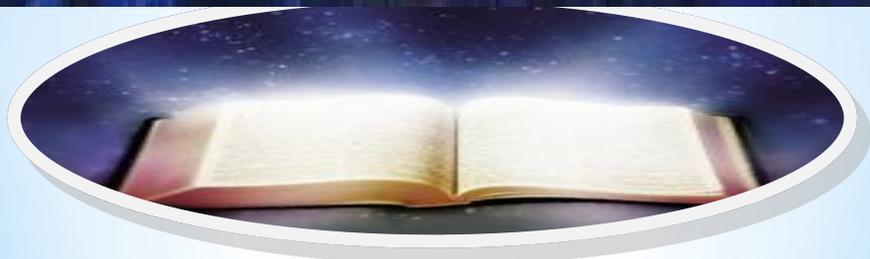


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# INTRODUCTION

The different studies of this booklet are very important to build our understanding of Biblical truth to help us view the Scriptures in the light of the developing issues of the end time. All truths spark in our minds at the end of their rational progressive exposition, giving us a view of the nature of God which is His glory. This is the El-Doxa Principle. This is seen in the fact that the Righteousness of God (God Himself) by Faith, gives to us Righteousness (the good works of the Law) by Faith. It is also seen in the fact that the Father's name written in the minds of the 144,000 is Righteousness or YHWH, and this is indeed the Spiritual Covenant. Again, it is also seen in the admonition of how to deal with the "floating destructive knowledge" Satan and his evil angels have in the air (the influences) around us, and in a proper study of the major Greek word used for Faith.

Please study this booklet using your Bibles, with much prayer, thought and rationalizing in a quiet place, that the Holy Spirit may bless your efforts with revealed truths to strengthen your understanding of the Bible, that you may bless all whom you speak to with great light. May God bless all students. Amen.

# **RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH GIVES RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH**

1. In the Bible the term Righteousness **by** Faith always mean either:
  - a. Righteousness **through** (Gk. dia) Faith, and **upon** (Gk. epi) Faith. Romans 3:22; Philippians 3:9.
  - b. Righteousness **out of** (Gk. ek) Faith, Romans 9:30; Romans 10:6.
  - c. There is also Righteousness **of the** Faith. Romans 4:11.
  
2. Now what is **Righteousness** in the Bible?
  - a. **Righteousness** is identified as **God Himself**. Jeremiah 23:5, 6; 2 Corinthians 9:9.
  - b. Righteousness is also identified as the **works of the Law** of the Ten Commandments. Psalms 119:142, 172; Romans 10:5.
  
3. **Man's Righteousness** is his own **good works** caused by his mere **self dependence** on his doing of the works of the Law. (Romans 9:31,

32; Romans 10:1-3). Philippians 3:9.

4. Then there is a **Righteousness of God** apart from the **works of the Law**. Romans 3:21.
5. This **Righteousness of God** is **God Himself**. (Romans 3:21, 22), Isaiah 54:17).
6. This Righteousness of God cannot be done by man because man cannot “do” God, it comes only through **Faith**. Romans 3:22; Philippians 3:9.
7. Then there is a Righteousness of God that is the Law of God itself, it is the **works of the law** of the Ten Commandments. 1 John 2:29; Psalms 50:6; Psalms 119:142.
8. This Righteousness of God must be **done**, but it can only be **done by Faith**. Romans 9:31, 32; I John 3:7.
9. This leads us to our first summary:
  - a. There is a Righteousness of God that is God Himself.
  - b. There is a Righteousness of God which is the works of the Law of the Ten Commandments.
  - c. The first Righteousness of God **cannot** be

**done** but comes through Faith.

d. The second Righteousness of God **could** be **done** and is done by Faith..

10. What is Faith? It is the **revealed Truths of Christ**. Hebrews 11:1; I Timothy 4:6.
11. It is not **believing**, because believing is a **mental human act** of accepting something; this is presented as **different** to Faith. Galatians 2:16; Romans 3:22.
12. Even the **devils** could believe without conversion like anyone else. James 2:19.
13. The **Faith** that we are **justified** by is presented in the Bible as the **Faith of Jesus Christ**. Galatians 2:16, 20, 21.
14. This **Faith of Jesus Christ** is the revealed Truths of the **Gospel of Christ**, (Revelation 14:12; Philippians 1:27).
15. This **Faith of Jesus Christ** which is the **Gospel of Christ contains** or has **in** it the **Righteousness of God** which is God Himself. Romans 1:16, 17; Proverbs 12:17.
16. Thus when the penitent person is **justified**, he is justified by the gift of the Righteousness of

God **INTO** him. Romans 3:22,24.

17. Faith is imputed to the person to get or possess the Righteousness of God that is in it. Romans 4:5, 9, 11.
18. The Righteousness of God is God Himself that dwells in the justified person through the **gift of the Spirit** in him. (Jeremiah 23:5, 6; Romans 3:22; Galatians 3:7-9, 14; 1 John 4:13).
19. It is then that a person can **do** the Commandments of God or the Righteousness of God as the Law, only through the Holy Spirit dwelling in the person which is God dwelling in the person. Romans 3:30, 31; Galatians 3:7-9,14; I John 3:24).
20. The Righteousness of God that goes **INTO** the justified person is the one that is **apart** from the Law, this is **God Himself**. (Romans 3:21, 22; Jeremiah 23:5, 6).
21. It is done through the imputation of Faith into Righteousness (its possession). (Romans 4:5, 22).
22. This Faith in us with its Righteousness (God Himself) motivates us to do the **works of the Law** which is Righteousness. (Romans 3:30,

31; Isaiah 26:12).

23. Thus the **Righteousness** which is **of the Law** is in fact done by **Faith**. Romans 9:31, 32.
24. What this means is that the Righteousness of God through Faith, causes us to have the Righteousness that is the Law through the same Faith. (Romans 9:31, 32; Romans 10:1-3, Romans 3:21, 22, 24, 30, 31).
25. A summary of all we have seen tells us the following:
  - a. The Righteousness of God as God Himself dwells in the justified person by Faith.
  - b. The Righteousness of God which is the works of the Law is done by the **selfsame Faith** which **motivates** us.
  - c. Thus Righteousness by Faith indeed gives the justified person Righteousness by Faith.

# **RIGHTEOUSNESS, THE 144,000 AND THE COVENANTS**

1. Here is what we are told about the 144,000.  
Revelation 14:1-5.
  - a. The **Father's name** is in their minds, this is **God** being in their hearts put there by Justification. (Revelation 14:1; 1 John 4:13; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Galatians 3:7-9, 14; Galatians 4:6).
  - b. With the **Father's name** or God, the **divine Nature** in their minds, it is YHWH our Righteousness dwelling in the heart. This comes by Justification. (Revelation 14:1; Jeremiah 23:5, 6; Romans 3:22, 24).
  - c. The 144,000 are sinfree with no guile, they have been made so by Justification. (Revelation 14:5; Romans 6:6, 7, 18).
2. All that is true for the 144,000 is also true for **all the converted people of God**.
  - a. If Christians do not have the Spirit of God in them, then God is not in them, thus they

do not keep the Commandments of God and do not belong to God. (1 John 3:24; Romans 8:9).

b. If the **Spirit of God** is not in the man, he does not have **God** or the Father's name in him. He is thus not **free** from sin, and is thus yet in his sins. (1 John 4:13; 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 8:34, 32, 36; Romans 6:6, 7, 18).

3. The following facts are true in the Bible.

a. **Righteousness** is the Righteousness of God which is God Himself. (Romans 3:21, 22; Jeremiah 23:5, 6).

b. **Righteousness** is the Law of God. Psalms 119:172.

c. **Righteousness by Grace** is the **gift** of the Righteousness of God or God Himself by His Grace or mercy and favor in **Justification**. (Exodus 33:19; Romans 3:22, 24). Romans 5:21..

d. Faith is the revealed Truths of the Gospel. (Romans 10:8; Philippians 1:27).

e. Faith contains the Righteousness of God. Romans 1:16,17; Proverbs 12:17.

f. Faith also makes us do the righteousness that is the Law of God. Romans 3:31.

g. **Righteousness by Faith** is the Righteousness

of God, God Himself being **present** in the **instrument** or **medium** or communicator of Faith. Romans 3:22; Romans 4:11.

- h. In Justification, Faith is imputed to the penitent for him to get the Righteousness it contains. Romans 4:5,9.
  - i. The Righteousness of Christ is the same Righteousness of God, since Christ is God (Romans 10:4; John 8:24; Exodus 3:12,14).
  - J. This Righteousness is given through **Faith**, in the work of Justification. Romans 3:22, 24.
4. The Law was always written in the heart as the way of salvation even in the Old Testament. This is Justification. Psalms 37:30, 31; Psalms 40:8.
5. The **Old Covenant** is the **symbols** of the gospel of salvation. This was abolished at the death of Christ, it was the **Symbolic Covenant**. Hebrews 9:1-9; Colossians 2:14; Ephesians 2:15.
6. Abraham had this **Symbolic Covenant**. Genesis 17:9, 10.
7. There is the **New Covenant**, this is the true **spiritual meaning** of the Gospel of salvation. This is the **Spiritual Covenant**. Hebrews 8:10.
8. Abraham also had this **Spiritual Covenant** in

the Old Testament. Genesis 17:11,7.

# HOW TO DEAL WITH SATAN'S AIR INFLUENCE

1. The Influence of the ruler of the authority of the air causes sinners to remain in sin by the **knowledge – impressions** that influences the age. Ephesians 2:2.
  - a. This knowledge is an **impression** or a **perception** that floats around populations being transmitted from people to people.
  - b. The **impression** or **perception** is made up of **errors** that keeps the person from wanting to choose to follow God.
  - c. These **errors** are **presumptuous misconceptions** that **blind** the **reasoning** from perceiving truth.
2. We are told that the ruler of these **errors of the air** is Satan called the spirit that rules in the children disobedience. Ephesians 2:2.
3. The following is the sinful state people are kept in by the “air influence” of Satan and his angels. Ephesians 2:3.
  - a. This state of sinfulness is a behavior that is about:

- i. The lust of the flesh.
  - ii. Doing the desire of the flesh and mind.
- 4. Again, we are warned of the “air influence” of evil angels, we are to wear an armour to be properly **protected** against them. Ephesians 6:11, 12, 13.
- 5. The protection we need is clearly outlined in Ephesians 6:14-18.
  - a. The truth surrounding our passions to guard against wrong passions.
  - b. Obedience to God’s Law as the image we defend ourselves with, against the psychological concept that we **must** sin.
  - c. Movement of our persons only for the sake of or related to the preaching of the gospel.
  - d. Defending our minds and reasoning with the revealed truths of God, Faith, against arrows of false knowledge hurled at us by evil angels.
  - e. Having a **psychological identification** of being a child of God in the experience of salvation.

- f. Our mouths always ready to answer and fight using the word of truth as our weapon.
- g. We are to always be praying which is our meditation being a thinking, yet an address to God.
- h. We are to perseveringly watch for our own salvation, and be conscious of our spiritual state as we daily face temptation.

# A STUDY OF PISTIS WHICH IS FAITH

1. It is the word “Pistis” (Greek) that is translated “Faith” in the Second Witness of the Bible. James 2:1; 1 Timothy 4:6; Titus 1:1.
2. This word “Faith” – Pistis in the Greek, is described as “hupostasis” in Heb 11:1. This word translated “substance” in the English Bible is explained by Greek scholars in the following way:

*“[Hupostasis] stands for the whole body of documents bearing on the ownership of a person’s property, deposited in the archives, and forming the evidence of ownership. These varied uses are at first sight somewhat perplexed but in all cases there is the central idea of something that underlies visible conditions and guarantees a future possession. And as this is the essential meaning in Heb. 11:1, we venture to suggest the translation “Faith is the title deed of things hoped for.” James Hope Moulton and George Milligan, **The Vocabulary of the Greek Testament**, p. 660.*

3. The implications we can draw from this quotation are the following:

- a. Pistis or Faith is the “title deed.”
  - b. Pistis or Faith in Heb 11:1 is the “evidence.”
  - c. The “title deed” is the “evidence” of things not seen.
  - d. Pistis of Faith is therefore a knowledge – evidence.
  - e. Revealed Truths is knowledge – evidence of unseen spiritual things.
4. In further looking at the word **pistis** as it is used in the Greek we must follow the restricted explanation given in the Bible in Hebrews 11:1. Scholars may propose different means, some to include “trust” “trustworthy” and “confidence”, however, when their explanations touches **title deed** or a **knowledge – evidence**, then we know we have the right meaning of **pistis** in such statements. Here is proof.

*“The usage of pistis in the papyri is usually legal, and its predominant meaning is “guarantee, security.” Ceslas Spicq,*

**Theological Lexicon of the New Testament,**  
p. 111.

“Faith, the proof of invisible realities (Heb 11:1), can be compared to ... conviction ... argument, exhibit, means of proof ... but can

also mean any sort of testimony ... and derives in the first instance from Aristotle's definition of rhetoric: "*Among the modes of persuasion ... some are extrinsic to the art of persuasion e.g. testimony, confessions documents ....*" **Ibid**, p. 111.

*"This pistis is sometimes a formal obligation, an oath ... which is a means of proof."* **Ibid**, p.111.

*"The document embodying a pledge is itself a pistis."* **Ibid**, p. 111.

5. Again and again we are given meanings of pistis that is consistent with the words, **proof**, **evidence** or a **knowledge – evidence**.

*"... Or better, the collection of documents stored in the archives as surety and constituting the evidence for a property right .... Thus faith is the true title attesting to one's ownership of the heavenly property that one hopes for ..."* **Ibid**, p. 112.

*"... The papyri link pistis [faith] and aletheia [truth] ..."* **Ibid**, p. 114.

*"A meaning that corresponds to that of pistis in classical Greek [is] surety, deposit, guarantee ..."* **Ibid**, p. 423.

6. In assessing the information given to us about *pistis*, in line with Hebrews 11:1. We can see these facts.
  - a. Pistis is used largely for a **means** of knowledge – evidence.
  - b. Pistis relates to things like **documents** that give a **knowledge** that is **proof** of real things though one may not have sensory perception of them.
  - c. Pistis relates to **words of proof** as a **guarantee** of realities.
  - d. All this builds up the case that Faith (Pistis) is not believing and/or trusting, even though some may think so, it is simply **revealed truths** that provides evidence and that **is** the guarantee.
  
7. Now we can understand why the world's foremost theologian made these following statements.

*“These were always unpropitious periods in the Christian Church, when Christian histories of dogmatics and theology separated gnosis [knowledge] and pistis [faith]. Pistis rightly understood is gnosis; rightly understood the act of faith is also an act of knowledge. Faith means knowledge.” Karl Barth, **Dogmatic in Outline**, p. 23.*

*“Faith is knowledge; it is related to God’s Logos, and is therefore a thoroughly logical matter.” Ibid, p. 25.*

8. Another scholar tells us what *pistis* really means.

*“Yet faith is a kind of knowledge .... the writer [of Hebrews] is calling faith (pistis) ... a kind of spiritual perception ...” Geddes Mac Gregor, **Gnosis**, p. 82.*

*“Faith in God, which consists in the knowledge of God, is a unique kind of knowledge.” Ibid, p 122.*

9. All this helps us to understand a rare and strange explanation of Faith given by Mrs. White in an article which she wrote. She said.

*“What is Faith? “The substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen .” Hebrews 11:1. It is an assent of the understanding of God’s words which binds the heart in willing consecration and service to God, who gave the understanding, who moved the heart, who first drew the mind to view Christ on the cross of Calvary. Faith is rendering to God the intellectual powers, abandonment of the mind and will to God, and making Christ the only door to enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Ellen G. White, *Danger of false ideas of**

*justification by faith, Manuscript 36, 1890.*

10. What Mrs. White statement means is the following points.
  - a. The Faith Mrs. White describes is the Faith when it becomes the **individual Faith** held in the mind and **grasped** by the understanding.
  - b. This Faith is the **agreement of the understanding** of God's words that commits the person to God, thus there must be knowledge – evidence in the mind about the truths of Christ.
11. All this is why Mrs. White can call Faith “an intelligent understanding faith.”

*“... When you have an intelligent understanding faith that his death makes it possible for you to cease from sin ...”* Ellen G. White, **Review and Herald**, July 24, 1888.
12. In a summary of this short study, we can say the following about the word “Pistis”
  - a. It is **knowledge – evidence** of spiritual things. (Hebrews 11:1; Proverbs 22:17-21).
  - b. It is the **knowledge** of the Spirit of Truth, or

**spiritual knowledge**, the Spirit of Faith.  
(John 14:16-18; 2 Corinthians 4:13).

- c. But it is the **individual faith** when it is the **conviction – knowledge** in the mind converting the opinions about God. (1 John 5:6, 10; 1 John 2:27; Romans 12:2).

# ELDOXA, THE GLORY PRINCIPLE

1. **Eldoxa:** This is the **Principle** by which God's whole universe functions and survives in a sinfree state, it is the **material** that sustains God's universe. It is God presented as God alone, it is God exalted in a rational knowledge..
2. We know that **sin began** when a creation exalted himself as **god with God**, he attributed glory to himself as God has glory. (Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezekiel 28:1, 2).
3. When man, under the delusion of Satan, sought some powers of God to become God with God, this was seeking glory with God. Genesis 3:1-6.
4. When man sins, he always **come short** of the **glory of God**; that means he does not give glory to God or glorify Him. Romans 3:23.
5. When God's Glory is down graded to the level of a creation, this is sin, and this is creating gods out of the creation. Romans 1:21-23.

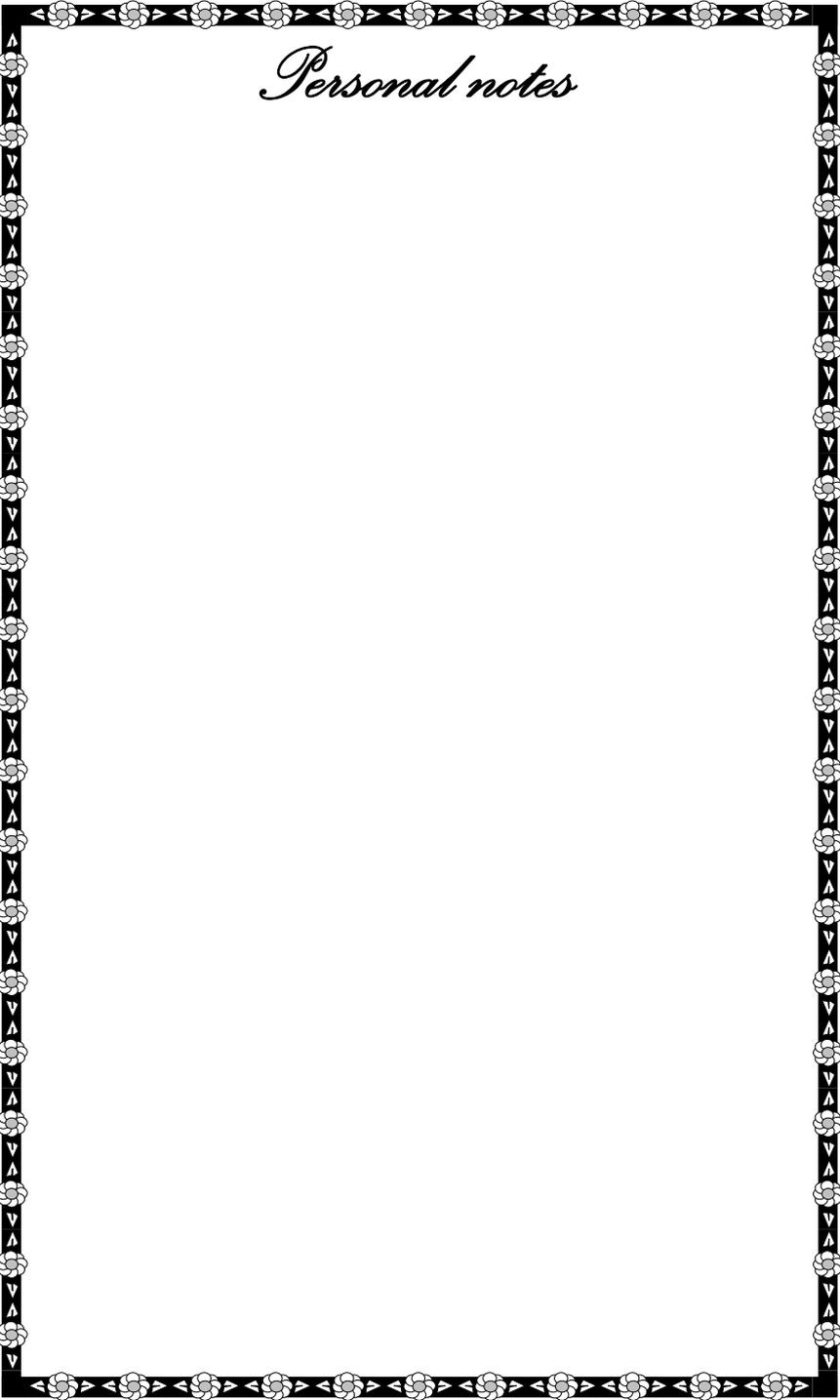
6. God is identified as **glorious** thus God is in fact **Glory**. This means that He is **not** "God shut up to unfolding Himself", He is God in **His effulgence**, or **God exalted**, He is God always in the process of glorifying Himself. Nehemiah 9:5; (Exodus 33:18,19; Exodus 34:5-7). Psalms 29:1-3.
7. When God speaks to man, He does so by glorifying Himself, this is His mode of speaking. John 12:28; Numbers 6:25; Psalms 50:2.
8. God comes to the human mind as glorious, He is glorified when He is unfolded to the human mind by Faith. 2 Corinthians 4:6.
9. Faith is **rational revealed Truths** of the Plan of Salvation. (Proverbs 22:17-21; Hebrews 11:1).
10. Rational Faith glorifies God. Romans 4:20.
11. Men are to glorify God or His Nature of Love. Psalms 50:23; 1 Corinthians 6:20.
12. When God speaks to man about Himself, He can only say good things about Himself. All God's intensions and His administration is always gracious and good. Thus in everything God does, He is naturally glorified. Psalms

19:1-3.

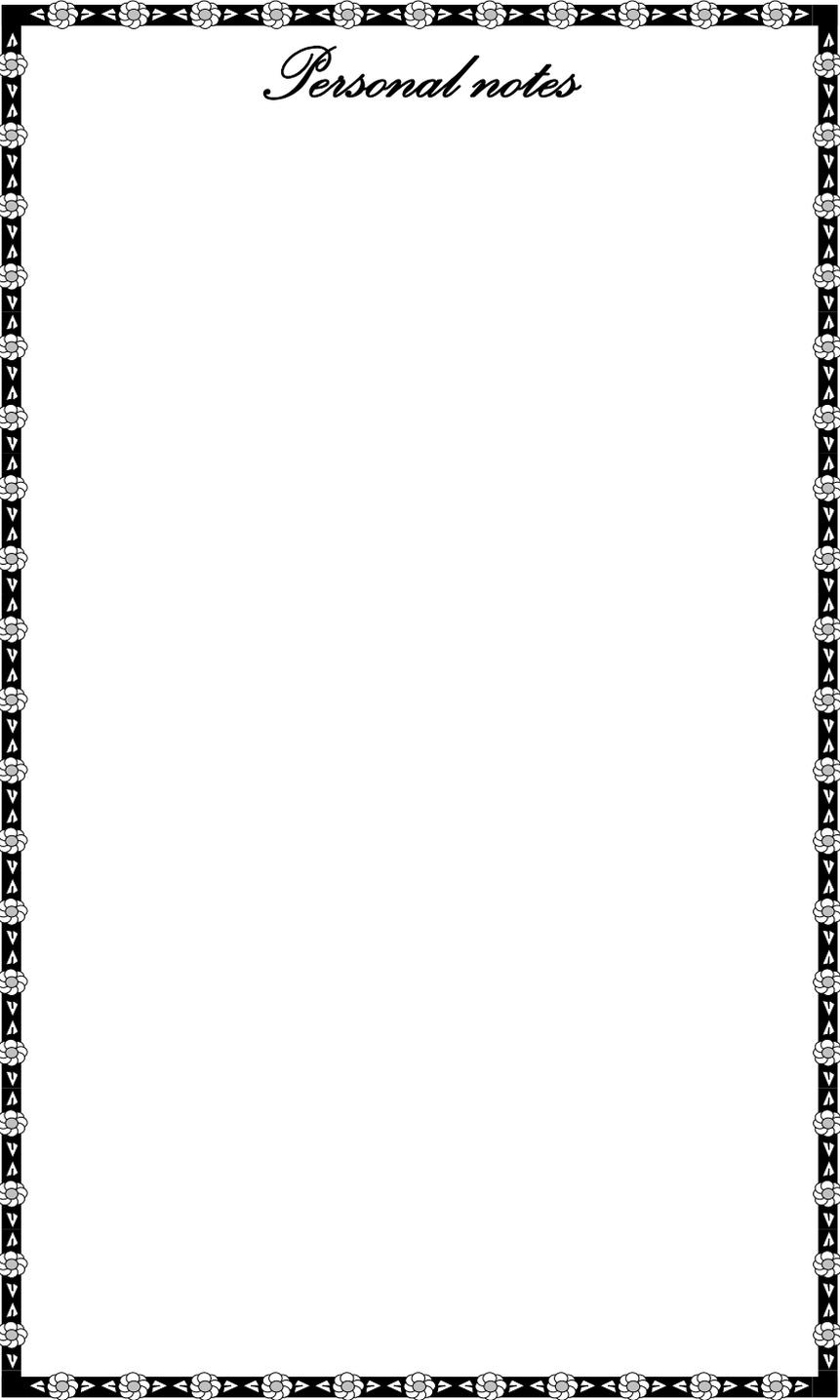
13. Glorification always exalt God **alone** to be God as a conclusion position, as against and in contrast to creation. Psalms 86:8-10.
14. Glorification of God to the human mind tells the mind that God is the greatest in contrast to His creation. 1 Chronicles 16:24-27, 35.
15. What does **conversion** mean? Since **sin** is not glorifying God, then **conversion** or **justification** is the glory of God (Eldoxa) being given in the heart of the penitent in the form of a “glorified Nature of God”, and this, by Faith, causes us to keep the Law or glorify God. (2 Corinthians 10:4,5; 2 Corinthians 4:6, 7; Romans 3:30, 31; Romans 4:20).
16. Thus man’s salvation comes by God’s shining or glorifying Himself in man. Psalms 80:1, 3, 19.
17. The perfect functioning of God’s universe, its stability, order and perfection is based upon feeding on God’s glorification. All therefore functions perfectly only when all glorify God in their relationship to Him. The whole redeemed universe will always do one thing, that is, glorify God. Revelation 5:13; Revelation

19:1.

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