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Who is YOUR King?!?



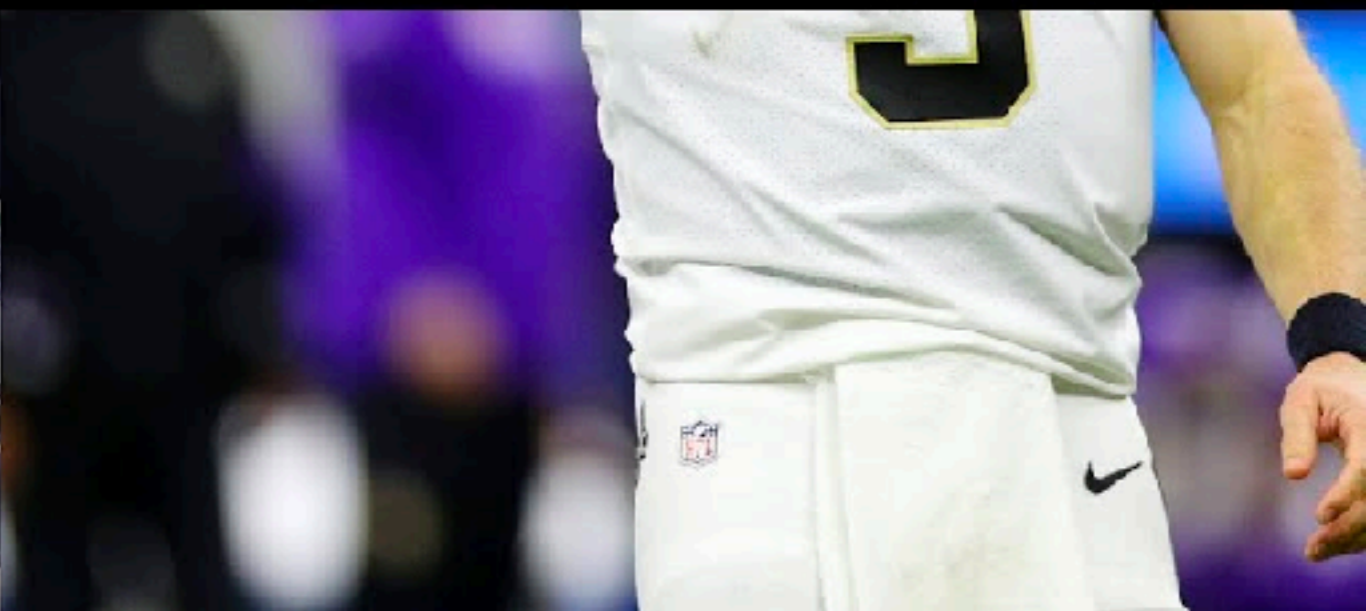
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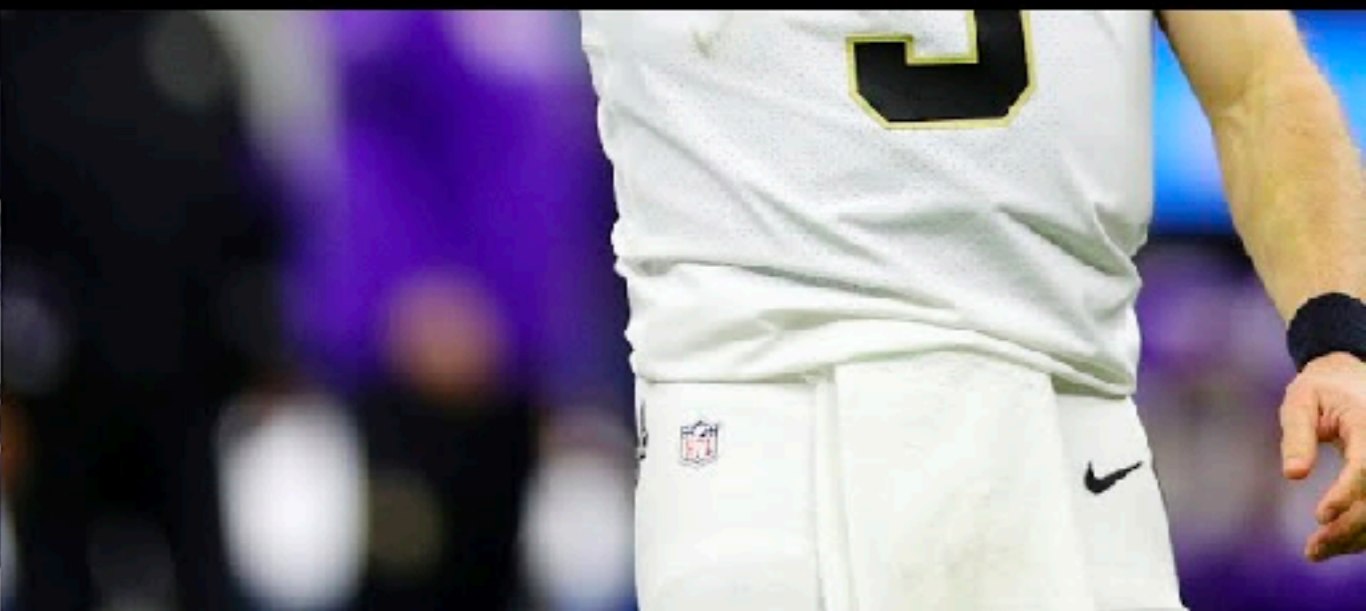


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A Game of G.O.A.T.s

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Matthew 20:20-23



“Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.”



Matthew 20:21b

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Two misconceptions:



“you do not know what you ask”

Matthew 20:22a

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 - Received greatness:
 - Rewarded greatness:

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Whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave.

Matthew 20:26b-27



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Are you able to drink the cup
that I am about to drink, and be
baptized with the baptism
that I am baptized with?

Matthew 20:22b



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Matthew 20:22b



Drink from it, all of you.
For this is My blood
of the new covenant,
which is shed for many
for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:27b-28



I have a baptism
to be baptized with,
and how distressed I am
till it is accomplished!

Luke 12:50



If anyone desires to come after
Me, let him deny himself, and
take up his cross, and follow Me.

Matthew 16:24



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**Who then is the greatest in the
kingdom of heaven?**

Matthew 18:1b



Assuredly, I say to you,
unless you are converted and
become as little children,
you will by no means enter the
kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 18:3



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Matthew 18:3



Understanding
“Received Greatness”:



Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
nor have entered into the heart of
man the things which
God has prepared
for those who love Him.

1 Corinthians 2:9



Understanding
“Received Greatness”:



Understanding “Received Greatness”:

1. What is it?



. . . the wages of sin *is* death,
but the gift of God *is* eternal life in
Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23



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. . .through the resurrection of
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does not fade away,
reserved in heaven for you.

1 Peter 1:3b-4



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Matthew 20:21b



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[God] raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus!

Ephesians 2:6



Jesus Christ . . . who loved us and
washed us from our sins in His
own blood . . . has made us
kings and priests!

Revelation 1:5b-6



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Father has bestowed on us, that
we should be called children of God!

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Divine sonship



I will be his God and
he shall be My son!

Revelation 21:7b



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Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:2



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For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16



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So He said to them, “You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *it is for those* for whom it is **prepared** by My Father.”

Matthew 20:23



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‘Come, you blessed of My
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Matthew 25:34



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I go to prepare a place for you!

John 14:2b



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For He made Him who knew no
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Him.

1 Corinthians 5:21



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John 3:16



To him who overcomes
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on My throne, as I also overcame
and sat down with My Father on His
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Revelation 3:21



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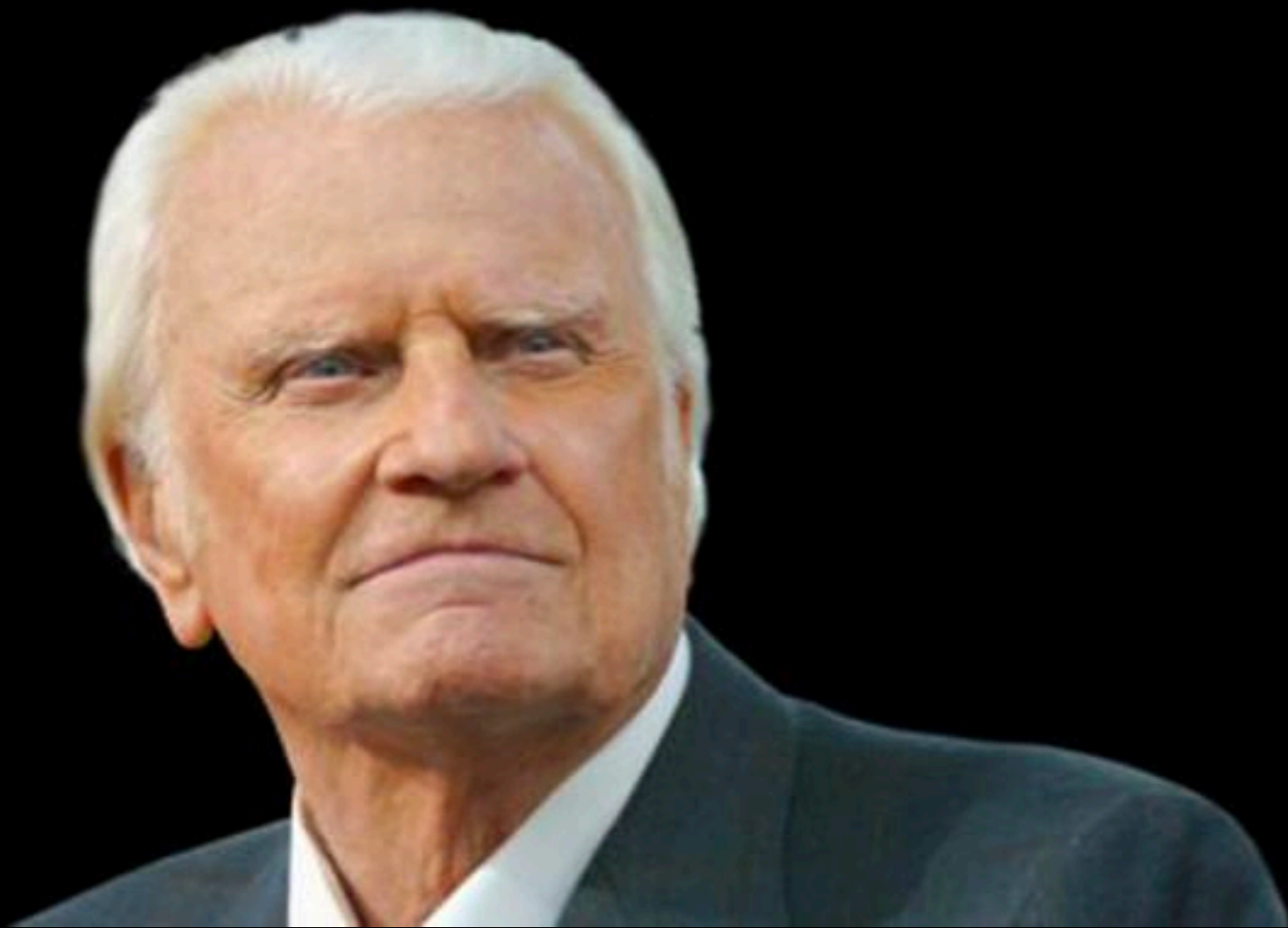
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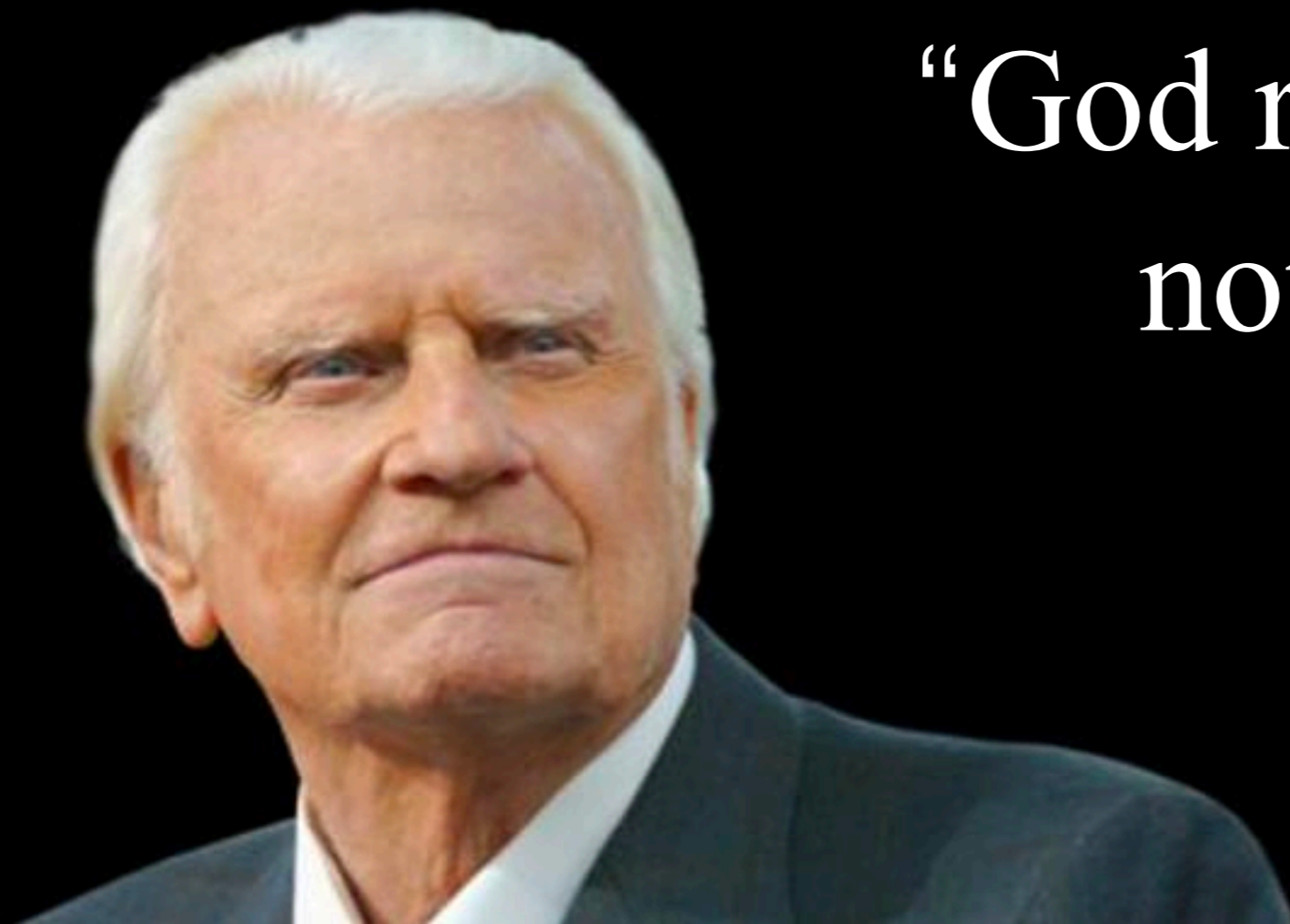
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We receive it by faith

The Holy Spirit seals & activates it



Billy Graham



“God rewards fruitfulness
not faithfulness”.

Billy Graham



Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of
God, by whom you were sealed for
the day of redemption

Ephesians 4:30b



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But the fruit of the Spirit is love,
joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness,
self-control.

Galatians 5:22-23a



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2. Jesus deferred to His Father the right to elevate His followers?



The Son of Man . . . will reward each
according to his works.

Matthew 16:27

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Who is YOUR King?!?

