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Mature believers can reach their goals if they desire to do so.

As we continue to study upon the importance of understanding the freedom that when we go to Heaven that our freedom in time means inequality both in time and in eternity.

*“I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed.”*

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal”, that is they are responsible for the decisions that they make as believer-priests and Royal ambassadors.

We are very familiar with one of the passages that the apostle Paul taught; GAL 3:26-28.

In 2PE 1:1, we are all given the same type of faith.

In 2PE 1:2, we have the same grace and prosperity being multiplied to us.

Next we have the propositional phrase *en* plus the instrumental means of the noun *epignosis* which should be translated by means of epignosis doctrine or by means of metabolized doctrine.

Peter says faith of the same kind, which means that every believer is given the same kind of faith or the same kind of doctrine, as other believers are given if they desire to have it.

In 2PE 1:1, we also have **the same kind of righteousness which is two-fold, the righteousness of God the Father and the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:**

Even the righteousness of God the Father and God the Son given to us so that we have the same kind of faith and the same kind of righteousness that all believers will have.

Not the true knowledge but, it is through epignosis doctrine or metabolize doctrine of HIM who called us by HIS own glory and excellence. These refer to those who have received a faith of the same kind as ours and by the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Martin Luther King said: *“People are free to succeed or people are free to stand on their own decisions and motives and actions because all men are created equal.”*

This statement has a lot of truth behind it but, the real truth is that “People are only free in the sense that they have the freedom to make choices and the freedom to take responsibility for those choices. We have differences in gender, race, Human I.Q., environment, talent, and even treasure, poor or rich, big or small, overt looks; etc,

It is always the Real Truth that was accurate and was based upon the principle that our Lord taught = the fact that mature believers should be able to reach their goals and their purposes, if they desire to do so.

That is concerning *The Doctrine of Truth* and the very fact that *Divine Accuracy was the order of the day*, and as far as Divine Authority is concerned - that authority is the very accurate principle of doctrine.

We know that freedom, both spiritually and naturally, is the devil’s playground as far as freedom is concerned and we also know that freedom demands responsibility.

Freedom = our Lord lived in individuals responsibility as well as individual motivation.

Freedom = you must have your very own scale of values and priorities.

Having freedom, you must take the responsibility for every decision you make, as well as for your thoughts, motivations and actions are concerned. This principle of being free is the greatest responsibility the world has ever known. Freedom means some will take their volition and develop a system of priorities and stick to them, becoming organized in their minds and heart .

Someday you will answer for this use of your freedom to the Lord Jesus Christ Himself, ROM 14:10-12.

Prin - Inequality exists the moment freedom starts. Inequality is always the greatest monument to freedom. Freedom means that believers who are constantly failing to execute the PPOG lack four things:

- a. They have no true standards.
- b. These believers have no effectiveness.

This is why GOD so often punishes and disciplines His people; = we have to be brought to the end of our resources before we realize what is important in life.

- c. They have no coordination.
- d. They have no performance, no momentum in the PPOG, no execution of the PPOG, no virtue, no use of the

Problem Solving Devices (PSD), no production, and no glorification of GOD.

While the believer cannot lose his salvation, as a loser in the cosmic system, the privileges, rewards and decorations that are given to winners will never be his throughout all eternity.

The evaluator of each believer is the prince ruler of the Church is the Lord Jesus Christ, **JOH 5:22, “For not even the Father judges anyone, but He has given all judgment to the Son,”**

The Son has turned all judgment over to the word of GOD or Bible doctrine. The self-judgment of the believer in rebound, and the judgment seat of Christ, the terminal judgments of the tribulation, and the Great White Throne Judgement at the end of the Millennium.

Just like the stars differ in glory so will each individual in their resurrection body differ in glory as well. Heaven is a place of inequality and believers will be blessed even in the midst of their calling according to the following passages of recognition.

1. Some will have the crown of righteousness for loving His appearing or being totally occupied with the LORD and producing divine good, 2TI 4:8. There will always be

some believers who desire to study and teach concerning the life of God in the souls of man.

Some will have the crown of life for enduring trials, heartaches, disasters and coming out glorifying the LORD, JAM 1:12, REV 2:10.

**JAM 1:12, Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.**

Some will have the incorruptible crown for mastering their Old Sin Nature in 1CO 9:24-27.

Some will have the crown of rejoicing for being soul winners, **1TH 2:19, For who is our hope or joy or crown of exultation? Is it not even you, in the presence of our Lord Jesus at His coming?**

Some will have the crown of glory for being willing to feed the flock of GOD, 1PE 5:4.

There is the warning regarding crowns, in **REV 3:11, “Hang on to what you have, so that no one takes away your crown.”**

**2JO 1:8, Watch yourselves, that you might not lose what we have accomplished, but that you may receive a full reward.**

It is important to us that the ultimate reward or decoration when we are abiding in Heaven will be the order of the morning star. The winner who receives some of the crowns I mentioned earlier not only has vast estates in the eternal state, but he receives this decoration and others that go with it.

This decoration is taken from and named after our LORD's Third Royal Patent or Title which is, **“the King of kings, Lord of lords, the bright Morning Star,” (REV 22:16; 2PE 1:19).**

It is a part of the new order of chivalry in the eternal state for the royal family. This decoration is awarded for the maintenance of spiritual maturity in what may be called an ultra-supergrace status.

**REV 22:16, “I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things for the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.”**

**2PE 1:19, And so we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to**

**a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts.**

**REV 2:26-28, “Furthermore, the winner, even he who keeps my assignments [executes the pre-designed plan of God] until the end [perpetuation of spiritual maturity through evidence testing], to him I will give authority over the nations. Furthermore I will give to him the order of the morning star.”**

The mature believer will be a king over a Gentile nation and rule during the Millennium. Receiving this decoration is the highest manifestation of glorifying the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church-age. This same title was given to HIM at the ascension and session and is related to both the strategic victory and tactical victory of the angelic conflict.

**NUM 24:17, “I see Him, but not now, I behold Him, but not near. behold, a star [Christ = the morning star] shall come forth from Jacob [First Advent] and a scepter shall rise from Israel [Second Advent].”**

Bible doctrine is related to Christ as the morning star in 2PE 1:19, **“And the morning star has come up”** (Second Advent).

The order of the morning star is named after our LORD's royal title and is given for historical impact in the Church age. It authorizes the recipient to reign with Christ in the Millennium and hold the highest privileges for all eternity.

These believers can eat from the Tree of Life in the Paradise of God, located in the New Jerusalem.

JOH 15 = He will teach His disciples after He died spiritually on the cross and He was buried and raised from the dead. Our Lord has one more important doctrine to teach His disciples as we begin chapter 15, where we get into the Gethsemane discourse. As they were walking together, all of a sudden we have a new concept that the disciples had not heard before.

The Vine and the branches; Positional Truth; the Baptism of the Spirit; the body of Christ; underserved suffering; the intimacy that our Lord desires; the bride of Christ; and etc. We are also taught the doctrine of positional sanctification (our union with Christ) and the grace provision of the filling of the Spirit, to make it possible for the believer to produce divine good.

There is also the importance of impersonal unconditional agape love; underserved suffering; divine discipline; the

subject of election; JOH 15:16 by the phrase: **“You did not choose Me, but I chose you.”**

In verses 18 we have the production of phase 2, living the spiritual life in time.