

Level Playing Ground II

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GOD'S GREATEST GIFT IS ETERNAL LIFE, Salvation to all People. God said ⁹ "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your **heart** that you **believe** and are **justified**, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved (**Romans 10:9, NIV**).

Just think, the most important lifetime Goal, aspiration, victory, dream, achievement, desire or even the highest degree of success that all people will ever achieve is FREE! God designed the gift of Eternal Life this way so no man /woman would **compete** nor attempt to out do the other as our fleshy/competitive nature dictates we do most of the time.

Human beings feel the need to compete for everything. Many of us **view ourselves** by what we own or don't own as it relates to worldly treasures. Many people measure God's Love for us in the material sense by what we have or do not have.

Jesus died on the Cross for our sins. Then, being such a Gracious Savior, He turned all the suffering and humiliation He experienced on the cross into a Blessing that all people could obtain at NO COST.

By a "Simple confession of Faith", God placed all of us on Equal, Level playing ground. According to Merriam-Webster dictionary, The definition of *level* is having no part higher than another. So in essence that means that **we don't have to compete**. God loves **all** people, all of His creations. Set our minds on what God gave us, a **Precious, unearned gift**, a Chance at Eternal Life.

Money, houses and land are nice thing to possess. Don't measure your importance to God because you have these possessions or because you do not have these possessions. Possessions can be stolen, destroyed, etc., but **NONE** have the power to take away the **Gift of Eternal Life** that God Promised to everyone that confesses Him as Lord and Savior.

When we begin to measure who we are by our Eternal destination, then we can Praise God. Thank Him, and hold our heads up high. This is a **perfect** measure of God's True love for all people, not how many worldly things we possess. Remember you can't take money or possessions with you to your grave, nor can you take them to Heaven. It is this Counselor's Prayer that you may realize just how unimportant are **material things**. Take into consideration our **FREE GIFT** of Eternal Life is *forever*. **From earth to Glory, Forever**. Possessions are nice to have, but possessions can in the blink of an eye be destroyed by natural disaster, stolen, or lost. You will realize that God's Love in the form of His Son, Jesus Christ, His Death, Resurrection from the dead, and the Gift of Salvation, is the most Precious Gift. **A Gift beyond Measure**.

Try to achieve all we can in the ways of houses, money and land. Remember the Greatest Gift is already ours. It was purchased with a **HIGH PRICE** and is **FREE** of charge. Our Lord and Savior offers this Gift to all that confess and believe that He is Lord and Savior. **Jesus Paid our Debts in Full on Calvary's Cross**.

All we need to do is keep His Commandment. Remember love is not measured by what you have, but measured by The Gift of Eternal Life, Promised to every Living Soul. Don't let **Satan** tell you that God loves you less because of what you don't have and more because of

what you do have. Money does not buy happiness it merely buys things. Remember what Jesus said when He said goodbye to His disciples? "Let not your heart be troubled: yet believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know (John 14:1-4).

Eternal Life is Free to those that Confess and Believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior. I Believe that God set it up this way because He knew that the rich, the strong, the smarter people would try to out do the lowly and the poor and middle class. You cannot work or buy your way into Heaven; God said not by work so no man could boast. ⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: ⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast **Ephesians 2:8-9 KJV**. **Ephesians 2: 9 not** by works, so that no one can boast (NIV). God Knew we would try and complete. This Loving Sacrifice God made put **ALL** people on **LEVEL PLAYING GROUND**. Hold your head up high, we are Royalty because we are children of The King. Yes children of the Master wait on the Lord. Trust in Him; confess Him as the Only True and Living God. Read His Word to find out for you just how much He loves us ALL.

Mark 10: 23-31 the rich young man ¹⁷**As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. Good teacher, he asked, what must I do to inherit Eternal Life?** ¹⁸**Why do you call me good? Jesus answered. No one is good except God alone.**

¹⁹You know the commandments: Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother. ²⁰Teacher, he declared, all these I have kept since I was a boy. ²¹Jesus looked at him and loved him. One thing you lack, he said. Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow Me. ²²At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. ²³Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. ²⁴The disciples were amazed at His words. Jesus said again, Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God? ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. ²⁶The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, who then can be saved? ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God. ²⁸Peter said to him, We have left everything to follow you. ²⁹I tell you the truth, Jesus replied, no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age (homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields--and with them, persecutions) and in the age to come, **Eternal Life**. ³¹Many who are first will be last, and the last first.