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## ROMANS 8:28

All things work together for good,
Sometimes that's hard to say,
When all your hopes and all your dreams
And plans have gone astray;
And though you cannot reason why
Some trials fall on you,
There are some things hard to explain,
And yet God's Word is true.

Most times we do the things we want,
And God just tags along;
Then when we've made a mess of things
We wonder what went wrong.
The truth is, we have not obeyed
Or done the things we should,
And yet our God in spite of us
Works all things for our good.

It takes a lot of faith at times
To let God have His way,
So He can tear the idols down
That we build up each day.
Sometimes we pay an awful price
Before we see the light,
Still God has promised by His Word,
All things will turn out right.

Things always turn out for the best
When you are on God's side,
When you by faith have claimed His Son
And in His death abide.
And though we may not do the things
Or live the life we should,
Somehow the Lord will work all things

Together for our good.

- Walt Huntley

## Seventy Times Seven Equals His Plan

How often shall I forgive? (Matt. 18:21). We suppose Peter thought he was generous when he forgave three times, since that is what the Jewish clergy required.

But when Jesus said "seventy times seven" (vs. 22), it exploded like a bombshell. Peter thought God should be proud of him. Seven is 233 percent of three. Most men cannot believe how far the love of God will go.

"Seventy times seven" means there is no end to God's forgiveness. As often as we sincerely confess, God will fully forgive. Little, narrow souls can't realize how generously God forgives. "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" (6:12) is a dangerous prayer unless we forgive as Jesus did. He who forgives is victor. "Seventy times seven" means the best way to "get even" is to forget.

Dare to take God at His Word and test His promises for yourself.

Patience is waiting without worrying.

#### NOT ON SUNDAY NIGHT

I love the church that Jesus bought,

She is the dark world's ight;

I always go on Sunday morn, But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the Gospel songs
And worship in daylight;
That's why I come on Sunday
morn.

But not on Sunday night.

I love to hear the Gospel horn, It gives me such delight;

It thrills me every Sunday morn,

But not on Sunday night.
I'd go through storm or rain or snow,

Do anything that's right;
To be at church on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

I hope the faithful few keep on,

Engaging in the fight; I'll do my part on Sunday morn, But not on Sunday night.

Too bad someday we all must die,

I hope the morn is bright; For I want to die on Sunday morn.

But not on Sunday night.

I know that Christ is coming soon,

And He will find me right: If He appears on Sunday morn. But not on Sunday night.

The Holy Spirit sent this poem, It set my heart aright;

You'll see me there next Sunday morn;

And also--Sunday night.

--H. Snyder

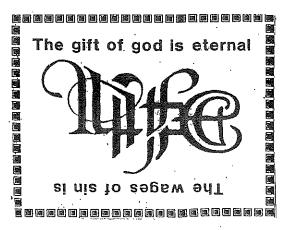


# Bible Trivia Questions

- 1. Esau was noted for having what color hair?
- 2. The king's son who got his hair caught in a tree was
- 3. The prophet described as an hairy man was
- 4. What man became weak because his hair was cut off?

3. Elijah 4. Samson

By his own blood Dehe entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for US. heb. 9:12



# A Happy Home Recipe

- 4 cups of love —"Let love be without dissimulation (hypocrisy). Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another." (Romans 12:9a, 10)
- 2 cups of loyalty "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)
- 3 cups of forgiveness "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14, 15)
- 1 cup of friendship "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." (Proverbs 18:24)
- 5 spoons of hope "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." (Romans 5:5)
- 2 spoons of tenderness "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)
- 4 quarts of faith "... Have faith in God." (Mark 11:22) For we walk by faith, not by sight." (II Corinthians 5:7)
- 1 barrel of laughter "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Proverbs 17:22)

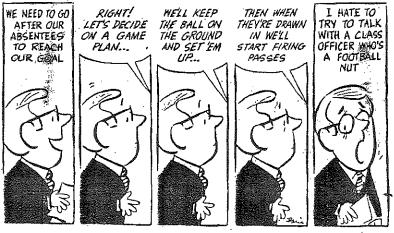
Take love and loyalty, mix it thoroughly with faith. Blend it with tenderness, kindness and understanding. Add friendship and hope, sprinkle abundantly with laughter. Bake it with sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings.

Father: We have a new baby at our house. Friend: I bet he reigns as king in your

family.

Father: No, Prince of Wails!





### WILL WE KNOW EACH OTHER IN HEAVEN?

Yes, we surely will know each other in Heaven. There is much evidence of it.

1. David said, speaking of his little child who had died, ". . . I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me" (II Sam. 12:23). That would have no meaning unless David would know his child.

2. In Luke 15, verses 7 and 10, Jesus plainly said that the saints who were with the angels in Heaven rejoice when a sinner is saved. Then they know when a sinner is saved, they know what is going on here and who is here.

3. First Corinthians 13:12 says, "... now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known." So evidently we will know each other in Heaven much better than we know them now.

4. In I Thessalonians 2:19, 20, Paul says: "For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy." Here Paul evidently thinks he will have extra joy and rejoicing by meeting these Christians whom he has won to Christ, in the presence of the Lord Jesus at His coming and after that. Then he, Paul, would have to know those whom he had won in order to rejoice over them.

5. In I Thessalonians 4:16-18, writing about the Second Coming, Paul says, "... and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." Notice that there is sweet comfort because those who have gone and those who are still alive to meet Jesus when He comes will be caught up "together" and this is supposed to be a "comfort," the Scripture says. Doesn't that teach we will know each other?

6. The few times when the Bible tells about others on earth meeting those who had gone on to Heaven, it seems clear that those who had gone to Heaven knew those still on earth. See the case of Saul who saw Samuel in the spirit after he had gone to Heaven, and knew him (I Sam. 28:14, 15). And Samuel knew Saul.

7. Moses and Elijah appeared to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. They knew what was going on on earth, knew just when to come to the mountain to meet Jesus and Peter, James, and John. They talked about His death that He should accomplish in Jerusalem, as we see in Luke 9:27-31. Even the apostles knew them, for Peter said, "... let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias."

8. Then the rich man in Hell knew Abraham when he saw him in Heaven and knew Lazarus who had just died (Luke 16:23). Do you think we in Heaven will not see as well as the man in Hell did? In Hell the man still knew about his five brothers and wanted them sayed.

9. And in Hebrews 12:1,2, after telling about all the heroes of the faith in chapter 11, we are told that we are surrounded by "so great a cloud of witnesses." Evidently the saints in Heaven know us and look on with eager interest.

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