

1 Corinthians 11:27-28

“Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”

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**GENESIS 12:1-3 & 22:15-18**

**All the Families of the Earth Blessed**

Abraham: The Father of All Who Believe (Romans 4:11)

# Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.



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# Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.



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GENESIS 12-16 (12:1-3 & 22:15-18)

# All the Families of the Earth Blessed

Flourish: grow or develop in a healthy or vigorous way,  
especially as the result of a particularly favorable environment

Our relationship with God is critical & life-giving.

Our relationship with brothers & sisters in Christ is important.

Our relationship with the lost & lostness is God's plan.

**Think big. Start small.** Go slow. Build deep.

# GENESIS 12-16

Know that you are being pursued by God & relish it!

God is gracious to call us shape us use us and give us direction!

God is patient and provides His grace so that we can:

keep working, keep growing,  
keep confessing & keep repenting.

Practice a deep, abiding trust in the loving, living God,  
peacemaking & affirming one another in the LORD.

Genesis 12:1 “Now the Lord said to Abram,

“**Go** forth from your country,

And from your relatives

And from your father’s house,

To the land which I will show you;

2 And **I will make you a great nation,**

**And I will bless you,**

And make your name great;

And so **you shall be a blessing;**

3 And I will bless those who bless you,

And the one who curses you I will curse.

**And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”**

Genesis 22:15 Then the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, 16 and said, “By Myself I have sworn, declares the Lord, because you have done this thing and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 indeed I will greatly bless you, and **I will greatly multiply your seed** as the stars of the heavens and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your seed shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 **In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,** because you have obeyed My voice.”

## Psalm 89

1 I will sing of the lovingkindness of the Lord forever;  
To all generations I will make known Your faithfulness  
with my mouth.

2 For I have said, “Lovingkindness will be built up forever;  
In the heavens You will establish Your faithfulness.”

3 “I have made a covenant with My chosen;  
I have sworn to David My servant,

**4 I will establish your seed forever**

**And build up your throne to all generations.” Selah.**

John 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see My day, and he saw it and was glad.” 57 So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, **before Abraham was born, I am.**” 59 Therefore they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple...

John 17:5 Now, Father, **glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.** 6 “I have manifested Your name to the men whom You gave Me out of the world; they were Yours and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word.

Galatians 3:6 Even so Abraham BELIEVED GOD, AND IT WAS RECKONED TO HIM AS RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 Therefore, be sure that it is those who are of faith who are sons of Abraham. 8 **The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU.”** 9 So then those who are of faith are blessed with Abraham, the believer...

16 Now **the promises** were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as referring to many, but rather to one, “And to your seed,” that is, **Christ**.

1 Peter 1:22 Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart, 23 for **you have been born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, **through the living and enduring word of God.**

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**We are working together toward a day when...**

Revelation 7:9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; 10 and they cry out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."



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PRACTICAL APPLICATION:

**By grace, act on and pass on the promises of God!**

**Be the church and carry out the purposes of God!**

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“[T]he Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me’”  
(1 Corinthians 11:23-24).

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“In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me’” (1 Corinthians 11:25).

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