

v. 28-- The New Jerusalem's foundation is being built right now, and we are the foundation, the living stones (Revelations 21:19) made firm and strong and precious by the revelations of Christ (1 Peter 2:5).

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v. 1-3-- He is telling us He wants to do everything for us. The "gates of brass and bars of iron" are Satan's illusions--He will break them for us. He says He calls us by our name--our name is "Children of God"--He is saying that as His children we are heirs to all of His power and He is the God of All!!!

v. 4-- He said He has surnamed us--He has given us His Name--We are in His family! What a family to be in!!!! He gives this all to us, even though we many times don't act like children of the Almighty. Once the reality of this sinks into our spirits, and we realize the tremendous position we've been given, we can do nothing else, but devote our lives and hearts to Him, and stand on all the promises and victories He has won for us!!!!

v. 5-- Our God--The Supreme God of gods--The Almighty Power of the Universe--has taken us as His children and clothed us with His robe-- with His love and righteousness--to clothe someone in your clothes is a strong outward sign of totally giving oneself to another. God has given Himself to us to a degree that our minds just cannot comprehend!!! Still, we don't know Him!

v. 6--In v. 5 He speaks to us directly. Here He speaks of "they". We who have been clothed by Him are to let others know of His love and tell them to turn to Him.

v. 7-- The Lord is creator of Everything!!

v. 8-- The gifts of righteousness through Jesus Christ.

v. 9-10-- We are what the Lord makes us--whatever He has planned for us in our lives--we have no right to tell Him how to work. (See Romans 9:21)

v. 11-- He wants us, however, to come to Him concerning everything in our lives, not to tell Him how to do it, but to put ourselves into His hands, and His plan for each of us and the world as a whole.

v. 12-13-- He has created man, and has raised us up again after our fall, unto righteousness and power, and He will direct all our ways. WE will build His city and let go the captives by spreading the gospel, and we won't be rewarded for our works, we do it out of love for Him. We have already gotten our reward!!