



## My Gift From God

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For, “ALL FLESH IS LIKE GRASS, AND ALL ITS GLORY LIKE THE FLOWER OF GRASS. THE GRASS WITHERS, AND THE FLOWER FALLS OFF, BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you. (Isaiah 40:6–8)

1 Peter 1:24-25

**When we see the acronym GPS we think**

**Global  
Positioning  
System**



The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a space-based navigation system that provides location and time information in all weather conditions, anywhere on or near the Earth where there is an unobstructed line of sight to four or more GPS satellites. The system provides critical capabilities to military, civil, and commercial users around the world.

**After my wife Molly went home to Jesus I began to see a new acronym for GPS**

**Grace  
Peace  
Strength**

I began to pray this numerous times daily, and still do, for **God's Grace Peace and Strength** to get through this great loss in my life after 58 years of marriage and 3 years of dating so we were together for 61 years.

We both did not become true “Believers” in our Lord Jesus Christ until 1973. Both of us were raised going to Church and even religious schools, we knew about Jesus, but never had a personal relationship with Him.

" If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead**, you shall be Saved ". Romans 10:9

I know that I will see her and be with her again and all who Believe in our Lord Jesus Christ. I have that promise from Him because He gives Believers His **Grace Peace Strength Assurance Hope thru Faith.**

**“Therefore you too have grief now; but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you.”**  
**John 16:22 (NASB)**

**Jesus Said:** <sup>1</sup>**“LET not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me.**  
<sup>2</sup>**“In My Father’s house are many dwelling places; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.**  
<sup>3</sup>**“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.** <sup>4</sup>**“And you know the way where I am going.”**  
<sup>5</sup>**Thomas \*said to Him, ‘Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?’**  
<sup>6</sup>**Jesus \*said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me’.”**  
**John 14:1–6 (NASB)**

### **Prayer and Healing**

Did we pray and ask for healing, you bet. We had hundreds of people praying we did not know praying for her and our family for a long time. We also had the Church Elders come over and had a Healing Service anointing Molly with Oil and prying for God to heal her (1 John 5:. Did God answer us? Yes He did, and His was answer was not this time. My other prayer was for Him to take her if this pain became unbearable and it did and He did thankfully, Praise God.

You see as Christians God gives us a direct line to communicate with Him and ask anything in His name, but there is always a caveat, “that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us” see verse below. You see, God does not give out Gold cards in that He gives us anything we ask for. If He did we would become spoiled irresponsible children. It must conform to His Will and I accept that because He and He alone is Perfect and we must trust His Perfect plan for our lives and future.

<sup>13</sup>“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. <sup>14</sup>**This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.** <sup>15</sup>**And if we know that He hears us *in* whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.”**  
**1 John 5:13-15**

Now, I don’t know about you, but I call people that use GPS all the time to get to a destination, **“LOST”** ☺ But, with God’s GPS you never will be lost because it is always consistently 100%. The Holy Spirit is always there;

“Teach me to do Your will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”  
Psalm 143:10

## **Grace**

### **Grace Is The Unmerited Favor Of God**

**8 “For by Grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, that no one should boast.”**  
**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**10: According to the Grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it.**  
**11: For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**  
**1 Corinthians 3:10-11**

<sup>2</sup>**Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**  
**Philippians 1:2**

### **Confidence in Prayer-Grace**

<sup>1</sup>PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who reside as aliens, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who are chosen

<sup>2</sup>according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: **May Grace and Peace be yours in fullest measure.**  
1 Peter 1:1–2 (NASB)

***“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.***

**Hebrews 4:16**

## **PEACE**

<sup>16</sup>“Now may the **Lord of Peace Himself** continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!”

2 Thessalonians 3:16 (NASB)

<sup>20</sup>**Now the God of peace**, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the eternal covenant, even Jesus our Lord,

<sup>21</sup>equip you in every good thing to do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.”

Hebrews 13:20–21 (NASB)

**4 “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!**

**5 Let your forbearing spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near.**

**6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.**

**7 And the Peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”.**

**Philippians 4:4-7**

“The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, Because he trusts in You.

Isaiah 26:3

“Teach me to do Your Will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”

Psalms 143:10

[ *Be Like Christ* ] “Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”

Philippians 2:1-2

# Strength

<sup>2</sup>“The LORD is my strength and song, And He has become my salvation; This is my God, and I will praise Him; My father’s God, and I will extol Him.  
Exodus 15:2 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> And He said unto me, My Grace is sufficient for thee: **for My strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV

<sup>7</sup>On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God.  
Psalm 62:7 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup>“Whoever speaks, let him speak, as it were, the utterances of God; whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”  
1 Peter 4:11 (NASB)

Paul wrote, “For when I am weak, then I am strong [in Christ]”  
2 Corinthians 12:10

**6 “Jesus \*said to him, “I am the Way, and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me. JOHN 14:6**

**25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies,**

**26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”**

**27 She \*said to Him, “Yes, Lord; I have believed that You are the Christ, the Son of God, even He who comes into the world.” JOHN 11:25-27**

[ *The LORD the Keeper of Israel.* ] [ *A Song of Ascents.* ] “I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; From where shall my help come? My help *comes* from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.”  
Psalm 121:1-2

“Even to *your* old age I will be the same, And even to *your* graying years I will bear *you*! I have done *it*, and I will carry *you*; And I will bear *you* and I will deliver *you*.”  
Isaiah 46:4

## Updated New Acronym GPSAH

**Grace**

**Peace**

**Strength**

**Assurance**

**Hope**

## Blessed Assurance

“Now faith is the <sup>a</sup>assurance of *things* hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For by it the men of old <sup>b</sup>gained approval. 3 By faith we understand that the <sup>a</sup>worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.” <sup>i</sup>  
Hebrews 11:1-3

“Even to *your* old age I will be the same, And even to *your* graying years I will bear *you!* I have done *it*, and I will carry *you*; And I will bear *you* and I will deliver *you.*”  
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“Teach me to do Your Will, For You are my God; Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.”  
Psalm 143:10

## Assurance Of Salvation

<sup>11</sup> **And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.**

<sup>12</sup> **He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.**

<sup>13</sup> **These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.**

**1 John 5:11-13**

## Hope

“Now may the **God of Hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”  
Romans 15:13

## Blessed Hope

12 “<sup>i</sup>instructing us to deny ungodliness and <sup>a</sup>worldly desires and <sup>b</sup>to live sensibly, righteously and godly <sup>s</sup>in the present age,

**13 looking for the Blessed Hope and the <sup>a</sup>appearing of the glory of <sup>b</sup>our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus”**

Titus 2:12–13

“And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, **hope**”  
Romans 5:3-4

## Living Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

**1 Peter 1:3**

**Blessed Be The God And Father Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who According To His Great Mercy Has Caused Us To Be Born Again To A Living Hope Through The Resurrection Of Jesus Christ From The Dead,**

**1 Peter 1:3**

### *Our Victory in Christ*

24 For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

26 And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; 27 and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

Romans 8:24-28

## **Blessed Assurance**

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.**

Sorrow can be a stepping stone to happiness as we discover God's faithfulness through challenging times. Psalm 55:22 says, "Cast your burden on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved."

If you have a sorrowful spirit, take your burdens to the Lord Jesus. He knows how to give us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3).

## **Grief Bible Verses**

**These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world."**

**John 16:33 (NASB)**

**Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

**Psalm 30:5**

**Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall.**

**Psalm 55:22**

**My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.**

**Psalm 119:50**

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

**Psalm 73:26**

**For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.**

**Lamentations 3:31-33**

**For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Romans 8:38-39**

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**

**Matthew 5:4**

**So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy.**

**John 16:22**

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<sup>i</sup> *New American Standard Bible*. (1986). (electronic edition., Heb 11:1–3). La Habra, CA: The Lockman Foundation.