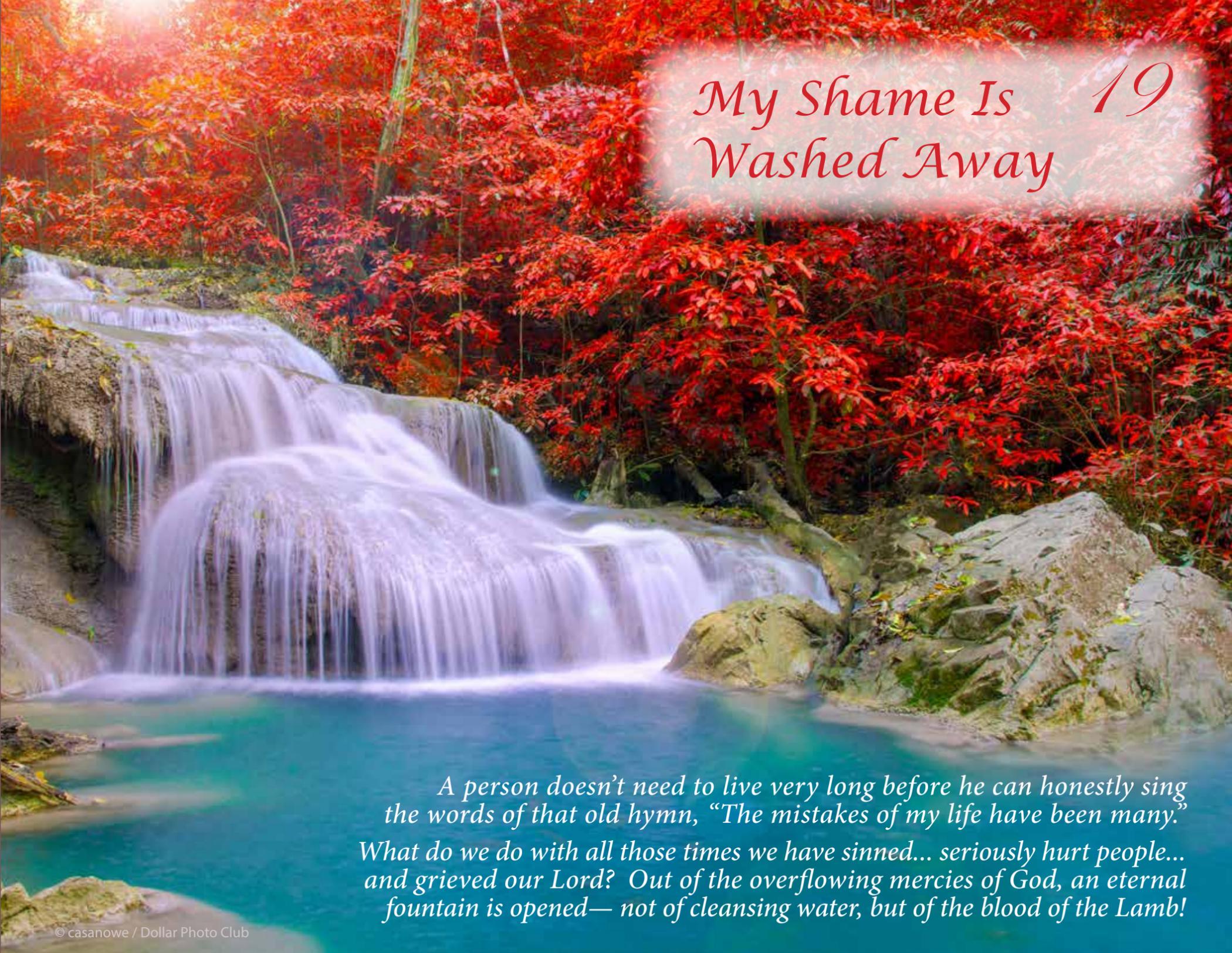


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*My Shame Is 19
Washed Away*

A person doesn't need to live very long before he can honestly sing the words of that old hymn, "The mistakes of my life have been many." What do we do with all those times we have sinned... seriously hurt people... and grieved our Lord? Out of the overflowing mercies of God, an eternal fountain is opened— not of cleansing water, but of the blood of the Lamb!

20 *I Am Not Emotionally Dependent On Other Persons*

*As I Christian, I can rest upon a most reliable promise— that I am complete in Jesus Christ !
My best friends may disbelieve, misunderstand,
hurt, forget, or even betray me— as I may them. But JESUS will never fail us!*

When God, our Master Potter, shapes us contrary to the grain or the vein of our stubborn clay... it hurts! And it hurts even more when He lets the hand of our fellow man touch us! But we are still on GOD's wheel, and He WILL be faithful!

I Can Be Consistently Strong and Brave— Really!



22 I Can Enjoy Life in Any Situation!

As hinted at by that little word “can” in the statement above, I often fail!

But one of the reasons I am GLAD I’m a Christian is that I can make my own weather consistently more sunny, through obeying a ‘simple’ command: “in every thing give thanks.”



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God Tempers My Temptations



Dirk Willemsz. 1569.

Faithfulness in action: this man turned back to rescue a cruel enemy from drowning, but was then condemned to death and slain, in spite of his unusual act of mercy.

Surer than a solid rock it stands— the promise God has made to every child of His who hungers for a life of Holiness, Joy, Freedom, Peace, and eternal Blessing:

“God is faithful, Who will not allow you to be tempted more than you can bear, but will in the midst of the temptation provide a way for you to escape it” (paraphrased).

I can forgive others. I can accept hard trials, and still trust my heavenly Father.

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I Can Be Childlike

*In a world where people often despise
the weak and the helpless, I am glad I can
be a follower of One who invites the little
children to come to Himself, for blessing!*

*And in a world where relationships are too
often crippled by deceit, and cunning and
hypocrisy, how wonderful it is to walk in
the ways of innocent little children — for
“of such is the Kingdom of Heaven!”*

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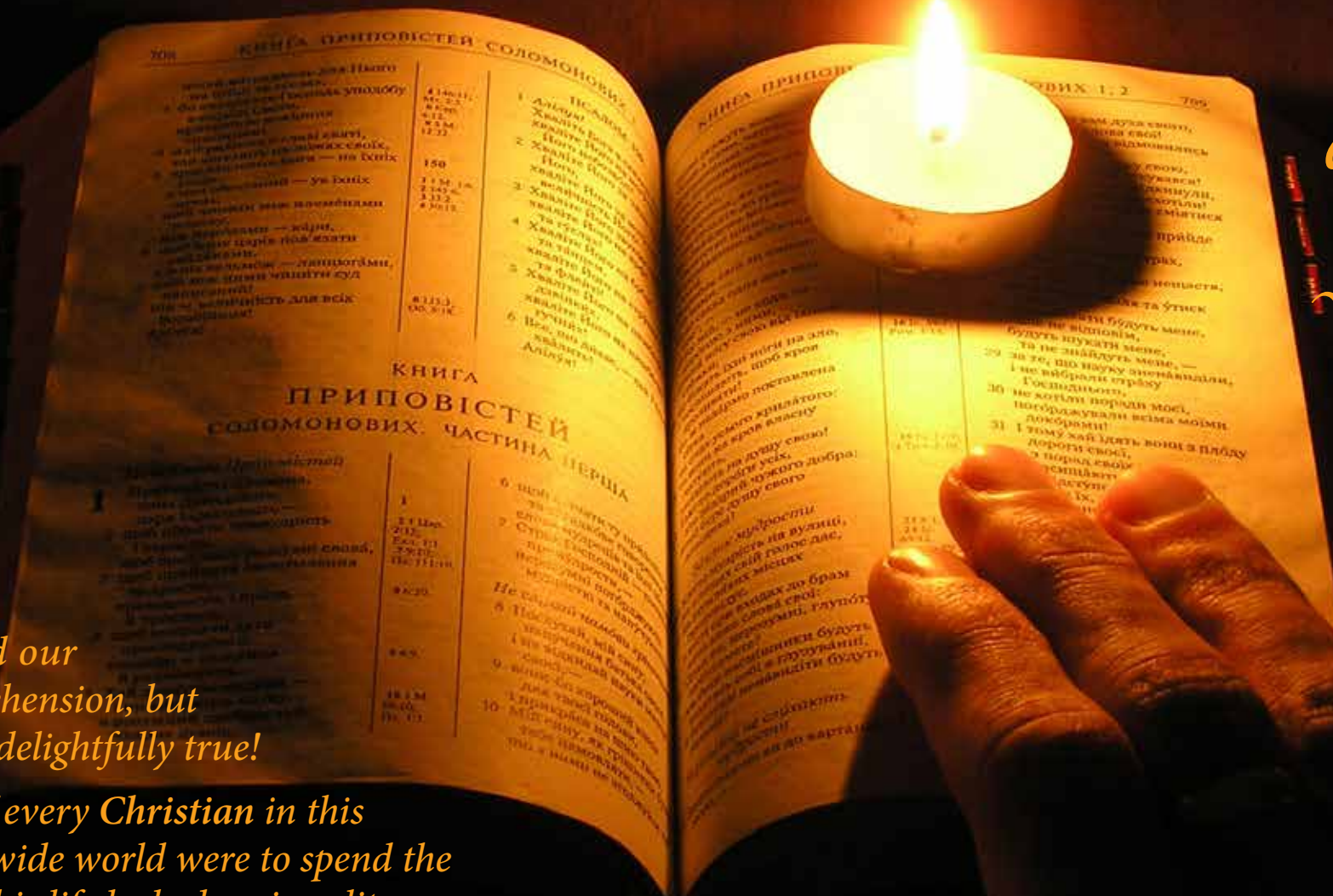
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I Am
a Part
of the
World-
wide
Body
of the
Lord
Jesus
Christ

Yes,
it is
almost
beyond our
comprehension, but
it is so delightfully true!

Even if every Christian in this
whole wide world were to spend the
rest of his life locked up in solitary con-
finement, he would still be part of that “one
Body”— and part of that glorious Bride of Jesus Christ!

Knowing that this is true, my heart reaches out in strong desire,
to love and encourage ALL those who love and follow Him in Truth.



26 Jesus Is Always Encouraging Me to Learn, and Grow

*“But speaking the truth in
love... grow up into Him in
all things... even Christ.”
—Eph.4:15*

*“He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same
bringeth forth much fruit... Herein is my Father
glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be
my disciples.” —John 15: 5, 8*

*“We... thank God always for you... because
your faith groweth exceedingly...” —II Thes.1: 3*

*“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” —II Pet.3:18*



*“...add to your faith virtue;
and to virtue knowledge,
and to knowledge temper-
ance; and to temperance
patience; and to patience
godliness...”*

—II Pet. 1: 5-6



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*Jesus
is
My
Lord*

*Exactly what do we mean, as
Christians, when we declare to
others that Jesus Christ is our Lord?*

*On a daily basis, every moment of my
life, I want to be giving Him the complete
Headship over my heart, my priorities, my
affections, my desires, and my outflowing choices.
With a great price He purchased me—can I give less?*

27 Reasons I'm Glad I'm a Christian!

When an older person comes across a "new" life-changing truth, he is tempted to look back to the earlier years of his life with feelings of deep regret.

"If only I had known this principle then, how tremendously helpful it could have been in my earlier Christian life! How many failures— how many struggles— might have been prevented!"

The Twenty-Seven truths in this book should help build up your Faith, and bless your Life.

May God Himself encourage and enrich you, as you ponder these, and live them out through Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

— Stan Brubaker

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