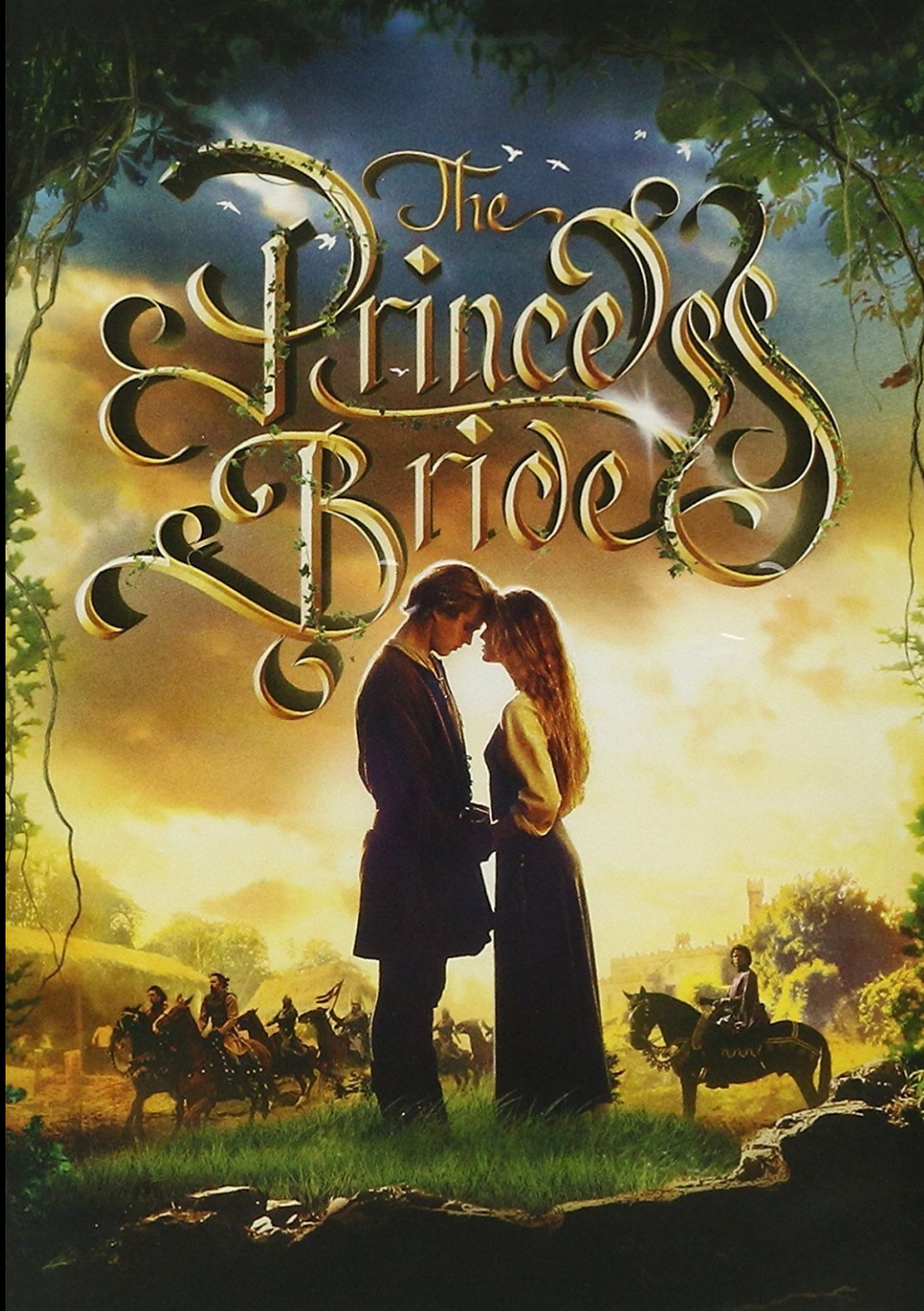


Welcome
Sanford Family
& Friends

The Princess & The Bride



What kind of ground is your faith
built on?

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine
and puts them into practice is like a wise man
who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24



Can a Christian fall from God's
grace and back into a sinful
situation?

Ephesians 2:8-10

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them” (NKJV).



ESV Romans 5:20-21

Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

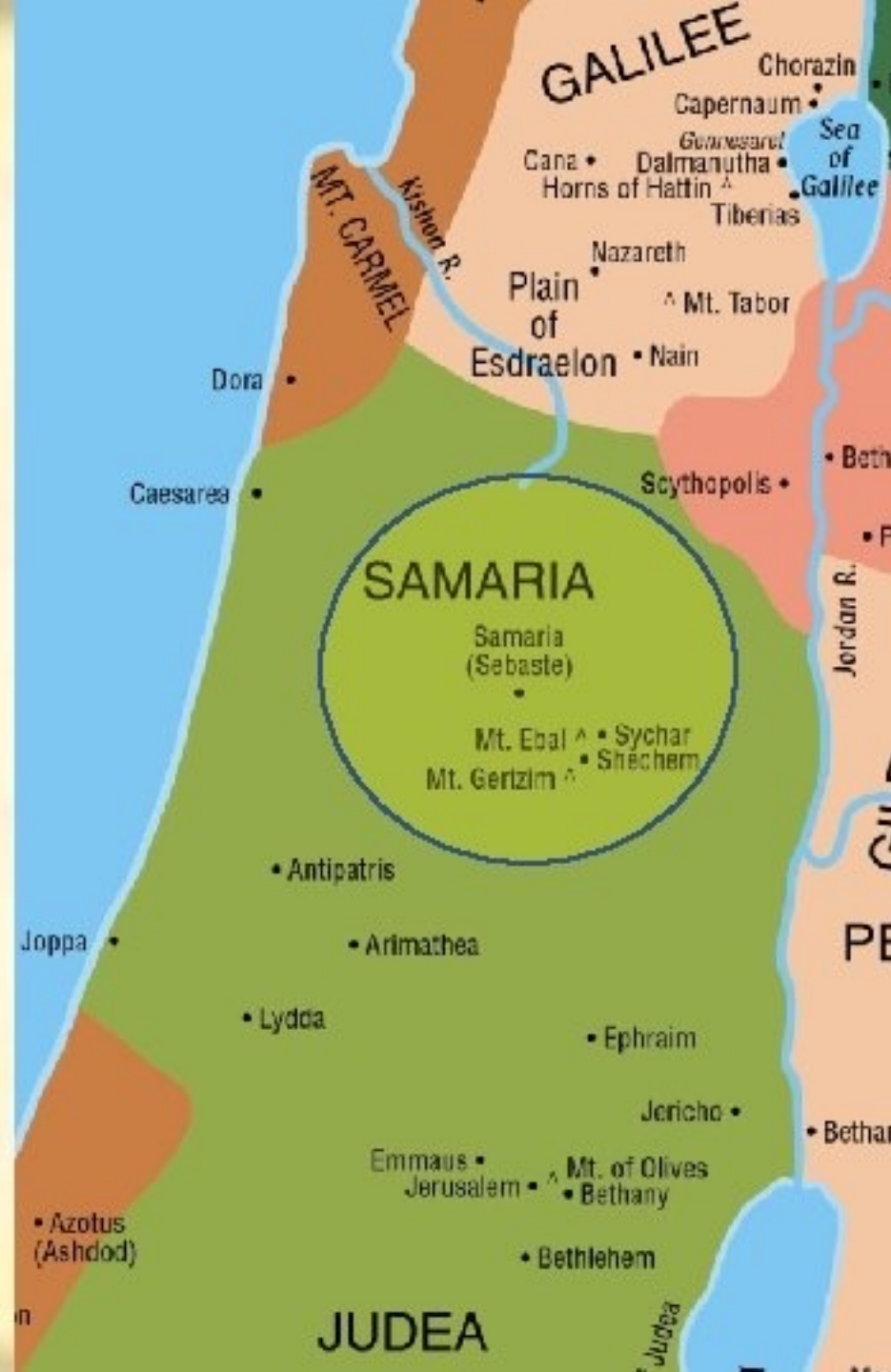


Five Points of Calvinism (TULIP)

- **Total Depravity:** through Adam and Eve's fall, every person is born sinful
- **Unconditional Election:** God "saves" those he wishes; concept of predestination
- **Limited Atonement:** Jesus died for the chosen only, not for everyone.
- **Irresistible Grace:** God's grace is given freely; it cannot be earned or denied
- **Perseverance of the "saints":** those elected by God have full power to interpret the will of God

Simon the Sorcerer Believes (Acts 8:9-17)

- Simon had a great following among the people because of his sorcery.
- But the people believed Philip's preaching about Jesus and the kingdom, and they had been baptized.
- Simon also believed and was baptized.
- He was amazed at the signs and miracles done by Philip
- When Peter & John came to Samaria, they imparted the miraculous measure of the Holy Spirit to believers.



Repent, therefore, of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.

~ Acts 8:22 ESV

You have been severed from Christ,
you who are seeking to be justified by law;
YOU HAVE FALLEN FROM GRACE.

~ Galatians 5:4 ~



GRACE

No more a license to sin than
electricity is a license to electrocute yourself.

A close-up photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer over an open Bible. The hands are positioned in the upper right quadrant, with fingers interlaced. The Bible is open, showing text on the pages, and is held in the lower half of the frame. The lighting is warm and soft, creating a contemplative atmosphere. The background is dark and out of focus.

How can I safeguard my
spiritual life against falling
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- **Be honest with yourself about where you are weak!**

JAMIES 1

11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should

**IF WE WOULD
JUDGE OURSELVES
WE WOULD NOT
BE JUDGED**

1 CORINTHIANS 11:31



Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

~ Romans 6:12-13

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- **Be not tangled with the world but with God!**

**DO NOT BE DECEIVED:
“BAD COMPANY RUINS
GOOD MORALS.”**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:33

2 Timothy 4:10 (ESV)

10 For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him”

1 John 2:15 ESV



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- **Be proactive in seeking opportunities to stretch and grow spiritually!**

“There Is Faith That Cannot Save”


The Example of Abraham - (21-24)



James 2:21 (NKJV)

Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar?

James 2:24 (NKJV)
²⁴ You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only.



**IN THE SAME WAY, EVERY GOOD TREE
PRODUCES GOOD FRUIT, BUT A BAD TREE
PRODUCES BAD FRUIT. A GOOD TREE
CAN'T PRODUCE BAD FRUIT; NEITHER
CAN A BAD TREE PRODUCE GOOD FRUIT.
EVERY TREE THAT DOESN'T PRODUCE
GOOD FRUIT IS CUT DOWN AND THROWN
INTO THE FIRE. SO YOU'LL RECOGNIZE
THEM BY THEIR FRUIT.**

MATTHEW 7:17-20

What kind
of fruits are
you
producing
in your
daily walk?

What kind of efforts are you
making to grow in your faith?

How have you help the church in
its work?

Are you leading someone to a
knowledge of the Gospel Truth?

Is God pleased with your effort?


THAT YOU MAY KNOW YOU HAVE,

ETERNAL

LIFE

1 John 5:13



A photograph of a baptism taking place in a river. A person is lying on their back in the water, with their head tilted back. Another person, wearing a white robe, is kneeling in the water and pouring water over the person's head. The water is clear and blue. The text "Have you been washed in the blood of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sin?" is overlaid in white on the image.

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