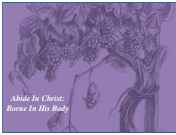
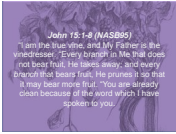


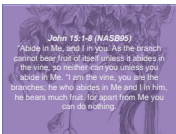
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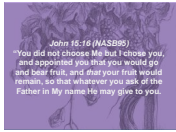
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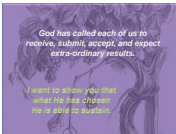
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Abide In Christ: Borne In His Body
He carried me!

John 15:1-8 (NASB95) “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

John 15:16 (NASB95) “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

John 15 clearly defines the abiding life.
Jesus Christ chose and appointed us to abide in Him and bear fruit.

God has called each of us to receive, submit, accept, and expect extra-ordinary results.

- His grace will be worked into us.***
- His mercy will be our portion.***
- His love will overcome our weakness.***
- His joy will remain and be made full.***

Before we can enjoy the riches of the blessing that is in Christ we must realize our need of His help.

Have you recognized your need?

Do you need healing?

Do you need sins forgiven?

Do you need grace to help in your time of need?

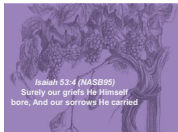
I want to show you that what He has chosen He is able to sustain.

I need a practical relationship with God.

I don't need a theoretical lesson.

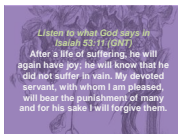
I need help.

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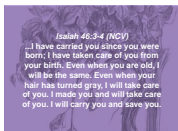
Isaiah 53:4 (NASB95) Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried

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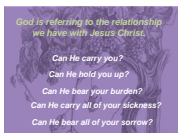
Listen to what God says in Isaiah 53:11 (GNT) After a life of suffering, he will again have joy; he will know that he did not suffer in vain. My devoted servant, with whom I am pleased, will bear the punishment of many and for his sake I will forgive them.

#8



Isaiah 46:3-4 (NCV) ...I have carried you since you were born; I have taken care of you from your birth. Even when you are old, I will be the same. Even when your hair has turned gray, I will take care of you. I made you and will take care of you. I will carry you and save you.

#9



God is referring to the relationship we have with Jesus Christ.

He has carried us like the vine carries the branch.

Can He carry you?

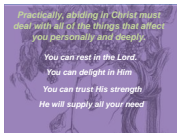
Can He hold you up?

Can He bear your burden?

Can He carry all of your sickness?

Can He bear all of your sorrow?

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*He is large enough to carry us.
 He is great enough to bear our burden.
 He is strong enough to carry our sickness and sorrow.*

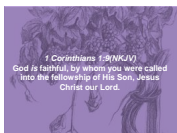
Practically, abiding in Christ must deal with all of the things that affect you personally and deeply.

*You can rest in the Lord.
 You can delight in Him.
 You can trust His strength.
 He will supply your need.*

You cannot know the rest, delight, trust, or supply that is in Christ until you abide in Him.

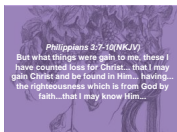
*This is a two-way communication.
 We must come to fellowship Him.*

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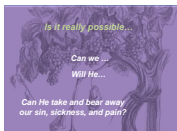
1 Corinthians 1:9(NKJV) God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

#12



Philippians 3:7-10(NKJV) But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ... that I may gain Christ and be found in Him... having... the righteousness which is from God by faith...that I may know Him...

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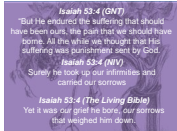


Is it really possible for us to partake of His grace and goodness?

*Can we really abide in Him?
 Will He take us in?
 Can He take and bear away our sin, sickness, and pain?
 Can we receive His Righteousness?
 Can we receive His Healing?
 Can we live in His Joy?*

***Can you know His Salvation?
Can you enjoy His cleanliness and purity?
Can you partake of His sanctification?***

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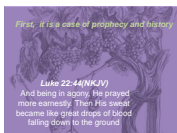
Isaiah 53:4 (GNT) “But he endured the suffering that should have been ours, the pain that we should have borne. All the while we thought that his suffering was punishment sent by God.

Isaiah 53:4 (NIV) Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows

Isaiah 53:4(The Living Bible) Yet it was *our* grief he bore, *our* sorrows that weighed him down.

Look at this from the Lord's standpoint.

#15



First, it is a case of prophecy and history.

Christ has borne and carried our sin, sickness, and sorrow.

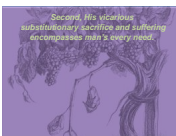
He was not carrying His sin, sickness, pain, or distress. His grief was vicarious in nature and content.

Luke 22:44(NKJV) And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

This was an effect caused by the agony of our sorrow. The penalty of crucifixion was determined on Him in payment for our great need. This cannot be erased from the historical record.

Jesus suffered, died, and arose from the grave for every person who believes.

#16



Second, His vicarious substitutionary sacrifice and suffering encompasses every need of man.

This is not limited to any one area of your being. Christ's suffering engages every attack on you. He suffered for every pain and sorrow. He suffered for every sickness and depression. Every event of life falls under the scope of His vicarious sacrifice.

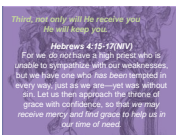
Who or What can separate you from the love of Christ?

His love is extended to every area of your body, soul, and spirit.

Christ came into this world with the express purpose to provide salvation for the total man.

He came to express the full love of God for you.

#17



Third, not only will He receive you He will keep you.

There is no problem, sickness, or disturbance that affects you which does not affect Him.

He is moved with the feeling of our infirmity.

What does that mean?

He is touched with the feeling of our infirmity?

Hebrews 4:15-17(NIV) For we ***do not*** have a high priest who is ***unable*** to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who ***has been*** tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that ***we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.***

It is hard to believe this some times.

We have fallen short and have failed.

The Bible just told you that He has been tempted in every way we have.

He personally knows how you feel.

The vine and the branch are equally exposed.

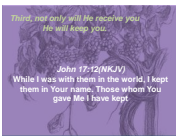
The difference in Christ is the absence of sin.

He took the blame, the penalty, and the shame of sin, but He knew no sin.

He is still able to take you and bear you up.

He is able to keep you.

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John 17:12(NKJV) While I was with them in the world, I kept them in Your name. Those whom You gave Me I have kept;

That sounds good.

When He was in the world, He was able to keep them.

He was able to heal, restore, and set them free.

He was able to minister to all of their need.

If Jesus were only here right now for you!

What can He do for you now?

Is there any hope or help today?

Can Christ keep you in your situation?

Can He help and keep in times of depression?

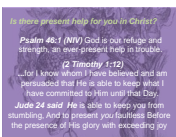
Can He help and keep in times of grief?

Can He help and keep in times of sorrow?

Can He help and keep in times of sickness?

Can He help and keep in times of suffering?

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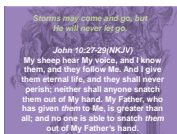
Is there present help for you in Christ?

All of the way back in the Old Testament the Sons of Korah sang: Psalm 46:1 (NIV) God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Paul told Timothy ...for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day. (2 Timothy 1:12)

Jude 24 said He is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy

#19



Storms may come and go, but He will never let go.

John 10:27-29(NKJV) My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch them out of My Father's hand.

He does more for us than hold us securely.

We are blessed with every blessing in Him.

*Ephesians 1:3(NKJV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, **Philippians 4:19(NKJV)** And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

This is so good it is almost incomprehensible.

He has borne me in His body.