

**“REST”**

**MATTHEW 11:28-30; HEBREWS 3:12-4:11;  
JOHN 15; OTHER SELECT SCRIPTURES**

**I. THE DIVINE PLAN - IN THE BEGINNING**

**A. The work of God**

*Creating the entire cosmos by, through and for Christ*

**B. The rest of God**

*1. Creation ended; He stopped the work of creating*

*2. Systems operating as created - at peace*

*3. Action stopped yet systems operate upheld by His Word*

*4. Joyfully watching it all happen; refreshed*

**C. The image of God**

*1. Representing God, in glory*

*2. Ruling as He would rule*

*3. Full direct communication with God*

*4. United with God through His Spirit*

**D. The blessing of God: the work of man**

*1. Fruitfulness*

*2. Order from disorder*

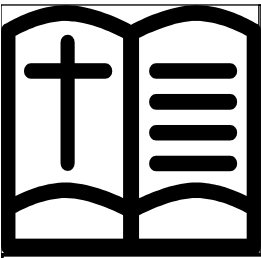
*3. Godly dominion over creation (not one another)*

*4. To tend and keep the Garden*

*5. The energy of God: Union with God through trust to image God in his work i.e. to glorify God*

**E. The distrust of God and its consequences**

*1. Fruitfulness more difficult*



2. *Work is without the partnership of God unless faith is expressed*

## II. *THE DIVINE PLAN - IN THE RESTORATION*

### A. *The work of God*

1. *The incarnation*
2. *The ministry of Christ*
3. *The crucifixion of Christ*
4. *The resurrection of Christ*
5. *The ascension of Christ*
6. *To give rest to the people of God*

### B. *The rest of God*

1. *Jesus, the Christ, doing only the work of the Father w/o exertion—intentional submission*
2. *“It is finished!”*
3. *Seated at the Father’s right hand waiting on the Father*

### C. *The image of God: Born again through faith in the person and finished work of Christ; representing God; in union with God!*

### D. *The blessing of God: the work of man*

1. *Fruitfulness through abiding (resting)*
2. *Ceasing from human works for righteousness*
3. *Good works in Jesus’ name through the Spirit*

### E. *The energy of God*

1. *Come unto me...and I will give you rest*
2. *“Deny yourself, take up the cross and follow me”*
3. *Abide in me; walk in the Spirit; be filled with the Spirit;*
4. *Labor to enter that rest*