

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (**1 John 1:9**).

**Standing on the Essence of God - -**

**Philippians 4:19** “And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”

**2 Corinthians 5:20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as God is entreating through us. . . .

- ὡς plus θεός plus παρακαλέω – “To appeal, urge, exhort, or encourage”
- God is the One performing the action of that appeal through the believer.

**POD - God fulfills the ministry of reconciliation through the believer.**

**PREREQUISITES FOR GOD TO FULFILL THIS MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION THROUGH YOU**

1. **Be prepared** – and that requires training.

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

▶ Being prepared requires knowledge.

✚ Role of God the Holy Spirit (7 ministries)

✚ Conviction **John 16:8-11**

✚ Condition of the unregenerate

- Spiritual Death
- Total Depravity
- Under Condemnation
- Current Destiny [Great White Throne Judgment and Lake of Fire]

✚ Requirement for Salvation

- Faith alone in Christ alone

✚ General & Special Revelation

- *General* - God’s revelation of Himself to man through nature & conscience (**Rom. 1:20**)

**Romans 1:20** For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

- *Special* - God’s revelation of Himself to man what man would not otherwise know. The Bible is one of those ways.

Common and efficacious grace **Eph 2:8-9**  
Indwelling **1 Cor 3:16**  
Filling **Eph 5:18**  
Gifting **1 Cor 12:7-11**  
Baptizing **1 Cor 12:12-13**  
Sealing **Eph 1:13**

Jer. 17:9  
 Rom. 3:23  
 Rom. 3:10  
 Isa. 64:6  
 Rom. 3:20  
 Heb. 9:22    Lev. 17:11    Jn. 1:29    Heb. 9:27    Rev. 20:11-15  
 Isa. 53:1-12  
 1 Pt. 2:24  
 Acts 4:12  
 Rom. 5:8  
 Rom. 6:23  
 Acts 10:43  
 Jn. 3:16, 18, 36  
 Jn. 14:6  
 Acts 16:31  
 Jn. 11:25  
 Eph. 2:8-9  
 Titus 3:5

**Key Scripture passages to be familiar with!**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for **good works**, which God prepared beforehand so that **we would walk in them**.

Eph 2:10

αὐτοῦ γὰρ ἐσμεν ποίημα, κτισθέντες ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ ἐπὶ ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς οἷς προητοίμασεν ὁ θεός, ἵνα ἐν αὐτοῖς περιπατήσωμεν.

Eph 2:10

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a **workman** who does not need to be ashamed, **accurately handling the word of truth**.

2 Tim 2:15

σπούδασον σεαυτὸν δόκιμον παραστήσαι τῷ θεῷ, ἐργάτην ἀνεπαίσχυντον, ὀρθοτομοῦντα τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας.

2 Tim 2:15

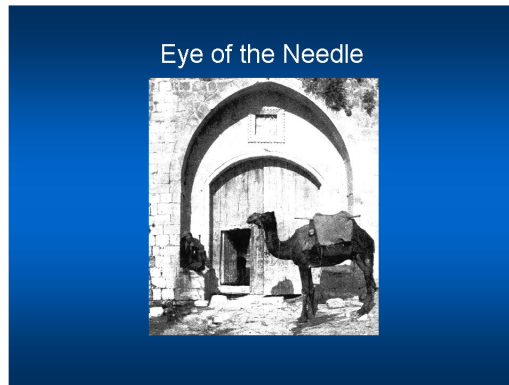
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2 Cor. 5:20

Confidence

Desire

Knowledge



**Stay focused!**

*What can you do in order to be prepared?*

Pray for opportunities

Pray for God to begin drawing someone or for them to be saved

Attend Bible class

Do your homework, if assigned

Spend some time familiarizing yourself with the passages covered in class

Quiz your spouse or friends

*God uses prepared people.*

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*