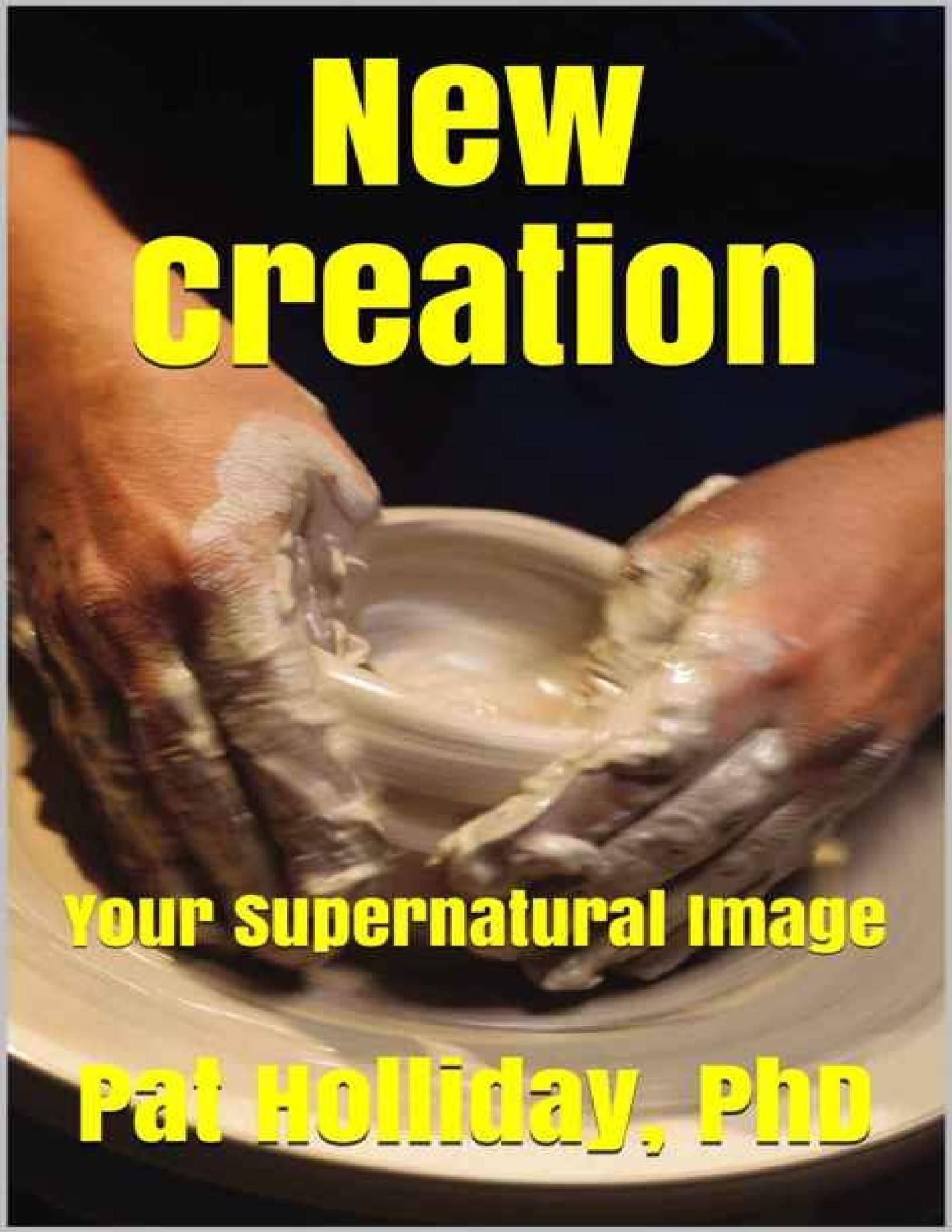

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Chapter One

New Creature in Christ Jesus

NEW CREATION

Our spiritual dilemma and solution to our spiritual problems may be simpler and more profound than we have previously taken into account. The Scriptures seems to consist of a plan ordered by God devised to keep His Saints corporately in His blessing when we obey His Word. We find His plan will work if we will simply teach our children to keep the way of the Lord. Most parents today simply give their children over to the public school system and the television to teach them the ways of the world. We must teach them the reality of Who Jesus Christ is and His purpose for coming to our world. He came to “save that which is lost,” (Matt. 18:11).

Jesus is God's provision and solution for the curse of death of a soul. Consequently, He is the simple way to God "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life; for God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved,” (Jn. 3:17, 17). According to the Bible, “Christ is the sole way to God,” (Jn. 10:8, 9); “Christ is the lone Author of Life,” (Jn. 1: 4) and when the Word of God gets a hold of the heart of a person a change will take place a difference that will be noticeable.

When a person is born again, they are translated from one natural bloodline to a new family. It’s a new bloodline’ a new order and new creation of the dead soul of the person newly created by God. The New Creation is a newborn living soul that exists that never existed before. We are instantly fashioned into the image of God. Webster Dictionary says, “Anything created; especially something original created by the imagination in vision.” The scriptures say that believers shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption; “Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God,” (Rom. 8:21).

SPIRITUAL DEATH

The unsaved human condition of the soul is spiritually dead as shown in (Eph. 2:2). Paul depicts the spiritual transformation in (II Cor. 15:42), “So also is the sown incorruption; it is raised in incorruption.” Your spirit comes alive to God and His life is placed within your spirit. Your spirit was dead to God but now and it’s infused with His life and power! He reveals this supernatural union

with God in (Col. 1:15), “Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature”. Paul explains the work of Christ in redemption that delivers His believers from the curse of the law. We read in (Gal. 3:13-14), “Christ has redeemed me from the curse of the law; being made a curse for me that the blessing of Abraham might come to me.” Jesus Christ is the fulfillment of the law and the deliverer of all who receive His blood sacrifice.

After we are born again, it is wonderful that we are now able to know Christ; really know Him for the first time in our life. Paul wrote it like this, (Rev. 20:6), says “Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death that hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” Your spirit is resurrected from being dead to God. You become new; totally clean, pure, undefiled, unpolluted, and not guilty! It’s God’s desire that your life agrees with His Word, “I am a faithful man, so I shall abound with blessings,” (Prov. 28:20). “My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus,” (Phil. 4:19).

GOD DOES NOT PATCH UP AN OLD LIFE

Recognize that God does not patch up the old life and that He calls upon you to reckon your flesh crucified, (dead in Christ). You receive from Him a new life and you must spiritually cultivate it; your relationship with God in obedience and learning of His ways through the Word:

Your new life will have all the Characteristics which belong to it. The Word of God tells us in (Eph. 4:13), “But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ.” The depth of this new life is shown in the Book of Ephesians “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto to measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

“… And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever Amen.” (Rev. 5:10).

“And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth,” (Rev. 1:6).

CHISTIAN EQUALITY IN JESUS

Saint Paul gave us a powerful illustration of the truths that in Jesus Christ all of us are brought together and made one. “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there

is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus," (Gal. 3:28). We are now in a new family that has transformed us spiritually into His Kingdom.

CHRIST WAS MADE A CURSE

God wants you mature and free. The Bible states, "He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, shall also freely give me all things," (Rom. 8:32). "We have everything we need to grow in the fullness of Christ," (II Pet. 1:3). "You are free in Christ!" Jesus said in (Jn. 8:32), "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Our sacrifice: "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's," (I Cor. 6:20).

If the devil can deceive you into believing you're not free, you won't experience the freedom which is your inheritance. You can be free from deep spiritual, mental and emotional turmoil. The truth will set you free. Once free, you will quickly mature! For example, in (Gal. 5:1), we see, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage."

TRUTH IS A LIBERTING AGENT

The power of Satan is the lie. The power of the believer is in knowing the truth. We should aspire to the truth, not power! God says the secret to success is a love of His Word. "This book of the law shall not depart out of my mouth; but I shall mediate therein day and night that I may observe to do according to all that is written therein: For then God shall make my way prosperous and then I shall have good success," (Josh. 1:8).

Moreover, the New Testament echoes this same viewpoints in (Eph. 1:18,19), "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what he riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come." Also, this stance continued in (Psa. 32:1, 2), "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto

whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile."

Jesus death and resurrection triumphed over and disarmed the rulers and authorities of the kingdom of darkness. Jesus' sacrifice shows His victory. It is so clearly shown in (Col. 1:15, 16), "For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers; all things were created by him, and for him; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it."

(Matt. 18:18) assures us that the resurrected Christ is now the seat of all authority. Nothing so confounds the evil one as the voice of the Eternal One. Our Lord himself defeated Satan by the Word of the Lord and the prophet Haggai did the same. Twice the voice was hearing: "I am with you, saith the Lord," (Hag. 1:13; 1-4).

Chapter Two

Satan is a Defeated Foe

THE NEW CREATION HAS AUTHORITY AND POWER

The new creation has authority and power delegated by Jesus Christ! Satan is a defeated foe and he has no authority over those who are in Christ. Believers must see Satan's total defeat. Christ gave us power to do the same things that He was able to do! Look at (Lk. 9:1), "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases."

In Christ's death and resurrection every believer is made alive with Him and is no seated with Him in heavenly places as shown in (Eph. 2:5). You are placed on the inside of the lord's power and authority. In order to resist the devil you must understand and appropriate your position and authority Christ.

EVERYONE NEEDS JESUS

"Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free," (Jn. 8:32). Jesus pleads invitingly, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me," (Jn. 14:6); "Verily, Verily, I am the door of the sheep," (Jn. 10:70), "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved," (Acts 4:12).

Every soul born on this earth is lost at birth because they come into this world under the sin of Adam and Eve, our first parents. Adam submitted his will to the devil, sinned and therefore, lost eternal life for all mankind. His lost condition may be described as falling short of the glory of God.

Adam was trapped, alone, afraid, in a world he never made. He brought corruption, disease and poverty into that world. That bondage of sin and its consequences creates an alienation from one's fellow man and God.

Man's own unaided efforts to solve his problems through intellectual, economic, political, social or psychological skills are soon to fail. Salvation is a free gift from God and it is a work of God in which He rescues man from eternal ruin.

The doom of sin bestows on him the riches of His grace, even eternal life beginning now and eternal glories in heaven forevermore. From the moment you are saved, if you will let God do it in your spirit, you will begin to enjoy the fruits of salvation. The salvation of God is for those who do not deserve it and

have no preparation for it.

THE CORRUPTION OF THE HUMAN NATURE

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit,"(Jn. 3:6,).

"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God," (Rom. 8:7-8).

NONE CAN ENTER HEAVEN WITHOUT

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God," (Jn. 3: 3).

EFFECTED BY GOD

"Which were born not of blood or of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man but of God…?" (Jn. 1:13).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (I Pet. 1:3).

Christ:

"If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him," (I Jn. 2:29).

The Holy Ghost:

"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit," (Jn. 3:6).

"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;" (Tit. 3:5).

THROUGH THE INSTRUMENTALITY

THE WORD OF GOD:

"Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures," (Jam. 1:18).

"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word

of God, which liveth and abideth forever; the resurrection of Christ," (I Pet. 1:23).

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..." (I Pet. 1:3).

WHAT IS A TRUE BELIEVER?

(Heb. 10:32-39), are you a true believer? Believers only look to the Bible for eternal answers. Only the Bible can give correct and complete answers to our spiritual questions.

Looks to the past, (Heb.10:32-34);

To his illuminations, (Heb.10:32:32);

To his experiences as a gazing stock, (Heb.10:32:33);

To his companions, (Heb.10:32:33);

To his support of the ministry, (Heb.10:32:34);

Looks to the present, (Heb.10:32:35-37);

Does not cast away his confidence, (Heb.10:32:35);

Exercises patience, (Heb.10:32:36);

Does the will of God and receives the promises, (Heb.10:32:36);

Looks for the coming of Jesus, (Heb.10:32:37);

Looks to the future, (Heb.10:32:38-39);

Does not draw back (Heb.10:32:38);

Believes to obtain salvation … (Heb.10:32 - 39).

BECOMING ALIVE IN JESUS

Actually your spirit inside of you becomes alive. Before Christ walks into your life, your spirit inside of you is dead; your spirit is dead to God; you don’t know God and you have no communication with Him. Therefore, you are cut off from God and that means spiritual death. Look at (Rom. 5:12), “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed

upon all men, for that all have sinned." Salvation is more than repentance. It is more than making a decision for Christ; it is a changed life, a new creature in Christ, a life of Holiness.

After salvation, a person is saved physically and spiritually. However, to claim His name without the new life, (II Cor. 5:17), is a fatal deception! Jesus lovingly cautions, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father," (Matt. 7:21-23).

It is certainly true that Jesus said, "I am the vine, ye are the branches: . . . If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered . . . and they are burned," (Jn. 15:5, 6).

Romans Eight, obviously written for Christians, list 34 blessings for Saints. It solemnly warns against an empty profession and offers glorious assurance for those who abide in Christ, and bear fruit. "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die; but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live," (Rom. 8:13).

If you are born again, you are a new Creature in Christ! (II Cor. 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."

SPIRITUAL REGENERATION

The new birth is a spiritual regeneration: (II Pet. 1:4); (I Pet. 1:23); a spiritual quickening or resurrection; (Eph. 2:2, 5, 6). Through regeneration you are quickened out of your spiritual estrangement and isolation from God you are supernaturally transferred into a spiritual life of union and communion with God.

Your resurrection is the restoration to life of that which the old life has become extinct. (Heb. 9:26) says, "For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; But now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put Sin by the sacrifice of himself."

A spiritual transformation: (Col. 1:13), regeneration is a transfer from one kingdom to another. Transfer from the kingdom of darkness in which sin and Satan Rule, into the Kingdom of God's dear Son.

Charles Strohmer author, 'the Grace of God", writes: "The problem of slavery to sin is it is alien concept in a modern world that relies for it analyzes of human nature upon psychoanalysis, self-improvement, self-esteem, human

potential, New Age thinking and other self-help psychologies and philosophies. These pop-isms robe the modern world of any rhyme or reason for thinking about sin."

Strohmer goes on to say, "The contention is that people are basically good; let's try to make them even better. Is it any wonder, then, that many people today place reality of sin alongside that of UFOs;" incredible, but not to a few misguided souls?

However, when you know your true human condition you know differently. You also know something else: That there is not even the slightest possibility of remedial self-help from what the Bible calls sin.

It is a disheartening situation, really. You feel the strength of sin within and wish that you could be "saved" from it. But at the same time you recognize yourself as utterly powerless to change situations.

REDEMPTION IS THE SOLUTION

The solution is redemption. It's a spiritual creation; (Eph. 2:10 and (Eph. 1:7), "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

The apostle Paul goes on to write:

"But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ," (Eph. 2:13).

Jesus is the Creator, (Jn. 1:3). He sustains individuals. (Psa. 139: 7:12). He is the only Savior, (Acts 4:12). He will be the Judge, (Jn. 5:22, 27); (Acts 10:42). Christ is our blessing! "The Lord has pleasure in the prosperity of me, His servant," (Psa. 35:27).

We know that no one except God is absolutely perfect and that real salvation is the first step in perfecting holiness. Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church; three times in the Epistle (Eph. 1:22; 4:15; 5:2). Christ is specifically named as Head of the Church. This headship is His by rank, by power, and by love; His forever. Jesus, our Redeemer, is the only one with the crown right to be head of the Church.

We have the last will and testament of our Lord Jesus according to (Heb. 9:16-22). The Bible is recorded in Heaven, (Psa. 119:89). The Bible is recorded

to reveal Jesus Christ, (Jn. 20:31). The Bible was recorded to assure believers; (I Jn. 5:10-13). Every will must have an administrator. The administrator must have wisdom; (Col. 2:3). The administrator must have power; (Matt. 28:18). The administrator must be present; (Matt. 28:20).

Jesus is the testator. It was signed by His faultless life, (Lk. 23:4). It was signed by His suffering, (I Pet. 4:12, 13). It was signed by His resurrection, (Rom. 4:15).

Every Will requires a witness, (Jn. 5:37, 38). The Bible is a witness, (Jn. 16:12-15). A Will is no good while the testator lives. Jesus became man in order to die, (Heb. 2:24). Jesus knew He had to die, (Lk. 9:30:31). Jesus' death is the Bible's theme, (I Cor. 15:1, 3, 4).

Wills require heirs. Paul tells us we are heirs, (Col. 4:7). Peter tells us we are heirs, (I Pet. 1: 4); James tells us we are heirs, (Jam. 2:5).

A will describes the inheritance. We have a new nature, (II Pet. 1:4; a life of peace with God, (Rom. 5:1); an inheritance in Heaven, (I Cor. 2:9).

Make a choice: "Ye are bought with a price; be not ye the servants of men," (I Cor. 7:23). There is a sin that most preachers are afraid to mention. It is the sin most church members do not want the pastor or preacher to preach about. Most ministers are afraid to even discuss it. People have always been the same way. They just ignore the power of sin over their flesh. They make wrong choices every day. They like to walk in the spirit of rebellion.

In the days of Isaiah, the prophet, the people wanted smooth things rather than the truth. They shunned true prophecies. "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord; which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, PROPHESY NOT unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits." (Isa. 30:9, 10) ". . . For the Lord has a CONTROVERSY with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor KNOWLEDGE of God in the land. By swearing and lying, and killing and STEALING, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood," (Hos. 4:1, 2).

People have not changed. Paul declared that in the last days some would depart from the faith and give way to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils. This that day! If ever you get in a place like that, you can be sure the devil will

see to it that you hear such a lie. God said that He would send a strong delusion and let you believe a lie that all might be damned who did not want the truth.

The Bible is not only filled with instructions on getting sick and staying sick but also it gives a means of getting rid of that sickness. God places before you blessings or curses . . . good or bad. Of course God longs for us to choose good! It is His desire for you to choose the thing that will be good for you!

Many people are deliberately hurting themselves, some knowingly, others unknowingly. Recall to memory the early church as it is found in the book of Acts. Some of them were doing the wrong thing to their own hurt. They did the thing that caused them to be commit suicide at the altar of the 'First Assembly of Jerusalem'! At the same time some were doing the right things that would bring blessing on their lives. Ananias and Saphira were killed at the altar because they did the wrong thing! Are you following their patterns to your own hurt? You could be!

Ananias was first. "Peter asked, 'Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou has not lied unto men, but unto God! And Ananias having these words fell down and gave up the ghost and great fear came down, and gave up the ghost and great fear came on all them that hear these things, and the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out and buried him'," (Acts 5:4). Notice that God killed him! God killed a man in church for doing the wrong thing! "Then his wife, Sapphira, not knowing what had happened to her husband, came into the gathering, late for Church! She did the same thing as her husband." (Acts 5:9-12) tells us that if Sapphira had been informed, she could have saved herself from own SELF-INFLICTED DESTRUCTION! Each person, male or female is responsible for their own actions.

Another young man had the same opportunity to choose between cursing and blessings. The rich young ruler came running to Christ, desperately seeking help to inherit eternal life. Jesus tried to give him the help he needed, but, although this was the young man's great opportunity for eternal life, the decision was entirely left with the young man. He had come anxiously to learn the way and no bout he had every intention of doing anything the Lord asked him to do. His intentions were good, but when Jesus told him the right thing to do, HE FAILED TO DO THE THING THAT WOULD HELP HIM. Instead, the poor young man did the wrong thing, and unless HE found a place of repentance afterward. HE IS STILL HURTING TODAY! He made the wrong choice! He

made the choice of riches and gold above choosing the Lord's invitation!

THANKING GOD FOR HIS BLESSINGS

"Lord, we know Your grace that through You we are rich. Yet for our sake You became poor, that we, through Your poverty, can become rich. You make all grace abound to us, that always having all sufficiency in all things, we may have abundance for every good deed." (II Cor. 8:9; 9: 8).

"Blessed be You, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Father of mercies, and God of all comfort. You comfort us in all our afflictions that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the same comfort with which You have comforted us," (II Cor. 1:3, 4).

"Blessed be You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. You have blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. You chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before You in love. You predestined us to the adoption of sons through Jesus Christ to Yourself, according to the kind intention of Your will; to the praise and the glory of Your grace, which You have freely bestowed on us in the Beloved," (Eph. 1:3-6).

"Lord God, we praise You that in Christ we have redemption, through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Your grace, which You lavish upon us. In all wisdom and insight, You have made known to us the mystery of Your will according to Your kind intention which You purposed in Christ, with a view to administration suitable to the plans of times, the summing up of all things in Christ that are in heaven, and are in earth," (Eph. 1:7-10).

"Lord Jesus, we praise You that although You were in the form of God, You did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Yourself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of man. And. being found in appearance as a man, You humbled Yourself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. You have been exalted highly by God, and bestowed with a Name which is above every name, that at Your name every knee shall bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that You are Lord to the glory of God the Father," (Phil. 2:6-11).

"Lord, thank You for Your precious and magnificent promises that You have given to us that we might be partakers of Your divine nature," (I Pet. 1:4).

“Holy Father, we thank You for the Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that cleanses us from all sin; for the redemption we have through it, even the forgiveness of sins,” (I Jn. 1:7; Col. 1:14).

“Lord Jesus, we thank You that You bore our sins in Your Body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by Your wounds we are healed,” (I Pet. 2:24).

“Lord Jesus, we thank You that by grace we are saved through faith; and that not of ourselves, it is a gift; not as a result of works, that no one should boast. We are Your workmanship, created by You for good works which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them,” (Eph. 2:8-10).

“Lord, we thank You that we do not have to be afraid of the terror by night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noon day. That a thousand may fall at our side and ten thousand at our right hand, but it will not approach us. We will only look on with our eyes and see the recompense of the wicked because we have made You our refuge and the Most High our dwelling place,” (Psa. 91:5-8).

“Lord, we thank You that You give Your angels charge over us to guard us in all our ways. They will bear us up on their hands lest we strike our foot against a stone. Because we have loved You — therefore. You will deliver us. You will set us securely on high because we have known Your Name,” (Psa. 91:11, 12, 14).

“Lord of hosts, how lovely are Your dwelling places. My soul longs and even yearns for Your courts. My heart and my flesh sing for joy to You, the living God. The bird also has found a house, the swallow a nest for herself that she may lay her young, even Your altars, 0 Lord of hosts, my King and my God. How blessed are those who dwell in Your house. We will ever praise You,” (Psa. 84:1- 4).

Chapter Three

Who Are the Believers?

UNGODLY COUNSEL

“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doth shall prosper,” (Psa. 1:1-3).

JESUS IS THE ANSWER!

God's plan for your personal life; Jesus is the answer! The Christian faith is unique, not because it recognizes man’s problems and needs, but because it also recognizes that man cannot do anything by himself to solve the problem or meet the need. God did it! 7 Paul says: “Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father,” (Gal. 1:3, 4).

The Cross is not only the center of the Bible and history; it is the center of our faith. Unless we have seen the truth and experienced the power of the Cross, then we have not yet come to know the saving grace of Jesus in our lives. To know the meaning of the Cross is to experience the liberating effect of God’s power in our own life. It is to grasp the tremendous mystery that to save us; God died for us!

The center of the Bible is Calvary! Everything before leads up to it and everything after leads from it and what happened on the Cross of Calvary is for God, the most important event since the creation of the World, and it will remain the most important event for ever. The Bible declares: “Now once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself,” (Heb. 9:26).

Washington Gladden writes, "But what can mortal man do to secure his own salvation" Mortal man can do just what God bids him do. He can repent and believe. He can arise and follow Christ just as (Matt. did.” “For the preaching of

the cross is them that perish foolishness: but unto us which are saved it is the power of God," (I Cor. 1:18).

The New Testament makes it clear, that we are meant to lay claim on the achievements and provisions that come from the Cross and which are made real in us by the present work of the Holy Spirit. Faith is laying claim to what the Father offers us through the sacrifice of His Son. At the heart of it is the belief and recognition that God now sends His Spirit to bring to us in an immediate and personal way the full virtue of Calvary "Let us get hold of the fact of the Calvary victory, and of the truth that Satan is a conquered foe." Christ conquered him at Calvary.

When you stand on Rom. 6, reckoning the old life crucified, your spirit becomes joined to Christ, "joined to the Lord, one spirit!" You are not going out against a great and terrible spirit-foe alone. Your spirit "joined to the Lord" is "one spirit" with Him. Christ is the Conqueror, and you are joined in one Spirit with the Conqueror!"

It is the application of the Cross into your life and experienced through faith that the blessings arrive into your life. "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly," (Jn. 10:10).

Jesus came to remove the curse! "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," (I Jn. 3:8).

Do not refuse correction of the Holy Spirit! You are free, not under the law or legalism. Permit the Holy Spirit to probe your inner man about its seeping corruption in your lives and homes!

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free," (Jn. 8:32).

"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," (Jn. 8:36).

Freedom in Christ is a relationship with Him. "And hath raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2: 6).

Center your attention on Jesus, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the

death," (Rev. 12:11).

Allow the Holy Spirit to have His way with you. "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 show you things to come," (Jn. 16:13).

Bathe yourself in the Scripture: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth," (Jn. 17:17).

The Bible is the written Word of God. "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever," (II Pet. 1:23).

Fellowship with Bible-believing Christians, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with un-righteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?" (II Cor. 6:14).

Emulate Jesus through His Word "Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," (Gal. 5:1).

VALUE OF A NEW SPIRIT

The value of the new spirit: Years ago, on a street in Chicago, a man stepped up to a young fellow and asked, "Are you a Christian?" "Mind your own business." was the reply. "This is my business - my main business" said the man, Dwight L. Moody. He never let a day pass without speaking to someone about Jesus. Soul-winning should be the main business of every Christian. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them," (II Cor. 4:4).

The truth of God's Word Exposes Satan and his lies. Demons hide from the truth. Freedom from spiritual conflicts and bondage is not a power encounter. Truth is the encounter with light the best thing we can do for this sinful world is to remain faithful to the Lord and shine the gospel beacon. If we fail to live our faith, they will not see the living word working in our life. If we allow the curses to remain working in our lives, they will not see the difference. If we give up, they will all perish. "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," (Jn. 14:6).

The truth is the liberating truth. The power of Satan is a lie. The power of the believer is in knowing the truth. We are to follow truth, not power.

The power of the cross: Power unto salvation to everyone that believes. Satan defeated at the cross, (Col. 2:15); (Heb. 2:14); (Lk. 10:17-20). "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you," (I Pet. 1:10).

Power of liberation from slavery to Satan

"But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth," (II Thess.. 2:13).

Power of preservation from all the attacks of the enemy

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," (Gal. 5:1). We are more than conquerors.

ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING HIS COURTS WITH PRAISE

(Scripture confessions of praise about our Lord Jesus Christ) Lord Jesus Christ

You Are The Head Of All Things. Lord Jesus, You are the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation. In You all things were created, in the heavens and on the earth. All things have been created through You and for You. You are before all things, and in You all things hold together.

You are the Head of the Body, the Church. You are the first-born from the dead - so that You Yourself might have first place in all things. It was the Father's good pleasure for all fullness to dwell in You and through You to reconcile all things to Himself, whether in heaven or on earth. You are the Head over all rule and authority and in You we are made complete. (See Col.1:15-20; 2:10).

You are the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. You died for our sins according to the Scriptures. In You we have redemption through Your blood, the forgiveness of sins. "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. To Him Who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be blessing and honor and glory

and dominion forever and ever." (See Jn. 1:29); (I Cor. 15:3); (Col 1:14); (Rev. 5:12, 13).

You Are Our Savior. Lord Jesus, You came into the world not to condemn the world, but that it might be saved. There is no other name given under heaven among men whereby we might be saved. You alone are able to keep us from falling and to make us stand in the Father's presence blameless with great joy; and so to You, the only God, our Savior, be glory, majesty, dominion, power, before all time, now and forever. Amen, (See Jn. 3:1 7); (Acts 4:12); (Jude 24, 25).

You Are King Of Kings. Lord Jesus, You have been exalted by God and given a Name which is above every name; that at Your name every knee should bow and every tongue shall confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. You are the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. The kingdoms of this world will become Your throne, and You shall reign forever and ever. (See Phil. 2:9-11); (2 Tim. 6:15); (Rev. 11:15).

You Are The Good Shepherd. Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd. You know Your own, and Your own know You. You came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. You have laid down Your life for us. You are the door of the sheep. Through You we enter and are safe and go in and out and find pasture, (See Jn. 10:14; 10, 11).

You are the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father but by You. You are the new and living way which You inaugurated for us through the veil that is Your flesh. Through You we have access in one Spirit to the Father. You are the truth, and if You make us free, we shall be free indeed, (See Jn. 14:16); (Heb. 10:20); (Eph. 2:18); (Jn. 8:32, 36).

You Are The Bread Of Life. Lord Jesus and You are the bread of God which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world. He who comes to You shall never hunger and he who believes in You shall never thirst. You are the One that we may eat of and not die. He who eats Your flesh and drinks Your blood has eternal life, and You will raise him up in the last day. (See Jn. 6:48; 33, 35, 50, and 54)...

You Are The Light Of The World. Lord Jesus which enlightens every man coming into the world. He who follows You shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life. In heaven there will be no need of the sun or the moon, for

the glory of God illumines it, and You are its lamp. (See Jn. 1:9; 8:12; Rev. 21:23).

You Are The Only Mediator. Lord Jesus between God and man after You made purification for our sins; You sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. You are able to save for ever those who draw near to God through You, since You live to make intercession for us. (See Me Tim. 2:5; Heb. 1:3; 7:25).

You Are The Resurrection And The Life. Lord Jesus. The one who believes in You shall live, even if he dies; and everyone who lives and believes in You shall never die. You are the One who lives and was dead; and behold. You are alive forevermore. You have the keys of hell and death. (See Jn. 11:25, 26; Rev. 1:18).

You Are God. You are the Word. You were in the beginning. You were with God and You are God. He who has seen You has seen the Father. We believe You are in the Father and the Father in You. (See Jn. 1:1; 14:9, 11).

Chapter Three

Grace of God

"Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands," Acts 14:3.

JOINT HEIRS

We are plainly instructed by the Apostle Paul that we are Joint heirs with Jesus Christ. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; buy ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together," (Rom. 8:25-17). "Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom," (Lk. 12:32).

What is the supreme manifestation of God's grace? The focal point in the

history of salvation is the cross of Jesus Christ. The significance of this act is viewed under several figures of speech in the New Testament (see Atonement); whether it is spoken of as a ransom paid to redeem enslaved man, an acquittal before the divine bar of justice, or a victory over sin and death, it is clear throughout the effective powers in salvation belongs to God and not to man. Salvation is a free gift of God granted to lost and undeserving men who trust in the righteousness of Christ and humble themselves in submission to his will.

Do not trust your feelings. They change. Stand on God's promises in the Bible. They never change! "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out," (Jn. 6:37). In His infinite grace and mercy, God ordained this exchange. "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: The Lord will give grace and glory; no-good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly," (Ps. 84:11). The person who has accepted Christ as Savior and has been regenerated by the Holy Spirit is, "in Christ;" This particular phrase, with its equivalent too "in Christ Jesus," or "in Him," or "In Whom." "In Christ" occurs more than 130 times in the New Testament. It means a living union with Christ as the vine to the branches, the head to the body. To be in Christ mans to be Justified, (Rom. 3:24); Sanctified, (I Cor. 1, 2); Crucified (Gal. 2:20). Complete, (Col. 2: 10); Glorified, (II Thess. 1:10-12). The believer's position "in Christ," is the same as that of Christ Himself!

THE LAW OF HEREDITY

When a child is born into a family, the law of heredity entitles that child to all the past history, tendencies (good or bad), and social rights and privileges of the family as a back as the lineage can be traced the law of inheritance guarantees the adopted child's future possession of the family's inheritance. Therefore, the person born by the Holy Spirit is adopted into the family of God to become a "partaker of the Divine Nature." He or she is not only entitled to the future inheritance of the kingdom, but is also entitled to all the past and future experience of Christ.

Our standing in Christ means that we are to make actually in practice that which the Scriptures are declared to be. A king will act like a king, a beggar like a beggar, and a child of God should act like a child of God.

No, works do not save us, but neither are works an enemy to grace. Grace, if it is real, produced the most beautiful life on the face of the earth. This harmony of grace producing responsibility is the great need in today's pulpits. The works flow from grace, not grace flowing from works.

This message would transform the church into a powerhouse of revival.

"Salvation by grace" without surrender to Christ's will do not exist. It is the scourge of today's church world. The average preacher is so soft that he is afraid to demand righteousness from the pulpit. The "lose" message of today and brings in the money is worse than the religion of the cults. Jesus said, "He that saith, I know, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not him," (I Jn. 2:4).

To be in Christ means.

To be crucified and buried and risen with Christ, you must leave the garments of the Old Man in grave. The Bible tells us in the following scriptures.

"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice," (Eph. 4:31.

"But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind-meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any men have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness, (Col. 3:8-14).

"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead

bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power," (Col. 2:6 -10).

Becoming complete

You become a completed person in Christ Jesus, when you are born again. Whenever Jews become Christians, they call themselves Messianic Jews. They follow that with the terminology, "Complete Jews." In Christ we are also complete in Him. All the promises in the Word of God belong to you from the moment that you come a child of God!

"...if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God . . . that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God." (Deut. 28:1-2).

THE KING'S BLESSING

AUTHORITY AND DOMINION - "And the Lord shall make thee the head and not the tail..." (verse 13)

PROSPERITY - "The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto..." (verse 8)

BLESSINGS ON THE FAMILY - "Blessed shall be...the fruit of thy body..." (verse 4)

VICTORY OVER ADVERSARIES - "The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face..." (vs. 7)

FREEDOM FROM DEBT

"The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure.'. . ." (verse 11). "...thou shall lend and not borrow,"" (verse 12)

These blessings will run after you!

First, you will receive authority and dominion on this earth. God will set you high above the people of this world with power and success as an example of His power and might. You will lead and not follow!

How can you trigger this incredible blessing? Keep God's commandments

and walk in His ways!

"The Lord shall establish thee a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in His ways. And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee," (Deut. 28:9-10).

JUDGMENTS BELONG TO UNBELIEVERS

“And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: (23) His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (for he that is hanged {is} accursed of God;) that thy land be not defiled,
which the Lord thy God giveth thee {for} an inheritance,” (Deut. 21:22, 23).

“For want and famine {they were} solitary; fleeing into the wilderness in former time desolate and waste. (4) Who cut up mallows by the bushes, and juniper roots {for} their meat? (5) They were driven forth from among {men}, (they cried after them as {after} a thief ;) (6) To dwell in the cliffs of the valleys, {in} caves of the earth, and {in} the rocks. (7) Among the bushes they brayed; under the nettles they were gathered together. (8) {They were} children of fools, yea, children of base men: they were viler than the earth,” (Job 30:3-8).

“He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. (5) Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure,” (Psa. 2:4, 5).

“Arise, 0 Lord; save me, 0 my God: for thou hast smitten all mine enemies {upon} the cheek bone; thou hast broken the teeth of the ungodly,” (Psa. 3:7).

“Lead me, 0 Lord, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face. (9) For {there is} no faithfulness in their mouth; their inward part {is} very wickedness; their throat {is} an open sepulcher; they flatter with their tongue. (10) Destroy thou them, 0 God; let them fall by their own counsels; cast them out in the multitude of their transgressions; for they have rebelled against thee, (Psa. 5:8-10).

“Mine eye is consumed because grief; it waxeth old because of all mine enemies. (8) Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. (9) The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer. (10) Let all mine enemies be ashamed and sore vexed: let

them return {and} be ashamed suddenly," (Psa. 6:7-10).

"Arise, 0 Lord, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me {to} the judgment that {thou} hast commanded. (11) God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry {with the wicked} every day. (12) If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. (13) He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors. (14) Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. (15) He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch {which} he made. (16) His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate," (Psa. 7:6, 11-16).

"When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. (16) The Lord is known {by} the judgment {which} he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Haggai Selah. (17) The wicked shall be turned into hell, {and} all the nations that forget God," (Psa. 9:3; 16-17).

"Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: {this shall be} the portion of their cup," (Psa. 11:6).

"Arise, 0 Lord, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, {which is} thy sword," (Psa. 17:13).

"At the brightness {that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail {stones} and coals of fire. (13) The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail {stones} and coals of fire. (14) Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightening, and discomfited them. (37) I have pursued mine enemies, and overtaken them: neither did I turn again till they were consumed. (38) I have wounded them that they were not able to rise: they are fallen under my feet. (39) For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me. (40) Thou hast also given me the necks of mine enemies; that I might destroy them that hate me. (41) They cried, but {there was} none to save {them: even} unto the Lord, but he answered them not. (42) Then did I beat them small as the dust before the wind: I did cast them out as the dirt in the streets," (Psa. 18:12-14, 37-42).

"Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee.(9) Thou shall make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine

anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. (10) Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men. (11) For they intended evil against thee: they imagined a mischievous device, {which} they are not able {to perform}. (12) Therefore shall thou make them turn their back, {when} thou shall make ready {thine arrows} upon thy strings against the face of them," (Psa. 21:8-12).

"Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup Runneth over," (Psa. 23:5).

"Through thee will we push down our enemies: through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us," (Psa. 44:5).

"When the wicked spring as the grass, and when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; {it is} that they shall be destroyed forever: (9) For, lo, thine enemies, 0 Lord, for, lo, thine enemies shall perish; all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered. (11) Mine eye also shall see {my desire} on mine enemies, {and} mine ears shall hear {my desire} of the wicked that rise up against me," (Psa. 92:7, 9-11).

"Blessed {is} the man whom thou chastenest, 0 Lord, and teachest him out of thy law; (13) That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked," "(Psa. 94:12-13).

"They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and condemn the innocent blood. (22) But the Lord is my defense; and my God {is} the rock of my refuge. (23) And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, and shall cut them off in their own wickedness; {yea}, the Lord our God shall cut them off," (Psa. 94:21-23).

"I will early destroy all the wicked of the land; that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the Lord," (Psa. 101:8).

"At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away. (8) They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them. (9) Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth. (35) Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the Lord, 0 my soul. Praise ye the Lord," (Psa. 104:7-9, 35).

"And he saved them from the hand of him that hated {them}, and redeemed

them from the hand of the enemy. (11) And the waters covered their enemies: there was not one of them left," (Psa. 106:10-11).

"Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, {being} bound in affliction and iron; (11) Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: (12) Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and {there was} none to help. (17) Fools because of then-transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted.(18) Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. (26) They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. (27) They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. (39) Again, they are diminished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. (40) He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, {where there is} no way," (Psa. 107:10.-12, 17 -18,26 -27,39-40).

"Through God we shall do valiantly: for he {it is that} shall tread down our enemies. (29) Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame, and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle," (Psa. 108:13, 29).

"The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. (2) The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.(6) He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill {the places} with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries," (Psa. 110:1, 2, 6).

"His heart {is} established, he shall not be afraid, until he see {his desire} upon his enemies. (10) The wicked shall see {it}, and be grieved; he shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the desire of the wicked shall perish. Psa. 112:8,10. The Lord taketh my part with them that help me: therefore shall I see {my desire} upon them that hate me. (10) All nations compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord will I destroy them. (11) They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about: but in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. (12) They compassed me about like bees: they are quenched as the fire of thorns: for in the name of the Lord I will destroy them. (13) Thou hast thrust sore at me that I might fall: but the Lord helped me," (Psa. 118: 7, 10-13).

"Thou hast trodden down all them that err from thy statutes: for their deceit {is} falsehood. (119) Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth {like} dross:

therefore I love thy testimonies," (Psa. 119:118-119).

"What shall be given unto thee? or what shall be done unto thee, thou false tongue? (4) Sharp arrows of the mighty, with coals of juniper, (Psa. 120:3-4).

"The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, {and} the" sceptre of the rulers. (6) He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, {and} none hindereth. (9) Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet {thee} at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, {even} all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (11) Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, {and} the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit," (Isa 14: 5, 6, 9, 11, 15).

"Behold, I {am} against thee, 0 inhabitant of the valley, {and} rock of the plain, saith the Lord; which say. Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations," (Jer. 21:13).

"Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed {is} every one that hangeth on a tree," (Gal 3:13).

Chapter Four

The Promise of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the endowment of supernatural power for service, (Lk. 24:49).

Jesus says: "Be endued with power from on high . . . to witness," (Lk. 24:49); (Acts 1:8).

Baptism of Holy Spirit, Pat Holliday, Ph.D.

Supernatural powers to be effective witness for Christ.

In speaking off the gift of the Holy Spirit, Paul stresses faith, while Peter stresses obedience.

True faith is always linked to obedience. Complete faith results in complete obedience. Peter says that when our obedience is complete, the gift of the Holy Spirit is ours.

ADOPTION INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD

The apostle Paul clearly writes about your adoption into the family of God. The spirit of adoption, son ship with God: and Spirit of God to attest that son ship. "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father," (Rom. 8:15). "And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to with, the redemption of our body," (Rom. 8:23). All this was through faith. Consequently, from the beginning God had purposed that salvation should be through faith.

God never expected that any soul of man should be justified by the works of the law. This gave that law only that the exceeding sinfulness of sin might appear. That man might be prepared to welcome the gospel, which proclaimed salvation to a lost world through the atoning death of Christ. 3

You may want to study blessings and curses in the Bible, which is found in, (Deut. 28): This chapter contains sixty-eight verses. The first fourteen verses are blessings and the remaining fifty-four verses are curses. In other words, both blessings and curses are not limited normally to a single individual but they are

related to a family, a community, a nation or sometimes a whole civilization.

In dealing with people in this area, through experience and observation is a list of seven common indications' curses. Mental and/or emotional deterioration. Repeated or chronic sicknesses, especially if they are ancestral or without clear medical diagnosis. Repeated miscarriages or related female problems. The collapse of marriage and family estrangement, where a family falls apart. Continuing financial insufficiency, especially where the income seems to be adequate. Being accident prone. In family, a history of suicides or unnatural deaths.

What causes blessings or curses?

Blessing or curses in a Person's life God said to him in Genesis. "That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice," (Gen. 22:17-18).

The cause for Abraham's blessing was that he heard and obeyed the voice of God. The basic cause for curses is stated in (Deut. 28:15): "But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. . . ." Therefore, the root cause of all curses is not hearing and not obeying God's word. Notice that both curses and blessings "overtake" us. We do not really have to chase them. We must fulfill the conditions, either positive or negative. If we do the positive requirement: The blessings overtake us.

If we do the negative requirement: The curses overtake us. It does not Matter how hard we try, we cannot go so fast that they will not overtake us! "And he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kin, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee," (Deut. 7:13).

From these roots there derive many different kinds of behavior. A list of twelve causes of curses that proceed from God is given in (Deut. 27:15-26). God warns Israel: "If you do these things, you'll come under a curse."

These can be summed up in five main causes: Idolatry, false gods and the occult. Remember that the occult is the as worshiping false gods. It means going to false gods or the servants of false gods for help which we should seek only from the true God. Look particularly the consequences of idolatry or of the occult as stated by God in (Exod. 20:3-6): "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," (Exod. 20:3). "You shall have no other gods before Me" (or beside Me). "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth," (Exod. 20:4). "And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things," (Rom. 1:23).

DISHONORING PARENTS

Dishonoring parents. "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, [worship them] nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me; And showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments," (Exod. 20:5, 6). We need to remember that in (Eph. 6, Paul says, "The first commandment with blessing is: 'Honor thy father and mother that it may be well with thee." Paul points out that it is the first commandment that carries with it a promise of blessing. If you fail to honor your parents, you incur a curse upon yourself. If that is your condition, you need to repent, change, adjust your attitude and if possible your relationship with your parents.

Illicit or unnatural sex; that is, adultery, fornication, incest, homosexuality, bestiality, etc.: All those things bring curses. It is not a Matter of whether we wish them to bring curses or whether we think they ought to bring curses. God has so ordered human life that they do bring curses Intolerance to the weak or the helpless.

Outstanding Example: Abortions--the deliberate killing of unborn children. Your own natural ability, cleverness or education. The result of trusting in man (yourself) is your heart departs from the Lord, which brings a curse. This also explains why many individual Christians and churches have lost their blessing. They started in the grace of God with supernatural blessing, anointing and faith, then went back to trusting human morality, organization or education. None of those things are wrong. To trust in them brings anyone, whether an individual or

a church, under the curse of God.

Paul dealt with the Samuel's theme in (Gal. 3:1-3) "0 foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?" The apostle inquires how they could be so foolish as to renounce the gospel of Christ and turn back to the law after having heard, received, and suffered so much for the gospel.

This is the essence of the problem beginning in the Spirit and God's supernatural grace and ability. Then going back to relying on our own carnal efforts: morality, education, cleverness, programs or finance. Paul's teaching speaks about the curse and the blessing in (Gal.13, 14). They were "fascinated" by those who are led blindly and unresistingly onto their own destruction.

WHO HATH BEWITCHED YOU

Bewitched: (Wizard, wicce, witch). To use witchcraft or magic on; cast a spell over. To attract and delight irresistibly; enchant; fascinate; charm. (Webster's New World Dictionary, College Edition). That ye should not obey the truth You bring yourself under a curse when you go back to legalism, works or seeking to achieve righteousness with God by your own efforts. 4

This is a major problem of countless Christians. They are under a curse and they do not know what they are struggling with or its cause because of Biblical ignorance. Notice: They had received the Holy Spirit; they had begun to live for the Jesus; they had suffered for the cause of Christ; they had received many benefits; and yet they turned to another spirit through false teachers.

SINNERS ARE UNDER A DIVINE CURSE

Underground Evangelist, Brother Andrew, has written, "The Lord Jesus Christ, who crushed Satan and conquered death, commands us to invade this enemy-occupied world and reclaim it for God. We must be placed under His exclusive authority and are forbidden to make any deals with the foe. No compromises. No concessions and no excuses."

THE POWER OF THE LAW

(Gen. 3:17; 4:11); (Rom. 3:30); (Deut. 11:28; 27-15; 28, 16); (Josh. 6:26); (Judg. 5:23); (Jer. 11:3), reveal the power of the law.

"For as many as are of the works of the Law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. But no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith," (Gal. 3:10, 11).

Christ is our substitution, (Heb. 2:9) from the curse. "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written. Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree; That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ: that we might receive the Promise of the Spirit through faith."

PURPOSE OF THE LAW

"Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin?"Where then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made: and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator," (Rom. 3:30).

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ that we might be justified by faith."

(Rom. 24). "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly as for sinners for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers," (1 Tim. 1: 9. 11)

God has a cure for a sin-sick soul, (Matt. 9:10-13). The soul is sick because of disobedience, (Rom. 5:19). The soul is sick because of an inherited disease, (Rom. 5:17). The soul is sick because of natural condition, (Eph. 2:3).

The condition of a sin-sick soul Deceitful in heart, Jer. 17: 9).

Diseased from head to foot, (Isa. 1:5, 6).

Dead in trespasses and sins, (Eph. 2:1).

(I Tim. 5: 6), the consequences of a sin-sick soul.

Sin separates from God, (Isa. 59:2). Sin brings forth death, (Rom. 5:6; Ezek. 18:4). Sin is incurable by human means, (Prov. 20:9); (Jer. 2:22; 13:23).

God's concern for a sin-sick soul. This is seen in God's mercy, (Psa. 86:15).

This is seen in Christ's death, I Peter 3:18. This is seen in the preacher's message, (I Cor. 9:16); (Rom. 1:15, 16).

The conviction of a sin-sick soul. Conviction comes by the Word of God, (Heb. 4:12). Conviction comes by the Holy Spirit, John Conviction comes by the accusing conscience, (Rom. 2:15).

The cure of a sin-sick soul. Healing comes by the stripes of Jesus, (I Pet. 2:24).

Healing Comes by repentance and faith, (Acts 3:29); (Heb. 11:6). Healing Comes immediately and is complete, (Mk. 1:42); (Col. 2:9, 10).

Confession of a sin-sick soul. Confession should be made of sin, (Isa. 6:5; 64:6). Confession should be made to the Lord, (Psa. 51:1-4). Confession reveals the belief of the heart, (Rom. 10:9, 10).

YOU 0 LORD, ARE OUR FATHER

"Lord, Your thoughts are not our thoughts, and Your ways are not our ways. For as high as the heaven is above the earth, so are Your ways. For just I like the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there without watering the earth, and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so Your Word that goes forth from Your mouth will not return to You empty without accomplishing what You desire and without succeeding in the matter for which You sent it. For we will go out in joy and be led forth in peace," (See Isa. 55:8-12a).

"Lord, there is no God besides You, Who acts in behalf of those Who wait for You. You meet the one who rejoices in doing righteousness, who re members You in Your ways," (See Isa. 64:4, 5).

"Lord, heaven is Your throne, and the earth is Your footstool. There is no house we could build for You and no place where You could rest — for Your hand made all of those things, and that is how they came into being. But You have promised to look to the one who is humble and contrite of spirit, who trembles at Your Word," (See Isa. 66:1, 2).

"Lord God, there is no other. You are God and there is none like You. You declare the end from the beginning, and from ancient time's things which have not been done. Your purpose will be established, and You will accomplish all Your good pleasure. You have spoken it, truly You will bring it to pass. You have

planned it. You will do it," See (Isa. 46:9, 10.11).

"Lord, there is no one besides You. You are the Lord and there is no other. The One forming light and creating darkness, causing well-being and creating calamity; You are the Lord Who does all these things," See (Isa. 45: 6, 7).

"Lord our Creator, the One Who forms us, we will not fear, for You have redeemed us. You have called us by name; we are Yours. When we pass through the waters. You will be with us; and through the rivers, they will not overflow us; when we walk through the fire, we will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn us. You are the Lord our God, the Holy One of Israel, our Savior," (See Ia. 43:1-30).

"Lord, You are my God, I will exalt You. I will give thanks to Your Name; for You have worked wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness. The steadfast of mind You will keep in perfect peace, because he trusts in You. We trust in You, Lord, forever, for in You we have an everlasting rock," (Isa. 25:1; 26:3, 4).

"1 give thanks to You, 0 Lord, for although You were angry with me. Your anger is turned away, and You do comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust You and not be afraid. You are my strength and song, and have become my salvation. We joyously draw water from the springs of salvation. We give You thanks, and call upon Your name. We make known Your deeds among the peoples; Your Name is exalted. You have done excellent things," (Isa. 12:1-5).

"Lord, Jesus, You have born our griefs, and carried our sorrows. You were pierced through for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. The chastening of our well-being fell on You, and by Your scourging we are healed. We went astray like sheep; we went our own way, but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on You," (Isa. 53:4-6).

"Lord, You have promised. Fear not, for You will not be put to shame, neither feel humiliated, for You will not be disgraced . . . for our husband is our maker, whose name is the Lord of hosts, and our Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, Who is called the God of all the earth," (Isa. 54:4, 5).

"Lord, I praise You for Your promise that no weapon formed against us shall prosper; and every tongue that accuses us in judgment will be condemned; that this is the heritage of all Your servants and their vindication will be from You,"

(Isa. 54:17).

“Lord, You said to us, "This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go," and we say Amen, praise Your Holy Name,” (Josh. 1:8, 9).

Chapter Five

Generational Connections

INIQUITY OF TRANSGRESSION OF SIN

“Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation,” (Exod. 34:7).

FAMILY LINES

The Bible shows that generational curses can come down family lines. Do your children wrestle with problems and out of control? Are your children Bipolar? Do your children suffer from nightmares? Hypertension? Confusion? Are your children depressed? Abused? Afraid? Tormented? Suicidal? Sick? Alcoholic? Addicted? Obese? Homosexual (gay, lesbian)? Witchcraft? Satanist? Brotherhood? Do want them out of the occult or a cult? Are they involved in the bondage too porno? OCD? MPD? DID? Molester? Self-Abuse? Etc.

Your children can be free! The only answer to receive help for all their personal problems is through deliverance in the Name of JESUS CHRIST. The solution is to cast these DEMONS out.

DECEPTION FOLLOWED ABRAHAM LINE

The Bible has much to say about cursing and blessings. "As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come…” (Prov. 26:2). One Generation lives with the effects of the good or the bad done by the previous Generation. Does not make the child guilty of sins of the parents, everyone is responsible for his or her own sins.

Abraham used deception concerning his wife: "Therefore it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive," (Gen. 12:12). "And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because of Sarah Abram's wife,” (Gen. 12:17). "And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? Why dids't thou not tell me that she was thy wife?” (Gen.

12:18).

NOTICE: The curse came upon Pharaoh because of Abram's deception and not because of Sarah's submission!

Again Abraham used deception concerning his wife. "And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah," (Gen. 20:2). "But God came to Abimelech in a `dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife," (Gen. 20:3).

"Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine," (Gen. 20:7). "And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife," (Gen. 20:12). "And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and women servants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife," (Gen. 20:14). "So Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maidservants; and they bear children," (Gen. 20:17). "For the LORD had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife," (Gen. 20:18).

Notice again, to avoid a curse, God warned Abimelech. He closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech! After his repentance through prayer of Abraham, God opened Abimelech's wife's womb again. The ancestral deceiving spirit followed down Abraham's line! History seemed to repeat itself.

"And the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, She is my sister: for he feared to say, She is my wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair to look upon," (Gen. 26:7).

"And it came to pass, when he had been there a long time, that Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out at a window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife," (Gen. 26:8). "And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die for her," (Gen. 26:9).

"And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? one of the people might lightly have lien with thy wife, and thou shouldest have brought guiltiness upon us," (Gen. 26:10).

"And Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death," (Gen. 26:11).

The spirit of deception traveled down from Abraham to his Son Isaac. The evil spirit did what it was sent to do, deceive!

Abraham's, Isaac's spirit of deception continued to travel down to Jacob He deceives his father to obtain the blessing of the first born. Consequences of ancestral sin must be dealt with. Renunciation of the sins of parents and ancestors should be a standard part of the conversion/disciples process.

ANCESTRAL CURSES

Does it apply today? "Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse," (Deut. 11:26). "As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come," (Prov. 26:2). "Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me," (Deut. 5: 9).

There are certain guidelines that will help you to recognize if there is a curse at work in our life. Struggling against something which you never really were able to master or overcome; the thing you are struggling against could be a curse. A curse is something like a dark cloud or an evil hand from the outside pressing you down: Oppressing, tyrannizing, afflicting, and persecuting you.

"Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by oppression, to thrust them out of their possession; but he shall give his sons out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession," (Ezek. 46:18,).

Holding you back

Hindering your success

Directing and controlling your life

It is comparable a negative atmosphere that surrounds you

It may be stronger at some times than others

You are never totally free

Keyword interference

For example: You reach a certain level of achievement or progress in your life and you seem to have all the needed qualifications for success, yet something goes wrong. You start over, you reach the level, then something goes wrong again. There is a pattern in your life. There is no obvious reason for it. Many people have told me a life story that has that pattern. There may be different details, but the pattern is there.

Often they will say something like: "The thing used to happen in my father's life. I remember my grandfather telling me about this or that." Somehow they are vaguely aware that this thing did not begin in their own life time. This pattern may occur in various areas: business, personal relationships (especially marriage and family), a career, finance, or health. In all probability, whatever area it may be, that dark shadow or evil hand is a curse over your life, perhaps going back many Generations.

EXAMPLES OF INFORCED CURSES

Let us look at two Examples of ancestral curses:

Examples One

One goes back to the 1600's in the land of Scotland and the other in the late 1600s in South Carolina, USA. Each of these were told to me personally by the persons involved The first is from a lady who had noticed that the boy children in her family never seemed to be able to reach their potential.

When she had heard my teaching on curses, she spoke to me about a written curse that had been pronounced upon her Klan back in Scotland by a priest. A male member of the clan had committed adultery in the 1600s and the local priest handwritten a curse against the males for all Generations. She told me, in effect, "Our family today is still struggling against the effects of this curse.

Example two:

The author was ministering to an American Indian who noticed my maiden name on my driver's license. She told me that the history of her tribe showed that every year on a certain festival. The chief would pronounce a curse on the boys of with a name such as my ancestors.

Why?

Several men from my family line were traveling from the east to the west. They had killed the Indian chief's son. The curse had been handed down for several hundred years. They had also recognized that the boys in my family were under a curse. It took the forms of divorce and financial destruction. I have broken the curse in Jesus name!

In both of these cases the people felt the effects of these curses in the forms of: Unnatural accidents, sicknesses, family stress and disputes, financial difficulties, continuing failures--although they were born-again Christians.

That is how real both blessings and curses are. "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth Generation of them that hate me," (Exod. 20:5).

The blessings of God travel down family lines the same way.

"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and forever," (Isa. 59:21).

Curses based on occult connections. "For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king," (I Sam. 15:23).

"And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger," (I Chron. 33:6).

"Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies," (Gal. 5:20).

You and your children must want help to receive help.

Let your pride go and humble yourself before the Lord. You must be honest with yourself that you need help. Then you have to be completely honest with Jesus and the minister that He chooses to minister to you. You will have to become a sincere worshiper of Jesus Christ," (Jn. 4:23). This means that you

should be ready to change your lifestyle. “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish,” (Lk. 13:3). There may be many things in this book that you will not understand. I suggest that you pray and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to open your spiritual mind and give you wisdom concerning your family.

Causes of rebellion in children.

Homosexuality, deformity, infirmities, dysfunctional minds, bodies and emotions, drugs, rock music, free sex, occult games, etc. Teenagers need to know the answer to these and many other questions. Young people around the world are being wiped out in record numbers because they have no idea what’s going on behind the scenes many are on a stairway to hell. Curses based on personal sin and not knowing Jesus.

Sin of forgiveness.

"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me,” (Acts 26:18). "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace,” (Eph. 1:7).

To choose forgiveness is a choice to allow someone other than the Lord to control our life.

It is a choice to be a victim when Christ wants to set us free. Gives ground to the enemy so he can set up a fifth column base (operation of a hidden enemy from the (inside) in our lives, (Eph. 4:26:27).

"And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive everyone that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil,” (Lk. 11:4).

Hurt can control your life Forgiveness says, "I will accept the hurt as part of the price of forgiving.

“God will heal the hurt when you do things His way. Who forgiveth al thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases?" See (Matt. 6:14); (Acts 5:31); (Acts 13:38); (I Jn. 1:9).

Acts of the Will, (Matt. 6:14, 15; 18:35); (Eph. 4:32).

BITTERNESS

Root of Bitterness established from not forgiving.

"The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity, but a wounded spirit who can bear?" (Prov. 18:1-4) "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly," (Prov. 18:8).

Goes inside and attacks minds, bodies and spirit. Wounded spirits, broken hearts and malicious words cause unbearable wounds.

Words are powerful and accomplish good or evil.

(Prov. 17:22) says that "a merry heart does good like a medicine but a broken spirit dries the bones; produces spiritual and physical sickness,"

(Psa. 6:2), "Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for I am weak: O LORD, heal me; for my bones are vexed."

Rejection operates in the spiritual realm but also creates physical problems.

Illness; confusion, cancer, arthritis oppression, etc.

"Heaviness makes the heart stoop but a good word makes it glad," (Prov. 12:25). Wounds of rejection and a broken heart can produce depression.

Depression alters the countenance. Adversely affects the spiritual area of life.

Curses Based on Ancestral Sin:

A Christian woman had been at the bedside of her dying mother for several days when it became necessary that she return home to her own family. Slipping up to the side of her mother, who lay in a coma? She said, "Mom, I've got to go now, but if you slip away before I get back, I'm coming, and I'm bringing the kids with me." The one who had been unconscious muttered, "Okay."

TEACHING CHILDREN

Jesus Christ believed in, dealt with, and referred to the devil at least 15 times and the Bible refers to him 114 times. The Lord was not talking about an imagination or a mythological being but a real supernatural being that is described by the Bible as the arch deceiver of all mankind. The Scriptures warn us there is such a being as the devil and there are such entities as evils spirits which are set against God and His creation. Remember the words in (Deut. 4-9),

which referring to the law reads: “Teach them to thy sons, and their sons' sons." In verse 10, God says, "Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children.”

Many parents fail to teach the word of God at home. God's plan for teaching children is found in (Deut. 6:6-9).

“And these words, which I command these this day, shall be in thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house on thy gates."

John Frattrola writes: "History is important to God because without it, His people forget Who God is. God doesn't want us to dwell in the past yearning for long gone days of glory. He does, however, encourage us to remember from where we've come so that when times looks bleak, we will remember who has sustained us. And when times of great blessing come, we will not forget who has brought the blessing.”

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many Generations. (Psa. 44:3-8). Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you," (Deut. 32:7).

There can be a transfer of anointing through the family line. The Old Testament high priesthood was passed through the line of Aaron and only those who were biological members of the tribe of Levi could serve as priests. (Zech. 1:1) tells us that the prophet Zechariah was a third Generation prophet like his father and grandfather before him. The faith that was found in Timothy had also been seen in his mother Eunice and his grandmother Lois, according to (II Tim. 1:5).

Breaking the shackles of demonic bondage Thoreau, the naturalist-philosopher, in defending some of his oddities once wrote: "If I do not keep in step with others, it is because I hear a different drumbeat.” The varied difference in the ungodly and the godly are not analogous. It is impossible for them to be alike.

One lives under the blessings.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ,” (Eph. 1:3).

The other lives under the curses.

“Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded thee,” (Deut. 28:45).

"I Will Bless Your Name"

The name Jehovah is the redemptive name of deity, and means, "The self-existent one who reveals Himself." The following are corresponding names of Jehovah that reveal aspects of the redemption. Praise His holy names.

Chapter Six

The Names and Action of God

JEHOVAH-JIREH

(The Lord Provides) “God, in this Your love was manifested to us, that You sent Your only begotten Son into the world, that we may live through Him. Gracious are You, Lord, and righteous; yea. You are merciful. You have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. 0 Lord, truly I am Your servant. I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon Your name,” (See I Jn. 4:9); (Psa. 116:5, 8, 16, 17).

JEHOVAH-ROPHE

(The Lord Heals) “Surely You have borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. You were wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon You and with Your stripes we are healed. In Your own self You bore our sins in Your body on the tree, that we being dead to sin should live to righteousness. There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men whereby we must be saved,” (See Isa. 53:4-5); (I Pet. 2:24); (Acts 4:12).

JEHOVAH-NISSI

(The Lord Our Banner)

“Yours, 0 Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth. Yours is the dominion, 0 Lord, and You do exalt Yourself as head over all. Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone. Now, therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name,” (See I Chron. 29:11-13).

JEHOVAH-ROHI

(The Lord My Shepherd)

“You guide us in the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. We will fear no evil; You are with us. You prepare a table before us in the presence of our

enemies. You anoint our heads with oil; our cup runs over. You have sent the Helper, the Holy Spirit, in Your name, and He teaches us all things, and brings to our remembrance all You have said. He guides us into all truth," (See Psa. 23:3-5); (Jn. 14:26; 16:13).

JEHOVAH-SHALOM

(The Lord Our Peace)

"Your Name is Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. If You are for us, who can be against us? You Who spared not Your own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall You not with Him freely give us all things? You have justified; who shall lay anything to our charge? Who shall separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord? Lord, You have given strength to Your people; Lord, You have blessed Your people with peace," (See Rom. 8:31-35); (Isa. 9:6); (Psa. 29:1).

JEHOVAH-TSIDKENU

(The Lord Our Righteousness)

"Righteous are You, 0 Lord. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth. Your right hand is full of righteousness. Lord God, You are righteous in all the works You do. Your ways are right and the just shall walk in them. By Your doing Jesus Christ has become to us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Christ our Lord is the end of the law for righteousness to all who believe," (See Psa. 119:137); (I Cor. 1:30); (Psa. 48:10); (Dan. 9:14); (Hos. 14:9); (Rom. 10:4).

JEHOVAH SHAMMAH

(The Lord Is Present)

Heaven is Your throne, and the earth is Your footstool. There is no house that we can build for You, for Your hand has made all these things. You have said You will dwell in us and walk among us, and be our God and we shall be Your people. So because You have said "/ will never leave thee nor forsake thee," we say, "The Lord is our Helper, we shall not be afraid of what man shall do to us." Where can I go from Thy presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold. You are there," (See Isa. 66:1, 2); (Heb. 13:5, 6); (Psa. 139:7, 8).

JEHOVAH M'KADDESH

(The Lord Who Sanctifies)

“Holy, Holy, Holy, are You, Lord of Hosts. The whole earth is full of Your glory. You are the high and lofty One that inhabits eternity. Your name is Holy. You are light and in You is no darkness at all. Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come, who shall not fear You, 0 Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy,” (See Isa. 6:3; 57:15); (I Jn. 1:5); (Rev. 4:8; 15:4).

Chapter Seven

More Than Conquerors

RECEIVE A NEW LIFE

"It is the work of God by which each one of us, as a hell-deserving sinner, can receive a new life. It is a second birth, a spiritual birth," (Rom. 8:23; 6:12).

Christ Living in Us:

Each one of us is responsible to make sure that Jesus Christ is living in us, reproducing his life through us, and we have the witness of the holy Spirit with us, (Rom. 8:26)."Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith: test yourselves," (II Cor. 13:5).

God made man as a spiritual being. Man lived out of his spirit. He was governed by his spirit, through his soul (mind) in his body. When Satan tempted Adam and Eve, they sinned (or fell) from the spiritual walk. Jesus Christ returns us to our original spiritual condition when we repent and receive his sacrifice.

The tenth chapter of Nehemiah is a covenant made by the heads of the nation of Israel. They had returned from Babylon because of their sin and disobedience to God. The seventy years of captivity had ended. Fifty-thousand Jews had returned home. Under the leadership of Nehemiah, they rebuilt the temple and began again to worship God. They had now made a covenant that they would do certain things. They promised to separate themselves from the enemies of God.

Christian separation is a Biblical doctrine. The apostle Paul tells us in,

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," (I Cor. 6:17).

The Word challenges us to bring our tithe into the house of God. We see this rule again in,

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him," (I Cor. 16:2).

Christians are to keep the Lord's Day holy and not forsake the house of

God. These are things that Christians would do well to covenant with God in all they do.

The Church is the place where the Lord meets with His children. Jesus established the Church, He says in, (Matt. 18:20, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” The phrase “in His name,” means His people act to carry out His purposes and His glory.

A pastor met one of his members on Monday and said, “I missed you at church yesterday.”

The member replied, “Yes Pastor, I am sorry that my seat was empty.”

The pastor replied, “Oh, your seat was not empty. Every time I looked where you usually sit, the devil was sitting there grinning at me and saying, ‘I fooled old Joe again’.”

The church is important. The importance of the church is not based primarily on what it does, but upon what it is. A right understanding of the nature of the church will give an honest Christian good reason to support their local church. Your church should be important to you because it is important to Christ. Your church attendance should be number one on your agenda!

The Bible declares in (Eph. 5:25), “. . . Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it.” Paul used the Greek word “agape” here. It is the word used to describe the love of God for His only begotten Son, as shown in (Jn.17:26). It is the word used to describe the essential nature of God as we see in (I Jn.4:8), “. . . God is love.” It exemplifies a deep and constant concern for the welfare of another.

Love is the demonstration of the unselfish devotion to the best interest of another. It reveals a readiness to serve another with no thought of personal profit. It is reasonable to think that Christians would love the Church as Christ does.

In this sophisticated age, we find it hard to understand the idolatry of the Old Testament. It is incredible to read of intelligent people being so blinded as to offer worship to hand-carved images of wood, stone or precious metals.

The Scripture tells us that people went into the forest and picked a hardwood tree, cut it down, sawed it in two, then burned half of it in their ovens for cooking and gave the other half to an engraver to carve into a little god. The

whole family would kneel before that graven image and say, “This is my god, my deliverer, who saves me.” Such idolatry is mind-boggling to us!

A new idolatry is sweeping across America now. The modern idolatry seduces multitudes by its subtlety and cleverness. Yet is angering God more than any Old Testament idolatry! The New Testament warns us that ministers will come in the last days who appear as angels of light, but who are actually ministers of Satan. These men and women will be intense, articulate, pleasant and very resourceful. But, they will be manipulated by a spirit that is not the spirit of God. 15

Before the Antichrist revealed, there will be a mystery of lawlessness already at work. The one who is coming will appear after a furious activity of apostasy. Satan destroying the faith of many because sin will be more rampant, the love of many of God’s people will grow very cold. There will be shipwrecked believers on all sides.

God’s greatest concerns are not what Christians as falling into, but what they are falling away from! Multitudes of Christians-including pastors, deacons, ministry people of all kinds are losing their faith and confidence in the power of Jesus’ name! They are turning away from Christ as the answer to everything. They are falling away from a childlike faith in Him alone as the solution to all life’s problems. There is wholesale turning toward methods, toward psychology, toward human expertise, toward the philosophies and doctrines of men.

“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. There it is no great things if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works,” (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Paul warned that these demonic ministers would come

“. . . preaching) another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or . . . another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted . . .” (II Cor. 11:4).

Think of what Paul is saying here. In the last day’s preachers will appear who seem to be men of honesty and righteousness, but who actually ministers under the influence of Satan himself are! They will be of another spirit entirely,

introducing another Jesus, another spirit, another gospel.

This sounds shocking, but it is something you and I must prepare observes for. Beloved, this “other Gospel” that Paul mentions is a message of salvation without the cross.

APOSTLE PAUL CAUTIONS US

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ into another gospel: which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which you have preached unto you, let him be accursed,” (Gal. 1:6-8).

This is the great idolatry of our day.

There is a great host of preachers who have literally cast aside the message of the cross of Jesus Christ! Oh God give us preachers after Your own heart who will say like Paul, “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross, of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world,” (Gal. 6:14).

We need men and women who will preach against the sins of drug abuse, alcoholism, adultery, gambling, homosexuality, fornication, pornography - all these evil deeds are sins against the flesh, against society, and against the laws and commandments of God.

APOSTASY IS FALLING AWAY

Apostasy is a falling away from what was once believed. It is sin against the Lord Himself. It is a personal indignity against a holy God.

“Now we request you, brethren with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together to him . . . Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy (the falling away) comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,” (I Thess. 2:1,3.

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

Such positive, sure word:

“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us,” (Rom. 8:37).

Every Christian emerges either trusting in man, or trusting fully in God, that is, either cursed or blessed.

“God will go before me, and make the crooked places straight: He will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron: and He will give me the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places,” (Isa. 45:2, 3).

Jeremiah encourages us to trust in God and His Word when he wrote,

“Thus saith the Lord: Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like the hearth in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited,” (Jer. 17: 5, 6).

This individual Jeremiah talks about here doesn’t wait for God to move. He takes matters into his own hands, making his own plans, turning to people he thinks have clout, taking shortcuts. He is always conspiring, scheming, conniving, manipulating. His philosophy is “It is not what you know that counts, it’s who you know.” He’s forever looking for that special “who” to solve his problems!

Scripture says a spiritual dryness sets into this person’s life:

“. . . He shall be like the hearth (shrub) in the desert . . .” (Jer. 17: 6).

He looks scarcely alive, with no fruit, no wellspring of life. He’s always on the verge of dying! However, Jeremiah shows the way out of the dead condition.

“Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit,” (Jer. 17:7, 8).

Regard the one who trusts God in the hard places: This Christian is “planted.” “He has roots, stability, a reservoir of Living Water. He is always “spreading out,” fruitful and green with fresh life. Scripture says, “. . . he . . . shall not be careful (frightened) in the ears of drought. . . .”

This individual says:

“Jesus, I give up looking to any person to bring me out of my trail. I turn to

You alone! You're my only keeper, my only hope. I look to You to bring me out of this!"(Vs. 8).

God says:

"Trust Me, My child and you'll be blessed!" "God will go before me and make the crooked places straight: He will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron: and He will give me the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places," (Isa. 45:2-3. 20).

Healing is by the stripes of Jesus. Charles Spurgeon writes: One evening in Exeter Hall, I heard a speech by the late Mr. Mackay. He told of a person who was very concerned about his soul and felt that he could never rest until he found salvation. So, taking the Bible in his hand, he said to himself, "Eternal life is to be found somewhere in the Word of God: and if it is here, I will find it. For I will read the Book right through, I will pray to God over every page of it. Possibly, it may contain some saving message for me."

He told us that the earnest seeker read on through Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and so on: and through Christ is there very evidently, he could not find Him in the types and symbols. The holy histories did not yield him comfort, nor did the book of Job. He passed through Psalms, but did not find his Savior there, and the same was the case with the other book, until he reached Isaiah. In this book he read on until near the end, and then in the fifty-third chapter these words arrested his delighted attention:

"With his stripes we are healed" (Isa. 53:.5).

"Now for my sin-sick soul and I see how it comes to me through the sufferings of the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be His name. I am healed. It was well that the seeker was wise enough to search the Sacred Volume; it was better still Holy Spirit revealed to the seeker's heart." 21

SCRIPTURES –

Blessings and Curses

"Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing," (Jam. 3:10).

BLESSINGS

"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy

name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:" (Gen. 12:2_.

"That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies," (Gen. 22:17).

"My father peradventure will feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver; and I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing," (Gen. 27:12).

"And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting" (Gen. 27:30).

"And he said, Thy brother came with subtlety, and hath taken away thy blessing," (Gen. 27:35).

"And he said is not he rightly named Jacob For he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing, and he said, hast thou not reserved a blessing for me," (Gen. 27:36).

And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept, (Gen. 27:38).

"And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob," (Gen. 27:41).

"And give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land wherein thou art a stranger, which God gave unto Abraham," (Gen. 28:4).

"Take, I pray thee, my blessing that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it," (Gen. 33:11).

"And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field," (Gen. 39:5).

"All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake

unto them, and blessed them; everyone according to his blessing he blessed them," (Gen. 49:28).

"For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day," (Exod. 32:29).

"Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years," (Lev. 25:21).

Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse;" (Deut. 11:26).

"A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: Deut. 11:27.

"And it shall come to pass, when the LORD thy God hath brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal," (Deut. 11:29).

"Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the heart," (Deut. 12:15).

"Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee," (Deut. 16:17).

"Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the LORD thy God loved thee," (Deut. 23:5).

"The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee," (Deut. 28:8).

"And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee," (Deut.30:1).

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you that I have set before your life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou

and thy seed may live," (Deut. 30:19).

"And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death," (Deut. 33:1).

"And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people: let his hands be sufficient for him; and be thou an help to him from his enemies," (Deut. 33:7).

"And for the precious things of the earth and fullness thereof and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessings come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren," (Deut. 33:16).

"And of Naphtali he said, O Naphtali, satisfied with favour, and full with the blessing of the LORD: possess thou the west and the south," (Deut. 33:23).

"Who answered, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs, and the nether springs," (Josh. 15:19).

"And she said unto him, Give me a blessing: for thou hast given me a south land; give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs," (Judg. 1:15).

"And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord, (I Sam. 25:27).

"Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant that it may continue forever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed forever," (II Sam. 7:29).

Chapter Eight

Identification with Christ

GLORIOUS NEW CREATION

The disciples termed their new movement “The Way,” emphasizing their belief that Jesus’ teaching would lead his followers to the kingdom of God. Outsiders called them Nazarenes, meaning followers of Jesus of Nazareth.”

The glorious New Creation of God is revealed in the Bible. However, obedience to His word is the means to being able to enjoying this new nature. In the 4th chapter of Prov. from the 20th to the 22nd verses, we have the most comprehensive instructions’ as to how to receive the blessings.

Look at the Scripture

“If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye REFUSE AND REBEL, YE SHALL BE DEVOURED WITH THE SWORD…” (Isa. 1:19, 20).

This Scripture, coupled with (Prov. 4:20-22), “Attend to my Words; incline thine ear unto my saying, Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh,”

This demonstrates to us God’s pattern for a flourishing life. Listen and do the Word; act on the Word; do the Word and then the Word works. 23

Christian identity in Christ is based upon this Scriptural understanding, and you must be Born Again.” Whenever sinners put their trust in Jesus’ blood, they begin a whole new life. Truly, they can count their day of salvation as the first day of a new Year and, in fact, a new life.”24

The Scriptures show the spiritual eternal change in a person’s life in,

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible by the word of God which giveth and abided forever…” (I Pet. 1:23). At the same time, you see this change start immediately after the new birth. You become New Creations after you receive Jesus’ sacrifice and repent from your sins. This undisputed fact is shown in:

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them,” (II Cor. 5:17); (Eph. 2:10).

The grace of God is essentially, that love, that undeserved mercy by which a sinner, through the merit of Christ and not by the sinner’s own effort, may be reconciled to God. In reality it is that Favor that love which is free. The unearned mercy which is God’s grace makes it possible for God to save a lost soul.

This grace is necessary because without it, the sinner has no merit to recommend himself for salvation. Without it, God has no justiciable basis on which to grant him/her pardon. 25

You are saved by the grace of God as is demonstrated in (Eph. 2:5), “Christ, (by grace ye are saved”). Fortunately, you cannot earn grace. It is a freely given gift From God through His Son, Jesus Christ. His cross is the equalizer of all men and women because it places our eternal certainly upon His work, not yours. Astonishing, Jesus had already, defeated the devil! Is success is our hope as revealed in, (Eph. 2: 9, “Not of works, lest any man should boast.”

Christ chose you in Him before the foundation of the world, (Eph. 1:4). Your born again experience places’ you immediately in fellowship with God! You can see this new relationship healed in,

“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,” (I Cor. 1:9).

This divine attention to God’s desire for your fellowship is asserted again in, “That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you that ye also have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ,” (I Jn. 1:3).

God absolutely desires a relationship with you. You are now born into a new family, the family of God! The communication lines are open to you to your Father and His Holy Son, Jesus Christ!

This new consecrated position, places you in new spiritual and physical status in this life because you have been given every spiritual blessing.

Consider

“Blessed be the God and Father of Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ,” (Eph. 1:3).

The wonderful thing about this is God has all the power to change your condition. Let us examine, (II Pet. 1:3).

“According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge to Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

The work of our Lord frees you from the bondage of the law. If the humankind could have kept the law of God, He would not have had to send His Son, Jesus Christ, to die in your place!

Observe

“Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to Him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God,” (Rom. 7:4).

Christ uses His Church as a place for you to learn the Word and the way to live for His glory. Since the Church is a divine institution, it was conceived in the mind and heart of God, in the endless ages of eternity past.

The true Church of Jesus Christ is powerful and nothing on this earth can destroy it; no weapon formed against it ever prospers. Whoever touches it touches the apple of God’s eye, for it is His dearest treasure, and His choicest gift to the world. Believers are baptized into Christ’s body (the Church).26 You can see this doctrine of His Church, (I Cor. 12:13).

“For by one Spirit are we all are all baptized into one body, whether we be Jew or Gentile, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

What does it symbolize to be baptized into Christ’s body (The Church)? It places you into a spiritual union with Jesus. The Scripture denotes that you are actually immersed into Christ’s death. (Rom. 6:3).

“Know ye not that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death.”

This baptism is shown as a spiritual work of the Holy Spirit that causes a

spiritual alliance with Christ. Paul exhibits this for us in (I Cor. 12:13).

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”

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He shows it as an identification Christ’s death, bringing spiritually blending with those who accept His sacrifice for them. A powerful Scripture showing this spiritual union is in:

“I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me,” (Gal. 2:20). 27

The Church was purchased with the precious blood of the Eternal Son of God. Therefore, the Church like Him is eternal.28

United with Him in His resurrection, although the Church was in the mind and heart of God from all eternity, it is a New Testament institution.

A church before Christ’s death would have been an unredeemed church; before His resurrection, it would have been without the indwelling Spirit; and before His ascension, it would have been a headless body. Paul reveals it in:

“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free and have been all made to drink into one Spirit,” (Rom. 6:4, 29)

Jesus affirms this when he said,

“Upon this rock” (Petra) “I will build my church.”

The Church is not built upon Peter. It is built upon Christ.30

The Bible declares in:

“. . . Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it,” (Eph. 5:25).

Christians are also united with Him in His ascension. Every born again

members of the church shares a joint citizenship and each one belongs to the household of God. This is demonstrated so distinctly in:

“Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God,” (Eph. 2: 19.

Paul goes on to reveal this new life in (Eph. 2:5, 6), “Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

You cannot buy your way into His Kingdom. If you could, billions of the poor would never make it. Everything depends upon what your Lord has done for you. Thank God you are forgiven without the aid of Masses, penances, and indulgences. His forgiveness is manifested in:

“And you, being dead in your sins and the un circumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses,” (Col. 2:13).

The Bible says you are made into a holy and royal priesthood. Paul writes of this new demeanor in (Rev. 1:5b); (I Pet. 2:5,9); “Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. But ye are a chosen generation, a royal parenthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that we should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. This holy office is also shown in, “Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father.”

This chosen position places you in direct communication with God, able to stand before His throne! You can only stand before His throne if you are clean by being washed in the blood of the Lamb. You are totally cleansed without the aid of Purgatory.

Paul shares the ability of the blood of Jesus to cleanse you in (Cor. 6:11), “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

The grace of God is that love or mercy by which God can be justified and the justifier.

“For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus,” (Rom. 3:23-26).

The restoration of your spirit by the Spirit of God, results righteousness

The Word of God says in;

“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,” (Tit. 3:5).

This regeneration makes you holy and blameless. Again we see this restoration is by the purifying blood of Jesus and His work in our life. Notice

“In the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy and un blamable and un reprove able in His sight,” (Col. 1:22), his divine achievement is called sanctification meaning to be made Holy.

There is absolutely no sin that the blood of Jesus cannot cover. I know it disturbs man American, “Better Home and Gardens and plastic surgery Christianity” To hear about the salvation some of civilizations worst monsters. People such as, Ted Bundy; David Berkowitz also known as the Son of Sam.; and a young Satanist, Sawn Sellers; and others who did serious crimes, have made confessions of their dependence for salvation upon the finished sacrifice of Jesus before their deaths. It shakes these types of Christians up from their goody-two shoe’s position of churchy life to the equalizing power of the cross of Jesus.

The truth is, traditions and being born into a church system will not work.” We have to get used to it. Jesus Christ is very radical and He is on the move to set the captives free! Paul shows some desperate, despicable people who changed in his day when he wrote:

“And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God,” (I Cor. 6:11).

We may look at degrees of the depths of sin and judge accordingly. Really sin to God is sin and all have come short of His glory. However, the blood of Jesus is unlimited in its power to cleanse a soul. Jesus is the only answer. Again

let me quote Paul:

“Which we are sanctified, through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all…” (Heb. 10:10).

Many American Christians have been pulled into the arms of the devils’ new age religions because they were never born again. They depended upon the faith of their parents and never came to the cross for themselves. Everyone has to come the same door of salvation for themselves, its repentance, commitment and faith in Jesus’ sacrifice.

“For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified…” (Heb. 10:14).

The grace of God is the means by which the power of the Holy Spirit, “worketh in you both to will and to do his good pleasure,” (Phil. 2:13).

In all of his guilt and condemnation man is judged to be worthy of the death that is part of his experience. Every individual born into this world is spiritually dead. He is a mortal corpse. There is no holiness, no righteousness nor loveliness about him. The only way that God, in His immutable justice, can possibly save a man is to cover his guilt.

The righteousness of Christ is the covering that God has provided. He sees the soul of man through that covering. In so doing, the guilt and condemnation are transferred from man’s soul. Through forgiveness and pardon, this condemnation is accounted for in the death of Jesus Christ. The grace of God is His free gift whereby this covering is made available to humankind.31

Every Born Again Christian is safe from the wrath of God. In these last days, when God is pouring out His Spirit so abundantly on His people, Satan is coming against us in great power, trying to defeat the Church and rob us of the victory. That does not mean we have to be cowering victims, powerless against the world.” Where sin (Satan), does abound, there does grace (God’s love), more abundantly abound. We need never be fearful, only aware of the enemy, and that awareness should turn to perception of who we are in Jesus Christ. 32

The Church was instituted to be a depository of the truth of God in Jesus Christ.

“But if I tarry long that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave

thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," .(I Tim. 3:15).

The Bible teaches that a person must be saved before he can be a member of the church. The Bible requires repentance "from" sin, personal faith in Christ, and baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost to be a member of the church. Some explanations are so mystical or so profound. However, their meanings are very simple.

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him," (Rom. 5:9).

There is a responsibility on each person's part. You must respond to this generous gift that God has provided, place your trust in it and commit your life to its provisions. Before a person will do so, a person must first be convicted of being a sinner who needs to be forgiven. The person who does not believe in forgiveness does not believe in the reality of sin.33

Imagine being translated out of darkness into light as we see in:

"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son; in the forgiveness of sins," (Col. 1:13-14).

When the Philippians jailer stood before Paul and Silas and cried in anguish. "What must Ido to be saved?" He had seen his own sin. He recognized his own inability to save himself. His efforts at self-help were futile. As he cried out for help, he recognized his need for salvation and expressed a readiness to place his trust in that which was able to help him.

Jesus stated emphatically that this could come only by the work of the Holy Spirit: "And when he is come, he will reprove (convince) the world of sin." But this part of the Scripture would leave the people without hope, however, the Holy Spirit shall also reprove or convince the world "of righteousness," 34

Salvation is offered with a note of urgency when we read Acts 2:40, "And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, save yourselves from (literally escape) this untoward (perverted and wicked) generation." It is urgent because you are passed from death to life. Jesus made the salvation message very simple in:

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on

him and sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life," (Jn. 5:24).

Paul emphasizes the lesson that you are forgiven and made new.

"And you hath He quickened (made alive) who were dead in trespasses and sins hath quickened us together with Christ," (Eph. 2:1, 5).

NEW LIFE

This new life, spiritual life that comes into being at the time of the new birth is not something a person can accomplish through your own efforts. This is an experience in which in which a person is acted upon rather than a person acts out. You do not become "Born" yourself. Responding to God's invitation by faith you come to God's grace only as the Spirit draws to you. 35

The Word of God is the instrument the Spirit employs to impart this new life. No amount of Bible study, personal testimony, or lecture will lead a person to regeneration, unless the Holy Spirit conveys the truth to the heart and makes it the active agent. For the "letter killeth, but the Spirit maketh alive." 36

Think of this, you are totally accepted by God when you are saved. Paul underscores this truth in,

"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God," (Rom. 15:7).

Every Christian is freed from condemnation. You must constantly look to Christ to think His thoughts in you, to form His purposes in you, to feel His emotions and affections in you. It is to renounce all life independent of Christ and constantly look to Him for the inflow of His life into you and the outworking of His life through us. 37

A remarkable Scripture in,

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit," (Rom. 8:1), reveals this truth of principle.

The Christian is completely redeemed. You are simply bought back from the kingdom of darkness and transferred the kingdom of light. First by the Word,

"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and

righteousness, and sanctification and redemption," (I Cor. 1:30).

You can see your blessings. This relies entirely upon Jesus sacrifice as exhibited in (Eph. 1:7), "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."

MEDIATATING ON THE WORD

Here we see the most important benefit. As we mediate on the Word of God, we find our Father speaking to us, to encourage us to comfort us, to instruct us, to humble us, to reprove us. Our inner soul is nourished by the strength of his power to give us our blessings.

In "… which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory," (Eph. 1:14).

You are completely justified. A preacher once said of the word of Justification, "just as if I died." Satan has no ground to accuse you. By faith you can stop his torments. The Scripture tells us in,

"Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith…" (Gal. 3:24).

Notice in (Tit. 3:7), "That being justified by His grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

As you are pondering over these Scriptures, it is most important that you search the word verse by verse to get the blessing out of it. How happy is the soul that gains Scriptural knowledge. How exciting the verses in:

"Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called; and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified," (Rom. 8:30).

Again, I quote Paul in" (II Cor. 4:4, "For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord."

The doctrine of Justification helps you to picture your true state in Christ. Scriptures, such as:

"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God," (II Cor. 6:11) are so powerful.

Then reading

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified,” (Gal. 2:16).

This scripture displays our absolute circumstances and dependency upon our Lord. He is our life and liberty. Our soul is refreshed by knowledge of His Word. 38

God is our protection from Satan because we are hidden with Christ in God. “For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God,” (Col. 3:3).

You must read the Word of God to build self confidence in Jesus Christ.

“The righteous shall stand in Christ’s divine power. We are more than conquerors in Him,” (Rom. 8:37).

We are not to be impressed by the power of Satan and never give him credit, but we are wrestling against another kingdom, (I Cor. 15:24); (II Cor. 10:4-5).

JESUS IS SEATED IN HEAVENLY PLACES

It is important to know that Jesus is already seated at His place of supreme authority,

“Far above all principality, and power, and might and dominion and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under his feet and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all,” (Eph. 1:21-23).

In the New Testament, faith is thought of as an act by which the individual avails himself to the gifts of God. He submits himself in obedience to God’s commands and abandons all thoughts of self, trusting only in God. Faith is confident trust to the unseen power of God. With that faith a born again Christian becomes clothed with Christ.

“For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ,” (Gal. 3:27).

The word of faith tells us that we are sealed in Christ in, (Eph. 1:13), “In

whom (Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believe, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise."

The Gospel of the grace of God is a simple, profound message. Jesus Christ came to save that which is lost and have it more abundantly. God has a wonderful plan for each Christian's life so we may have new life. God's plan can be beautifully fulfilled with the power of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Everyone who will follow Christ to His Cross can know His divine purpose and His plan for their life. You are given Christ's righteousness.

Although one is a true Christian, they are far from being perfect. A real Christian will be growing in the likeness of Christ, but not yet perfect.

Discipline is necessary to grow. A child has to be guided in learning. A tree has to be pruned and trimmed to grow. A vine has to be trained to run in the proper way. Christian has to be directed in spiritual things.

"For He hath made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him," (Rom. 5:7).

This is the secret of the righteous. We may come boldly before the Throne of grace to obtain mercy and to receive help in our time of need, (Heb. 4:16). The obstacles of "the next step" vanish. The lives of the righteous are ruled and judged by this fact. 39 Grace, though it does not eliminate physical death, does something much more remarkably; it brings people out of a spiritual death state into a relationship with God. They acquire a clear and unshakeable certainty that God exists.

Previously, people were spiritually dead having no sure conviction about God's existence or knowing a loving relationship with God was possible. Saving grace gets us up and running in God's life. It gives us a glorious future when we wake up after falling asleep in Christ.40

"For if one man's offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ," (II Cor. 5:21).

CHOSEN BY GOD

Being Born Again reveals that you are chosen by God

“According as He hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,” (Eph. 1:4). The Christian life, however, is an entire life of grace, right here in this life. This means that God’s grace is every day moving us into places of well-being. 41 God is praised that we are made complete,

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power,” (Eph. 2:10).

This concedes that we are now forever reconciled to God. The apostle Paul puts it simply in:

“For if, when we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life …” (Rom. 5:20).

Oh, Christian, when God says He always looks at you, He means that He is always yours. There is nothing that you need He will refuse to do. There is no wisdom stored up in Him that He will not use for you. God will not withhold even one attribute of His great splendor, but all that God is will be yours. He will be your God forever and ever (Psa. 48:14). He will give you grace and glory. (Psa. 84:11), and He will be your guide even unto death (Psa. 48:14.42).

He is so great that the heave of heavens cannot contain Him yet he desired to visit this poor earth robed in mortal flesh. He is now our God, the God of His people by near and dear relationship. In ties of blood, in all. We are His fullness, “The fullness of him that filleth all in all,” (Eph. 1:23.43).

The glory of it is this. We are given total access to God without the aid of priests or saints. Think of these Scriptures,

“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him,” (Eph. 3:12).

Have you made your peace with God? You can claim God as yours today! Paul writes of this peace in:

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,” (Rom. 5: 2).

God is more than approachable, and you are made into a temple of the Holy

Spirit! According to:

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own,” (I Cor. 6:19)?”

God come inside to dwell with you! As a result, the Apostle says we are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Was Paul exaggerating? No indeed!

“But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man has not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his,” (Rom. 8:9).

These spiritual results in your becoming children of God. You will find this explained in:

“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: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man but of God.” Also see it in Gal. 3:26, “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus,” (Jn. 1:12-130.

God planned this adoption into God’s family from the foundations of the world. The Apostle Paul’s description is presented in,

“But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons,” (Gal. 4:4-5).

It is through this adoption, that you are freed from the bondages of the world and we know in our hearts, beyond a shadow of doubt that God is our Father! Look:

“For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.” This divine adoption entitles to all the blessings as is discovered in (Rom. 8:17), “And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together,” (Rom. 8:15).

CHRISTIANS ARE HEIRS OF GOD.

“And if ye be Christ’s then are ye Abraham’s seed, and justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life,” (Gal.

3:29).

This means we are made spiritually perfect forever according:

“For by one offering he hath perfected forever them that are sanctified…” (Heb. 10:14).

WE ARE HOLY

(Confessions of Praise about our Lord Jesus) LORD JESUS CHRIST,

Alpha You are the Alpha (A) and the Omega (Z), Who is and Who was, and Who is to come, the Almighty, (See Rev. 1:8).

Beloved

“You are the Beloved of the Father, through Whom He has freely bestowed His grace. (See (Eph. 1:6).

Counselor You are the Lord of hosts, whose counsel is wonderful, and Whose wisdom is great. In You are held all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge,” (See Isa. 28:29); (Col. 2:3).

Deliver

You are the Deliverer who has come out of heaven. You are my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my shield, in whom I take refuge. (See Rom. 11:26); (Psa. 18:2).

Immanuel You are called Immanuel for You are God with us; he that has seen You has seen the Father, See (Isa. 7:14); (Jn. 14: 7).

Faithful One

You are the Faithful and True One. Every promise of God finds its affirmative in You; and through You can be said the final amen, to the glory of God. Faithful are You Who has called us; Who will also do it. See (II Cor. 1:20); (I Thess. 5:24).

God of the Earth You are our Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, and God of the whole earth. All authority is given unto You in heaven and in earth. See (Isa. 54:4); (Matt. 28:18).

Head of Church You are the Head of the Church, the Savior of the

Body. You nourish and cherish the Church because we are members of Your Body. See (Eph. 5:23, 29, 30).

Image of God

You are the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of His nature; You uphold all things by the Word of Your power. After You made purification of sins, You sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. See (Heb. 1:3).

Jesus Christ, Your name is called Jesus for You save Your people from their sins. The law came from Moses, but grace and truth came through You. See (Matt. 1:21); (Jn. 1:17).

King of Kings, You are the blessed and only Sovereign, King of kings, and Lord of lords. See (I Tim. 6:15).

Light of World You are the Light of the World; he who follows You does not walk in darkness, but has the light of life. See (Jn. 8:12).

Mediator You are the Only 'Mediator between man and God. You have become to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. See (I Tim. 2:5); (I Cor. 1:30).

Nazarene You were in the beginning. You were with God and You are God. You became flesh and dwelt among us. You resided in a city called Nazareth and were called a Nazarene. You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. See (Jn. 1:1, 15); (Matt. 2:23; 16:16).

Only Begotten, You are the Only Begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. No man has seen the Father, but You have revealed Him. You were sent to the world by the Father's love, that whoever believes should not perish, but have everlasting life. See (Jn. 1:14, 18; 3:16).

Prince of Peace, You have made it possible for us to have peace with God through the justification of faith. You have made it possible for us to have peace with others through the breaking down of the middle wall of partition. You are our peace. See (Isa. 9:6); (Rom. 5:1); (Eph. 2:14).

Righteous Judge, You are the Righteous Judge. When I have fought the fight, finished the course, and kept the faith, You will give to me and to all others

who have loved Your appearing, the crown of righteousness. See (II Tim. 4:7, 8).

Savior, You are the Only Mediator between God and men. There is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved. See (I Tim. 2:5); (Acts 4:12).

True Vine, You are the True Vine and Your Father is the Vine- dresser. Every branch in You that does not bear fruit, the Father takes away, and every branch that bears fruit. He prunes it that it may bear more fruit. You are the Vine, we are the branches. If we abide in You and You abide in us, we will bear much fruit. Apart from You we can do nothing. See (Jn. 15:1, 2, 5).

Chapter Nine

Blessing of Healing

WHAT IS THE GIFT OF HEALING

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same spirit; to another faith by the same spirit; to another gift of healing . . . But all these worketh that one and the self-same spirit . . .” (I Cor.12:8-11).

“Ye shall serve the Lord, your God and He shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee,” (Exod.23; 25)?

The Gift of healing is operated through a person that ministers that gift by the power and the will of God. It is restoring the spirit for a sound mind in healthy body.

POWER FOR YOU

“But when the multitude saw it, they marveled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men…” (Matt. 9:8).

Since God never changes, we know that the Holy Spirit is the same now as He was at the Time of the Pentecost. Thus, we should expect the dramatic happenings through the book of Acts to happen today. If these scriptural examples about the Holy Spirit’s operations are understood and incorporated into our lives, Christians will be uplifted with experiences of tremendous spiritual power.

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,” (Eph. 3:20).

If you meet God’s conditions:

“There shall no plague come nigh thy dwelling, Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand it shall not come nigh thee,” (Psa. 91:10).

Thy dwelling” means the tabernacle of clay in which you sojourn as well as the certain house on a certain street in a certain town where you receive your mail. 44

“In all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37).

DOCTRINE OF HEALING

“What are our rights as to physical healing and health?”

“All that was purchased for us by the sacrifice of Calvary, sealed to us by the glorious resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, is our by right divine,” Dr. Yeomans answers. 45

"For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord (Jer. 30:1) ," Old Testament:.

Dr. Torrey says:

The Holy Spirit is the One who does the Healing, if it really is Divine healing.”

“But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. He that raised up Christ from the dead shall give life also to your mortal bodies thru His Spirit that dwelleth in you,” (Rom. 8:11).

This refers, as the text itself and context (vs. 20-23), clearly proves, to the future resurrection of our body by the Holy Spirit and not to our present healing, but, nevertheless, it shows the quickening, i.e., life-giving, power of the Holy Spirit in our physical bodies.”

(Gal. 5) tells us: Satan will enforce curses upon New Testament Saints because of their ignorance of the Word of God.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children," (Hos. 4:6). also, their ignorance of the temporal blessings shown in the Word.

Jessie Penn-Lewis writes, “Calvary means that Christ not only bore on that Tree your sins, but that He carried to the Tree the sinner--carried you there. When you come to the point of recognizing that God does not patch up the old life, but calls upon you to reckon it crucified, and to take from Him a new one, you will find that the new life has in it all the characteristics which belong to it.

The old Adam-life has its own Characteristics and the new Adam-life has its own characteristics.”48

God says, “I am the Lord that health thee,” (Exod. 15:26).

That word of promise will endure forever! Some Christians say, "Perhaps God has seen this disease on my body.” Maybe it is God's will for me to be sick. Possibly it is His blessing in disguise. “It may be one of the mysterious ways in which He works out good things in my life. The Lord is trying to teach me something through this illness."

"For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them…” (Lk. 9:56).

Satan is your adversary. Demons are your enemies, not God!

They are jealous of your heritage and will seek to impede your progress and cheat you out of your legacy. Demons have no legal right to continue to oppress and afflict those who are saved with disease and infirmities.

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil,"(1Jn. 3: 8).

Demons take advantage of many Christians who do not know that Satan has made a complete surrender and has been defeated by Jesus' cross.

“(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds,)" 2Cor. 10:4.

Through biblical ignorance, when Christians do not know about Satan's legal defeat, he operates unhindered.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," (Eph. 6:12).

The Word of God declares Satan's absolute destruction. Christians must recognize their enemy's tactics of warfare and be skilled in ability and faith to drive him out.

BLESSINGS AND HEALING

"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God," (Deut. 28:2).

New Testament obedience is receiving Jesus!

"Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ," (Eph. 1:3).

Benefits concerning people that have obeyed God by choosing Jesus Christ's Blood Sacrifice.

Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under-foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace," (Heb. 10:29)?

Man is a three-part being. He has a spirit, soul and body. God's will for our being is found:

1Ths. 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you," Ezekiel 36:26.

The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak," (Matt. 26:41.

"Heaven take my soul, and England keep my bones!" 49

God is interested in all parts of your being and personality

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him," (Acts 10:38).

Parts must be sanctified, (I Cor. 6:19, 20).

The blessings and curses work in all three parts of your being.

The prophet Isaiah told Hezekiah to set his house in order.

We must get our house (Temple-body) in order.

Diseases mentioned in the Bible:

Barrenness, blindness, boils, leprosy, lameness, blemishes, flat noses, broken bones, crooked back, dwarfed, eczema, broken stones, scurvy, consumption, fever, inflammations burning acne, itch, madness, botch, emerods, sunstroke, dysentery, atrophy, sores, bruises, venereal disease, palsy, epilepsy, impediments of speech, ulcers, infirmity, worms, impotency -

Thirty-nine of them are mentioned. Jesus took 39 strips! (Isa 53:4, 5); (Matt 8:16, 17); (I Pet 2:24). The source of all sickness is Satan, (Acts 10:38).

Temporal and Spiritual blessings promised.

God says. I am the Lord that healeth thee," (Exod.15: 26).

"An ye shall serve the Lord your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee," (Lev. 26, 4); (De. 28, 2).

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you, (Lk. 18:30).

The blessing of God rests upon his people, (Dec. 23:5); (II Sam. 7:29); (Psa. 3:8; 24-5; 133: 3); (Pr. 10:22).

Declared upon persons by the Lord: (Gen. 27:27; 28:1; 48:16); (Jos. 14:13; 22:6); (I Sam. 2:20); (II Sam. 13:25); (I Kin. 8:14); (Lk.. 2:34).

Declared upon a person by men: (Gen. 27: 27; 28:1; 48:16); (Jos. 14:13; 22:6); (I Sam. 2:20); (II Sam. 13: 25); (1 Kin. 8:14); (Lk. 2:34).

DOES GOD WANT YOU SICK?

Some Christians say "Perhaps God has seen this disease on my body." Maybe it is God's will for me to be sick. Possibly it is His blessing in disguise. It may be one of the mysterious ways in which He works out good things in my life.

"The Lord is trying to teach me something through this illness."

The Lord teaches us through His written Word.

The Lord does not need to teach you by using the powers of the devil.

"For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them." Satan is your adversary. Demons are your enemies, not God," (Lk. 9:56)

They are jealous of your inheritance and will seek to impede your progress and cheat you out of your legacy. Demons have no legal right to continue to oppress and afflict those who are saved with disease and infirmities. (1Jn. 3: 8).

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Demons take advantage of many Christians who do not know that Satan has made a complete surrender and has been defeated by Jesus' cross, (II Cor. 10:4).

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)," Through biblical ignorance, when Christians do not know about Satan's legal defeat, he operates unhindered. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," (II Cor. 10:4); (Eph. 6:12).

The Word of God declares Satan's absolute destruction.

Christians must recognize their enemy's tactics of warfare and be skilled in ability and faith to drive him out.

POWERS OF AUTHORITY

Power of using authority

"Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases," (Lk. 9:1).

Jesus conferred upon every believer the right to use His Name against a devil!

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues," (Mk. 16:17).

God designates sickness - captivity, (Job 42:10; 2-7).

The Scriptures show as a healing of Job as deliverance from captivity

Jesus came to set the captives free! (Lk. 4:18).

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,"

SIC**KNESS BONDAGE**

Jesus calls Sickness bondage!

“And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day," (Lk. 13:12), “And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity," (Lk. 13:16).

Satan had this woman bound by the power of placing an infirmity upon her body. Bondage is never the will of God because he sent Jesus to set the captive free."

“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed,” (Jn. 8:36).

Believers are promised victory over Satan and every demon power.

God does his part. He gives us the power to do our part. Believers are taught to engage aggressively in spiritual warfare (Eph. 6:10-18).

We have been raised with Christ, (Eph. 1:19-21).

Seated with Christ, (Eph. 2:6)

Empowered to reign for Christ on earth (Rom. 5:17).

The spiritual armor (also known as the armor of light (Rom. 13:12).

Highly effective against every onslaught of the enemy, and victory is promised, (Eph. 6:13).

Through the victory of Jesus, our victory is also assured. The authority Adam and Eve forfeited in Eden, was regained at Calvary when Jesus Christ became our ransom (Eph. 1:7); (I Tim. 2:60). Satan has no legal claim over the believer living in discipleship.

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from

you,” (Jam. 4:7).

The Bible says if you meet God’s conditions.

“There shall no plague come nigh thy dwelling.”

NEW AGE AND CULT HEALING

God can and will protect us physically, as well as spiritually, under all circumstances. Biblical healing does not pertain to:

New Age healing

Christian Science

Natural or New Thought philosophy.

Spiritualism

Therapies or medications

Superstition

Mental suggestion

Psychology

Witchcraft

Supernatural healing of disease and infirmities without natural means by the spirit of God. The Christian ministry should duplicate Jesus Christ's work!

“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people,” (Matt. 4:23).

Preach the gospel to the poor!

"Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him, "(Jam. 2:5)?

To heal the brokenhearted!

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the

brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound," (Isa. 61:1).

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor, me to heal the deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised," (Lk. 4:18).

Healing means curing or restoring to a sound and healthy condition.

“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee,”(Exod. 15:26).

It is noteworthy that the Greek Word for Savior, Soteria may also be rendered Healer.

That Jesus saw himself in both these roles is seen in his assertions that his power over disease is evidence of his power to forgive sins, for example, see (Mk. 2: 1-12).

Jesus announces why He came in:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon, because he hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted to preach deliverance to the captives; and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty them that are bruised," (Lk. 4:18).

Deliverance of any kind of human ills, whether functional, organic, or nervous, Power of God destroy the work of the devil in the human body, (Acts 10:38).

FAITH AND HEALING

The gift of faith acts with the gift of healing.

Lord used and is using gifts of healing to prove the resurrection power, (Acts 3: 15-16); (Heb. 13:8).

"But put to death the Prince of Life, the One whom God raised from the dead, a fact to which we are witnesses. And on the basis of faith in His name, it is the name of Jesus which has strengthened this man whom you see and know;

and the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect health in the presence of you all," (Acts 3:15,16).

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever,"(Heb. 13:8).

“To prove His power to forgive sins,” (Mk. 2; 10).

"But in order that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins, He said to the paralytic, I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home."

To build faith and save souls (Jn. 6: 2)

To confirm His Word (Acts 4: 29,30).

"And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that thy bond-servants may speak thy Word with all confidence, while thou doest extend thy hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of thy holy servant Jesus," To prove His love, compassion, mercy, truthfulness, and honesty, and to bring Glory to His name and bless His people, (Lk. 8:17); (Mk. 2:12).

One supernatural miracle will stir up more devils and save more souls than a dozen sermons without miracles.

He was wounded for me. A surgeon, looking at this verse, instantly saw Calvary. He pointed out that there are five kinds of wounds that can be inflicted on the human body. Jesus bore them all.

“But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed,” (Isa. 53:5).

A contusion:

The Lord suffered this kind of wound when He was hit on the head with the reed and when He was punched in the face.

A Laceration: The scourge would produce this kind of wound. It was a vicious instrument like a cat-o-nine-tails, only its thongs were tipped with steel claws.

A Penetration: The crown of thorns would produce these wounds. The Jerusalem thorn has great, long spikes. It was forced down upon His head and

further pressed home by the blows of the reed.

A Perforation: The nails, of course, perforated, piercing right through His hands and His feet.

An Incision: The spear, cutting into His side, made an incision. The blood and water which flowed were, of course, medical evidence that Jesus was truly dead.

Truly, He was wounded for our transgressions,"(Isa. 53:5).

Gifts of Healing the gifts are for the Church and have never been taken out, (Psa. 100:5).

We should be concerned about something that turned the world upside down and filled Jerusalem with the doctrine resurrection. It is the supernatural manifestation of the Spirit of God that heals the human body without the natural means. When Jesus is present, nothing is impossible to them that believe and act accordingly," (Jn. 14:14); (Matt. 17:20).

Notice: This does not say that miracles would cease when the disciples died!

Rather we should expect miracles and healings unto the end of age, for same loving, compassionate Jesus, who healed all that had need of healing, still wants to do the same thing today!

" For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled," (Matt. 5:18).

New Testament God's will was revealed in the purpose.

He sent Christ into the World: To destroy the work of the devil (Jn. 3:8)

Devils had made people, deaf, dumb, insane, etc.

Jesus cast them out and destroyed their work and healed all who had been afflicted by the devils

To set at liberty them that are bound," (Lk.1: 18; 13:16.).

To bear our sickness and carry our pains." (Matt. 8:17).

To bear the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written:

Cursed is everyone that hangeth on the tree," (Gal. 3:13, 14).

The "Curse" of the Law is found in (Deut. 28:61).

Includes every sickness known to man!

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil," (Acts 10:38).

Jesus came into the world to do the will of the father, (Heb. 10:9).

If healing the sick was not God's will, Jesus greatly displeased His Heavenly Father. For Jesus healed, ALL that had need of healing . . . every manner of disease and affliction" All that touched Him were made perfectly whole," . . . and cast out devils that He came near or that was brought to Him.

God was "WELL PLEASED' with the work of Jesus.

He that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I DO always those things that please HIM," (Jn. 8:29).

Jesus gave His disciples power and authority to cast out devils and heal the sick, (Matt. 10:1, 7, 8).

His last words was to ALL BELIEVERS were:

Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to EVERY creature . . . And they went forth and preached everywhere the LORD WORKING WITH THEM, confirming the Word with Signs following," (Mk.16:20).

Everyone that are believes will have these signs following them:

In my name shall they cast out devils . . . they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover," (Mark 16:15- 18); (Matt. 28:19, 20).

Nothing is impossible to them that believe and act accordingly!

(Jn. 14:14); (Matt. 17:20), VERILY, VERILY . . . He that believeth on ME, the works that I do, shall ye do also, and greater works than these shall ye do because I go to My Father." (Jn. 14:12).

He's with us until the end of the age, (Matt. 28:20).

We have his Authority! (Jn. 15:7, 8, 16)

His same anointing!

Jesus sent disciples to:

Teach every creature (In all the world, all things whatsoever I have commanded you." That certainly includes informing believers that they have Authority and power over all the power of the devil to cast him out and heal the sick," (Matt. 10:1); (Lk. 10:19).

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He pleaded with the disciples to:

ASK for whatever they needed and wanted!"

Ask for whatever they needed and wanted!"

Ask that your joy (Healing produces joy) may be full" (Jn. 16:26.)

If ye ask anything in my name, I will do it," (Jn. 14: 13, 14).

If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you. Here in is My Father Glorified."

Not that ye be sick and troubled, But that ye bear much fruit . . .

"I have chosen you that ye should remain: that WHATSOEVER ye shall ASK of the Father in My Name, He May Give it you," (Jn. 15: 7, 8, 16).

The Disciples Given Power to Heal:

"And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease," (Matt. 10:1).

Peter, preaching to Cornelius and his household said:

"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil, for God was with him," (Acts 10:38).

The Holy Spirit gave Jesus gifts of the Spirit to do his ministry.

He never claimed to do them.

“Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me,” Jn. 10:25.

Heb. tells us that He had the Spirit without measure.

The same Holy Spirit that anointed Jesus to perform His mighty miracles and to cast out devils,” (Matt. 12:28), was promised to every believer because of the sacrifice of Calvary (Gal. 3:13, 14); (Acts 2:38, 39).

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father,” (Jn. 14:12).

He was promised to be poured out on all flesh in the Last days, (Joel 2:28).

“And Jesus promised that when the Holy Spirit is come upon us, we shall receive power to do even greater works than Jesus did while here on earth. (Jn. 14:12-14); (Acts 1:8).

Throughout the book of Acts the apostles are credited with the power to perform miracles of healing (Acts 2:43; 5:12; 8:7; 9:12, 17; 28:8).

There seems to have been a special order of persons in the early church who possessed the "gift of healing” (I Cor. 12:9, 28). In (Jas. 5:13-16), elders are instructed to anoint the sick with oil and to pray in order to promote healing. The apostle Peter, in this twofold ministry of preaching and healing wrote:

“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen,” (I Pet. 4:10-11).

So many multitudes were healed

“Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the Shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow them . . . and they were healed everyone,” (Acts 5:15, 16).

Stephen is the perfect example of one appointed to serve who proclaimed God’s message with great boldness and great effectiveness, (Acts 6 and 7).

“And the people with one accord gave heed unto the things which Philip spake, Hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice came out of many . . . many taken with palsies, and that were lame were healed,” (Acts 8:4-8).

Just an ordinary believer was sent of God to pray for the apostle Paul’s eyes, and "immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith,” (Acts 9:18).

“God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: so that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them,” (Acts 19:11, 12).

Paul rebuked the Corinthian Church for being sick and weakly and some having already died before their time!

He did not say their sickness was because God was trying their "patience” nor their "faith.”

He said: Shall I praise you in this? I PRAISE YOU NOT . . .”

He proceeded to tell them why the Corinthian Church members were sick:

“Ye have not discerned the Lord’s BODY . . . For this cause. Many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep (are dead),” (I Cor.11: 27-30).

Repentance and a change in the way they were partaking of the Lord’s Supper would rectify this condition and heal all the people!

Jesus instituted the Lord’s supper to keep His promises in mind. Many people know why they drink the cup in the Lord’s Supper. They know it to represent the blood that Jesus shed on Calvary to forgive us our sins. Therefore, when they partake, they are moved with emotions and really thank God for such a holy remembrance.

That His blood washed away their every sin

When they take the bread . . . they don’t know what the bread represents they say:

Well, it was for our salvation too.

No, the bread represents the broken body of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . which

was broken for you . . .and with His stripes ye were healed!”

Those who proclaim the word are called apostles, prophets, evangelists, teachers, speakers in tongues, exhorters, and pastors. Those who demonstrate the word of God are called workers of miracles, healers, helpers, givers of aid, those who do acts of mercy, administrators, contributors, those who serve, leaders, encouragers.

In all the offices we reflect the very Spirit and nature of Jesus Christ.

The same spirit that anointed Jesus to Preach Deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bound . . .” (Lu. 44:18).

By which Jesus cast out devils and performed His mighty miracles, (Matt. 12:28).

The Holy Spirit was poured out upon every believer on the day of Pentecost, and all the other converts: (Acts 2:4, 8: 17); (Acts 10:44- 48; 19:6). The Holy Spirit has never been withdrawn from the Church!

And the Holy Spirit still imparts the nine Gifts of the Spirit,” to believers filled with the Holy Spirit, (Cor. 12:7- 11).

Four of these "gifts” are for the healing of physical bodies! "The Gift of Faith,” the "Gifts of the Healing,” "The Working of Miracles,” and the "Discerning of Spirits.”

The ministry of "Healings” followed all the believers in the New Testament.

“And they went forth and preached everywhere the LORD WORKING WITH THEM, confirming the Word the SIGNS following…” (Mk. 16:20).

Old Testament: Many prophets of God had power and faith to heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, and raise the dead, (II Kin. 5:3-15); (I Kin 17:21,22); (II Kin. 2:32-36), etc.

“And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I the LORD that healeth thee,” (Exod. 15:26).

Preachers in the Old Testament who did not have Miracle and healing in their ministry suffered the wrath of God!

The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost: but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them . . . Therefore, ye Shepherds (Preachers), hear the word of the Lord. As I live, saith the Lord God . . . I am against the shepherd; and I will require my flock at their hand and cause them to cease from feeding my flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves anymore; for I will deliver my flock out of their mouth, that they may not be meat for them," (Ezek. 34:4, 7, 10).

When people sinned, trouble and sickness befell them.

"When they repented, God always heard their cries and healed their sickness and for gave their sins," (Num. 21:12).

"Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases," (Psa. 103:3).

"He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds," (Psa. 147:3).

HEALING IN THE WORLD

Healing in the world today

Today thousands of sufferers from all kinds of deformities and diseases have been marvelously and perfectly healed through the preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in our meetings.

He has healed for thirty years in this author's ministry.

Throughout the world

He has also healed worldwide in ministries.

Everywhere where preachers preach the truth of God's power and provisions to heal the sick!

Prophecies concerning these days:

"For unto you that fear my name shall the Son of Righteousness arise with Healing in His wings," (Mal. 4:2).

“Come and let us return unto the Lord: for Hew hath torn, and He will heal us!” (Hos. 67:1).

And (Isa, 58:8) tells the results of real repentance as described in (verses 1-7):

:Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.”

BILICAL EXAMPLES OF MIRACLES OF HEALING

Bible examples of Miracles of Healing

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall,” (Mal. 4:2).

“Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died, and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof,” (II Kin. 13:14).

“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him,” (Acts 10:38).

“Paul laid his hands on Publius who was very sick with a fever and a bloody flux, and he was healed,” (Acts 28: 1-7).

"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people," (Acts 5:12).

To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit,” (I Cor. 12: 9).

In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations,” (Rev. 22:2).

STEPS TO KEEPING YOUR HEALING

Here are twenty four steps to keep your healing and your deliverance. 50

Put on the whole armor of God, (Eph. 6:10-18).

Know what each item of the armor means. 51

Know your position in Christ, (Zech. 3:1-3).

Know that you are in Him and He is in you.

Make a Positive Confession, (Rom. 10:8-10); (Mk. 11:23-24).

Deal Promptly with Sin, (Isa. 59-2); (Rom. 6:23).

WORDS HAVE POWER

Your words have power.

Stay in the Word of God, (Josh. 1:8); (Psa. 1:1-3).

READ SCRIPTURES

Read the Bible every day.

Forgive quickly, (Matt. 18:32:35).

FORGIVE

Develop a forgiving attitude.

Crucify the Flesh, (Gal. 5-24,25); (Rom. 6:16).

KILL THE SINS OF FLESH

Devils cannot survive in dead flesh.

Praise and Worship, (Psa. 150)

Thanksgiving, (Psa. 100).

Fellowship, (Heb. 10:24,25); (Eccl. 4:12).

Cultivate the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, (Gal 5:21-25).

Love the Lord your God and your neighbor as yourself.

Get your home life in divine order, (Eph. 5:21-35).

Clean your home from all idolatry.

Pray always, (I Jn. 5:14-15); (I Thess. 5:17); (Rom. 8-26-27).

Pray in the Spirit.

Seek Holiness and Sanctification, (I Jn. 3:1-3); (Deut. 10:12-13).

Total commitment to God! 52

I am convinced that God has given gifts to His people because they produce results in all ages. These gifts can change lives. Through them God brings hope. He heals. He makes whole. Through the gifts of His Spirit He restores us in spirit, mind and body, within us and with each other. The various gifts of God are valid for this day.

HEALING EXPERIENCES

Evangelist Pat Holliday Experiences

Woman in Trinidad -Twisted face

I was ministering in Trinidad many years ago, and a woman answered the altar call. Her face was twisted. It appeared as if someone had punched her face to one side. Her eyes were staring and fixed. I cupped her face with my hands. Suddenly, I felt as though supernatural hands moving mine. It felt as through her face became putty in my hands. Her face moved back into place. It was amazing. Suddenly she became very excited and began to run around the church shouting, I can see, I can see! Jesus had done a face lift and at the same opening her blind eyes! To God be the glory!

A woman in Melbourne X Witch with oozing sores on feet.

Recently, a woman manifested strong reactions under demonic control. She fell on the floor and began to try to crawl out of the church growling like a beast. I command the evil spirit to stay. After a lot of deliverance, I noticed oozing sores all over her ankles and legs. I asked the Lord to deliver her from the Spirit of Aides. The festering sores disappeared! God is faithful.

Kevin was brought to the ministry with terminal AIDES. He was taken from the ICU and when he was brought to the church, he could hardly breathe. Our merciful healed and delivered him. His blood work came cleared and he quickly regained his strength. With a few months he was driving an eighteen-wheeler truck across the county. He married and today he has a three year old child!

I could continue and give you hundreds of testimonies about the healing

power of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have seen. Him raise the dead many times. One particular time, a woman jumped out of her pew and rushed toward the back door. I followed her. She dropped on the floor by the door. She began to shake uncontrollably. We all gathered around and began to pray. Suddenly, her eyes set with an eternal stare. She took one last breath and died. I began to command the spirit of death to lose her while the other people prayed. After about thirty minutes, she opened her eyes and began to breathe again. The power of God is still in force today. We just have to believe it and use it. Amen

PRAISING GOD, OUR KEEPER

Thy help comes from You, Lord, Who makes the heavens and the earth. For You said"

"Heaven is My throne, earth is My footstool, where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For my hand made all of these things, thus all these things come into being. But to this one wilt I look — to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My Word," (Psa. 121:2); (Isa. 66:1, 2).

"Lord, You will not allow our feet to slip. You will not sleep. You Who keep Israel do not slumber or sleep. We do know and we have heard that You, the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, do not become weary or tired. Your understanding is inscrutable. You give strength to the weary, and to him who lacks might, You increase power. Even though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, yet those who wait on You, Lord, will gain strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not get weary," (Psa. 121:3, 4); (Isa. 40:24-31).

"Lord, You are our keeper. Lord, You are our shade on our right hand. Your words, 0 Lord, are pure words. You will keep them. We are kept by Your power, 0 God, through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Nothing can separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. So, to You Who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us in the presence of Your glory with great joy, to You, the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and power before all time and now and forever. Amen," (Psa. 121:5; 12:6, 7); (I Pet. 1:5); (Rom. 8:39); (Jude 24, 25).

"Lord, You will protect us from evil, and You will keep our soul. We

humble ourselves under Your mighty hand, 0'God; confident that after we have suffered a little while. You the God of all grace, Who has called us to Your eternal glory in Christ, will Yourself, perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish us. So to You be dominion forever. All authority in heaven and earth has been given to You. We submit to You, God. We draw near to You with the determination of cleansed hands and our hearts purified from double-mindedness. !n You we are made complete, and You are head over all rule and authority," (Psa. 121:7); (I Pet/ 5:6, 10,11); (Matt. 28:18); (Jam. 4:7, 8); (Col. 2:10).

THANKING GOD FOR HIS PROMISES

God is a great God, omniscient (knowing all things), omnipotent (unlimited in power), omnipresent (present everywhere). "For the word of God is quick, and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do," (Heb. 4:12, 13).

"Lord, You will guide us continually and satisfy our souls in drought, and make fat our bones; and we shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters do not fail. You will cause us to walk by rivers of water in a straight way, wherein we shall not stumble, for You are a Father to us," (Isa. 58:11); (Jer. 31:9).

"Lord, You are faithful. You will establish us and keep us from evil. You are faithful, You do not let us be tempted above that we are able, but with the temptation. You provide a way of escape that we can bear it," (I Thess. 3:3); (I Cor. 10:13).

"Lord, You said, "The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by You; and You will cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between Your shoulders." You have chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world, (Deut. 33:12).

Lord, we thank Thee that Your grace is sufficient for me, that my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly, therefore, will I glory in my infirmities, that Your power may rest upon me. I will take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecution, in distress, for Your sake: for when I am weak, then I am strong," (ll Cor. 12:9, 10).

“Lord, we praise You that when we are anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving let our requests be known to You, Your peace which surpasses all knowledge guards our hearts and minds. Through You we can do all things. In You, God shall supply all our needs according to His riches in glory,” (Phil. 4:6, 7, 14, 19).

Lord. we thank You that in Your Father's house are many dwelling places that You have gone to prepare a place for us, and You wilt come again and receive us unto Yourself, that where You are we may be also, (Jn. 14:1-3).

Lord, we thank You that we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall not be changed. For, this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on the immortal; and when this is done, then death will be swallowed up in victory ... thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through You. (I Cor. 15:51-55).

Chapter Ten

Pulling Down Strongholds

TRANSFORMATION

The Christian Church has slept through the great occult witchcraft revival of the seventies, eighties, and nineties. Communion with God is a participation in eternal life by grace through by faith. Such communion is not achieved by imagination, visualizations, solitude, or mystical formulas. To purport any other communion with God apart from grace through faith is to attempt to overthrow the Gospel. False teachers have attempted to supplant the Gospel by seducing multitudes with doctrines that can damn their souls for eternity.

One such communication is presented her by New Age teacher Barbara Marx Hubbard. She is a "self-described futurist and 'conscious evolutionist'. Ms. Barbara Marx Hubbard writes that in 1966 she heard an 'inner voice' that came in response to a question she had asked aloud and directed to God?' What is our story? What in our age is comparable to the birth of Christ?' After asking the question she said she fell into a dreamlike state and was given an intense vision of the future."

Metanoia is a favorite word of the Theosophists. New Age leader Barbara Marx Hubbard used the term, too. In the same manner that other New Agers such as, Willis Harman and Leonard Sweet used it, she has a twist. Her use of the word has to do with creating an alternative future for mankind. The Theosophists don't like the biblical scenario in the book of *Revelation* that speaks of end time disasters and God's judgment. Instead, Hubbard wrote her own book *The Revelation* in which she proposed an **Armageddon** alternative called the **"Planetary Pentecost."** She said: "In the twinkling of an eye, we are all changed by this experience. It is a mass **metanoia**, a shared spiritual experience for the human race, a peaceful second coming of the divine in us as us.

This nutty woman teaches that can people rewrite the Bible through their new metanoia or transformations of their minds and spirits. What does a New Ager mean concerning these words metanoia or transformation: born again (Rebirth): Personal or Planetary transformation and healing. The point at which a

New Age believer "let’s go" and allows his Higher-Self or Inner Guide (translated: demons) to guide and direct his life. Some New Agers describe this as Kundalini, a Hindu term meaning "serpent power."

Very interesting, the author has delivered many people ensnared in some of these New Age motivated “revivals.” The Lord showed me through the gift of discerning of spirits, the powerful Kundalini spirit was in control of these people. When I called the spirit of Kundalini out, it came out screaming, “Hail Lucifer.”

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary, the devil, like a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” (I Pet. 5; 8).

MAKING YOUR OWN WAY TO GOD

“If we are ever to make a difference in our world, we must get back to the Bible. We would be wise indeed to consider the biblical admonition found in (II Tim. 2:15): “Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” Bob Anderson 53

The spirit of worldliness is one of the biggest problems facing the Church today. If something new surfaces in the world, you can look for it to enter the church within a short period of time. Believe it or not, the author recently heard that there is a church that is tattooing and body piercing young people. In another instance, a so-called Christian ministry is bringing hard Christian rock bands in and young people are body smashing each other while they dance! While these are extremes, worldliness is appearing everywhere among believers. Many are living in the materialistic realms, while the cross of Jesus is never preached! Emotional experiences are taking the place of the Word of God and flesh is exalted instead of the name of Jesus.

Since the Lord is going to judge our thoughts and attitudes of the heart, He surely is not going to overlook taking Him and His Word lightly, jesting, and foolish talking. Taking the name of God in vain, cursing, profanity, fornication, adultery, stealing, murder, idolatry, and witchcraft are sins that abominations to God. And furthermore, all hypocrisy, indifference, anger, hatred, reveling, drunkenness, emulation, uncleanness, lasciviousness, strife, sedition, heresies, envying, disobedience to parents, love of self, unholiness, covetousness, boasting, pride, blasphemy, unthankfulness, unnatural affections, truce breaking, false accusing, incontinence and fierce; this sins God will judge. Also, included

are these: despising of those that are good, high-mindedness, loving pleasure more than God, denying the power of God, counting the blood of Christ as an unholy thing, sorcery and dishonesty, (Gal. 5:19-21);(II Tim. 3:2-5); (Rev. 21:8).

Scripture not only warns of deceivers attacking the Church from without, but also of false prophets who will mislead people from within. For example, in (II Pet. 2:1), Peter is obviously addressing those in the church. “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.”

We are told, “ . . . in the latter times some shall debar from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.” (I Tim. 4:1). Scripture teaches that the time will come when people will not endure sound doctrine, “. . . but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables,” (II Tim. 4:3-4). "Some will be “. . . carried about with every wind of doctrine . . .” (Eph. 4:14.54

A quick look at the Word of God reveals the inward life in these end times. The irksome side to some Christian life styles is downplayed. An example of these teaching being downplayed can be found in (II Tim. 2:3). “For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient. To parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, fierce deposers of those who are goo traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away for of this sort are they which creep into houses, an lead silly women laden with sins laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

The names of activities that are listed above are motivated by devils. The Church has the answers through the deliverance ministry and the teaching of the Bible and Christian character. However, the Church of Jesus Christ must have spiritual eyes to discern the spirits involved in a person’s life. Ministers must ask the Lord to let them see which spirit is operating. Is it a devil? Is the human spirit controlling the person’s flesh? Is it an emotional spirit controlling the nervous system? Is it a mental spirit in control? Is the Spirit of the Holy Spirit in control or is it a religious spirit of the Devil?

HERESY NEW THOUGHT

About one hundred years ago, a heresy called New Thought was rejected and expelled from the Church. It was the New Age movement of its day. From those who were banished from the church came the founders of the mind science cults: Christian Science, Unity School of Christianity, Science of Mind, Religious Science, etc.55

This movement has been kept alive in the Christ church today largely through the writings of the Late Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Peale has managed, over the years to maintain credibility among his millions of readers of Guideposts Magazine despite regular features of the "spiritual stories" of non-Christians. The magazine has even on occasion, spotlighted cultists.56

Such was the case with former Atlanta Braves baseball star Dale Murphy, a devoted Mormon, who was featured in Norman Vincent Peale's publication. That incident would not surprise those who recall that Peale went to the Late Mormon president and prophet, Spencer W. Kimble, for the laying on of hands to receive the Holy Ghost. Peale said he had never felt the power of God so strongly as he did on that occasion. Moreover when Peale, as a guest of the Phil Donahue program was asked if a person had to be "born again" to reach heaven, he replied, "Oh, no, you've got your way to God, I've got mine. I found eternal peace in a Shinto Shrine."57

Peale, a 33rd degree Mason, was featured on the covers of two masonic publications, The New Age (May 1986), and the Scottish Rite, Journal (March 1991).58

Peale's protégée, Robert Schuller, has one of the largest followings of any American preacher, with a weekly television audience of nearly 20 million people. Yet, according to the Late Dr. Walter Martin, Schuller denies several cardinal teachings of Christianity including the doctrine of eternal punishment. Schuller teaches that hell is the loss of self-esteem, says Martin, and that Jesus suffered hell on the cross when He lost His self-esteem. Schuller believes that the greatest need of mankind today is to regain his self-esteem.59

Although Paul wrote: ". . . Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners . . . " (I Tim. 1:15), and Christ himself said that He came to call sinners to repentance (Lk. 5:32), Schuller comments, "I don't think anything has been done in the name of Christ and under the banner of Christianity that proven more

destructive to human personality, and hence, counterproductive to the evangelism enterprise, than the often crude, uncouth, and un-Christian strategy of attempting to make people aware of their lost and sinful condition."

Schuller, on the "Praise the Lord" television program, was asked by Trinity Broadcasting Network president Paul Crouch if he teaches repentance and redemption. Schuller replied, "Of course I do. But I do it so positively no one recognizes it."60

Worldliness does not pleased God, and can be found in (Heb. 11:24). "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer the affliction of the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he had respect unto recompense of the reward."

God has plateaus or levels or channels of holiness to work through. God is at the top of the plateau and His holiness comes to man's spirit first, then to his soul, and then works out into his body. After this, the world can see what has happened.

The operation of God's holiness is not seen with the eye. We see in (I Cor. 2:17), that the natural man cannot understand it. This is not a flesh and blood operation, but a supernatural operation. (I Cor. 15:17), shows there is nothing that the flesh or the ego can do will bring us into the kingdom of God. Only the Spirit of God can do this: as explained in I Cor. 12:13). This all happens in man's spirit where man has "God consciousness." The separation of sin ends and the life of holiness begins.

It's a divine work of God. You must walk in agreement with Him. Worldliness separates from God, (I Jn. 2:15.)

In the year 1517 John Tetzel came into Germany, representing the pope in the sale of indulgences. As a clergyman, Tetzel would mount the pulpit and say, "Draw near and I will give our letters duly sealed by which the sins you shall hereafter desire to commit, shall all be forgiven you."61

It was a license to sin, and encouragement to live loose, an approval of worldliness.

Although, John Telzel died many years ago, we still have those who are

mounting the pulpits and are issuing licenses to sin. The prophets of worldliness may not call their doctrines by the same name, but they have the same results: Sin and worldliness in the lives of believers.62

Whatever the doctrine is called today, if it encourages you to live lose and worldly lives, then it a form of Tetzel's license to sin. The apostle Paul tells us, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him." Unfaithfulness is a blockade to spiritual blessings: it is sin according to (Rom. 14:23). It robs people from receiving the Crown of Life; conforming to (Rev. 2:10), and it cannot please God agreeing with (Heb. 11:6.63)

NOT ABIDING IN JESUS

Unfruitfulness is a blockade to spiritual blessings.

Worldliness comes from not abiding in Christ, (Jn. 15:5). It results in the loss of reward, (I Cor. 3:14, 15). It brings judgment, (Lk. 19:20-26). It brings prayerlessness, and these people are troubled, (Dan 9: 13). They shall not prosper: . These people are disobedient, (Jam. 4:2).

Worldliness brings laziness and lazy people beg in the harvest, (Prov. 20:4). They come to poverty, (Prov. 6:9-11). They will not work for Christ, (Lk. 19:20-26). They become complainers, "The foolishness of man perverteth his way: and his heart fretteth against the Lord," (Prov. 19:3).

When they backslide, they get into idolatry made of gold, Exodus 32:2,4. Manufactured of gold, Exodus 20:24; Deut. 4:23 and silver, Isa. 20:20. Idols of wood and stone, Leviticus 26:1.64

They become cold without forgiveness of enemies, "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," (Lk. 11:4), and hardened, "Being defamed, we entreat," (I Cor. 4:12, 13). 65

Repentance will bring them back to the availability of the last will and testament of our Lord Jesus, (Heb. 9:16-32).

A Will must be put on record. The Bible is recorded in Heaven; (Psa. 119:89). It is recorded to reveal Christ, (Jn. 20:31). It is recorded to assure believers, (I Jn. 5:10-31) signed by His resurrection, (Rom. 4:25). It requires witnesses: Father (Jn. 5:37, 38); (Jn. 5:39). The Holy Spirit, (Jn. 16:12-15). It is not good while the testator lives. Jesus became man in order to die, (Heb. 2:14).

He names the heirs.

JOINT HEIRS

Paul tells us Christians are heirs, (Col. 4:7). Peter tells us we are heirs, (I Pet. 1:4); James says we are heirs, (Jam. 2:5). The Will describes the inheritance, a new nature (II Pet. 1:4); a life of peace with God, (Rom. 5:1); an inheritance in Heaven, (I Cor. 2-9); an inheritance on Earth, (Deut. 28:12-13); an inheritance of new life, (Gal. 3:13-14); an inheritance of blessings, (Prov. 28:20).

You see, by faith you can trust Christ not only for the forgiveness of sins, but for the impartation to us of His own righteousness.

PRAYER PROMISES BY OUR LORD JESUS

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not, (Jer. 33:3).

"And everything asked in prayer, believing, you shall receive," (Matt. 21:22).

"Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted you." (Mk. 11:24).

"And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened," (Lk. 11:9, 10).

"And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it." (Jn. 14:13, 14).

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you." (Jn. 15:7).

"And this is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hears us. whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him, " (I Jn. 5:14).

BINDING AND LOOSING

Every Christian is in a spiritual warfare. Jesus gave His disciples the power of binding and loosing supernatural powers in “And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and

said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I say also unto thee that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,".(Matt 16:16-19).

Then we see in:

"Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven," (Matt 18:18).

What do we as Christians bind?

"Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

"No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house," (Matt. 12:29; Mk. 3:27).

WHAT DO CHRISTIANS LOOSE?

"The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified." (Isa. 61:1-3; Lk. 4:18).

WHAT DO CHRISTIANS BIND?

What do the scriptures say things can be "bound" and "loosed" in heaven?

"To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God," (Eph. 3:10).

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities,

against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places," (Eph. 6:12).

From what things are people loosed?

"For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: 26 The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter," (Mk. 7:35, 36).

"And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen," (Mk. 16:-20).

COMMANDING FREEDOM

Are people sometimes set free without actually "commanding" them to be set free?

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered him, We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free? 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin. 35 And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever. 36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father," (Jn. 8:32, 36).

"And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will," (II Tim 2:26).

"For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ. 15 For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: 16 To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as many,

which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ," (II Cor. 3:17).

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," (Rev. 1:5).

RETURN TO BONDAGE

Can a Christian go back under bondage again?

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage," (Gal. 5:1).

"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation," (Matt .12:43, 44).

VICTORY OVER SATANIC FORCES

Can Christians have victory over satanic forces?

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God," (Jam. 4:7).

"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that

loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love," (1 Jn. 4:4-8).

Chapter Eleven

His Power to Usward

GOD IS IMMUTABLE

Brokenness, the Forgotten Factor of Prayer

“Religion has no place in righteousness. Its works are as the birth of a stillborn whose life ceased in the womb. In fact, there is but one hope to hold back the swelling, overwhelming tides of Satan’s move to destroy all elements of truth in righteousness and to totally remove the blood of Jesus Christ from al religious doctrine. But God has never failed us. He is immutable. His Word has remained true from the moment that it was breathed into the life of man, that it might be written upon pages and presented as inspired. All of God’s revelations, as well as proclamations, have come to pass in His own time. Now we face what He declares will happen in these final moments of history. You and I are alive at their happening!” Mickay Bonner

OVER COMING POWER

In order to be a part of God’s solution for this day, Christians must have power to overcome. Let me introduce you to the Risen Lord, as shown in the Scripture, “And what is the exceeding greatness of His power to usward who believe. According to the working of his mighty Power, which he wrought in Christ. When he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in heavenly places, Far above all principalities, and power and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world but also in that which is to come; and hath put all things under his feet. And gave him to be the head over all things to the church which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all,” (Eph. 2:19-23).

“Say unto the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down: for your principalities shall come down, even the crown of your glory,” (Jer. 13:18).

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,” (Rom. 8: 38).

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God…” (Eph. 3:10).

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places,” (Eph. 6:12).

“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:” (Col. 1:1: 16).

“And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it,” (Col. 2:15).

“Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,” (Tit. 3: 1).

We must stand in Christ’s power. We are given great power in Jesus’ name. The ultimate aim in Christian service can only be salvation of the lost and the glorifying of His name.

NAME OF JESUS

We have awesome power when we use the name of Jesus. I remember ministering in Miami in the 80s. When I arrived at the church, the Christians were hanging outside the church. They were terrified. They rushed over to me in a frenzy saying, “A Satanist has come here today to challenge your power.”

A sharp thrill rose in my heart. I knew that God was going to do something tremendous. I love Elijah experiences with Jesus.

“Come on in, let’s face the giant with Jesus Christ,” I said.

The church atmosphere was anxious and stifled. The Holy Spirit moved with fire and assurance. After the sermon, the first person to appear in the prayer line was the Satanist.

“What would you have Jesus to do for you?” I asked.

“Nothing,” he replied defiantly, “I came here today to challenge your power.”

“Oh, I don’t have any power. I only depend on the power of Jesus Christ. Do you want to get saved?”

“No, I want to curse your ministry.”

I felt the anointing and divine power and courage comes upon me. I pointed my finger at him and speaking to the evil spirit residing in him, sternly said, “The word of God says that every knee shall bow and tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. I command you in the name of Jesus Christ, bow your knee to Jesus Christ.”

The Satanist crashed to his knees. His face turned blood red in shock and confusion. He was totally confounded and defeated in the Name of Jesus.

The church arose to their feet shouting and clapping, praising Jesus. It was better than any touch down at the football game. They were cheering when the Satanist, the embarrassed and got up and ran fearfully from the church.

There is power in the name of Jesus!

WITCHCRAFT

“Thou shall not suffer a witch to live,” (Exod. 22:18).

Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I {am} the Lord your God, (Lev 19:31).

“And the soul that tumeth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. (27) A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood {shall be} upon them,” (Lev 20:6,27).

“Surely {there is} no enchantment against Jacob, neither {is there} any divination against Israel,” (Num. 23:23).

“There shall not be fom ff Tam bng you {any one} that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, {or} that useth divination, {or} an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch. (11) Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. (12) For all that do these things {are} an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. (13) Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. (14) For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so {to do},” (Deut. 18:10-14)..

“Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay

with the sword among them that were slain by them," (Jos 13:22).

"For rebellion {is as} the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness {is as} iniquity and idolatry…" (I Sam. 15:23).

"And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no {more} soothsayers: And I will come near to you to judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers," (Mic. 5:12).

"And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: (18) And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour," (Acts 16:16, 18).

STANDING IN CHRIST'S POWER

We are given superior power in Jesus' name. The ultimate aim in Christian service can only be salvation of the lost and the glorifying of His name. God is seeking people today prepared to sacrifice their all for His work. Men and women willing to lay their lives on the altar and leave it there, without taking it back again.

A line is drawn in our day and there is no middle road. We must choose to walk with God by His Word. When Jesus was crucified, we were crucified with Him; "I am crucified with Christ," (Gal. 2:20).

Paralleling Scriptures reads, "Wherefore if ye be dead with Him," (Rom. 6:4); (Col. 2:12). Paul learned that through faith and patience either the problem would change or God would change him. And change he did. Listen to a man who has been molded into Messiah's image: "I have been crucified with (Messiah) and I no longer live but (Messiah) lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me," (Gal. 2:20). The fragrance coming from Paul was pure Jesus .67

We are in Christ and are His workmanship. Through Him we can be more than conquerors, (Rom. 8:37). When Jesus arose from the grave as conqueror, we arose with Him," (Col. 4:1); (Rom. 6:4, 5). "He hath quickened us together with Christ; and hath raised up together with Christ," (Eph. 2:5, 6). Look at this corresponding Scripture, "We sit with him in heavenly places," (Eph. 1:6).

Every Christian must know his/her status, authority and rights in Christ.

Satan always yields to the commands of a Saint who knows h/her position and God always confirms His Word with signs and wonders following that believer. 68

There are many people preaching the World today without the anointing and power of God. Becoming a born-again Christian involves a total change of life, and yet, so many things stay the same. Pursuing our new found Christian life, with all its change, in an environment that is so similar, takes a little more than mere change. Christian growth toward maturity takes decisive steps to see to it that we progress. We have to make sure that we are not caught up in the 'spirit' of this age." 69

POWER AVAILABLE TO CHRISTIANS

Let's examine Paul's admonition concerning Christ's power available to Christians. "Giving thanks unto the Father which made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son; In whom we have redemption through his blood even the forgiveness of sins: For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power; And having them openly, triumphing over them in it," (Col.1:12-14); (Col. 2:9, 10); (Col. 2:15).

What is 'the spirit of this age'? When the people responded to the preaching of Peter on the Day of Pentecost and said, "Men and brethren what shall we do?" Peter suggested four things:

Repent

Be baptized

You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Save yourselves from this crooked generation.

May I suggest that to be saved from this crooked generation is the same as not being caught by the spirit of this age? However, what is meant by the 'spirit of this age?

Perhaps it would be accurate to say that 'the spirit of this age' refers to the wrong things accepted and practiced by the current generation! 70

What is denying the power of God?

Personally, I believe the gospel and the power of God go hand in hand . . . Signs and wonders shall follow them that believe.

The sins of the church today are denying the power of God. 71

The sins of the church today are denying the power of God; wrong belief; neutrality; indifference; hard loveless and Orthodoxy practices. The Scriptures affirm, "… in the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof; from such turn away," (II Tim. 3:1-5).

God is simply not interested in religion, but He is tremendously involved with the well-being of people. Open the doors of your life to the deeper spiritual life. This can only occur through the power of God.

Billy Sunday wrote, "Let's quit fiddling with religion and do something to bring the world to Christ."72.

As the Bible encourages, "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father who loved us and by grace gave us eternal encourage and good hop, encourage your heart and strengthen our in every good deed and word," 2:16. Signs and wonders should follow them that believe.73

As the Bible encourages us, "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father who delivered us and by grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word." (II Thess. 2:16). Signs and wonder should follow them that believe.

So many people are totally trapped by the materialistic spirit of this age. To them, money and materialistic possessions is everything. In their pursuit of these things many have out their happiness, their health, their families and a host of other things, but possessions and particularly money they just must have. It is like a sickness! The money-mad man is not satisfied with one million or two million or even five. He is not with seven or eight properties. He must have one more! 74

I believe that God has a purpose in your life, as Paul says, "God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus," (Eph. 2:6,7). Other

words, our supernatural power comes from our already being raised up with Him in heavenly places!

In the Old Testament, when believers were obedient they were invincible. The Bible shows this principle, “And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt destroy their name from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them.” (Deut. 7:24).

The mighty Charles Spurgeon said it better than I ever could when he wrote: “Let us never fear for the future or despair for the present since the Spirit of God remains with us. What if the growing error of this age should have silence the last tongue that speaks out the old Gospel?”

Let not faith be weakened. I hear the trample of legions of soldiers of the Cross. I hear the clarion voices of a host of preachers. The Lord gave the Word: great was the company of those that published it, (Psa. 68:11), "HAVE FAITH IN God through our Lord Jesus Christ.” “When He ascended on high He lead captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men…” (Eph. 4:8. He then “gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists, and some, pastors and teachers,” (Eph. 4:11), and He can do it again. Let us fall back upon the eternal God and never be discouraged for an instant.

GATES OF HELL

“The gates of hell shall not prevail against my Church,” Jesus Christ said. A most glorious future beyond anything ever conceived by the human mind awaits the true child of God, whose inheritance is assured at the moment of new birth into that heavenly family. Look to Jesus with the trust, and passion that He is who He says He is. Know that He is calling you to your high calling. He sees you as a partner with Him to bring His Kingdom upon this earth. He has furnished every need to accomplish these goals. Your future is indeed bright beyond imagination if you have prayed the simple prayer: “Come into my heart, Lord Jesus, I repent.” From that moment, you are the child of the King, a joint heir of Christ. You will reign and rule with the Lord of creation for all eternity!

We have not even begun to touch the fringes of the knowledge of the Power of God, but let me encourage your hearts; as the coming of Christ approaches, that coming which I believe a multitude of Christian hearts are looking for in these days, I believe, the consciousness of Jesus Christ, Son of God, will take possession of His Body with His power, and strength and might. We shall see a

great conquering army boldly pour forth to show the world His glory everywhere! The captive shall go free! As the blessed Spirit of God keeps on revealing the mighty power of the living Christ in the souls of men and women, we shall have a great revival. A time of triumph, when many shall acknowledge that Jesus Christ is the King of kings and Lord of lords.

THE GOD OF ALL GRACE

"Blessed be You, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ. (See Eph. 1:31

"Thanks be to You, God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," (See I Cor. 15:57).

"My God, You have supplied all of our needs, according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus," (See Phil. 4:19).

"Thanks be to You, God, Who always leads us in Your triumph in Christ and manifests through us the sweet aroma of Your knowledge in every place," (See (II Cor. 2:14).

No good thing have You withheld from those who walk uprightly.(See Psa. 84:11).

Blessed be You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of all mercies, the God of all comfort. You comfort us in all our afflictions that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by You. (See II Cor. 1:3, 4).

"Blessed be You, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who according to Your great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade, reserved in heaven for US," (See I PET. 1:3, 4).

"Bless the Lord, 0 my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, 0 my soul; and forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities; Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit; Who crowns you with loving-kindness and compassion; Who satisfies your years with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle," (Psa. 103:1-5).

"Blessed are You, Holy Spirit, Who dwells in me. Who gives life to my mortal body. Who leads me, and Who bears witness with my spirit, that I am a child of God," (See Rom. 8:9, 11, 14, 16).

"Blessed be You, Holy Spirit, Who helps us in our weaknesses, for we do not know how to pray as we ought. But You make intercession for us," (See Rom. 8:26, 27).

"Blessed God, there is no God like You in heaven above or on earth beneath, Who is keeping covenant and showing loving-kindness to Your servants who walk before You with all their heart," (See (I Kin.8:23)

"My heart is steadfast, 0 God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises! Awake, my glory; awake, harp and lyre, I will awaken the dawn! I will give thanks to You, 0 Lord, among the peoples, I will sing praises to You among the nations. For Your loving-kindness is great to the heavens, and Your truth to the clouds. Be exalted above the heavens, 0 God; let Your glory be above all the earth," (See Psa. 57:7-11).

"Who is like You among the gods, 0 Lord? Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in praises, working wonders . . . ? In Your loving-kindness You have led the people whom You have redeemed; in Your strength You have guided them to Your holy habitation," (See Exodus 15:11, 13).

"0 may Your glorious name be blessed and exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are God. You made the heaven; the heaven of heavens with all their host; the earth and all that is in it, the seas and all that is in them. You gave life to all of them, and the heavenly hosts bow down before You," (See Neh. 9:5-6).

"0 Lord, You are my God, I will exalt You and give thanks to Your name; for You have worked wondrous plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness," (See Isa. 25-1).

0 Lord, nothing can separate us from Your love; neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any created thing can separate us from Your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord," (See Rom. 8:38, 39).

SCRIPTURES CONCERNING SATAN

"Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength

because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger," (Psa. 8:2).

“Break thou the arm of the wicked and the evil {man}: seek out his wickedness {till} thou find none," (Psa. 10).

"Thou {art} my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance. Selah," (Psa. 37-7).

"I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. {The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles. (19) Many {are} the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all," (Psa. 34:17, 19).

"Plead {my cause}, 0 Lord, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me. (10) All my bones shall say. Lord, who {is} like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him..." (Psa. 35: 1- 10).

“And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him,” (Psa. 37:40).

“Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked," (Psa. 97:10); (Psa. 107:2, 20, 21).

"Let the redeemed of the Lord say {so}, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; (20) He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered {them} from their destructions. (21) But do thou for me, 0 God the Lord, for thy name's sake: because thy mercy {is} good, deliver thou me. Do not I hate them, 0 Lord, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? (22) I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. (23) Search me, 0 God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: (24) And see if {there be any} wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting," (Psa. 139: 21-24).

"I cried unto thee, 0 Lord: I said. Thou {art} my refuge {and} my portion in the land of the living. (6) Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than (7) Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me," (Psa. 142-7).

"He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, {and} none hindereth- (9) Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet {thee} at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, {even} all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. (10) All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? (11) Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, {and} the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. (12) How art thou fallen from heaven, 0 Lucifer, son of the morning! {how} art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit," (Isa 14:6, 9 -15).

"Be not afraid of their faces: for I {am} with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. (19) And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee; for I {am} with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee. (Jer. 1:8, 19).

“And it shall come to pass, {that} whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call," (Joel 2:3).

"But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men, (Matt 16:23).

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out," (Jn. 12:31).

"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. (19) Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you," (Lk. 10: 18, 19).

"For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast {them} down to hell, and delivered {them} into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment," (Pet 2:4).

"He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the

beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil," (I Jn. 3:8).

"And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. (9) Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee," (Jude 1:6,9).

"And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, (8) And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. (9) And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (10) And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. (11) And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death," (Rev. 12:7-11).

"And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. (2) And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, (3) And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. (10) And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet {are}, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever," (Rev. 20:1-3, 10).

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