



To Enjoy and Express the Freeing Radical Love of Jesus

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Call to Worship from Psalm 24:4-7

An ancient invitation into this sacred and powerful gathering

LEADER Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

ALL ⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

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LEADER ⁶ Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

ALL ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

Top 10 New Year's Resolutions

- Lose Weight and Get Fit
- Quit Smoking
- Learn Something New
- Eat Healthier
- Get Out of Debt and Save Money
- Spend More Time with Family
- Travel to New Places
- Be Less Stressed
- Volunteer
- Drink Less
- Get Organized
- Learn to Count

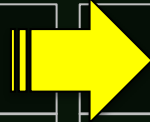
Philippians 3

^{9b} not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

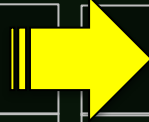
What We Do

Control what I do
and don't do



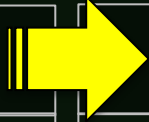
Who We Are

I am the sum of
my actions



What God Does

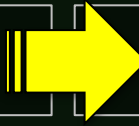
Christian Karma;
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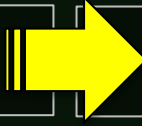
Who God Is

Make God in our
Own Image

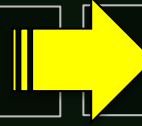
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Who We Are



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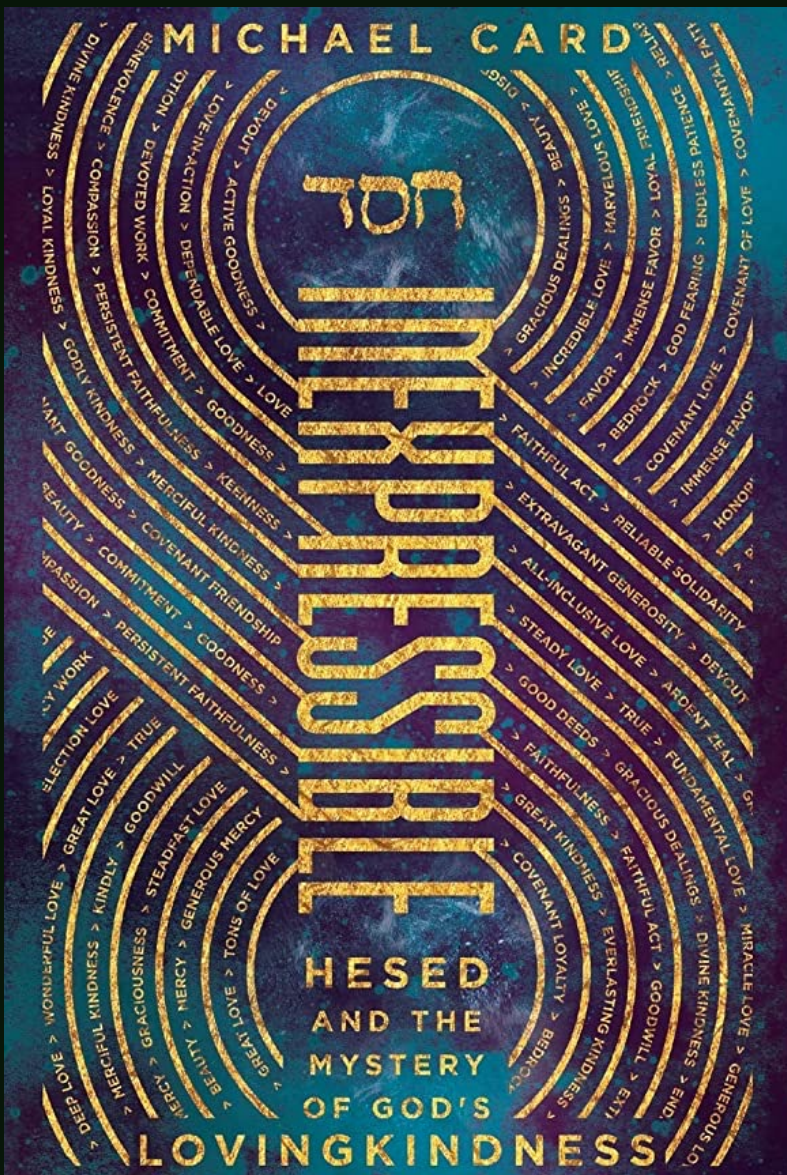
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“Hesed”

Steadfast and Unconditional Love;
Unbreakable Covenant Loyalty;
Goodness, Faithfulness, Kindness, Favor

Used 247 times in the Old Testament



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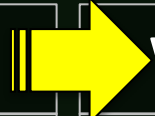
"Hesed"

“When the person from whom I have a right to expect nothing gives me everything.”

“When the unexpected and undeserved gift of one’s life is offered with no strings attached, when the inexpressible acts of adoption, forgiveness and courage occur that leave us speechless.”

“Inexpressible” by Michael Card

Who God Is



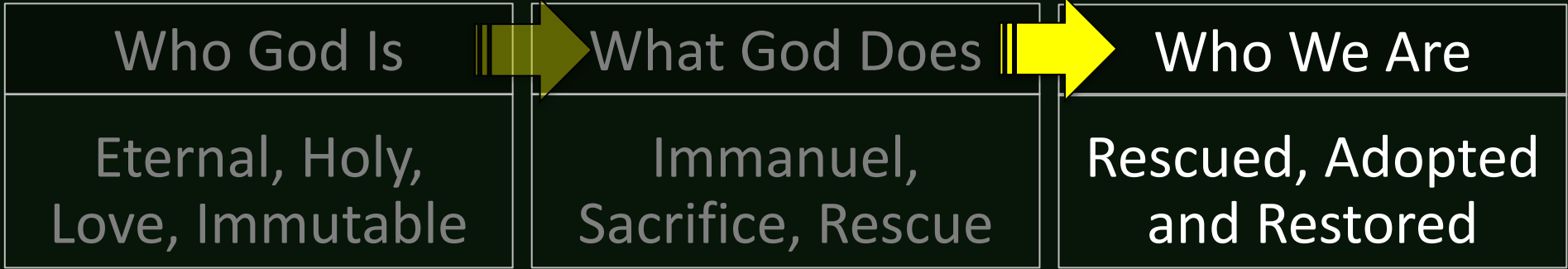
What God Does

Eternal, Holy,
Love, Immutable

Immanuel,
Sacrifice, Rescue

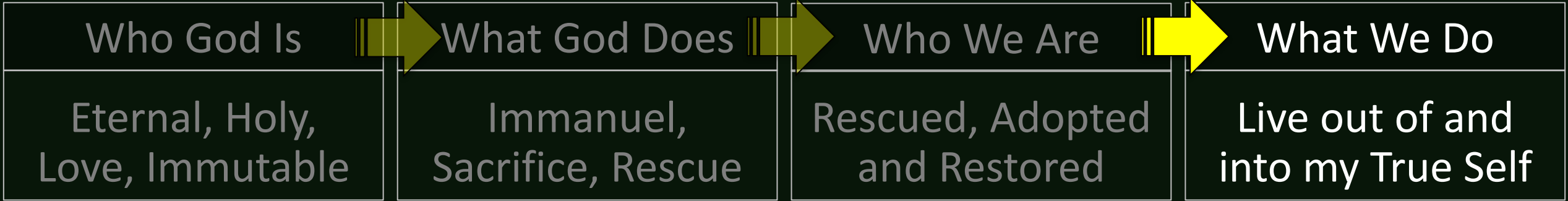
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Let my resolutions be to live out of my True Identity.

To Live Authentically

So the most fundamental steps are to know:

Who God is and

Who He has made me to be



Billy Sunday Birt
Born in 1937, he was named after Billy Sunday, famous and powerful preacher in the first 20 years of the 20th Century.

Got fired from a potato chip factory.

Killed 2 men for assaulting a woman,
and had 2 dreams the next 2 nights.

Had a car wreck, and insurance didn't pay.



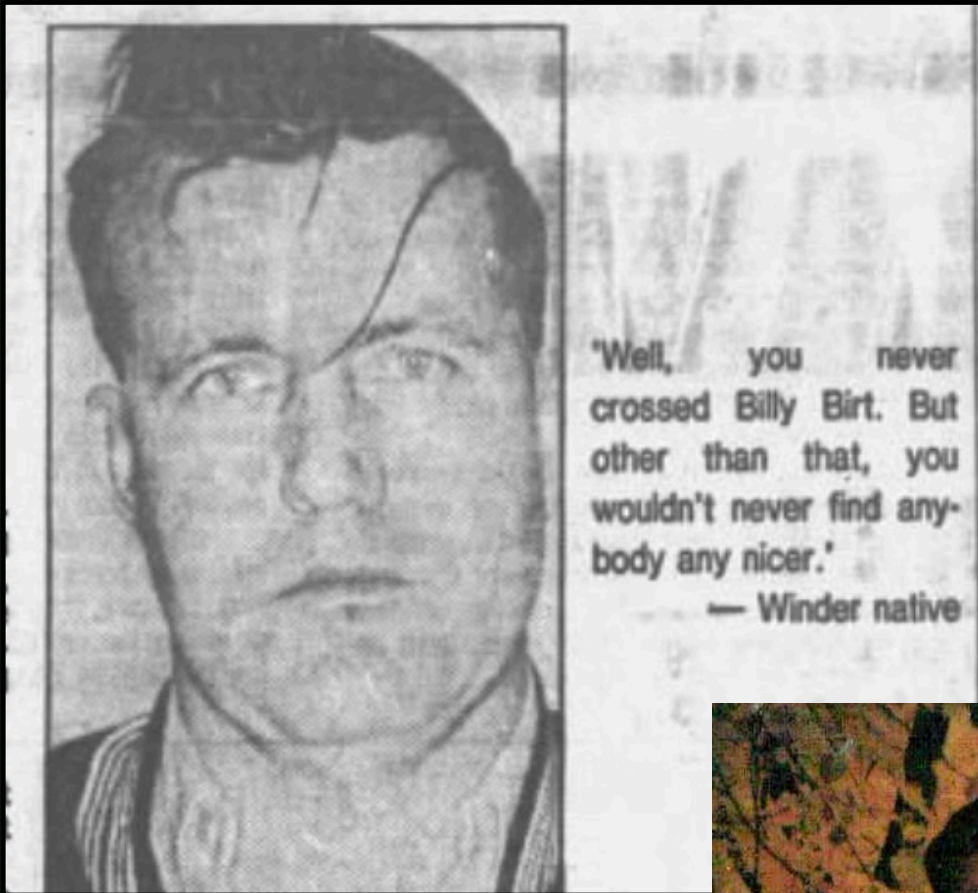
Created the Dixie Mafia in the early 60s
Robbed more banks than John Dillinger and
robbed more people than Jesse James.
Most prolific murderer in Georgia history.
At least 52, but many believe it's over 100.



CLAIMS TO BE THE KILLER
Billy Sunday Birt

*'On May 7, 1971, the
planned backfire, because
in attempting to rob the
Matthews home we had to
kill them both.'*
—Billy Sunday Birt





Sentenced to Death Row in 1973 and would be scheduled to die 8 times.

Accidentally shared the Gospel with Jerome Bowden just before Jerome's execution.

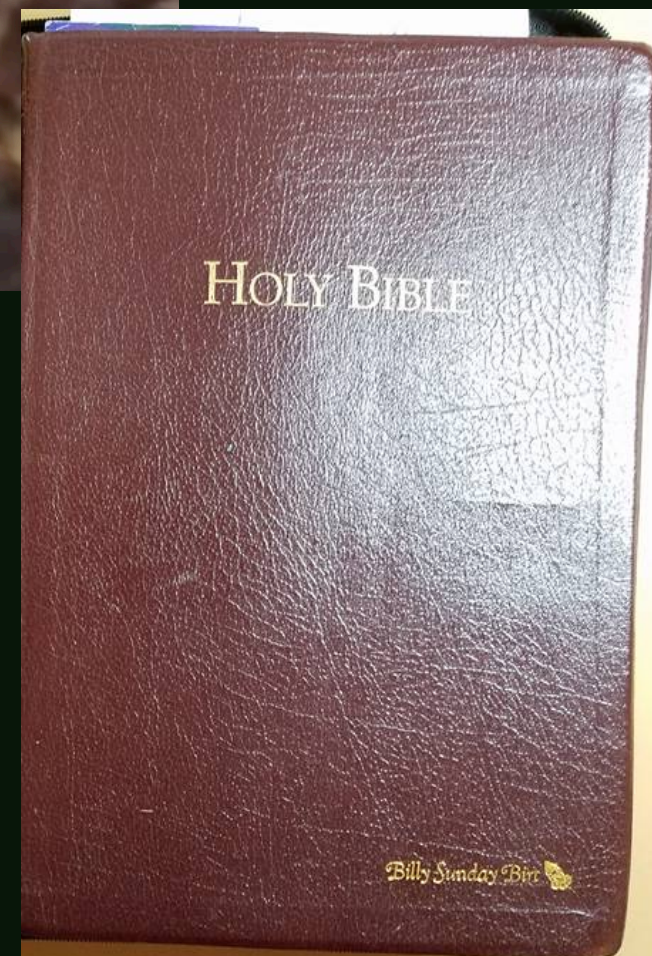


His son Stoney was also in prison and was allowed to go see his dad before his execution.



The Sherriff of Winder, GA would
regularly “check Billy out” from prison...

...and then...



1-Year Bible Reading Plan

This year I want to invite you to join me
in reading through the whole Bible.
This plan is (mostly) Chronological, but also
weaves in the Psalms and New Testament.
Pick up a guide in the Info Area.

PSALM 105:23

23 Is'ra-el also came into E'gypt; and Ja'-cob sojourned in the land of Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.
25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilly with his servants.

Moses Was Used to Free Israel

26 He sent Mo'-ses his servant; and Aa'-ron whom he had chosen.
27 They shewed his signs among them, and wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word.
29 He turned their waters into blood, and slew their fish.
30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came divers sorts of flies, and lice in all their coasts.
32 He gave them hail for rain, and flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their fig trees; and brake the trees of their coasts.
34 He spake, and the locusts came, and caterpillars, and that without number.
35 And did eat up all the herbs in their land, and devoured the fruit of their ground.

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sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.
9 He rebuked the Red sea also, and it was dried up; so he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness.
10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
11 And the waters covered their enemies; there was not one of them left.
12 Then believed they his words; they sang his praise.

Israel Sinned Repeatedly

13 They soon forgot his works; they were not for his counsel.
14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert.
15 And he gave them their request; but he leanness into their soul.
16 They envied Mo'-ses also in the camp, Aa'-ron the saint of the Lord.
17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan and covered the company of A-bi-ran.
18 And a fire was kindled in their company, the flame burned up the wicked.
19 They made a calf in Ho'-reb, and worshipped the molten image.

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they sacrificed unto the idols of Ca'-na-an; and the land was polluted with blood.
38 Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.

God's Wrath and Mercy

40 Therefore was the wrath of the Lord kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance.
41 And he gave them into the hand of the heathen; and they that hated them ruled over them.
42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them; but they provoked him with their counsel, and were brought low for their iniquity.
44 Nevertheless he regarded their affliction, when he heard their cry.
45 And he remembered for them his covenant, and repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
46 He made them also to be pitied of all those that carried them captives.
47 Save us, O LORD our God, and gather us among the heathen, to give thanks unto thee, O LORD, in the midst of the nations.

PSALM 107:41

shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder.
15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Deliverance from Transgressions

17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death.
19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses.
20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.
21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!
22 And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

Deliverance from Storms

23 They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;
24 These see the works of the LORD, and his wonders in the deep.

Benediction

A 4000 years old tradition of giving a corporate blessing over God's people.

Psalm 33:22

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.