

# In The Balance



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# Welcome to Bible Study!

1 Peter 2:2 (NKJV) as newborn babes, **desire** the pure milk of **the word**, that you may **grow** thereby,

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1 Peter 3:15

But **sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense** to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

Romans

10:17

So then **faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**


Hebrews 5:14

But **solid food** belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of **use** have their senses **exercised** to **discern** both good and evil.

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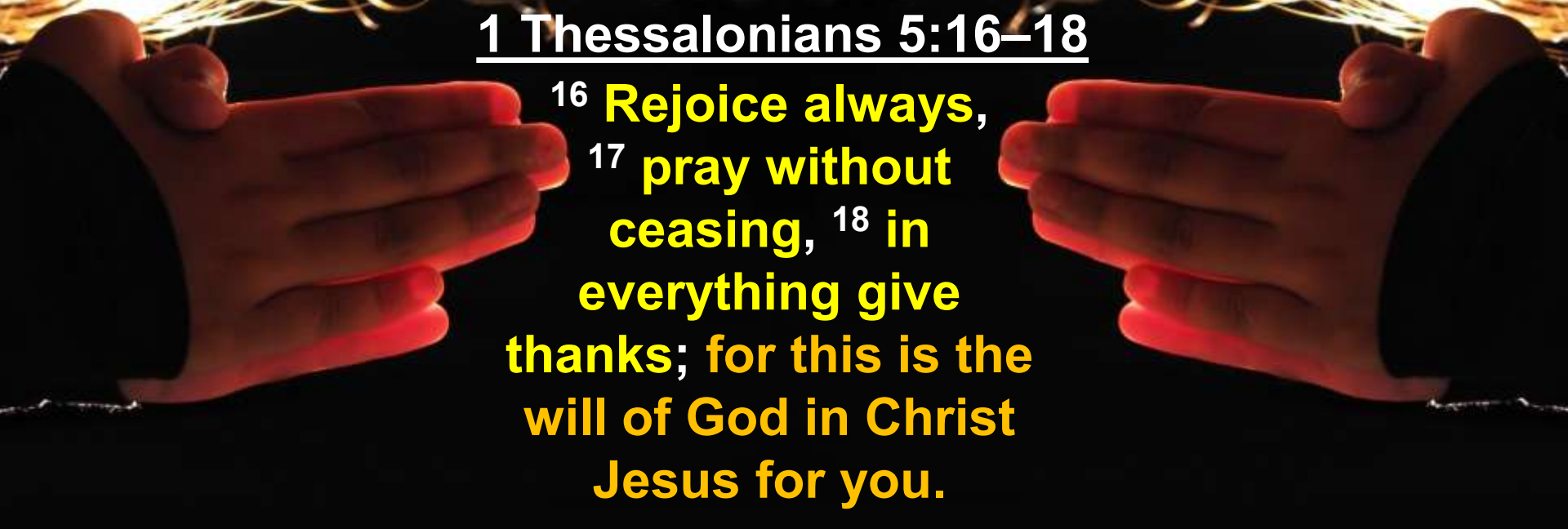
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## 1 Thessalonians 5:16–18



<sup>16</sup> **Rejoice always,**  
<sup>17</sup> **pray without**  
**ceasing, <sup>18</sup> in**  
**everything give**  
**thanks; for this is the**  
**will of God in Christ**  
**Jesus for you.**

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## Philippians 4:6–7

**Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

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Matthew 26:26-28 (NKJV) [26] And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Luke 22:19 *"This is My body which is*



*given for you; do this in remembrance of Me."* [27]

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you.

[28] "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

1 Corinthians 11:25-26 ..*"This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."* [26] For

*as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*

Acts 2:42 .And **they continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in **the breaking of bread**, and in prayers.

Acts 20:7.. **on the first day of the week,** when the disciples came together to **break bread,..**





## 1 Corinthians 16:2

On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.



## 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

<sup>6</sup> Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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## **Responsibility** *(NKJV)*

### **Ezekiel 18:1–3**

**<sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me again, saying,**

**<sup>2</sup> “What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:**

**‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, And the children’s teeth are set on edge’?**

**<sup>3</sup> “As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.**



## **Responsibility** *(NKJV)*

### **Genesis 3:12–13**

**<sup>12</sup> Then the man said,**

**“The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”**

**<sup>13</sup> And the LORD God said to the woman,**

**“What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”**

## **Responsibility** *(NKJV)*

### **Matthew 25:24–25**

**24 “Then he who had received the one talent came and said, ‘Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed.**

**25 And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, there you have what is yours.’**

**The soul who sins shall die (NKJV)**

# **Ezekiel 18:4**

**“Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; **The soul who sins shall die.**”**



**“I’ve/They’ve Done More Good” (NKJV)**

**Ezekiel 18:24 “But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.**



## **Not Even A “Good” Person *(NKJV)***

**Acts 10:1–2 <sup>1</sup> There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment, <sup>2</sup> a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.**

**<sup>48</sup> And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.**

## **Not Even A “good” Conscience (NKJV)**

### **Acts 22:3–4**

**<sup>3</sup> “I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.**

**<sup>4</sup> I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women,**

**Acts 22:16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’**



## **Not Even A “good” Conscience *(NKJV)***

Hebrews 10:22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an **evil conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water.

1 Corinthians 8:12 But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their **weak conscience**, you sin against Christ.

1 Timothy 4:2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own **conscience seared** with a hot iron,

Titus 1:15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and **conscience are defiled**.



## A GOOD Conscience (NKJV)

1 Timothy 1:4–5 <sup>4</sup> nor give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which cause disputes rather than **godly edification which is in faith**. <sup>5</sup> Now the purpose of the commandment *(vs 3 ..teach no other doctrine,)* is **love from a pure heart**, from **a good conscience**, and from **sincere faith**,

1 Peter 3:21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—**baptism**

*(Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.)*

(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of **a good conscience toward God**), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

## Sin Separates Us From God (NKJV)

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# Sin Separates Us From God (NKJV)

## 1 John 1:5–6

<sup>5</sup> This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and **in Him is no darkness at all.**

<sup>6</sup> **If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.**



## **Sin Separates Us From God** *(NKJV)*

Isaiah 59:2 But **your iniquities** have separated you from your God; And **your sins** have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

Ephesians 2:1 And you He made alive, who were **dead in trespasses and sins,**



**In Him we have redemption (NKJV)**

**Acts 13:38 *Antioch* Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through this Man is preached to you the forgiveness of sins;**

**Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace**

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*Mark 1:15, 16:16*

**Believe** with all our heart

*Mark 1:15, Acts 2:38*

**Repent**

*Matt 10:32, Rom 10:10, Acts 8:37*

**Confess** Jesus Christ

*Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38, 8:35-38, 22:16, Col 2:12, 1 Peter 3:21, Gal 3:26-28, etc.*

**Be Baptized**, Immersed

**= Faith in the working of God,  
Forgiveness/ Salvation,  
sons of God**

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**<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us**

***(1 John 1:7 ..the blood of Jesus Christ His Son..)***  
**from all unrighteousness.**

**Romans 6:1–2 <sup>1</sup> What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?**

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1 Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.**

Acts 22:4 **I persecuted** this Way to the death, **binding** and **delivering** into **prisons** both men and women,

Acts 26:9–11 <sup>9</sup>..I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. <sup>10</sup> ..many of the saints I shut up in **prison**, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to **death**, I cast my vote against them. <sup>11</sup> And I **punished** them often in every synagogue and compelled them to **blaspheme**; and being exceedingly **enraged** against them, I **persecuted** them even to foreign cities.

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**Early in the morning-  
our song shall rise to Thee;**

**Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God over all, and blest eternally.**

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**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee,  
casting down their golden crowns-  
around the crystal sea;  
cherubim and seraphim, falling down before Thee,  
Who wast, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

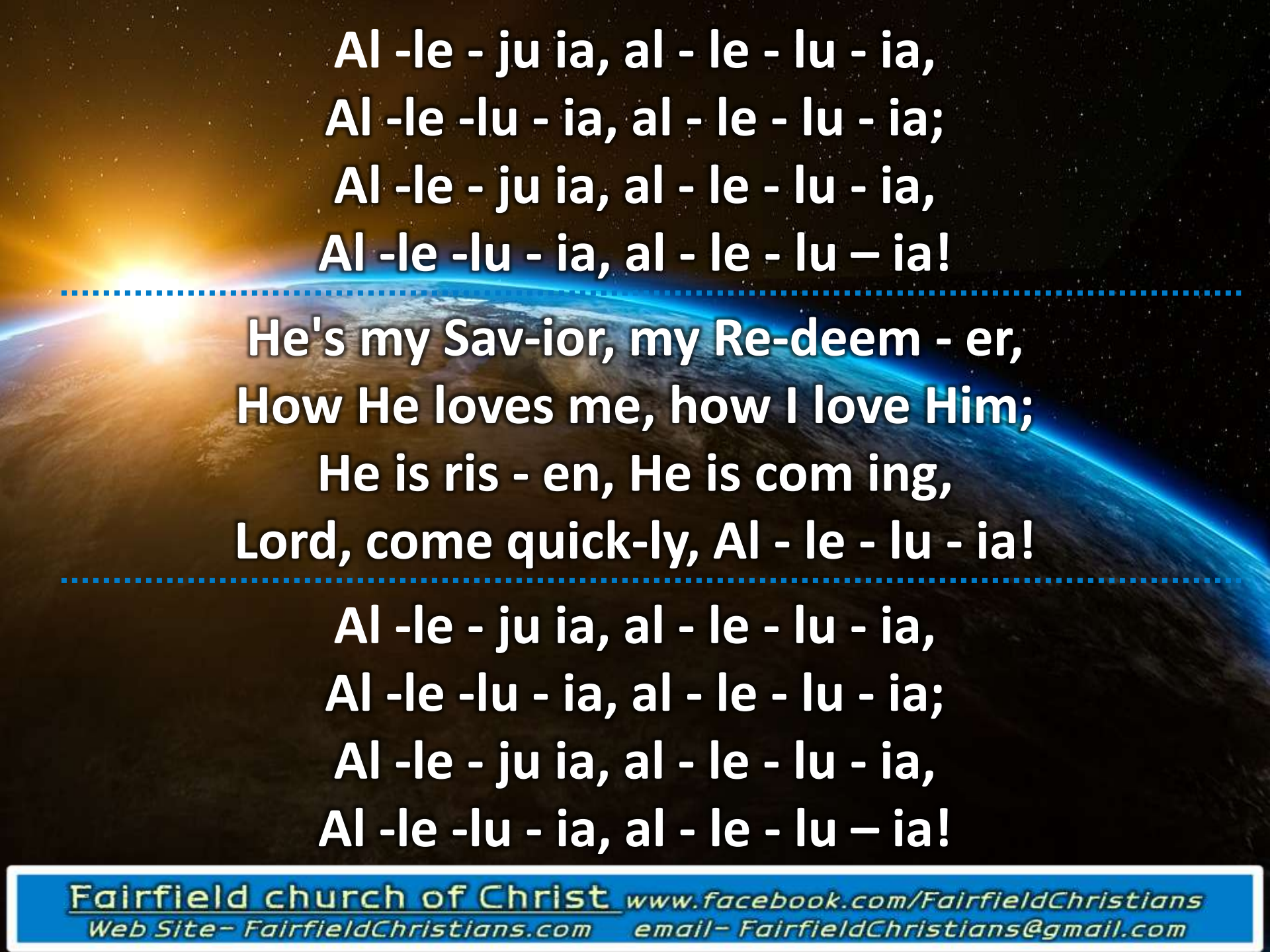


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He's my Sav-ior, my Re-deem - er,  
How He loves me, how I love Him;  
He is ris - en, He is com ing,  
Lord, come quick-ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

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**We praise Thee, O God,  
For the Son of Thy love,  
For Jesus who died and  
Is now gone above.**

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