

"LIFE THROUGH THE LENS"



THE PASSWORD

Passwords allow access to messages that keep us in touch with friends, the operation of financial transactions through bank accounts, and gather copious amounts of information about all "stuff" that someone thinks we need to know.

When we got our first computer, a Commodore 64 (the "steam-driven" model), one or two easily remembered passwords were all we needed to make the few programs work. Now, whole industries are built around systems that will remember my passwords for me, or if I have an imagination block, generate passwords for me and remember them. All I need to do is remember the master password and the instructions: "DO NOT WRITE THIS DOWN."

Passwords are meant to be clever, inventive, complicated, hard to remember, and not to be shared. A computer industry friend told me, "I only have one password for everything. It is so complicated no one will ever crack it."

On the contrary, the password to access all a loving God wants to give to everyone is not complicated; it is easy to remember; there is no need to be clever, and he definitely wants it to be shared.

Remember it, "I BELIEVE IN AND TRUST JESUS".

God is not fussy about the actual format of the words, but he does demand that a belief in what they stand for is the only way to gain access to all he offers and at no cost to you or me. His Son Jesus has paid the one-off connection fee as he suffered, bled and died on the cross at Easter. A follower of Jesus said, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (**Romans 10:13**). Another follower wrote "Tell God you are sorry for turning your back on his offer of love, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (**Acts 2:38 Paraphrased**) What are those gifts? Firstly, a "fixed-up" relationship with the God who loves you, PLUS love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (**Galatians 5:22-23**) and many other gifts and blessings planned especially for you and your life. If perhaps you have forgotten God and his love, talk to him and tell him, "I need your love in my life. "I BELIEVE AND TRUST JESUS". He has promised to hear and act on those words when they come from your heart.

God bless you,
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