

# The Five Solutions (S<sup>5</sup>) for Handling Everything in Life (Allowed, Accepted, Adjusted, Answered and Aware)

A VFC Victory Visual: # 79 Short *Every present problem is a possibility with a precise promise to more powerfully perceive your path to the Presence of our Perfecter.* by Dr. H.D. McCarty  
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## The Promise

*No matter what happens on earth – no matter what circumstances are yours – by “putting”<sup>1</sup> them in Christ you can spiritually appropriate and incarnate His Five Solutions for “every issue” of your life. In Christ you already possess the empowerment to find meaning and mastery over every matter, be it the worst or best! By “putting” His Mind in charge of your mind you will discover how He makes this happen! “Come ... take ... learn of Me ... find My rest.” (Matt. 11:29)*

The Savior promises His solutions to our every challenge, if we will hear His Voice and discern His Mind, Heart, and Mission. You cannot listen perfectly, nor will you learn “it all,” but you can grasp “enough” to overcome, either immediately or gradually, “all” the situations that you encounter. This experiential process will deliver both gain and pain, but, out of it, you will learn to reign! (Rom. 5:17) We can eventually possess His path of resolution and release from every earth burden and human bondage. This promise is our when we authentically recognize that our supreme purpose in being alive is to become like Jesus Christ! Striving and sacrificing to achieve that single goal, on a minute by minute basis, will redeem, balance, and handle every other issue in life! We need big problems if we are to succeed in big ways! This is one of the main reasons the Lord “allows us” our problems, be they few or many, fresh of continuing!

First, Christian overcoming is not getting your way about your circumstances! Rather, it is receiving “cross truth” through your circumstances on how the Lord is increasingly getting His way in you! This is the ultimate point of being a Disciple – your renewal, restoration, and release into the Godhead’s Image! This will result in His glory and pleasure as well as transforming you! Everything else in life is secondary, trivial, or irrelevant. Our primary calling in life is accomplished when we pursue and embrace “identification experiences” with the Savior’s incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and exaltation (ICRE)!

Only when Christ is everything to us does everything in our life translate into both present and eternal meaning. Comprehending “His meanings” will bring “His resolutions” to everything that touches us! This includes washing the dishes, mowing the yard, bathing the baby, loving your spouse, experiencing rejection, exhaustion at your job, extreme financial pressure, watching TV, taking a vacation, facing an operation, having a child with drug addiction, birth of a grandchild, a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, etc. – everything! Christ Jesus can and will “put His own fingers” or the “finger of God” on everything in our life if we listen for and yield to His voice! (Mark 7:33; Luke 11:20) Learning what it authentically and experientially means to be and live “in Christ” will reveal the illusions and enigmas in us and around us and above us. This discernment will enable us to turn them into positive and ultimate Godhead solutions! With the Mind of Christ we can wisely and triumphantly endure the ravages, confusion, chaos, and complexities of this fallen earth! We need not allow “our sins to use us” and to make us pawns of the flesh through faulty thinking! Rather “we use our sins” as grace lessons to make us mentally free warriors of the Spirit. (Eph. 6:10-20)

## The Process

As we give “cross pursuit” to this daunting ambition, we will gain, through the Spirit’s gifting, fresh exposure, involvement, and intimacy with our Messiah’s transcendent and transforming Presence! (John 16:5-15) This demands from each of us practice and skill in seeking the Mind of Christ. (Phil. 2:1-11) How our growth process actually comes together is a mystery for the present. Let us be content to both “work out our own salvation” and to know “God is working out His will in us” at the same time! (Phil. 2:12-13) We must increasingly embrace our own hard “cross lessons” as well as our comforting “resurrection revelations” that come from the Lord.<sup>2</sup> Internalizing and living out our own four realities of being (ICRE above) will bring

authentic Jesus Presence into our daily duties, deeds, and desires. Incarnation asks you on a daily basis “who am I?” Crucifixions reveal the cross price we must pay to discover the revelations and releases of our Redeemer. Resurrections (overcoming) are our confirmation that the Lord Jesus truly is our Way, our Truth, and our Life on a daily and even minute by minute basis. Exaltations (or vindication) are our experiential proof, connection, and assurance for “now” and our expectational confidence for “then” that Messiah Jesus is our sovereign Lord of truth and promise. Both life and death experiences can and should reveal to us our eternal inclusion in the Father's promised future Kingdom! (Isa. 53:10-12; Rom. 8:31-39; II Cor. 1:8-11, 4:16-18) Please read, ponder, and heed these verses. We must vigorously seek to comprehend how our life is and is becoming what the Father intends it to be because we are “in Christ”!

Remember, too much blessing can dangerously diminish us just as well as too much buffeting! (II Cor. 12:7) Our Heavenly Lord will use both to make us like Himself. Knowing His “grace and truth”<sup>3</sup> in depth is always our immediate redemptive answer to each and every matter that confronts us. He will guide us into all the cross we can take but will never allow too much cross that would make us break! Let the message of I Corinthians 10:6-13, especially verse 13, sink deep into your mind and heart! We are never tested more than we can endure; there is always a way through it or above it or out of it or patience to endure it! We have a kind, compassionate, understanding, and gentle Lord! Confess all of your sins – the big one and the little ones! He knows them anyway! Put them quickly under His “cross” blood of sacrifice! Start fresh again every day, and then get on with the Christian Life! Learn the maturity and thrill of being His “cross-resurrection” Disciple! (Lam. 3:18-32, especially verses 22-23; Rom. 8:9-11)

Once the Master confirms that our genuine life ambition is to become His praising cross servants of “love and reality” (grace and truth), we will receive His power answers on a regular basis. Don't focus on your failures, or you will be overwhelmed. Don't focus on your successes, else you will become over proud. Focus only on the S<sup>5</sup> example of Jesus, and you will overcome! The Savior Himself accepted what the Father allowed. He adjusted to it, answered the challenges, and was always aware of the Father's Voice and Presence. Fresh strength, energy, and power are immediate when we “believingly comprehend” what His grace and truth have done and are sovereignly doing in our life – past, present, and future! With this default position you are more than adequate to face anything. Fear, anxiety, and pride will be diminished and you will increasingly become hilariously sufficient and secure in your closeness to “Jesus only.” (Matt. 17:6; Phil. 4:10-13) The Greek here in Philippians 4:11 and 12 gives fantastic insight. Paul is saying that “contentment”<sup>4</sup> means believing and knowing that Christ has made you more than enough, adequate, sufficient “... for whatever you experience”!

In our valid “grace and truth” moments we either taste briefly or drink deeply of the impactful and delivering awareness of the Master's Purpose, Power, and Presence. In these releasing revelational and Holy Spirit encounters we find ourselves miraculously enabled not only to experience personal contentment but to have a compulsion to share His wondrous promises and relaxing comfort with others! (Isa. 53:10-12; II Cor. 1:3-4) Discovering and appropriating being “with Him because He is with you” is the supreme and utmost “purpose event” of our existence. His Presence with us is confirmation to our minds, hearts, and actions that we are moving forward in uncovering and recognizing with precision more and more of His earthly and eternal destinies for our lives! “Surely, I Am with you always (now) to the very end of the age (then)!” (Matt. 28:20b) “I Am gentle and humble in heart ... I will give you rest for your souls ... so come ... take ... learn ... and find ...” (Jesus in Matt. 11:28-29) What we “find” is our Lord's S<sup>5</sup> key that opens the door to the most fulfilling possibilities for our life journey and adventure. The pearl of great price is “finding the path to Christ's promises and power and then celebrating in His deliverance.” (Matt. 13:44) To come is to have a continuous “prayer seek” dialogue with Jesus! To take is to assume personal “cross bearing” responsibility for His desires in you and for others. To learn is to exchange “your mind thinking” for “His Mind Thinking”! To find is to relish and savor the mysterious yet real Presence and companionship of Jesus over all other realities! His “insights” drawn into our minds about reality truly “light up our life.”

“My God turns darkness into light.” (Psalm 18:28) “In your light we see light.” (Psalm 36:9) “Your Word [insight] is ... a light for my path.” (Psalm 119:105) I offer you my Five Solutions as a Biblical path to His Light! Darkness, deception, and despair cannot hold us very long if we “cross struggle” to be His warrior of light and life in this groaning creation. (Psalm 18:28-39; Rom. 8:22-27) If we continue to increase our knowledge of His Word, His insights, and give attentiveness to His Voice, we will be joyfully captured by the light of His truth and His freedom! (John 8:31-32) We will feel the pressures, problems, penalties, pains, and perditions of this fallen world until we die. Yet “in Christ” they cannot defeat us. They may hurt us, but they will never harm us! They only slow us down! With the light of the Savior’s Mind we have the “solution path” for every “sin hit” that afflicts us! (II Cor. 2:14-16)

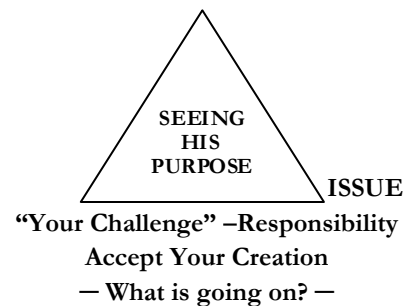
**I See Five Sequential Solutions to Appropriate from Jesus About “Every Matter” We Encounter We Can Handle Everything When We learn the Mind of Christ**

We Learn that the Father has **ALLOWED** “every Matter” in Mercy (Rom. 11:32) Think Love Purpose!  
 We Learn that we are to **ACCEPT** “every Matter” by Faith (Heb. 11:6) Think Trust Perception!  
 We Learn that we must **ADJUST** to “every Matter” through Praise (II Cor. 7:4) Think Relax Immediately!  
 We Learn that we can then **ANSWER** “every Matter” with Power (I Peter 3:13-17) Think Overcome Always!  
 We Learn that we can be more **AWARE** in “every Matter” of His Presence (II Tim. 4:16-18) Think Joy Now!

**A “Graphic Theology”<sup>5</sup> Model of the Five Solutions (S<sup>5</sup>)  
 (Purpose, Perception, Praise, Power, Presence)**

**Solution I: God Allows in Mercy – Because He Purposes to Love Us!**

Every “Issue” or “Matter” that comes into our lives can reveal both our propensity for evil and sin and the Lord’s power to forgive and restore. Our most basic understanding about our issues and every other “matter” that concerns us should be this: that the Father has **ALLOWED** every event or situation through His sovereignty to show us the depth of His merciful pity and compassion for our condition in order to reveal His love purpose for OUR redemption! Meditate on the implications of Romans 11:32, “God has let all mankind become prisoners of disobedience in order to show His kind of mercy to them all!” Unless He can use a circumstance to expose and achieve His higher mysterious purposes, He would not have **ALLOWED** mankind’s flawed lower purposes and conditions to become an **ISSUE** in your life. His intentions for allowing – either through blessing issues or buffeting issues – is to qualify our faith so that He might pour more of His LOVE-MERCY into our hearts! (Rom. 5:1-5) The Father allows our bondages so that we will radically learn our desperate need as well as His delivering mercy – His initiatives of love! Every issue of our life is a challenge to, first, see and, then, assume the responsibility of learning, obeying, and receiving His mercy. “Everything” that comes into your experience may not have been caused by Him, but, for His Own reasons, He has **ALLOWED** the circumstances in our life. “Everything” happening to you can be used by Him for your good and His glory! (Jer. 29:10-14; Luke 4:14-2) “Even His Son had to learn obedience (to reality’s truth) by what He suffered.” (Heb. 5:8) Whatever the Lord has **ALLOWED** to take place in your life is an open door through which you can walk to find His mercy, love, truth, and reality!



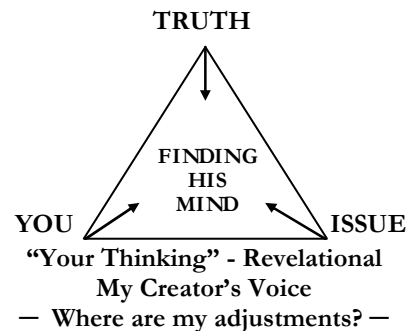
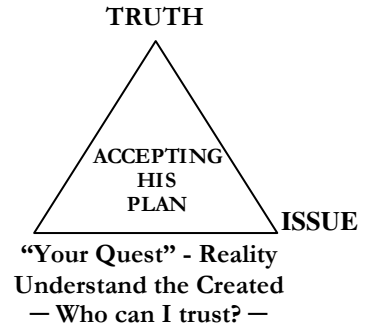
## **Solution II: We Accept by Faith – Because We Can Find and Trust His Perceptions!**

We have three options on how to deal with the apparent realities of our Issues. A person can either 1) **accept** them by faith-acts toward Jesus or 2) **face** them in weak flesh energy or 3) **deny** them in futility as if they don't exist. Our only mature Jesus response is to **ACCEPT** the truth by faith-action that all of our issues have been intentionally **ALLOWED** by the sovereignty of the Father. This is exactly what the Savior demonstrated – He accepted and trusted the truth and purpose that the Father had allowed – “even the cross”! This faith **ACCEPTANCE** teaches us who we are, what the world isn't, and what truth can be! The goal is for us to make a Messiah response toward the sad realities of our fallen world. To do so necessitates urgently receiving the promise of His overcoming grace energy. Just because He allows your specific issues doesn't mean He planned them all for you or even desired them. He knew in advance all you would do but released you to freely decide for yourself as a way of teaching you His better way! Yet the Savior always reveals His redemptive purposes to us and for us through whatever means He chooses. All of our issues, obediences, and disobediences, whatever their source, will grow our faith-trust responses when we remain open to His guiding Voice! We gain this rich “energy-knowledge” by seeking, listening, discovering and **ACCEPTING** – FAITHING – all of our issues as tests and lessons through which He shows and teaches us His **TRUTH** of liberation and empowerment!

These authentic and liberating exposures to Godhead reality will expand our vision possibilities as we surrender (yield) to His Spirit, search (study) the Scriptures, and seek (pursue) our own cross Sacrifice.<sup>6</sup> (Rom. 4:18-25) Our constant quest in life should be to discover the reality of God's truth for all of our issues, circumstances, and challenges! This is the only way we can counter the lies of a sin crippled world while blocking and breaking up the intentions and set-ups of the Evil One! (I John 3:7-10) The grace-habit of FAITH ACCEPTANCE – seeing, trusting and embracing the manifestations and mysteries of His purposes and promises – will change “everything” about our life and our “garden” responsibilities! (Psalm 119; II Cor. 5:14-19; Gen. 2:15)

## **Solution III: We Adjust through Praise – Because We Can Relax!**

Once you **ACCEPT** your circumstances correctly (knowing they were **ALLOWED** by the Father so that you could experience His fuller mercy), your mind is spiritually ready for praise **ADJUSTMENT**. You become convinced that there is a lifting, overcoming, and eternal purpose “hidden” in whatever is happening to you! It is only the “gratitude of **PRAISE**” that allows us to discover this “freeing and releasing” **TRUTH** about the Father's intent for each of our issues. “Open my eyes that I may see wondrous things from Your truth,” cried the Psalmist. (Ps. 119:18; John 8:31-32) Cross Disciples increasingly find that their perceptions, mindsets, and attitudes are being significantly and realistically corrected, channeled, and changed about everything! (Phil. 2:1-11) Understanding the Savior's **LOVE ALLOWANCES** and increasing your FAITH ACCEPTINGS will enable you to realign yourself toward all your issues by **PRAISE ADJUSTING**. You can joyfully learn to more quickly relax about every circumstance that impacts you! Why? Because you know that whatever comfort or crisis is presently yours is only temporary! You are possessed by a deep conviction that it can be used for your own spiritual profit, the Father's pleasure and glory, and transform you into a “spiritual healer” as you relate to others! Ponder deeply Isaiah 53:10-12! None of us can escape the omnipotence and supremacy of these incredible words of our Lord's Mind if we dare to claim that our goal in life is to follow in His steps!

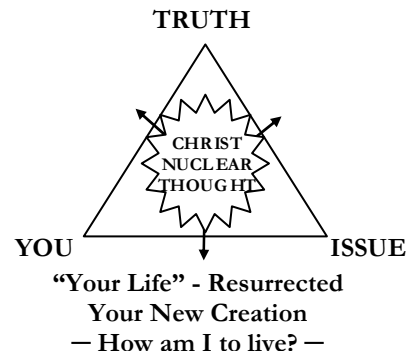


These words of revelation, to me, are the most amazing and magnificent in all of Scripture! My mind and heart – and yours – should be flooded with fresh desire, awe, and praise! Our eyes should be opened to comprehend and experience more of the brilliance and elegance of Christ Jesus as “He saw the light of life and was satisfied.” “The will of the Lord prospered in the Savior’s hand because He poured out His life unto death.” Those who love Jesus will seek to emulate the way He walked and talked on the earth. The staggering wonder is that He has actually called and empowered you and me to take up our cross and follow him. Remember, **PRAISE ADJUSTMAENT** that is fragrant and prevailing is not based on circumstances. Authentic root **PRAISE** is sourced in what the Lord is revealing to you about Himself and His transforming purposes for your life! As the Lord’s desire to change and mold you become clearer and compelling, your heart is increasingly transfixed by His love destiny for your life! Your three creation realities (issues, truth, and self) will merge into one idea (a Christ Nuclear Thought) and begin conforming your mind to the Godhead’s Mind! (Rom. 8:28-39) To think as Christ thought and thinks will bring rest, relentlessness, and relaxation to our souls regardless of our circumstances. (Heb. 3:7-19)

To really see and experience what Christ is “up to” in your life always results in **PRAISE!** Those Disciples who will not or cannot live in **PRAISE** betray their blindness to the eternal purposes, triumphant planning, and exhilarating promises of the Messiah. Those who continually offer Jesus their **PRAISE**, regardless of the circumstances, are enlightened and empowered on how to bring “everything” before them into positive balance! (Heb. 13:12-16) “Let not your heart be troubled...” is not a suggestion by Jesus but a command! It is an imperative in the Greek and has the force of telling us to “Quit Worrying!” “Stop your fretting!” “Get over your anxiety!” Clearly, the Savior is telling us He is handling things, and He wants us to “relax” and believe what He says! (John 14:1) Knowing, thinking, and trusting Christ’s thoughts is the greatest relaxer on earth! The Messiah Himself declared that one of the high reasons He came to earth to save us was to “... provide us with a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair ...”! (Isa. 61:1-3)

**Solution IV: We Answer with Power – Because We Can Always Overcome!**

The balanced merging of the issues, the truth, and the self will result in the creation of a single Triune Thinking Decision<sup>7</sup> (a Christ Nuclear Thought<sup>8</sup>). This is the first major step our minds can take to begin glimpsing and grasping the sweeping, reconciling energy of the Savior’s love, teaching, cross, work, authority, and mission, “... God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself ...” (II Cor. 5:19) What could this mean but that the Lord Jesus (the Truth—John 14:6) loved all the desperately drifting people of earth (the you—Rom. 5:8) and did what was necessary to give them His righteousness and restore them from “falling short of the glory of God” (the issue—Rom. 3:21-24).



The Triune Thinker at first takes “baby steps,” which grow to “big strides,” and, eventually, to “giant leaps” in filling his or her mind with the delivering Oneness of the Mind of Christ! (Eph. 1:7-14) We can trace the energy in our **POWER ANSWERS** to the spiritual vitality, precision, and frequency of our Christ Nuclear Thoughts. We are progressively enabled to access the mysteries of life with His Mind, possess the liberation zeal of His Heart, and, then, to express the compassion of His Desires toward His created ones and His creation. We see our own life becoming a reflection of the Mind, Marrow, and Mission of Messiah Jesus!

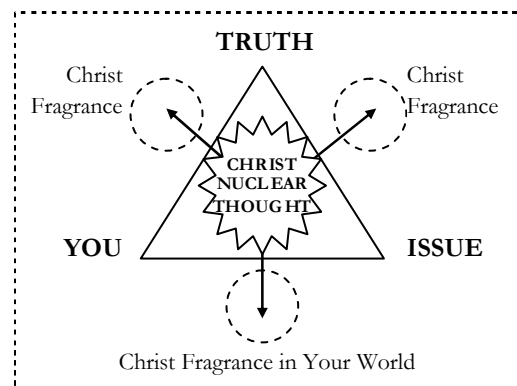
The “grace and truth” of His Mind in your mind fires and directs your attitudes, passions, and actions! (Rom. 8:9-21; John 1:14-18) Combining who you think and know you are, with what your issues seem to be and really are, and with why His Truth is at work in you and the world the way it is, opens your eyes to the stunning fullness of His revelation. Ponder Paul’s prayer in Ephesians 1:15-23 with deepening awe! “I pray the eyes of your heart will be enlightened ... that you will understand the expectations and privileges of His invitation ... the wealth, benefits, and riches of His significant possessions in which His own, even you, can

participate, and, above all, the surpassing and vast power available to us who will believe all He says ....” (HDM, Greek) Christ Nuclear Thoughts enable and empowers you to find, experience, and demonstrate “resurrection response” in your thinking and living. In short, **POWER ANSWERS!** You seek to act and react in all things in such a way that the Father is always pleased with your growth and grasp. It is then you literally and experientially start becoming and living daily as an overcomer! This happens now – in your minutes and hours– today – in the midst of a dying world! (Rom. 8:11; Phil. 3:11) Thinking with Christ’s Mind will put “everything” we deal with under our overcoming control, and it matters little to you whether it brings prosperity or calamity so long as the cross is carried. (Jer. 32, especially verses 17-19, 26-27 and 42; Rom. 8:9-11)

When you and Christ Jesus think “exactly” alike, He shows you where to find the Father’s “default,” “preset,” or “fixed” position of righteousness! This will always result in a gradual or immediate **POWER ANSWER** for every life question confronting you. He will always tell us what we need to know, when we need it, and how we need to receive and use it if we are listening with ears attached to a mind and heart of PRAISE! To most fully “live for Christ” is to learn most fully why “Christ died for you”! Experiencing that bit of truth is **the Savior’s POWER ANSWER** to everything! You actually live out Philippians 3:10-11! “That I may know Him – His resurrection power; sharing His sufferings; dying as He needs me too; experiencing His overcoming Life!” In short, there is a fresh and continual “eternal potency” that creates the fragrance of Jesus around your life!

**Solution V: We are Aware of His Presence – Because of Our Confident Joy!**

Once Christ Nuclear Thoughts begin to mold and dominate your thinking, emotions, and actions (mind, marrow, and mission), you qualify to increasingly fill **Your Little Life** with the inner and outer evidence of **AWARENESS OF HIS PRESENCE!** His **POWER ANSWERS** flood your mind and heart and eventually resolve and/or solve all of your temporary earth issues. You become “mission proficient” in eventually bringing “Jesus answers” to every thought and circumstance both for yourself and others! You comprehend and experience more and more of His “grace and truth” fullness, regardless of your situation being positive or negative. (John 1:14-18; Phil. 4:10-20) Your adoration of the Lord Jesus excels! This knowledge of “I Am with you” reveals to you and then reflects on others the sweet and compelling magnificence of the Messiah Mind, Heart, and Mission of the Savior. You are thrilled and fulfilled as you plant “your own seed” of the stimulating and breathtaking “love-wisdom” of Messiah Jesus throughout your own little world. (II Cor. 9:8-11)



**“Your Mission” - Released  
Being a “Creator” Disciple  
— What am I to die for? —**

Amazingly and gratefully the Father purposes to use us to manifest the splendor of His love and the aroma of an overcoming life! We must see ourselves as planters of His grace and truth (love and reality). “God leads us to spread everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ!” (II Cor. 2:14-17) In essence, He really is with us and we know it! **AWARENESS OF HIS PRESENCE** makes “everything else” secondary! (Psalm 16:11, 21:6; Hosea 6:1-3; I John 3:19) The first and fundamental principal of our life is to see the glory of God in the Face of Jesus Christ! (Psalm 4:6, 27:8, 105:4, 137; II Cor. 4:6) “Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord’s Presence is your strength.” (Neh. 8:10) “You are making known to me the path of life; You are filling me with joy in Your Presence; You are delighting me with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.” Note: The Path = (way), The Presence = (truth), The Pleasures = (life). It’s exciting to see that John 14:6 reflects the New Covenant revelation of the Old Covenant promise of Psalm 16:11! What a wondrous Savior we truly have! He has given us His fivefold solution and/or resolution to everything we experience.

And think of it! He will walk with us as He walks us into the light where we will find every redemptive answer we need! Hallelujah!

### **“You are the Light of the World!”**

*“The strength of those who **ACCEPT BY FAITH** what I have **ALLOWED IN MERCY** cannot be hidden! **BY ADJUSTING** to every circumstance **IN PRAISE** and **ANSWERING** every challenge **WITH POWER**, others will see the light of your own “Messiah resurrection actions.” In exalting the light I have given you, many will be drawn to the compelling significance of the Heavenly Father’s brilliance and wonder! See to it that the light you have shines strongly and continually! Let it clearly and lovingly clash with the darkness in others so that they can be awakened to My Thrilling and Holy Desires. It is then that they, too, can become transformationally **AWARE of My Prevailing PRESENCE!** It is then that they can **drink most deeply of the Promises of our Father in heaven!**” (Matt. 5:14-16, paraphrased by HDM) “Just as the Father sent Me [to give My light to reflect Him], so I am sending you [to give your light to reflect Me]!” (John 17:18, 20:21) “I Am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will be possessing the light and the illumination I give about everything!” (John 8:12) “... His light has shined in our hearts ...” (II Cor. 4:6) “... now you are light in the Lord.” (Eph. 5:8) “You are all children of the light ...” (I Thess. 5:5) And again, the Savior’s stunning declaration – confronting every Cross Disciple with desperate delight – “You are the light of the world.” (Matt. 5:14-16) Mastering the Five Solutions (S<sup>5</sup>) will maximize the wattage power and luminous brilliance of our “Jesus Light” as we put it on the highest hill possible for His glory and significance!*

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### **END NOTES**

<sup>1</sup> See *VFC Resource #1: The Doctrine of Put*.

<sup>2</sup> “Cross truth” must always be central to our experience of discipleship. It is impossible to be a Truth Agent without cross taking! According to Jesus only those who accept and carry His cross will find His Truth and His Life. (Luke 9:23) It is essential that we learn to recognize and embrace these “crucifixion opportunities.” Only as we do so will we 1) complete our incarnation, 2) create cross energy, 3) experience our resurrections, and 4) gain the assurance of our coming exaltation. We are all called to follow this fourfold pattern established by our Savior Lord. Each dimension must be filtered through His “grace and truth” process – incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, exaltation. You were born (incarnated) as a sinful human, must endure cross reality (crucifixion) and overcome a fallen world by experiencing the power energy of the Savior (resurrection), and, then, live confidently as you await His promised destiny (exaltation). (ICRE)

<sup>3</sup> Grace and Truth—My definitions: Grace is God’s love initiatives on our behalf. He is for you and He is undefeatable! Truth is God’s standard of reality that cannot be ignored. He desires to bless us with His everlasting purpose of light but will reject our pursuit of darkness! Reject His grace, and you will never know His love. Reject His truth, and the reality He has created in righteousness will diminish and destroy you.

<sup>4</sup> Study Paul’s use of this word in Philippians 4:10-13. The Greek is two words meaning “self-sufficient” (auto (self) and arkes (to be enough for something)). The Savior’s “cross lessons” will train you to stand alone, independently of other people or cultural props or material comforts, because you have learned the all sufficient power of His Presence. Being rich or poor, well fed or starving, exalted or humiliated is irrelevant to the highest condition of discovering more of the fullness of Messiah Jesus! Contentment then is this: “knowing that ‘in Christ’ I am enough to handle whatever is next.”

<sup>5</sup> Graphic Theology is my term for illustrating spiritual truths, principles, and precisions with symbols, diagrams, and drawings. This allows the Disciple to “see truth” more quickly and apply “faith action” more precisely to their life of Cross Discipleship. The point is to “spiritually picture” what is going on in our mind, in the lives of others, in our world, nearby and far away, and, most importantly of all, to perceive and grasp what is going on and purposed in the Mind of Christ and the Godhead. His Mind in our mind is the merging of His Spirit of Truth and our spirit of reason!

Only the Mind of Christ in us can teach us the ways of the Father! “All the ways of the Lord are – just – loving – holy – righteous – and right!” (Deut. 32:4; Psalm 25:10, 77:13, 145:17; Hos. 14:9) “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord!” (Isa. 55:8) Graphic Theology has been for me, and hundreds of Disciples I have taught, a clear and instant way to picture the

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thoughts of our Lord and apply His truth to our practical issues and our own hunger to see and experience more of His Presence in our lives. It has been my way to graphically behold His Self-Revelation and pass it on to others! Let us each seek our own best way and pray the prayer of Moses, “If you are pleased with me, Lord, teach me your ways so that I may know You and continue to find favor with You!” (Exod. 33:13)

<sup>6</sup> See my *Victory Visual #17: The Three Words of God: Word<sup>3</sup>* on the three Words of God. Christ is the Living Word. The Scriptures are the Written Word. Every Disciple is to be a Sacrificed Word who completes the Godhead’s triune revelation of His redemptive purposes on earth. (Rom. 12:1-3) As our Lord put it in Acts 1:8, “You will be My witnesses (Greek—martyrs)!” A martyr will die if necessary and pay any price needed to prove his beliefs and loyalty to his or her authority. Only authentic Martyrs (witnesses) can evidence by their living the authentic Scriptures and the authentic Savior of the world. A Christian’s highest ambition is to increasingly become a Sacrificed Word from God to the world about the gigantic goals and glory of the Messiah. (I Peter 2:4-10) The Cross Disciple ceases to live life as a “terminal Dualist” and starts living as an “eternal Trinitarian.” The Dualist lives as though what matters most is themselves and the issues. The Trinitarian lives knowing God’s truth must dominate themselves and the issues. We must be “Triune Thinkers” and bring God into the midst of who we are and what’s going on so that we are available to do what He wants. We obey and love the Living Word – Jesus! We study and consume the Written Word – Scripture. We seek the cross to become the Sacrificed Word – You!

<sup>7</sup> Triune Thinking—my term for using our minds to grasp reality the way God created us to think. We do this by accessing the Mind of Christ about His Truth, the world’s issues, and our significant part in the mix. Without Triune Thinking we live in the futility of our mind. (Eph. 4:17-24) Refusing to center one’s life on the love and wisdom of the Creator Lord makes a person a dualist – a human being limited and consumed with secondary issues of the world. See *Victory Visual #29: An Essential Look at Triune Thinking*. A Trinitarian brings God into every matter as the Guiding Partner. A Triune Thinker 1) embraces God as Truth, 2) discovers creation’s issues, and 3) yields the self to purity – making and merging into one all three.

<sup>8</sup> A Christ Nuclear Thought is formed after consideration of the truth, the you, and the issues “puts” Christ at the center of our Thought Triangle. This thought becomes a “nucleus” (from the Latin meaning kernel, essence, essential, central) from which the Mind of Christ “grows” into dominance that empowers and directs all of our actions. Such a mind will bring maximum overcoming impact on our own thinking and actions and influence all of our responses to our world in such a way that the Master is pleased.

<sup>9</sup> See *Victory Visual 94: The Five Principles of Christ Life Comprehension: Salvation, Spirit, Suffering, Self and Standing*. This *Victory Visual* is in development. It is a “Graphic Theology” look at Philippians 3:10-11 and Paul’s great ambition of purpose.