

MESSAGE NOTES

INVINCIBLE: Week 1 The Man of Steel & The Daily Planet

This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them! ~ 1 Timothy 1:15

Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever. ~ Hebrews 7:25-28

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything. For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether things on earth or things in Heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

~ Colossians 1:15-20

And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." ~ Acts 4:12

And all the people in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they got up and drove Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built, in order to throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went His way. ~ Luke 4:28-30

No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father." ~ John 10:18

and said to them, "Whom do you seek? They answered Him, "Jesus the Nazarene." He said to them, "I am He." ...they drew back and fell to the ground. ~ John 18:4b-5a, 6b

~ EHYEH - HEBREW ~

I AM - The first person derivative of the name of God, Yahweh.

~ EHYEH ASHER EHYEH - HEBREW ~

I am that I am - name revealed to Moses from the burning bush

Now I say this, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ~ 1 Corinthians 15:50-52

In Christ, I am invincible!

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? Who will bring a charge against God's elect?

God is the one who justifies; who is the one who condemns?

Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ~ Romans 8:31-34

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ... NO! But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. ~ Romans 8:35, 37-39

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ~ John 10:11

Jesus said to her, "I AM (there is is again, spoken to Moses from the burning bush, Ehyeh, I am Yahweh) I AM the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" 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

"Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me. 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. 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. And you know the way where I am going." Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, how do we know the way?" 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

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it. ~ John 14:12-14

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 15:5

And working together with Him, we also urge you not to receive the Grace of God in vain-- for He says, "At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you." Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation:-- ~2 Corinthians 6:1-2

❖ DIVE IN! ~ Discussion Questions

- 1. What was one thing Pastor G said this week that spoke directly to you?
- 2. Are you inspired by that to make a decision, make a change, or take some action in your life?

♦ READ: *1 Timothy 1:15*

1. Paul calls himself "the worst of sinners" or "the chief of sinners." Do you agree? Based on the history of all of the humans who have ever lived and all the things they have ever done does it seem like Paul is the worst of all sinners to you? Why or why not? Why would Paul refer to himself in this way? Is there a lesson in this for us as well? Should we humbly consider ourselves to be the worst of all sinners? Why or why not?

READ: Hebrews 7:25-27, Colossians 1:15-19, and Acts 4:12

- 1. How is Jesus, and Jesus' work, different and better than the high priests who came before Him?
- 2. What does Paul mean when He says all the fullness dwells in Jesus and through Jesus? What is "the fullness" in this context? What does it mean that Jesus reconciled all things to Himself? How did Jesus' blood on the cross "make peace?"

♦ **READ:** Luke 4:28-30 and John 10:18

1. How was Jesus able to simply walk away from a murderous crowd, walking right through the midst of them?

♦ **READ:** Romans 8:31-39, John 11:25-27, John 14:1-6, John 14:12-14, and 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

1. How do these passages make you feel about Jesus? How does it make you feel about your life and your current challenges and struggles? About your future? About your death?