



**Gregory Family
Spiritual Legacy Declaration**

GREGORY FAMILY SPIRITUAL LEGACY DECLARATION

Family Foundational Scripture: Joshua 24:15 (KJV)

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**

As the current patriarch of my family, I make the following declaration for my household and future generations to come:

I leave the following Spiritual Legacy for the Family of Theodore Gregory, Jr. to follow as a means to live a abundantly fruitful, productive and holy life unto our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. By adopting this declaration as your own, you also procure for yourself the blessings and more that our Lord has graciously ordained for us in His word. We declare His Grace, Love, Mercy, Forgiveness, Goodness, Provision, Protection, Perfect Will over our lives, our family, future generations and any who choose to believe in Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

This legacy provides a living testimony of what God has done for us and will do for you if you accept Him personally as your Lord and Savior and obey his commandments.

Our Beliefs:

- The Bible is the Inspired Word of God: the Old and New Testament are verbally inspired by God, the only written revelation from God to man. The Bible is infallible and the authoritative rule of faith and conduct for mankind (**2 Timothy 3:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:23**).
- There is one true God: God is called by many different names because of the different dimensions of His personality, but God is one (**Deuteronomy 6:4**). God is super-dimensional and eternally self-existent (**Exodus 3:14; Deuteronomy 4:35; Isaiah 43:10; John 8:54-59**). God is omniscient, omnipresent, and omnipotent. He is the creator of the heavens and the earth (**Genesis 1 & 2**). While God is one, He has revealed Himself in three persons: Father (*YHWH*), Son (*Yeshua*), and Holy Spirit (*Ruach Hakodesh*) (**Matthew 28:19; John 14:23-26**).
- Jesus Christ is the Son of God: Jesus Christ is the second person of the Trinity, the eternal Son of God. The Scripture declares his virgin birth (**Matthew 1:18-23**); His sinless life (**Hebrews 7:26; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:4, 5**); His miracles (**Acts 2:22, 10:37-38**); His substitutionary death on the cross (**2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 Corinthians 15:4**); His bodily resurrection from the dead (**Matthew 28:1-6; 1**

Corinthians 15:4); His exaltation to the right hand of God, the Father (**Acts 1:9, 11 & Philippians 2:9-11, Luke 22:6-9; Acts 7:56; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12, 1 Peter 3:22**).

- The fall of man: Man was created in the image of God (**Genesis 1:26**). However, by a voluntary act of their own freewill, Adam and Eve disobeyed God (**Genesis 3:6**). That first sin had several repercussions. Man was excommunicated from the Garden of Eden (**Genesis 3:23-24**), a curse was pronounced (**Genesis 3:14-19**), the process of physical death began (**Genesis 2:17**), and man died spiritually (**Romans 5:12-19**). Sin separated humankind from God (**Ephesians 2:11-18**) and left man in a fallen or sinful condition (**Romans 3:23**).
- The only means of salvation is Jesus Christ (**Acts 4:12; John 14:6**). He died on the cross to pay the penalty of our sins (**1 Peter 2:24**). He offers each of us a pardon for our sins (**Hebrews 9:26**) and wants us to become children of God (**John 1:12-13**).
- When we put our faith in Christ, it triggers a spiritual chain reaction. We become the temple of the Holy Spirit (**1 Corinthians 6:19**). Our names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life (**Revelation 3:5**). We become citizens of heaven (**Philippians 3:20-21**). We are given eternal life (**John 3:16**). We are adopted and become children of God (**Galatians 4:4-7**). Our sins are forgiven and forgotten (**Hebrews 8:12**). We are credited with the righteousness of Christ (**Romans 4:4-5**). We are born-again (**John 3:3**). God takes ownership of us (**1 Corinthians 6:20**). We receive an eternal inheritance (**Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 Peter 1:3-5**).
- Because of this, we choose to accept, believe, follow trust and obey Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior of our Lives. I believe that because I believe in Him not only am I saved but my whole house shall be saved. (**Acts 16:31**)
- We believe in the following ordinances of the Church: **Baptism in Water** - The Scripture teaches that all who repent and believe in Christ are to be baptized by immersion (**Matthew 28:19**). Baptism is a public profession of faith in Christ. It is symbolic of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ. It is a declaration to the world that we have died to sin and have been raised with Christ to walk in newness of life (**Romans 6:4**). **Communion** - The Lord's Table consists of two elements: the bread and cup. Those elements are symbolic of the body and blood of Christ. Communion is a memorial of Christ's sufferings on the cross and a celebration of our salvation. (**Luke 22:19-20**) It is an opportunity for a believer to examine himself and experience forgiveness, healing and a renewal of obedience and submission to Christ with our hearts.
- We believe in the Person (**John 14:16, 26**) and Power (**Acts 1:1-8**) of The Holy Spirit: The nine fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**) are the by-product of a Spirit-filled life and evidence of spiritual maturity. The nine gifts of the Spirit are different manifestations of the power (ability to do) of the Spirit to build up the body (*received by asking to receive the baptism or infilling of the Holy Spirit*), (**1 Corinthians 12:1-11**). We are instructed to diligently seek the gifts

(1 **Corinthians 12:31, 14:1**), but they must be exercised in an orderly way (1 **Corinthians 14:26-33**) in the context of love (1 **Corinthians 13:1-13**).

- Therefore we gladly asked for and receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (our heavenly language that provides edification (building up), healing and comfort of our inner man (spirit) as well as our body (1 **Corinthians 14:4**).
- Our purpose is to be in communion, fellowship with the one and only true God (the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and to live a consecrated lifestyle of worship (**Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37-40; John 13:34-35; John 15:9-12; Matthew 6:33**)

Our God Given Rights and Spiritual Authority:

- We accept our God given authority to take dominion over our life, our children's lives and our children's children lives as well as everything in the earth, over the earth and below the earth (**Genesis 1:26, 28**), restored back to us by the redemptive work of Jesus' blood on the cross and His resurrection (**Matthew 28 19-20; Mark 15:1-47; 16:1-18; Luke 24:46-49**).

We also accept our God given rights to be free from sin, sickness and diseases (**Psalms 103:3; Isaiah 53:5; 1 Peter 2:24**) and death (**Revelation 1:18**), to have communion with Him eternally (**John 3:16**), access to Him (**Acts 2:39; Romans 5:2**), have peace (**John 14:27; Philippians 4:7**) and grace (unmerited favor) with Him (**Romans 5:2, Hebrews 4:16**) and to be victorious (**Psalms 60:12; 1 Corinthians 15:57**) and overcomers (**Revelation 12:11**) and prosperous (**Matthew 6:33; Malachi 3:10**).

Our Spiritual Responsibility

- I therefore charge the men of my family, all to strive to live a Christ centered, Holy Spirit filled (**Romans 8:9**), holy (1 **Peter 1:16, Revelation 21:27**) and sanctified life (**John 17:17; Romans 6:6-7, 11, 14; 2 Peter 3:16-18**)
- **TO TEACH** our family the word of God and show obedience to the WORD by example.
- To lay a biblical foundation to ensure family members each learn importance of choosing Jesus as Savior and follow His ways and teachings .
 - o Instilling biblical principles (salvation [**John 10:9; Acts 2:21; 4:12; Romans 10:9-10, Ephesians 2:8, Romans 6:23**], tithing (**Genesis 14:23; Genesis 29:22; Malachi 3:10; Acts 4:34-35**), water baptism (**Matthew 3:15; John 3:5; 1 Peter 3:21**), communion, Baptism of Holy Spirit (**Romans 6:3; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:38**).
 - o Teach fall of man (**Genesis 3**), giving of law (**Exodus 19-20**), Passover (**Exodus 12**), Hebrew roots (**Old Testament**), Feasts of Bible (**Leviticus 23:6; Leviticus 23:16; Leviticus 23:24**), importance of Bible (**Deuteronomy 6:6-7; 8:3; 2 Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:130; Romans 1:16**), spiritual authority and power of Holy Spirit (**Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:16; Romans 8:11; John 15:26; John 16:13**), importance of the birth and resurrection of Jesus (**Micah 5:2; John 3:16;**

1 Peter 3:18; Isaiah 9:6-7; 1 Peter 3:2; Revelation 1:5 faith, believe, trust in (**Mark 9:23; Romans 10:17; Galatians 5:6; James 2:17; 1 John 5:4, 24; Hebrews 11:6; Nahum 1:7**) and obedience to God as the only true God (**Deuteronomy 26:16; Joshua 1:8; 1 Samuel 15:22; Matthew 7:21; Exodus 19:5; John 7:17; 15:10; James 1:25**), The Trinity [Godhead] (**Matthew 3:15-16; 28:19; John 14:26; 15:26; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:2**).

- Spiritual Armor (**Ephesians 6:10-18**)
 - Imputed Righteousness (**Romans 4:11; James 2:23**)
 - Freewill (**Deuteronomy 30:19-20; John 7:17; 8:31-32**), Justification (**Genesis 15:6; Acts 13:39; Romans 5:1; Galatians 3:6, 24**), Sanctification (**Leviticus 11:45; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:16; 2 Corinthians 7:1; John 17; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Ephesians 5:26; 2 Timothy 2:21; 1 Pet 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 4:3, 5:23**)
 - Knowing vs Feeling of God's presence (Spirit vs Flesh) (**Romans 8:28; 2 Timothy 1:12; 1 John 3:14; John 10:14; Ephesians 4:18; John 1:10; Job 21:14; Zechariah 7:12; Romans 1:28; 2 Peter 3:5**)
 - Gifts (**1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14, 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 11:29, James 1:17, Proverbs 21:14, Ephesians 4:7-8, Romans 12:6-11**), Fruits of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22; Ephesians 5:9**)
 - The many Names and Titles of God
 - Jesus is about relationship not religion (**John 14: 1-31**)
- **TO OBEY** the two most important commandments (**Matthew 22:36-40; John 13:34**)
 - To commit to and fight for our marriages, Divorce is *not an option* (**Malachi 2:14-16, Matthew 19:8, Luke 16: 18**).
 - **WE DECREE AND DECLARE** that marriage is a Holy covenant created by God, reflection of Christ and the Church) (**Genesis 1:26-27; 2:18, 21-25, Matthew 5:31-32; Mark 10:9; 1 Corinthians 7:10-11; Hebrews 13:4, Malachi 2:14**)
 - Submission to one another as unto Christ, (**Ephesians 5:22-33; Matthew 6:10; Hebrews 13:17; Romans 6:13; James 4:7; Ephesians 5:21**)
 - Fellowship, Home Church, maintaining awareness of God's presence (**Acts 2:44; Matthew 18:20; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Hebrews 10:22, 25; Hosea 6:3; Matthew 6:33, John 4:24; Psalm 96:9; Psalm 105:4; Psalm 145:18**)
 - Works (human effort) vs "sitting" (submission) at the Feet of Jesus (**Luke 38:42; Ephesians 2:8-9; Matt 7:22-23**)
 - Good works (**1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Peter 4:11; 1 Corinthians 3:9; John 4:34; Ephesians 6:7; Mark 10:43-44; John 13:14; Galatians 5:13**)
 - Live a lifestyle of committed praise, worship and prayer with excellence unto God (**2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 15:29; Isaiah 56:7; Daniel 9:23; Luke 11:2, 9; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 6:6, 9, 7:7, 18:19, 26:39, 41; Mark 11:24; John 16:24; Acts 1:14, 4:24, 21:5; Ephesians 1:17-22, 6:18; Philippians 4:6; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:13, 16; Psalm 91:15; Isaiah 58:9, 65:17; Zechariah 13:9; Luke 5:16, 6:12, 14:33**)

Our Spiritual Conflict/Warfare; Weapons

To identify our true enemies (fallen spiritual powers) and access and utilize divine protection for our family through the Word of God and intercession: (**Psalm 17:8, 34:7, 91:2, 4; Isaiah 59:17; Zechariah 2:5; Romans 7:23, 13:12; Luke 22:31; Ephesians 6:12, 6:10-18; 1 Peter 5:8; 2 Corinthians 10:4, 6:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:8; Hebrews 4:12; 13:17; Revelation 12:11, 17:14; 1 Timothy 3:2, 6:12; Exodus 14:14, 23:27; Proverbs 14: 26, 30:5**)

Our Spiritual Inheritance, Eternal Destiny

- To know, teach and instill in our family our true eternal rewards and inheritance
 - o Sabbath Rest (**Hebrews 4**)
 - o Stewardship (**1 Corinthians 4:2; 1 Co 6:20; 1 Tim 6:60; 1 Peter 4:10; Matthew 12:36; Luke 12:48; Rom 14:8, 12; Proverbs 9:12; Ezekiel 18:20; 33:6; James 3:1; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2**)
 - o Inheritance, Treasures (**Deuteronomy 8:18; Proverbs 10:22; Psalm 37:11; Isaiah 57:13; Matthew 5:5; 13:44; Colossians 1:12; Ephesians 1:18; James 2:5; Luke 12:33, Romans 8:17; Hebrews 6:17; Galatians 4:7**)

So on this day, January 1, 2015 I, Theodore Gregory, Jr. affirm my God-given right as spiritual leader, royal priest (*1 Peter 2:9*) of my home to live in agreement with this declaration for my life, family and others unto God. I will seek God and His ways, strive to live a sanctified and holy life unto God according to His Word, the Holy Bible and led by His Spirit.

I pray that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ provide me with His wisdom, strength, patience, peace, mercy and love to do so.

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