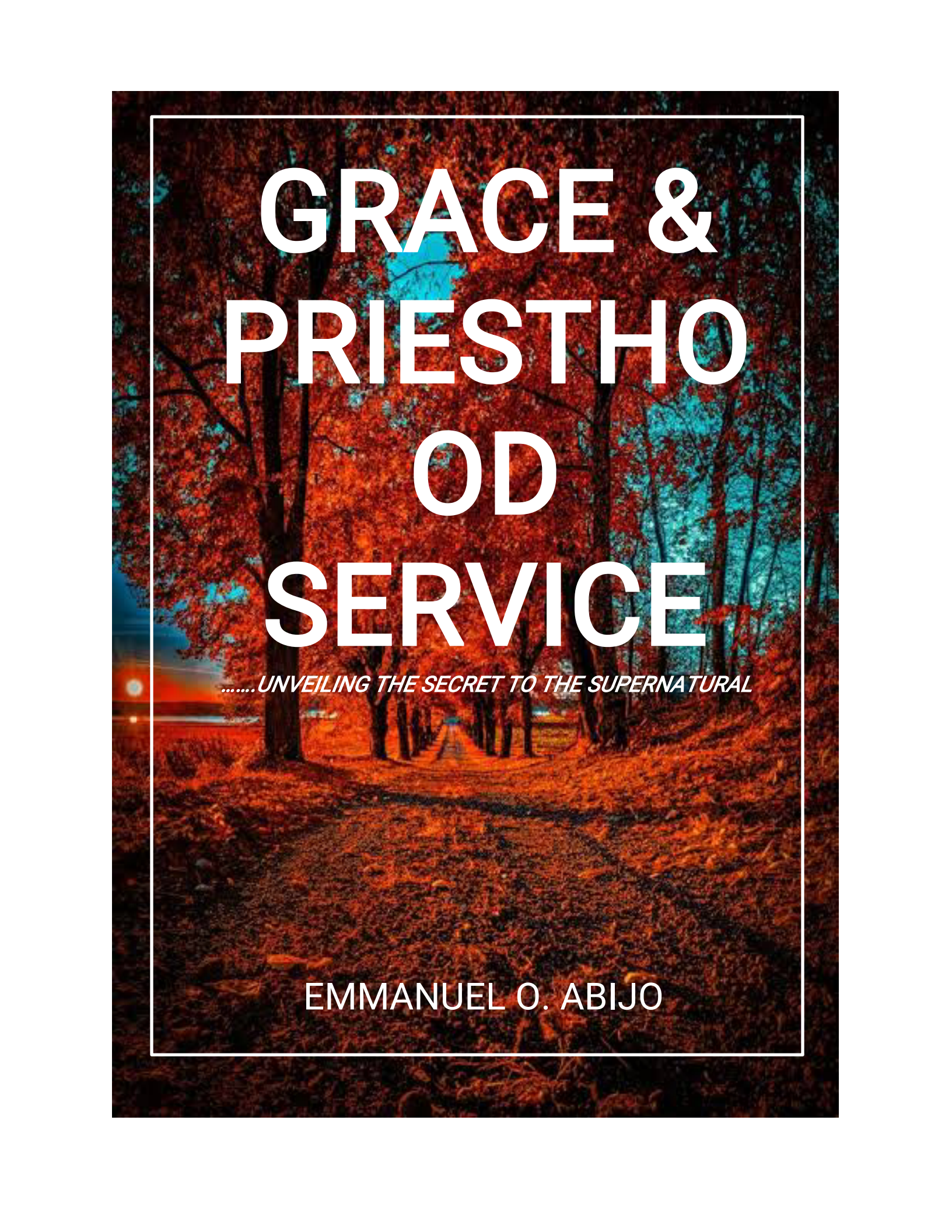


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INTRODUCTION

We sincerely appreciate everyone that took out time to follow every of our teachings online, I value and honour Grace that are present reading this. We trust the Lord to fill our hunger and help us achieve greater results.

Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour died and resurrected to engage us by Grace into the assignment of priesthood, even when we seem to go our own way, and neglect His ways, in His infinite mercy He took us back in, to Himself, He gave it all for us, that through Him we may manifest His glory here on earth.

In this teaching, we will be considering the work of Grace and how it lunches us into the assignment of Priesthood (service). As we dive into the teaching I pray Holy Ghost enlightens us and give us understanding Grace to see the revelation in His love.

Chapter 1

GRACE

Grace was mentioned only for 8 times in the Old Testament, and disgrace was mentioned several times. Then the real understanding of our Lord Jesus Christ ministry on earth was revealed. In the New Testament Grace was mentioned in mostly all books but disgrace is just so few. New Testament reveals the abundance of Grace our Lord Jesus Christ release unto us after His resurrection. God's assignment in that dispensation is to discharge Grace and erase disgrace. You can't be a partaker of God's Grace and be disgraced, it is forbidden.

David says in **psalms 44:15**, *"my confusion is continually before me, and the shame of my face hath covered me"*.

When Grace comes disgrace disappear, when a Christian is struggling on a particular issue, what delivers him/her is the Grace of God. Paul pray more of the prayer of Grace for his spiritual sons, and the churches he planted

Col1:9, *for this course we also since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*

Because he understood the importance of Grace and he trusted God to make them actualize the reality. All Christian is qualified to enjoy God's Grace, either in business, career, marriage or ministry.

According to Ralph Mahoney, Editor, Founder/ Director of world MAP, he describe Grace as **"Gods unmerited favor "**in other words, even though we were sinners, deserving of judgment, God looked upon us in love and forgave us.

The genesis of Grace is traced to the cross, after Jesus Christ the son of God died and rose again, His resurrection made us whole and it discharge unto us unmerited favor, which is translated as "Grace". The assignment of the cross open our eyes to the love of God, making us no more bound to be a slave to sin, thereby transcribing us into a new being in Christ Jesus. So, Grace interprets the Love of God,

The curriculum of Grace is base on love, which is why any Christian that will enjoy the Grace of God must learn to Love. Not just God, but also the people of God.

Mark 12:30 "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with your entire mind and with all your strength".

This is the true definition of salvation, when you determine to follow Christ

with your heart without going back to the old self. Then that's describing a true love which was brought to us by Grace.

Scripture make us to understand that the Grace of God bring unto us salvation, a new birth in Christ.

Eph2:8, "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God:"

John 1:17, "for the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ".

The next sub-topic will explain to us what Grace does for a man, especially a new man in Christ.

WHAT GRACE DOES FOR A MAN;

SALVATION

John 1:17, "for the law was given through Moses; Grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ".

This scripture make us to understand that the Grace of God brings us into the reality of the truth about our Lord Jesus Christ. God rightly could have sent His son to condemn and judge us, but he sent His son to save and deliver us from the shackles of sin. Jesus Christ is the pioneer of our

salvation and through the process Grace was discharged unto us.

So been saved is what makes the Grace of God to find expression in a man.

Not when you hide under the umbrella of being a church goer.

For a man to experience the true Grace of God in his life, he must undergo the 4 steps of salvation. We can't fake salvation. We have so many people that fake salvation, been born into a Christian home does not automatically guarantee you are saved. Been a pastor's child does not qualify true salvation. There is a step you must engage in.

What you must do to be saved:

1. Admit you are a sinner
2. Repent of your sins
3. Believe that Jesus died for your sins
4. Go to God in prayer, pray for pardon and invite Jesus into your life as your savior and Lord.

2Timothy 1:9, "who has saved us and called us to a holy life not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace, this grace was given us in Christ Jesus the beginning of time,"

Then the Grace of God begins to find expression in us, thereby driving us into God's purpose for our life. That's when we enjoy God's favor. We are saved by Grace for God's purpose, so is not by our works but by Grace which has been given to us in Christ Jesus. That is why any notorious sinner can come unto him and he will be saved.

Apostle Paul was a persecutor of the church. 1Timothy 1:13, 15, but he experienced God's Grace through the cross. So the cross is an avenue that channel everyman to the Grace of God.

Titus 2:11, "for the grace of God that brings salvation have appeared to all men"

According to the scripture in ***Luke 1:77, "to give his people the knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins"***.

Acts 4:12, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by whom we must be saved"

1thessalolians 5:9, "for God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ".

TEACHING & TRAINING:

Act 20:32, "and now brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified".

After salvation we know not how to live or walk in the kingdom, but the Grace made available to us teaches and trains us, according to the scripture above, Grace builds us up to manifest our potentials in Christ to the glory of the father, not every knowledge pertain to the kingdom will be known at the early stage of our salvation, most times God connects us by Grace to a vessel we could be blessed with the knowledge of him, when Saul the persecutor of the gospel saw the light, he was directed by Grace to a man in Damascus named Ananias and through him his salvation was sealed. After he met the disciples, who taught him the word of salvation, he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the son of God.

Act 9:20, "and straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the son of God".

So, Grace drives us into the knowledge about Christ, which we have received.

Then we begin to connect with Christ ambassadors, most times it drives us to join a unit in the church where we meet fellow Christians, with an intent of sharing the same goal of heavenly vision.

Grace Disciplines and instruct us in Godly living by training us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires.

Titus 2:11: *"for the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.12: it teaches us to say No to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self controlled, uprightly and godly lives in this present age"*

Pastor and teacher teach us to know more, but Grace of God gives us the understanding and makes the word find expression in our lives. Saying no to ungodliness takes Grace to be fulfilled in the life of a man, it makes us experience God's unmerited favor in Jesus Christ, and it motivates us to want to please him in everything.

Grace established the covenant of the old man we use to be, to a new man in Christ, so it brings us into the consciousness of righteousness and holiness.

We need to know that Grace is not an excuse to sin, Grace trains us to live sensibly, and it activates our spirit man to self controlled manners, not yielding to various passions & impulses of sin. It trains us to live

righteously in serving the Lord.

EMPOWERS & COMPELS FOR KINGDOM SERVICE:

Acts 4:33, "with great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace were upon them all".

Grace gives capacity for service in the kingdom, it makes you a testifier of the kingdom of God, not just a testifier also a witness, and it energizes a man to do more for God. Then to evangelize or tell someone about Christ becomes easy, it makes you want to do more, then to sacrifice your time, money, material things to God becomes ease.

So many people find it difficult to serve God with their resources, there is reward in our service to God, much Grace becomes our possession, and service we render to God with our time, money and other resources makes Grace increase in us.

We don't just serve God in our own ways or taught; we serve God according to his will and commandment for us to gain his reward.

Deuteronomy 8:6: "observe the commands of the lord your God, walking in his ways and revering him".

We need to understand the fact that God's way is not our way; we must

serve him by His own way, so we can be blessed according to His promises. No wonder we have so many unproductive services in the church today, so many render services to God with eye service, we need to understand that God has a standard, so Grace come for us to meet God's standard.

No man labor's in the kingdom of Christ by his own doings alone, the bible reveals to us that, not by might, not by power, but by the spirit of God through Grace in Christ Jesus.

1corinthians 15:10: *"but by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me".*

Grace of God in us makes us serve with ease things pertaining the kingdom. Grace of God is like fuel that keeps us going without getting tired, Paul labored by grace.

1corinthian 3:10: *"by the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds".*

By the grace of God we can become a builder of the kingdom of God on earth, God can count on us to carry out his assignment here on earth. Human power is limited, but God's strength recieved by His grace is

unlimited.

Grace gives enablement to function in God's kingdom, so it authorizes us to live in God, for God and by God. And that's where growth comes in, when you allow God to take possession of your life; he increases you on every side by His Grace.

Grace makes people see God through us; it makes us reflect God by His spirit.

2corinthians 3:18: "and we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lords glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the spirit".

Another realm the Grace of God brings us into in Christ is the office of PRIESTHOOD, the Grace of God establishes us into the priesthood service in our kingdom pursuit. This will be explained in the next page of our write-up.

Chapter 2

PRIESTHOOD

The role or office of a priest.

A priest is a religious man who is trained to perform services or sacrifice. Every born again Christian has been called into the ministry of the Priesthood by the Grace of God in Christ Jesus.

Priesthood is not just an office, is an office a man is ordained to attain. Just like how a pastor is ordained and a deacon is ordained to be a deacon, so also all Christian has been ordained into the office of Priesthood.

Exodus 40:15: "anoint them just as you anoint their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come."

Hebrew 5:6, 5:10, "as he saith also in another place, thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. 10: called of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek."

Priesthood assignment is a system of God, designed by God for men for the engagement of spiritual activities on earth. So it has been programmed from ages to put men in a spiritual office to serve and for it to continue from generation to generation.

According to Hebrew 5:6, priesthood service is a forever service, designed for all generation. Therefore each individual in a generation should find their way into this calling so as to be rewarded for their labor in His vineyard, and also to fulfill God's ordained purpose.

Hebrew 5:10: "called of God a high priest after the order of Mechizedek".

Priesthood is a calling in which everyone that has received Jesus Christ as their Lord and savior has been called into. Priesthood also means service.

Priesthood calling is a calling into a consecrated life, a life that is dead to

the rudiment of this world but made alive in Christ. A selfless life, don't just go about doing things the way they want it to be done; they do things in accordance with the mind of God. They are men that worldly activities no longer interest; he has been consumed with the zeal of the house of God.

John 2:17, *"his disciples remembered that it is written; zeal for your house will consume me".*

I call them dead men alive, they don't take career, business, marriage, ministry, professions above God. They love God sincerely, that's why scripture called them the chosen one, a Holy Nation.

1peter 2:9, *"but you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light".*

They are kings that hate iniquities and love righteousness; they dwell in Zion, a holy sacred hill of God.

Psalms 2:6, *"on Zion, my sacred hill, he says I have installed my king."*

Psalm 15:1, *Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary? Who may live on your holy hill? 2. He whose walk is blameless and who does what is righteous, who speaks the truth from his heart 3. And has no slander on his tongue,*

which does his neighbor no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow man, 4. Who despises a vile man but honors those who fear the Lord, who keeps his oath even when it hurts, 5. Who lends his money without usury and does not accept a bribe against the innocent. He who does these things will never be shaken.

TYPES OF PRIESTHOOD

Hebrew 7:11: *"if therefore perfection were by the levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?"*

THE AARONIC PRIESTHOOD:

This is also called levitical Priesthood in the old testament, it got its name from Aaron, the Aaronic Priesthood pertains to the service & operational aspects in the church, including the blessing and passing of sacrament, is a special office, not everyone can operate in it, not all men are permitted to the service of the priest. Is an office in which special men are anointed to serve, not all men.

Exodus 40:13: *"then dress Aaron in the sacred garments anoints him and consecrates him so he may serve me as priest. 14: bring his sons and dress them in tunics."*

15: "anoint them just as you anoint their father, so they may serve me as priests. Their anointing will be to a priesthood that will continue for all generations to come."

In this order of priesthood, man is permitted to ordain man into this office, in which they are identified by their sacred garment and tunics.

THE MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD/ JESUS PRIESTHOOD:

Hebrew 5:6, 5:10, *"as he saith also in another place, thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek. 10: called of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek."*

Melchizedek is a compound of two Hebrew words Melech and Zedek, Melech is the Hebrew word for "king" and Zedek means "righteousness"

According to Hebrew 7:2, *"his domain was king of Salem, which is king of peace."*

Salem was evidently one of the ancient names for the city of Jerusalem. It belongs to people known as Jebusites. Alternately known as "Jebus" and

“Salem” which reflects Jeru-salem city of peace. Jesus Christ being the prince of peace presents himself in this city. Which represent and Show the pattern of God's true priest king, Jesus Christ.

Melchizedek Priesthood is a priesthood after the order of Jesus Christ our Lord, in the scripture Jesus is a better high priest, he brought to us a perfect law, which is authentic than that of the prophets in the old testament. I call it updated order of priesthood. This signify that this order of Priesthood is what every believer who have given their life to Christ should faithfully follow, a service that introduce a selfless life and a sacrificial life that depict true love.

Chapter 3

SUPERIORITY OF MELCHIZEDEK PRIESTHOOD TO AARONIC PRIESTHOOD

Hebrew 7:3: *“without father, without mother, without descent, having*

neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the son of God; abideth a priest continually."

Jesus order of priesthood is better, according to Melchisedek the priest. His being was a mystery, he had no father, and no mother, he and also his priesthood have no end. He never goes out of date, he reign forever, that makes him our high priest that follows the order of Jesus Christ our savior, which we call the Alpha and Omega.

Hebrew 7:11-17, *"if therefore perfection were by the levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? 12: for the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law. 13: for he of whom these things are spoken pertaineth to another tribe, of which no man gave attendance at the altar. 14: for it is evident that our lord sprang out of juda; of which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priesthood. 15: and it is yet far more evident: for that after the similitude of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, 16: who is made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life. 17: for he testifieth, thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek."*

The Priesthood of Jesus is a better priesthood it was accompanied by an oath, this means that Jesus is our guarantee that the Lord's promise of a better covenant has come to pass.

The order of Priesthood of Jesus is what we should follow as a believer; sufficient Grace has been given to us. The order of Priesthood of Jesus is permanent Hebrew 7:24. The order of priesthood of Jesus is sinless. Hebrew 7:26,

Hebrew 7:24, *"but this man, because he continueth ever, hath and unchangeable priesthood. Verse 26, for such a high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens;"*

How are we ordained?

No pastor or prophet did the ordination for us; Jesus did it on the cross. Scriptures says;

John 1:12, *"but as many as received him, to them gave the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:"*

Now the calling is the spiritual ordination, which is done to all that receives Him. Earthly ordination is done on earth; heaven ordination is done in

heaven.

Acts 10:28, "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him."

Jesus Christ was ordained from heaven, to carry out the assignment of the redemption of the saint.

The journey from old man to a new man is a spiritual mystery that brings a man to the spiritual ordination and accessibility to kingdom matters.

Exodus 29:9 "and thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons."

No man attains priesthood office without ordinance. The sons of Aaron were clothed and consecrated with the garment of a priest. That is why priesthood is a special office giving by God. As a believer of the New Testament, our ordination has been perfected on the cross of Calvary.

Numbers 18:7, "therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priests office for everything of the altar, and within the veil; and ye shall serve: I have given your priests office unto you as a service of gift: and the

stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death."

Service of priesthood was given as a gift to Aaron and his sons, just like salvation was giving to us as a gift by Grace from God.

Ephesian 2:8, "for by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"

Priesthood office is not self calling, it is a gift from God, according to *numbers 18*, and anyone that is not called and he comes near the sanctuary must be put to death.

One of the differences between the Old Testament priesthood and New Testament priesthood is that, priesthood in Old Testament is a special office giving by God to some special man while priesthood in New Testament is a general office giving by God to all man. This makes us to understand that we have all been called, salvation is a call to service, and that is what we must preach to all men. In Old Testament only priests are allowed to mount the altar, any other person that do so will die. In New Testament till date, Grace has been giving to all men, to access the office as a priest.

1peter 2:9, "but ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people, that ye should shew forth the praises of him

who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light;"

Our being as been transformed, we have been chosen and called as a royal Priesthood, not just a priest, royal priest ,that signifies our kingship potential and the authority we carry inside of us, we are no longer bound to slave we are now free, called to royal service of Priesthood. The veil of the temple as been torn, and it gave us all the access to the Priesthood realm of the kingdom, by Grace.

1peter 2:5, "ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ."

SERVICE INVOLVE IN PRIESTHOOD

Priesthood office commissioned us into a relationship with Christ that gives us opportunity to serve in His vineyard. Christianity in this manner entails service, we are called to serve, man was created to serve, and God gave Adam the responsibility to tend the garden. This is service. All through Jesus Christ ministry on earth he gave himself to service and he also engage His disciples into service. Therefore we who are privileged to be His followers today have no reason to be idle in the vineyard. Like the disciples of old, we have been called to service, and we must get busy with it. Most

times I pity idle church goer.

Priesthood is not a title, it is service. What is service? Service is define as the work we do in the Lords vineyard with the view to winning more souls into the kingdom and also to glorify God the father.

Luke 19:13 *"and he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, occupy till I come."*

There are various services that can be rendered in the Lords vineyard such that no one can say he or she has no area to serve. Harvest is much, but the laborers are few.

1corinthians 12:28, *"and God has set some in the church, first Apostles, secondary Prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gift of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues. (kiv)."*

1corinthians 12:28, *"and in church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.(Niv)."*

All these works listed from this scripture encompass every service a church needs to grow; everyone in church has one or two things, to do in

this assignment. Most people hide under the umbrella of "i am not a pastor" and neglect their place of service, raising help for the need of the church is one of the means to serving God, sponsoring outreach and television radio programs for evangelism is a service, providing needs as a result of your profession either doctor, lawyer, accountant and so on, can use them for the growth of the church and to the increase of the kingdom of God, all this are service.

Talking about administration, which is a very important side to look at when it comes to church, scripture says we must engage ourselves into them, ushers, protocol, deacon, auditing, media, and so on are all administrative assignment most people don't recognize.

This verse like many others in the bible clearly shows that there is no room for idleness in the vineyard as every Christian has been endowed with one ability or the other to serve God.

Another major problem we have today is that we have tried to give more attention to some services above many others and this is making people look at some services as inferior to others to the point that people don't want to go into these unattractive areas of service. A faithful usher is more rewarded than an eye service pastor. Everyone will not hold the mic to talk,

but anyone can pray behind the scene without anyone knowing about it. Therefore as all Christian called into the assignment of Priesthood must be encourage to work effectively in whatsoever area he or she feels like serving. Praying for the growth and the advancement of the kingdom is a special service, which brings fought great reward. God is raising intercessors that will hold the hand of Moses in ministries.

Chapter 4

GENERAL SERVICE EXPECTED FROM ALL BELIEVER CALLED INTO PRIESTHOOD OFFICE BY GRACE

MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

According to 2corinthians 5:18 *"and all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation,"*

Refers to the work all believers have been given to do, and the message to proclaim, is the gospel of Christ; you can have a restored relationship with God through Jesus. Reconciliation involves the proclamation of the gospel and its assurance that forgiveness of sin is available in Christ. Sin deactivates our relationship with God, but the good news is that, Jesus

perfected sacrifice on the cross, made atonement for sin.

Hebrew 2:17, *"wherefore in all things it beloved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."*

Jesus reconciled us to God, now we can proclaim that people can repent of their sin and be right with God again through faith in Jesus.

Romans 5:10, *"for it, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by life,"*

God has given believers the ministry of reconciliation; that is, he uses us to tell the world that they can be reconciled to God through Christ. In this way, we become Christ ambassadors, as through God, we're making His appeal through us.

2corinthians 5: 19-20, *to wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.*

Verse 20, *now then we is ambassadors for Christ, as through God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

Verse 19, make us understand this ministry of reconciliation and also reminding us of the message we should share to the world, we tell them to believe in Christ. Sinto not count against those who are reconciled to God through Christ; he who had no sin came so we can become righteousness of God.

Ministry of reconciliation is an assignment of all Priesthood in Christ we have been given to turn toward God, the price has been paid, because he loves us, so we must as well have the mindset to share this good news in love, and our lives need to reflect our message.

Restoring a convert back to the local church will take prayer and godly skills. One of the major reasons so many left the church, is due to poor, unskilled, inferior and carnal leadership, so to reconcile the lost souls back to Christ, takes a deep spiritual insight to work.

Ephesians 4:1, *"I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,"*

One plants, one waters, God brings growth, there is a part of God and there is a part of man, part of man is expected then after part of God with be release unto us, without us playing our part getting the hand of God is impossible.

1corinthians 3:7, "*so then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase.*"

SOUL WINNING

The greatest ministry along with soul winning (evangelism) is the ministry of reconciliation. Soul winning is starting a conversation with an unsaved person, & sharing Gods order of salvation with him/her from the scripture, and that he understands & give his/her life to Christ. The heartbeat of God is souls.

Why we should win souls.

1. God commands it:

Mark 16:15 *and he said unto them, go ye into the entire world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Acts 10:5 *and now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:*

2. Jesus our mentor did also:

Luke 19:10, for *the son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*

1corinthians 9:16, *for though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.*

3. We will give an account as a priest (believer) in the Day of Judgment:

2corinthians 5:10, *for we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it is good or bad.*

1corinthians 9:16, *for though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel.*

4. There is punishment for those that are not saved:

2corinthians 5:13, *but them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.*

5. We are Christ Ambassadors:

2corinthians 5:20, *now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.*

6. To be a faithful follower:

Matthew 25:21, his Lord said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

7. There is reward:

Ecclesiastes 11:6, in the morning sows thy seed, and in the evening withholds not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good.

MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT

As minister of the new covenant after the order of Jesus Christ, we must subscribe to the ministry of the spirit, to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Matthew 4:1" then Jesus was led by the spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil,"

By the spirit of God we are been guided, directed and instructed in our path to fulfilling destiny. It makes our service. We must be daily controlled by the spirit. He has our destiny map.

Romans 8:9, "you, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by

the spirit, if the spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ."

1 Corinthians 2:14, *"the man without the spirit does not accept the things that come from the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned."*

2corinthians 3:7-8, the priest in the Aaronic order of priesthood are bind by law, and commandment and this was programmed by God to help mankind, plan of redemption was established by the sacrifice of animals. The law God gave during Moses time was temporal, until Jesus came to the world himself to restore the law of the spirit, because when man sinned, his spirit died, so God opened a way through Jesus. Law of the flesh was canceled and another law came into place. It was the law of the spirit.

Scripture draws a parallel between Moses who represents the law and Jesus, who represents Grace.

John 1:17, *"for the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ"*

Law of Moses was described by Apostle Paul as ministry of death, because it gives knowledge of sin.

Romans 7:7, *"what shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law has said, thou shalt not covet."*

But by the ministry of the spirit by Grace, it gave us a new realm into Priesthood; it set us free from law of sin and death.

Romans 8:1-2, *"there is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. Verse 2: for the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."*

2 Corinthians 3:6, *"he has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant- not of the letter but of the spirit, for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. 7. Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, fading though it was, 8. will not the ministry of the spirit be even more glorious? 9. If the ministry that condemns men is glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness; 10. For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory."*

Chapter 5 Explain more about the ministry of the spirit.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Ministry of the word is a sensitive assignment every priest (believer) should subscribe to, we must not be distracted from knowing who we are or our identity. And it is only in the word we will find our true identity.

Acts 6:1-6, "and in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. Verse 2: then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, it is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables. Verse 3: wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Verse 4: but we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word. Verse 5: and the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: verse 6: whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them."

We must submit ourselves to the Ministry of the word; religious activities must not distract us. The ministry of the word calls for time to time

studying of the word of God.

Mining take place in getting Gold & other minerals, they dig to get them, also to get the treasure of the word of God, we dig by studying the word of God.

Ezra 7:9-10, "*for upon the first day of the first month began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the first month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. Verse 10: for Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments.*"

The word of God should be our primary line of study; we should beware of temptation replacing study of books from scripture.

READING AND MEDITATING

Study do not only consist reading, fruitful study comes when we read & meditate. Joshua 1:8, "*this book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.*"

We don't just read to teach or to memorize, we read to apply to our lives,

and we must devote ourselves to the study of the bible and also take down what it says to us. There is a place of prayer also there is a place of study,

Proverb 2:3-5, "yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; verse 4: if thou sleekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; verse 5: then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God. Verse 6: for the Lord giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding."

We need to know the word so to rule the world.

1John 5:5, "who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the son of God?"

Who is he that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the son of God, i.e only those who believe in the word, and who is the word, Jesus is the word.

John 1:1, "in the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was Go."

Chapter 5

10-FOLD OF THE MINISTRY OF THE SPIRIT TO A

BELIEVER

1. IT CONVICT BELIEVERS

We need the conviction of the Holy spirit from time to time, as a priest, so we can be shown the errors of our ways, our manual for the office of Priesthood is no more guided by law, but now guided by the spirit, he points out what we are doing wrong, so we won't miss our place in destiny, and in the path God has set up for our lives.

John 16:7-11, *"nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. Verse 8: and when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: verse 9: of sin, because they believe not on me; verse 10: of righteousness, because I go to my father, and ye see me no more; verse 11: of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged."*

2. IT REGENRATE OUR HUMAN SPIRIT

When he generates our spirit, it opens our eyes to consciousness of who we are and our office as a priest. He lead us into eternal salvation through

Jesus Christ by so doing he enters into our spirit man to brood in us the life of God. We experience spiritual reborn.

Titus 3:3-7, "for we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another, verse 4: but after that the kindness and love of God our savior toward man appeared, verse 5: not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; verse 6: which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our savior; verse 7: that being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

3. IT DRAW US CLOSER TO THE LORD

After our spirit has been regenerated, then he starts to make us closer to God, it helps us to know more about God and by so doing to serve God as a priest becomes ease. He gives us direct access to God.

Ephesians 2:18, "for through him we both have access by one spirit unto the father."

4. HE SANCTIFY US IN THE LORD

When God starts to sanctify us, he consecrate and set us apart unto himself, then he will transform us by renewing our mind through studying of His word and by His spirit.

John 17:17 *"sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth."*

5. HE HELPS US WITH OUR PRAYER LIFE

We know not how we ought to pray, and without prayer fulfilling God's purpose in Priesthood mandate is impossible, he did not just help us to pray he makes intercession for us as different needs arise in our lives. He sees perfectly into our futures and what we need per time , he tells us what to pray for, what not to pray for and how many times to pray. He even leads us to scripture verses to pray with.

Romans 8:26-27, *"likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Verse 27: and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the spirits, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."*

6. HE GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH

We are in service to do the work of the kingdom of God, without guideline, it's possible for man to fail, just like a new gadget bought without manual there is a strong possibility for its operations to fail on usage, so also a believer that is not under the guidance of a spiritual father, will fail in service and this is where Holy spirit will come in, he leads us to the perfect plan and destiny of God for our lives. If God calls you to be a prophet, and you are not been guided in the ways to go about it, you can't make it. He alone is the way, the truth and life. He can guide us in our marriage, business and all other areas needed.

Romans 8:14, *"for as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God."*

John 16:13, *"howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."*

7. HE WILL TEACH US ALL THINGS

He will be our personal teacher, so we won't miss it in life, God want us to

grow in knowledge of him, because in him is the compendium to all means of spiritual growth. Holy Spirit work with the knowledge of God in us and that knowledge is obtained through Gods word, Bible.

John 14: 26, "but the comforter, which is the holy spirit, whom the father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have sold unto you."

1corinthians 2:10, "but God hath revealed them unto us by his spirit: for the spirit searcheth all things, yea, and the deep things of God."

We must be a seeker of Gods knowledge to serve him better.

8. HE WILL ANOINT US WITH HIS DIVINE POWER.

Power is needed to achieve in service, to be a true witness of Christ, power is needed.

Act 1:8, "but ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Service of Priesthood required a backing of Gods power in us, Holy Spirit is the initiator of God'spower to us, he will anoint us so we can be a successful steward as appointed by the master.

Zechariah 4: 6, "then he answered and spake unto me, saying this is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts."

If God is calling you to be an Apostle, a Pastor, an Evangelist, a prophet or a teacher, He will anoint you so you can be good at that specific calling. God anoints us with divine power to witness to unbelievers, to cast out demons, to heal, to disciple and mentor newborns. He is our helper and there is nothing that he cannot give you a helping hand on, if you will be open to receive Him. (Get one of our books, The Supernatural, The Power, The Anointing, for better understanding of the anointing and powers).

1thessalonians 1:5, "for our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake."

9. HE WILL BE OUR HELPER & COMFORTER

He helps us in all things, because our power are limited, and his power is unlimited, he will always raise help for us, he can help to solve minor & major problems, it depends on how we will allow him to work it out for us.

John 14:16, "and I will pray the father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; verse 26: but the comforter,

which is the Holy Ghost, whom the father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

John 16:7, *"nevertheless I tell you the truth; it is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you."*

10. HE OPENS US TO THE GIFT & FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Gift of the spirit is needed for all believers to carry their priesthood assignment at ease, He can manifest through any believer anytime.

1corinthians 12:7-11, *"but the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Verse 8: for to one is given by the spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same spirit; verse 9: to another faith by the same spirit; to another gifts of healing by the same spirit; verse 10: to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: verse 11: but all these worketh that one and the selfsame spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will."*

All the gifts are major power gifts we can go to God in prayers & with a sincere heart to receive them, they are our weapon of service.

Galatians 5:22, "*but the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith*, verse 23: *meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*"

Fruit of the spirit, they are divine attributes & qualities that comes from the Holy Spirit, to operate through us, they help us to maintain our office as a believer, they help us to be a transformed being, to express the image of God here on earth.

Chapter 6

BENEFIT OF SERVICE (PRIESTHOOD)

1. Serving God secures the future

Exodus 23:26, *"in your land no woman will have a miscarriage or be without children. I will give you long lives."*

2. Serving God secures help and vitality

Psalms 121:1-2, *"I look to the mountains; where will my help come from?
2. My help will come from the Lord who made heaven and earth."*

3. Serving God secure supernatural breakthrough

Isaiah 54:17, *"but no weapon will be able to hurt you; you will have an answer for all who accuse you. I will defend my servants and give them victory."*

4. Serving God secures eternity with God

2Timothy 4:6-8, "as for me, the hour has come for me to be sacrificed; the time is here for me to leave this life. 7. I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. 8. And now there is waiting for me the prize of victory awarded for a righteous life, the prize which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear."

WHAT MUST I DO TO MAKE MY SERVICE REWARDING (PRIESTHOOD)

1. Serve God tirelessly

Galatians 6:9, "so let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest."

2. Serve God with Goodwill

Ephesians 6:7-8, "do this not only when they are watching you, because you want to gain their approval; but with all your heart do what God wants, as slaves of Christ. 7. Do your work as slaves cheerfully, as though you served the Lord, and not merely men. 8. I am less than the least of Gods people; yet God gave me this privilege of taking to the gentiles the Good news about the infinite riches of Christ."

3. Serve God with a mindset to be privileged, not as burden:

1corinthians 1:26-29, "now rememeber what you were, my brothers, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing. 27. God purposely chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. 28. He chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important. 29. This means that no one can boast in God's presence."

A word of the unsaved

Except a man is born again nothing works at all. Your reward to service begins when you first give your life to Christ, then you are secure. Imagine a sheep that is lost in the midst of hundred sheeps, he will be expose to danger, he begin to live without the shepherd, so also a sinner is, when he misses his source. The only true source is Jesus Christ. If you are not born again, then you are in danger and also to achieve exploit will be impossible, only God can secure our covering into fulfilling purpose as one who is made of his image.

Man's greatest spiritual need is a true experience of salvation that only Jesus offers. Give Him a chance in your heart right now, and let Him in. He

will turn your life around and make you His own and a partaker of His royalty. You will find true meaning to life, and will forever be rewarded both here on earth and in eternity to come.

Dear Lord, I confess that I am a sinner. I call upon you right now to please forgive me of all my sins. I believe you died and was resurrected on the third day, to pay the price for my salvation. I accept you as my savior and Lord, and thank you for saving me.

Amen.

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