

REASON TO HOPE

the “what” & “why” of our faith

Concerning Spiritual Gifts
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“But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

-1 Corinthians 12:11 (NKJV)



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A. Edification



“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all...*”

-1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)



“...but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

-Ephesians 4:15-16 (NKJV)



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"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸ they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."¹⁹ So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. ²⁰ And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen."

-Mark 16:17-20 (NKJV)



“Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. ⁹ And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from^lthe river and pour it on the dry land. The water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land.”

-Exodus 4:8-9 (NKJV)



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"Then He began to rebuke the cities in which most of His mighty works had been done, because they did not repent: ²¹ 'Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²² But I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. ²³ Ad you, Capernaum, who are exalted to heaven, will be brought down to Hades; for if the mighty works which were done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴ But I say to you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.' "

-Matthew 11:20-24 (NKJV)



“In the law it is written: ‘With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; And yet, for all that, they will not hear Me,’ says the Lord. ²² Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers...”

-1 Corinthians 14:21-22a (NKJV)



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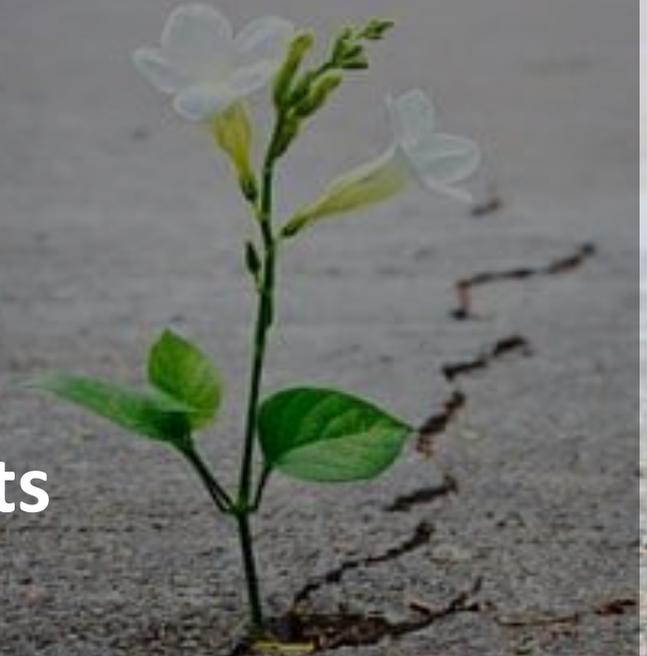
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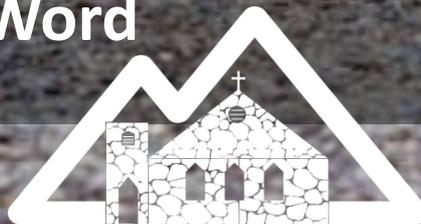
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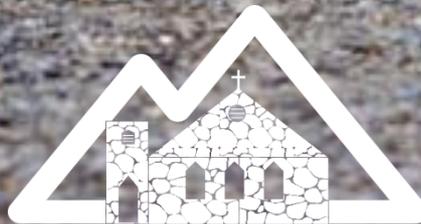
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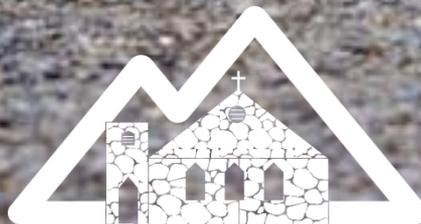
“Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part. ¹⁰ But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.”

-1 Corinthians 13:8-10 (NKJV)



“Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, ‘Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.’³⁹ But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.””

-Matthew 12:38-39 (NKJV)



“And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.”

-John 20:31(NKJV)



“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone...”

-Ephesians 2:19-20 (NKJV)



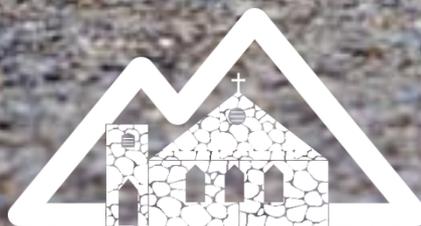
“Then he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹ But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

-Luke 16:27-31 (NKJV)



***“There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world,
and none of them is without significance.”***

-1 Corinthians 14:10 (NKJV)

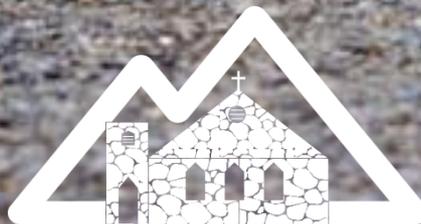


"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing."

-1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (NKJV)



Condition	Gift	Exaggeration	Result w/out love...
If...I	Speak w/ tongues of men	And of angels	Just noise...
If...I	Prophecy	...have ALL knowledge	Useless...
If...I	Give to the poor	burned as a martyr...	Useless...



"For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book..."

-Revelation 22:18 (NKJV)



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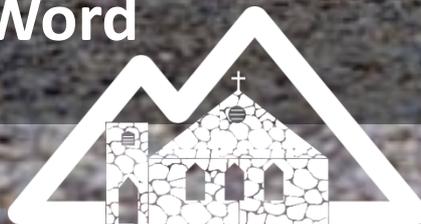
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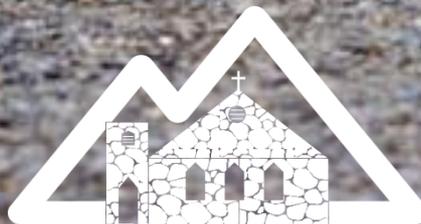
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"This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, 'These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.'"

-Acts 16:17 (NKJV)



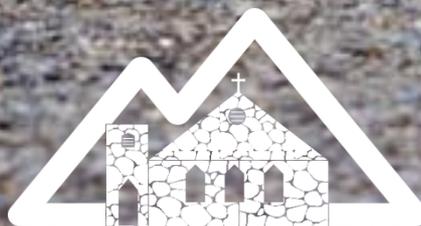
“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. ²² Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’²³ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

-Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV)



“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”

-Matthew 24:35 (NKJV)



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1. Experience the Love of Christ
2. Emphasize the Gospel of Christ



“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high...”

-Hebrews 1:1-3 (NKJV)

