

PLEASE DON'T READ THESE NOTES UNTIL YOU HAVE COMPLETED YOUR LESSON.

Questions

Read **Genesis 17:1-22**. (You can read background information on Abram in *Lesson 3, Question 1*.)

Covenant – The idea of *covenant* is really not known in our culture, but in Old Testament times, the complex concept of *covenant* was the foundation of social order and community relationships – and God used this concept to demonstrate his commitment to keeping the promises he made to certain people in the Bible. A *biblical covenant* is a clear statement of God's purposes and intentions expressed in terms that bind God by solemn oath to perform what he has promised. Unlike a **contract**, a *covenant* that God makes does not expire; it is a **permanent agreement** that God is obligated to keep, even after the death of the person with whom the covenant was made.

- Genesis 17** is the narrative of God, again, appearing to Abram to confirm his *covenant* or promise to him that was first made about 25 years before this appearance. Fill in the chart below, listing the *main components* of the covenant that God made with Abram.

Verse	Components of the Covenant
17:4	Abram would be the father of many nations – a multitude of nations!
17:5	Changed name from Abram (exalted father) to Abraham (father of many)
17:6	Make Abraham fruitful (millions of descendents), including many kings
17:7	God would continue the covenant he made with Abraham for generations to come (with his offspring forever); God promised to be Abraham's God and the God of his descendents.
17:8	The land of Canaan, in which Abraham lived as an alien or stranger, would be given to his descendents forever
17:15-16	Changed Sarai's name to Sarah (princess) and will give her a son by Abraham; she will be blessed and be the mother of many nations; kings will be among her descendents
17:19-21	Abraham and Sarah will have a son (within a year) who they will name Isaac; God will establish his covenant with Isaac and his descendents; God will also bless Ishmael, but he is not part of the covenant

♥ What parts of this covenant (17:4-8) would be impossible for a human being to promise and then guarantee their happening? A human being can enter a covenant with another person, but they could only guarantee their part of the covenant for their lifetime. No human could even begin to guarantee the things that God promised Abraham concerning his descendents in future generations and the giving of the land of Canaan to his offspring forever. Neither could a human promise a son within a year to a couple who were physically past the age of child-bearing. What does this reveal about God? In making this covenant with Abraham, God is revealed as the all-powerful Creator who owns all people as well as all the earth. He can make this agreement because he has the right to do so. No human has the right or power to make this kind of promise.

- Genesis 17:1** is the first time in the Bible that God revealed himself as *El Shaddai – God Almighty – the God who has the power to keep his promises* (see *Introduction*). Why do you think God chose *this time* in Abram's life (and not before) to reveal himself as *El Shaddai* (17:17)?

At this point in Abraham's life, all of God's promises seemed absolutely impossible because they all hinged on Abraham having a son by Sarah, which was now a physical impossibility. (13 years before this, Abraham was still capable of fathering a child (Ishmael). God knew that his covenant with Abraham seemed like an impossibility, so He chose this time to reveal Himself as ***El Shaddai***

– **the God who has the power and might to keep and fulfill the promises** that He makes. Abraham would need to put his full faith and trust in God's ability and power to do what he promised to do. Abraham needed to know God as *El Shaddai*.

- ♥ Why did God wait until Abram was 100 years old and Sarah 90 years old (17:17) to fulfill his promise of giving them a son? God waited until it was impossible, because of age, for Abraham and Sarah to conceive a child. When Isaac was born, everyone knew that it was God and only God that could have made this happen. No one else could take credit for what God did. There was no doubt that Isaac was a miracle and the fulfillment of God's promise. What does this reveal about God and the promises he makes? If God makes a promise, he has the power to make it happen even if it is impossible by human standards.
 - ♥ Can you think of a promise that God has specifically spoken to you either through his written Word or through the Holy Spirit to your heart? Did he keep his promise? Will he keep his promise?
 - ♥ What was Abraham's response to the *presence* and *voice* of God (17:3, 17)? **Abraham fell facedown before God.** What do you think caused this response? **Abraham falling facedown before God was a sign of deep respect before God and submission to God's plans and promises.** This was probably a involuntary reaction to the nearness of God's Presence and voice. Humans can't help but be completely awed and overcome when God comes near. How do you usually sense God's presence and voice? What is your usual response?
3. From what we have learned about the use of names in the Old Testament, what do you think was the significance of God changing Abram's name to Abraham (17:5) and Sarai's name to Sarah (17:15-16)? (Abraham means "father of many nations" and Sarah means "princess.")

The name change of Abraham and Sarah would forever memorialize God's promise to them. Every time they said their name, or called each other by name, they would be reminded of God's "impossible" promise. The name change was also an indication to others that God had changed their names because God had made a promise to them.

Think what it would be like to change your name at this point in your life. You would have to inform everyone and then keep reminding them that you had a new name. A new name feels like a new identity for it is one of the most personal things about us. Abraham and Sarah were forever reminded of God's promise to them and their name change and God's promise is still remembered 4000 years later!

- ♥ Do you think it is important to remember and be reminded of God's promises? Why or why not? How has God reminded you of his promises? What do you sometimes do to remember God's promises?
- ♥ What did God require from Abraham as a sign that he believed and accepted God's "impossible" promise (17:9-11)? **Every male in Abraham's household and every male descendent would be circumcised as a sign of accepting God's covenant with them.** This was a permanent, constant reminder of God's promise. Can you think of some reasons why God would require this outward, permanent mark from Abraham and all his descendents? As New Testament followers of Christ, what are some practices required of us that may serve the same purpose as circumcision in the Old Testament? **Different church traditions have various practices, but two things that all Christ-followers have in common are the two ordinances (authoritative orders) or sacraments that Jesus directly instituted – Baptism and Communion (Eucharist or Lord's Supper).** Both these practices are continual reminders of our identity in God and God's promises to us as his children.

God revealed himself to Abraham as *El Shaddai* – **God Almighty**, in the context of making Abraham a **promise**. A **promise** is a solemn pledge to perform or grant specified things. The **value of a promise** depends upon the reliability and trustworthiness of the person who makes the promise. A promise can be **conditional**, requiring a certain response from the one who receives the promise in order for the promise to be fulfilled; or **unconditional**, meaning no response is required in order to receive what is promised. The Bible is full of God's "very great and precious promises" (2 Peter 1:4), given to those who believe. The name *El Shaddai* reminds us that God can and will keep his promises.

4. Read the verses listed below and record what you learn about God keeping his promises.

Verse	God and His Promises
Numbers 23:19	God is not like humans. He will not lie or change his mind. When he says he will do something, he will! When he promises something, he will carry it through.
1 Samuel 15:29	God does not lie or change his mind about something he said he will do. We can count on his word.
1 Kings 8:56	Not one word has failed of all the promises he gave Moses (and by implication, he will not fail in any of his promises.)
Psalms 89:34	God will not break his promises or take back what he said he would do.
Hebrews 10:23	When God promises, he is faithful; he can be trusted to keep his promise.

- ♥ Do you equally believe the promises that different people make to you? If not, what makes the difference? How does this apply to believing God's promises?
- ♥ Why does God make us promises in his Word? A promise implies that we will receive something that we need, but don't already have. God knows what we need and he has the power to provide it. What do you think is his motivation? God does not need to make us promises, but does so because of his love and concern for us. He knows we live in a imperfect, fallen world and that we need help and support to live life. What do his promises reveal about us? Promises reveal that we are needy and not able to give ourselves or do for ourselves what we need. About God? He is strong (able to make and keep promises) and he is loving (knows what we need and is willing to give it) (Ps. 62:11-12).
- ♥ When you are experiencing hard times, is it easy or difficult for you to believe God's promises of help? Are you more apt to doubt God's *ability* or his *willingness* to fulfill his promises? Why do you think that you sometimes don't receive what God has promised?

5. Abraham's faith in *El Shaddai* to keep his promises was not perfect (**Genesis 16**) or without struggle – but in the end he believed that God was who he said he was and would do what he said he would do. Read **Romans 4:18-22** and describe the steps in Abraham's process of faith.

First, Abraham **believed God and his impossible promise**. Abraham did not deny that what God promised was a physical impossibility. He faced the fact of his own inability and what the situation really was, but chose to believe God anyway. He put his **faith in God** and not in his **circumstances** or his **feelings**. Abraham wrestled this out in his mind and made a choice to believe God and his promise.

From these verses in Romans, write out the verse that contains the meaning of God's name, *El Shaddai*.

21: being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised

21: He was absolutely convinced that God was able to do anything he promised.

- ♥ When God makes us a promise, we could place our trust in *our own abilities*, in *faith* itself, in *the promise* itself, or in *God himself*. Discuss with your small group the differences between these four options. How do we place our trust in *God alone* to fulfill his promises? Sometimes we try to fulfill God's promises through our own efforts (Abraham and Hagar). If God makes a promise, we must leave the working out of the promise to him. We are to wait patiently for him to work as we continue to believe. Sometimes we might put our focus on faith and be concerned about how much faith we have or try and make our faith stronger. We take on the responsibility of fulfilling God's promise through trying to produce faith. Jesus said that we only need the smallest amount of faith in God (as big as a mustard seed [Matt. 17:20]) because the power of faith lies in the One who is trusted, not the amount we have. We might let our focus be on the promise that God gives us and not God Himself. This is when the blessing becomes more important than the One who give the blessing. Sometimes we want what God promises more than we want God.

Abraham's is an example in faith because he placed **his faith in God alone**. His focus was on God and his trust was placed in God. God was most important to Abraham, not the promise that God gave him. He rested in God's ability to fulfill the promise that he gave.

- ♥ When have you had to wait a long time before God acted in your circumstances? Why doesn't God always act quickly? How does waiting affect you? What can we do while we wait?
- ♥ **Romans 4:21** says that Abraham was "*fully persuaded*" and "*absolutely convinced*" that God had the power to do what he promised. What arguments might have played out in Abraham's mind before he became *fully persuaded* and *absolutely convinced*? What arguments do you find playing out in your mind when you are struggling to trust God for something? What conclusion do you usually come to?

El Shaddai has the power to give us what he has promised and what we need. But, in order to believe and receive God's promises, we must first *know* what his promises are. This is why reading and studying God's Word is so important. Do you make time to read some of God's Word each day? Perhaps a Psalm or slowly reading through a particular book of the Bible? As you read, mark or underline any promises from God that you find so that they can be easily found when you need them. We cannot *receive* what we do not *know*, no matter how willing God is to give!

6. For each of the promises from God's Word listed below, state 1) *the promise* in your own words; 2) what, if any are the *conditions of the promise* (something you must do); and 3) in what *area of your life* is this promise most needed?

Philippians 4:6-7

The Promise: I will experience God's wonderful peace, which cannot be humanly understood or produced. This peace will guard my heart and my mind, preventing my circumstances and feelings from taking over. If I have God's peace, I can get through anything that I might be experiencing.

Conditions: Don't worry or be anxious; instead pray about everything, asking God for what I need, as well as thank God for all he has done for me. Prayer and thanksgiving replaces worry; they cannot coexist.

The Message:

Philippians 4:6 *Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. 7 Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the center of your life.*

1 Corinthians 10:13

The Promise: All my temptations (to do wrong or to be self-centered or self-sufficient) are no different (no greater) from what other people experience. But, God will be faithful to his promise to me and he will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that I can't stand up to it. He won't take away the temptation or make it so that I am never tempted (which is the consequences of living in a sinful, fallen world), but he will always provide a way out so that I don't have to give into the temptation. Even though temptations come from the devil or from my own sinful desires, God is in control and is taking care of me.

Conditions: I have to turn to God for help in my temptations and don't try to handle it myself, in my own strength. It is God who gives me the way out and I need to listen to and trust him if I want to stand up to temptation and not fall.

The Message:

1 Corinthians 10:13 *No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; he'll never let you be pushed past your limit; he'll always be there to help you come through it.*

Matthew 6:31-33

The Promise: God, my Father, knows everything I need and he will give me everything I need to live – things like clothing and food.

Conditions: Put God first; live for him and make him my reason for living. Desire Him and what he wants done before anything else.

The Message:

Matthew 6:31 What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God's giving. 32 People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. 33 Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

1 John 5:14-15

The Promise: I can be confident when I approach God because if I ask him for something that is his will (what he wants done), he will hear my prayer. Because he is listening to me when I ask according to his will, I know I will receive what I ask for.

Conditions: I must ask him for what I need and I must be submissive to what he wants

Prayer is not an attempt to get God to see things our way and to extract from him what we have decided we need or want. Prayer is submitting our will to God's. Jesus taught us to pray, "Your Kingdom come, your will be done." (God's Kingdom is any place where what God wants done is done.) If you want to be sure we are praying God's will, base your prayers on Scripture. We can be sure that Bible prayers are God's will! If we pray Bible prayers (promises found in the Bible), God will give us what we ask for.

The Message:

1John 5:14 And how bold and free we then become in his presence, freely asking according to his will, sure that he's listening. 15 And if we're confident that he's listening, we know that what we've asked for is as good as ours.

FYI - More promises from Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:6; Joshua 1:8-9; Psalm 9:9-10; 27:5; 37:4; 46:1; 55:22; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 40:28-31; 41:10; 43:1-2; Jeremiah 29:11-13; 33:3; Luke 11:9-10; John 1:12; 11:25-26; 14:23, 26-27; 15:7; 16:23; Romans 8:26-28; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Ephesians 3:20; Philippians 4:13, 19; James 1:5; 5:14-16; 1 John 1:8-9; 2:27; 5:11-12

♥ How would you explain *faith* to someone? Why do you think God requires the response of faith to receive what he has promised? How does our faith grow and become stronger?

Faith is a rational act – it is something we do. It is aligning our mind, heart and will with TRUTH (which is true reality). When we align our mind, heart and will with God's Truth (agree with it and live as if it is true), this agreement will bring peace and wholeness because we are believing and trusting what is really true. If we align ourselves with or agree with something that is NOT true, our belief or trust will have no power whatsoever. What we receive from believing and trusting (aligning our mind, heart and will with God's truth) happens because we are believing actual Truth. In other words, faith has no power if we believe what is not true. But if we believe God's truth (his Word, his promises, etc), the Truth we choose to believe becomes reality in our heart and produces good fruit in us – love, joy, peace, etc. Faith only "works" when what you believe is TRUTH. Like anything else, we become better and better at this as we practice and keep doing it.

♥ Heart Therapy

SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME WITH *EL SHADDAI - GOD ALMIGHTY* . . .

Choose a promise from Scripture, either one listed above or another one of your choosing. Take some time to internalize the promise; ponder it, memorize it, journal it, expressing your need and helplessness.

How will you respond to this promise in faith? You may want to use the following steps:

Proclaim – State the promise in the first person, as if you were speaking to God (You, I, me, etc.).

Pray – express your need to God and ask him to give what he has promised.

Praise – Praise and thank God for his *provision*, his *generosity*, and his *willingness* and *ability* to give.

Place your trust in *El Shaddai - God Almighty*. Live as if his promise is true. Continue to believe and obey.

BELOW IS THE SUPPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE FOR THIS LESSON THAT CAN BE PRINTED OUT FOR SMALL GROUP TIME.

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Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?

1Samuel 15:29 He who is the Glory of Israel does not lie or change his mind; for he is not a man, that he should change his mind.”

1Kings 8:56 “Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Psalms 89:34 I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.

Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Romans 4:18-22 Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” **19** Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah’s womb was also dead. **20** Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, **21** being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. **22** This is why “it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. **7** And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

1Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

Matthew 6:31-33 So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ **32** For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. **33** But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

1John 5:14-15 This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. **15** And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

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Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie. He is not a human, that he should change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?

1Samuel 15:29 And he who is the Glory of Israel will not lie, nor will he change his mind, for he is not human that he should change his mind!”

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Psalms 89:34 No, I will not break my covenant; I will not take back a single word I said.

Hebrews 10:23 Without wavering, let us hold tightly to the hope we say we have, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.

Romans 4:18-22 When God promised Abraham that he would become the father of many nations, Abraham believed him. God had also said, “Your descendants will be as numerous as the stars,” even though such a promise seemed utterly impossible! **19** And Abraham’s faith did not weaken, even though he knew that he was too old to be a father at the age of one hundred and that Sarah, his wife, had never been able to have children. **20** Abraham never wavered in believing God’s promise. In fact, his faith grew stronger, and in this he brought glory to God. **21** He was absolutely convinced that God was able to do anything he promised. **22** And because of Abraham’s faith, God declared him to be righteous.

Philippians 4:6-7 Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. **7** If you do this, you will experience God’s peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

1Corinthians 10:13 But remember that the temptations that come into your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can’t stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it.

Matthew 6:31-33 “So don’t worry about having enough food or drink or clothing. **32** Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things? Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs, **33** and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

1John 5:14-15 And we can be confident that he will listen to us whenever we ask him for anything in line with his will. **15** And if we know he is listening when we make our requests, we can be sure that he will give us what we ask for.

Additional Promises from God's Word

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

Joshua 1:8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. **9** Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Psalms 9:9 The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. **10** Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, LORD, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Psalms 27:5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.

Psalms 37:4 Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalms 46:1 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalms 55:22 Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; **6** in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

Isaiah 40:28 Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. **29** He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. **30** Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; **31** but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Isaiah 43:1 But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. **2** When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. **10** For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. **John 1:12** Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; **26** and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14:23 Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. **27** Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 15:7 If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

John 16:23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

Romans 8:26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

2Corinthians 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, **4** who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.

James 5:14 Is any one of you sick? He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. **16** Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

1John 1:8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

1John 2:27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in him.

1John 5:11 And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. **12** He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.