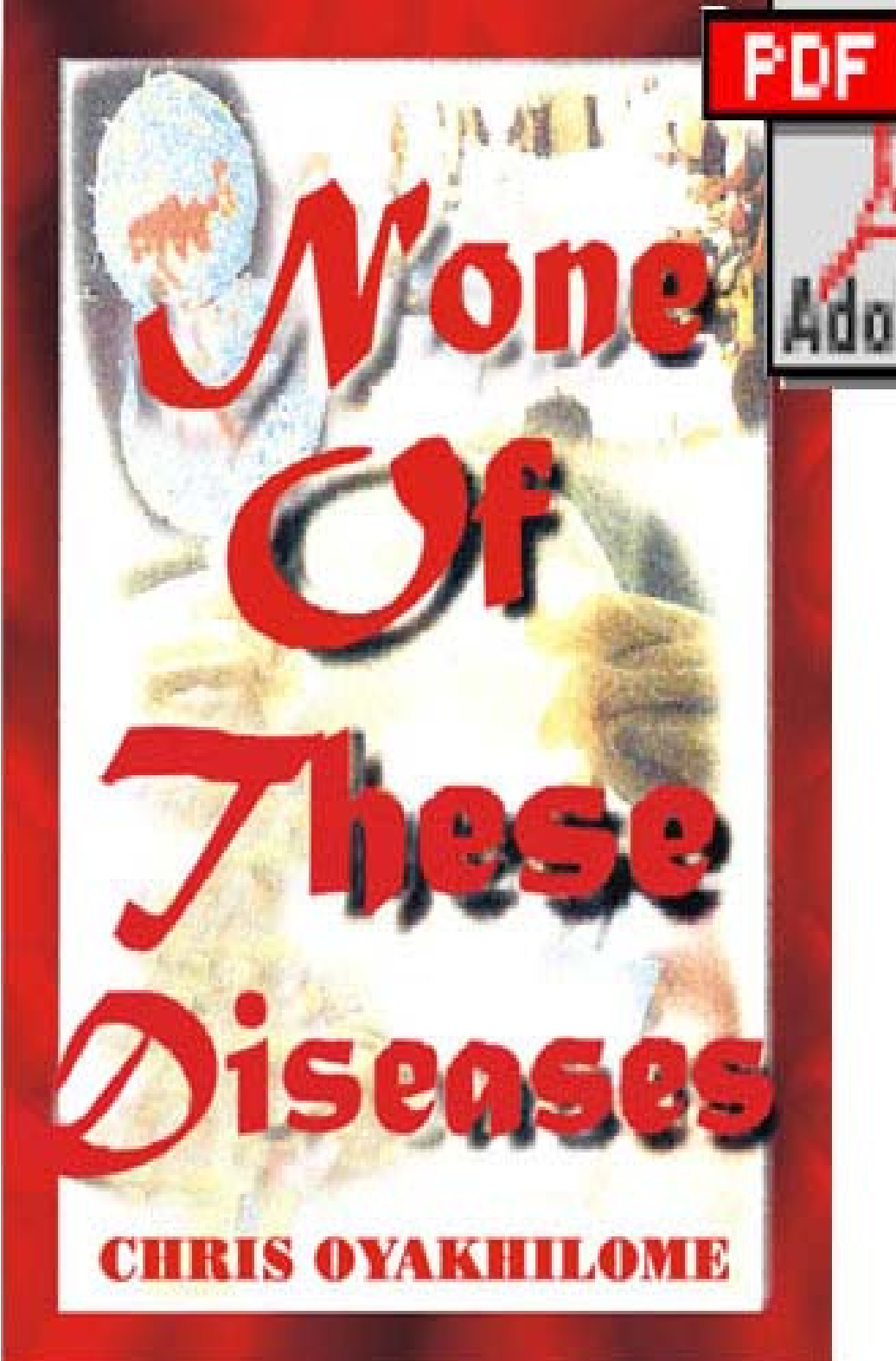
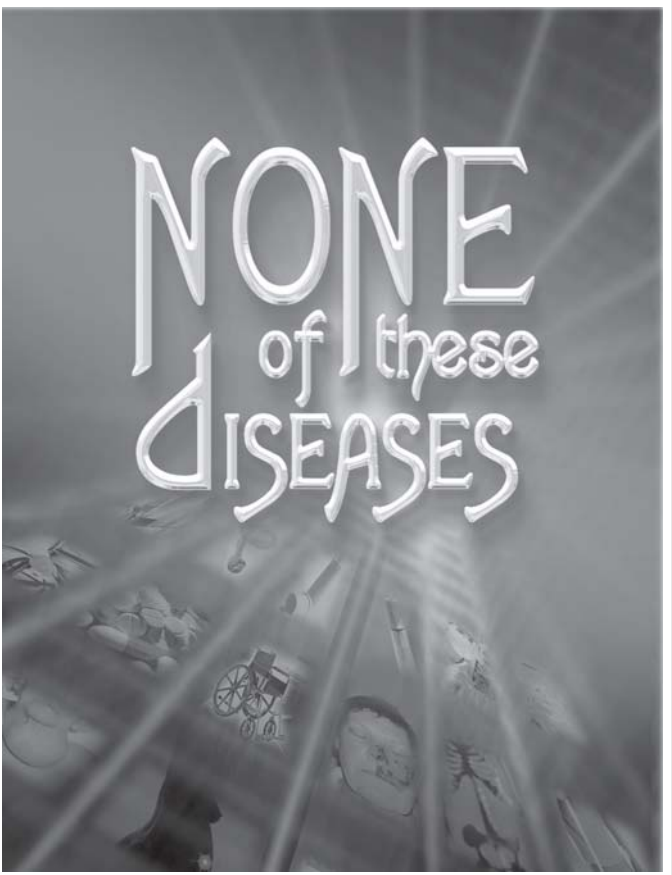

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Foreword

How God wants His people well! This is proved over and over again in our ministry as we take the message of Healing to the nations through our crusades and healing outreaches and various other arms of ministry. All over the world, God is extending His hands of love, mercy and grace, touching and healing as many as would receive His Word and act in faith.

A lady from Australia e-mailed us, telling how the anointing of God overwhelmed her while reading the first edition of this book and healed her completely of her cancer. She exclaimed in her letter, "What did you put in that book!" Another woman from Nigeria was healed before she was through reading the first edition of this book. Testimonies abound of many that have literally had their lives given back to them as they received the message in this book and put their faith to work.

In this second edition we have included pic-

tures of a few out of the thousands who have received their healing at our healing outreaches and Healing School where the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, the dumb speak, and all manner of sicknesses, diseases and infirmities are destroyed. Let your faith rise as you look through these pictures, because God is no respecter of persons; what He did for them He will do for you too!

No matter who you are and what stage of life you're at, there's a message in this book for you with a prayer: That the words contained in this volume would open your eyes to the reality of who you are in Christ; loose the pangs of sickness; destroy the yoke of fear and liberate you into the prosperous and healthy life God has provided for His children.

There are also worksheets included at the end of every chapter, where you're engaged with questions as well as practical excercises and activities (confessions, prayers, Scripture reading and memorization e.t.c) relating to the subjects discussed. This will help you better understand the vital truths in this book and apply them in your personal life.

If you're sick and bed-ridden; if medical science has given up on you, the words in this book will cause faith to be stirred up in your spirit, and cause you to rise, take up your bed and walk! Yes, you will

rise and be healed!

This book is loaded with power; it's packed with the anointed WORD of God that will challenge you and launch you into a clear and complete understanding of the divine life. It will cause you to walk in the reality of that life of God that has been imparted to you and enjoy the full benefits of it. This book will stir in and around you an atmosphere of miracles.

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1 Introduction

"And he cried unto the Lord; and the Lord shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them, 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 **(Exodus 15:25-26).**

God gave to the children of Israel a revelation of Himself at the waters of Meribah. Up till this time they had only known Him as El-Shaddai and Jehovah. But here, He reveals Himself to them as Jehovah Rapha - the Lord their healer. And how very comforting this particular revelation was at this time. They had come to a place without water, only bitter water. And they murmured against God. Yet God was mer-

ciful towards their unbelief, and told them, if only they would hearken to Him and observe His statutes, He would put none of the evil diseases, with which He had smitten the Egyptians upon them.

God makes here, a distinction between His people and the rest of the world. No disease was to come upon them. He was setting them apart. If they would only hearken to His voice and serve Him, no disease would have the ability to afflict their bodies. What is striking here is that God said this to a people of the old covenant. All they had was a relationship with Jehovah, yet this was enough to immunize them, and make them 'disease-free.' If only they would learn to serve Him.

By reason of the fall, man had come under the influence of disease and all that was evil. In fact the devil had a legal right to afflict them with all he wished to. But God told them if only they would give ear to Him, and walk right; He would not allow any of these diseases to afflict them.

God is more than enough. He said to Abraham, "I am El-Shaddai." He is enough for all man would ever need. God is to you all that you will ever require Him to be. Man's need always brings to him a new revelation of God. In this case man was under the influence of sickness, but God revealed Himself

and said, *"I am the Lord that healeth thee."* How wonderful!

Exodus 23:25, ***"And 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."***

If they would only serve Him, He would bless their bread and their water, and take sickness away from their midst. There would not be enough forces in hell to put the sickness on them. But did you notice, first they had to serve Him; they had to worship Him. Service and worship come ahead of healing. To prove to them that not only could He heal, but that He was also willing to fulfill His promises, He healed them several times by His Word and, there was not one weak person among them.

Psalm 105:37, ***"He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes."***

Psalm 107:20, ***"He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.***

None of These Diseases

Deuteronomy 28:27-28, ***"The Lord will smite thee with the botch of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scab, and with the itch, whereof thou***

canst not be healed. The Lord shall smite thee with madness, and blindness, and astonishment of heart:"

The Amplified Version puts it this way; ***"The Lord will smite you with the boils of Egypt and the tumors, the scurvy and the itch, from which you cannot be healed. The Lord will smite you with madness and blindness and dismay of (mind and) heart."***

In this scripture God was telling them of the different types of diseases which would come upon them, if they wouldn't hearken to Him and serve Him as He had instructed. But He also promised that these boils, tumors and scurvy wouldn't come upon them if they would only obey and serve Him.

This was for people in the Old Testament, who were not born again. They had the condition of obedience to fulfill before they could enjoy God's promises. But for us of the new covenant, it's different. We have a better covenant based upon better promises. A covenant with a better mediator and, a more excellent sacrifice. We're not told to obey God; we're already His obedient children. If God wanted the people of the Old Testament well and 'disease-free,' how much more those of us that were bought with the precious blood of His Son Jesus Christ?

2 Where Did Sickness Come From?

"Where did sickness come from? Did God create sickness? Did He create disease germs? After all some people say He created all things. So many people have asked these questions about God, and a lot of Christians believe that God punishes and corrects with sickness.

The most important thing to understand is this - God wants you well and in good health, and He isn't the originator of sickness.

James 1:17, ***"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."***

Only good and perfect gifts come from God. Sickness is not a good gift, just as lack is not a good gift. Sickness destroys and cripples. God wouldn't do that to any of His children.

Sickness is incipient death. And the Bible calls death 'an enemy' (1 Corinthians 15:26). God would

not punish His children with the tool of the enemy. Sickness has ruined many families, it drained their entire livelihood until they became poor, just like the woman with the issue of blood (Matthew 9:20). God wouldn't give His children such 'gifts.'

I wish you would know the heart of God when death seizes upon a family. The Psalmist said, *"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"* (Psalm 116:15).

Sickness - A Legacy of the Fall

After God created man in the Garden of Eden, He gave him dominion over all the works of His hand. God told Adam he could have anything in the garden for food except for the tree in the midst of the garden.

Genesis 2:16-17, ***"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."***

God told Adam; ***"In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shall surely die."***

This was more than physical death, which is a

cessation of life. After Adam ate from the tree he did not die physically immediately. This scripture therefore referred not only to physical death but also spiritual death, which is separation from God; being cut off from fellowship with God. Thus the day Adam disobeyed God's instruction and ate from the tree, he died spiritually, and only then could he die physically.

Man is a spirit, he possesses a soul with which he regulates his life, actions, thoughts, reasonings and emotions, and he lives in a body (1 Corinthians 5:23). The body is his house. Through disobedience, sin gained dominion over man's spirit, and through sin fear also got a hold of him. His soul fell and he was cut off from God. His reasoning changed. He now became afraid of the creatures over which he had previously exercised dominion.

He was cut off from fellowship with God because he now had the nature of the devil, and a new master. Death came in with its companions, one of which is sickness - incipient death. So sickness came about as a result of the sin of the first Adam.

Yes, bacteria and viruses were created by God, so was the mosquito. Mosquitoes were never made to suck blood. God made all insects to suck nectar, and bacteria and virus cells were not made to bring

sickness to anybody. But after the fall of man, when the devil stole man's dominion, he infused them with death - which is his life. That's the reason they harm those that are under his power till today.

The Reign of Death

Man died spiritually and right from then on death reigned over him.

Romans 5:12, 14, 17, 21, *" 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: ...Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come ...For if by one man's offence 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...That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."*

By one man's sin death reigned over all men. Death gained the dominion over all men, and from

Adam to Jesus, sin gained the mastery over man's spirit, and sickness came in, leading to physical death. Thus the reign of sin and sickness began in man's spirit and ended up in his body, such that the human body could now experience death.

But happy are you if you're born again, because death no longer reigns over you!

Romans 5:16-21, ***"And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man's offence 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.) Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."***

Praise the Lord! By the righteousness Jesus obtained for us, the full gift of righteousness came upon

us unto life. The reign of sin and sickness over us has ended, and so has the dominion of disease. This is why any of the diseases that afflicted the Egyptians, or any other disease that afflicts man should not afflict us.

3 The Mystery Of The Cross

Have you ever thought about what Jesus did for us on the Cross? What He did was beyond human comprehension. His disciples didn't know why He was dying. They didn't understand the mystery of the Cross. They didn't even know He had to die, and they definitely didn't want Him to. They didn't know what He was doing for us. And it's the same thing today. When we say, "He died for us,"a lot of people don't really know what it means. They think we're talking about how He died physically on the Cross. But His death means much more than that.

For us, the Cross holds so much meaning, though to the rest of the world, it was a place of shame.

1 Corinthians 1:18, ***"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."***

If the people of Israel and even the Romans had

known they would not have crucified Jesus.

1 Corinthians 2:7-8, ***"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."***

So what happened at the Cross?

The Brazen Serpent

John 3:14-15, ***"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."***

Jesus made this significant statement to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who came to meet Him by night. This clearly referred to His being lifted up at the Cross.

Why would He liken Himself to the brazen serpent that God instructed Moses to make?

Numbers 21:5-9, ***"And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul***

loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

The children of Israel had sinned against God by murmuring, for which He sent fiery serpents amongst them. When they cried to Moses in repentance and he in turn prayed to God on their behalf, God instructed him to make a fiery serpent of brass and set it upon a pole so all whoever was bitten by the serpents had to do was look upon the brazen serpent and live.

Bible scholars agree that brass in Scripture represents judgment. Thus God telling Moses to make a brazen serpent indicated that the serpent had been judged for the sins of the children of Israel. And all they needed to do was accept this substitution by

looking at the serpent; then they would live and not die.

This brazen serpent was indeed a type of Christ, foreshadowing His death on the Cross. Thus when Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:14-15, ***"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life"*** He meant He was to be judged for us. Our sins were to be placed on Him, so just like the children of Israel, we would not perish but obtain the life of God and live.

Oh, what grace! At the Cross Jesus became sin for us and was judged for us.

2 Corinthians 5:21, ***"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."***

Jesus: Our Scapegoat

Leviticus 16:8, ***"And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the Lord, and the other lot for the scapegoat."***

Leviticus 16:20-23, ***"And when he hath made an end of reconciling the holy place, and the taber-***

nacle of the congregation, and the altar, he shall bring the live goat: And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness: And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness. And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there:"

Once every year, specifically on the tenth of the seventh month, God instructed the high priest to make atonement for the sins of the children of Israel (Leviticus 16:29-31). He was to select two goats; one to be the sin offering and the second the scapegoat. After killing the sin offering and offering its blood within the veil, He was to take the scapegoat and confess on its head all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and for the rest of the year till the following year, their sins would be covered, and they wouldn't be judged for them.

Next, the scapegoat would be led by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness, into a land not in-

habited; bearing upon its head the sins of the people.

This Scapegoat was actually a type of Christ, who offered Himself as a sacrifice for us. But in His case, He did not die for the children of Israel but for all people everywhere.

When you consider the betrayal, arrest and condemnation of Jesus to death you will understand better why both Jews and Gentiles can hold claim to Him as their sacrifice for sins.

In Matthew 20:18,19 Jesus said to His disciples on their way to Jerusalem, ***"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, And shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again."***

After His arrest, the soldiers took Him to the house of Caiaphas the high Priest who had earlier prophesied that it was better for one man to die than for the whole nation to perish.

John 11:49-52, ***"And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year,***

he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad."

At the house of Caiaphas He was condemned to die, signifying that He was dying for the Jews. Later He was taken to the hall of judgment in Pontius Pilate's house, who eventually scourged Him and delivered Him up to the Jews to be crucified (John 19: 1-16), signifying that He was to be crucified for the Gentiles also.

Then He was led by the Roman soldiers to Calvary where He was crucified on the Cross, bearing the sins of the whole world. But they didn't know this. They didn't fully realize that Jesus, by the hands of the high priest and Pontius Pilate had become the Scapegoat for us and carried our sins away forever. You know, in God's plan, if it was possible to take away the sins of the world, then the effects of sin could be removed forever.

Sickness, as we have seen, came as a result of sin, and Jesus by dying for sins also died that the effects could be removed forever.

Jesus Died Two Deaths

Isaiah 53:9, ***"And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth."***

This Scripture ought to have read 'deaths,' because, the Hebrew word translated death there was actually in plural. Jesus actually died two deaths on that cross. He died spiritually first, then He died physically. He would never have died physically, no matter what the Roman soldiers did, if He did not die spiritually first.

Some Christians actually cry when they think of Jesus dying on the cross. They feel sad that such a good person was killed. But this is really pitiful, because they're ignorant of what Jesus did for us on the cross. Thank God He died the death on that cross. By His death He has brought us into oneness with God.

He Was Made Sin For Us

2 Corinthians 5:21, ***"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."***

Right there on the cross the sins of the whole

world were laid on Jesus. Man had sinned and he couldn't pay the penalty. He needed someone to pay for him. And God had declared that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins (Leviticus 17:11).

Man needed divine blood for the remission of his sins. In answer to man's need, God gave His Son (Romans 4:25), who tasted death for everyone, so we no longer would be under the bondage of the fear of death (Hebrews 2:9,14). Because of this the Father turned His back on Him, and He cried out, *"My God, my God why hast thou forsaken me"* (Mark 15:34). All the transgressions that had been committed from the beginning of the world, right through the time of the Old Testament up till that time were laid on Him (Isaiah 53:5,7; Romans 3:25).

Our sins and sicknesses were laid on Him on that Cross. His visage was so marred they wouldn't even look at Him.

Isaiah 53:2-3, ***"For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him***

not."

Every sickness imaginable was laid upon Jesus so He could take them away and we wouldn't need to suffer from them again.

Isaiah 53:4 says, ***"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted."***

But the Bible says God is holy and does not look upon sin.

Habakkuk 1:13, ***"Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he?"***

So the Father turned away from Jesus, and this was when He died spiritually.

He Went To Hell For Us

After His death on the cross, Jesus went into hell. And while He was in hell, He grappled with principalities and powers and overthrew them. They wrestled with Him, trying to knock Him down, but because the demand of justice had been satisfied, He threw them all off. Then He was raised from the grave

by the power of God. That's why we say we're happy He died for us, because, when the claims of justice had been fulfilled and He was raised up from the dead, we were justified, declared not guilty.

Romans 4:25, ***"Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification."***

The sacrifice of His blood was made once and was accepted for all time. Hebrews 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 away sin by the sacrifice of himself."***

The sacrifice of Jesus was adequate. It was perfect, it was enough! There is nothing more to be added to it.

He was 100% man and 100% God; the perfect mediator between man and God. When He paid the price, we became as one who had paid the price. We became qualified to receive the divine life, and He poured out His life into our spirit.

That same sacrifice that was effective in the washing away of our sins was equally effective in destroying the power of sickness over our lives.

Isaiah 53:5, ***"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."

The same way He was wounded for our transgressions is the same way He was dealt bruises for our sicknesses.

What am I getting at? You don't need to be sick ever again. Of course, the devil may want to afflict your body, but when you stand on your rights he will flee from you.

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4 Recreated For Health

It is very vital to know who you are in Christ. With the knowledge of who you are will come boldness to be that person whom God has made you to be. When you understand who you are, then you will realize why it is possible for you to live in health always and say 'No!' to the devil's attempt to afflict your body with sickness.

The New Testament books: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, are not the history of Jesus, but the revelation of the man Jesus. They cannot be a historical account or a biography, because when you read the last pages of these gospels, you'll conclude that Jesus Christ is still alive. At the end of your study, you'll come to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Son of God.

The written life of Christ is well-documented in the gospels, and they reveal that the Word of God

was made flesh and dwelt amongst us (John 1:14). You cannot come out of that study without making a discovery of the revelation of Jesus.

Coming over to the epistles, we also have the revelation of another man, this time the new creation. The epistles are more than letters of Paul to the churches. While Paul was writing, the Holy Ghost took hold of his hand and brought forth the revelation of a man - the new creation in Christ. You are that new creation, and the earlier you come to an understanding of who you are, the better your life would be.

One With The Father, The Son And, The Holy Ghost

1 John 3:1-2 says, ***"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."***

Every one of uswho has been born-again (not

just apostles, prophets or evaneglists) is now a bonafide child of God. I'd like you to consider this question: When a child has been born and he is only three days old, is he a full human person, or does he become more human as he grows? Of course, it's easy for you to say he is fully human; he is not growing in humanity. But why do we think so when it comes to God. The Bible says, *"Now are we the sons of God!"* not when we get to heaven. Now, already, we are the sons of God. If you were born again yesterday, you became one of the sons of God yesterday. You are not going to grow into sonship more than you are now. You are completely a son of God as your own son in the flesh would be your son without growing into it, because He is born your son.

You see, the knowledge of God's Word will affect your mentality, your behaviour and ultimately all the things that happen in your life here on earth. So it matters what you know. From our outward appearance it may not yet be clear what we're going to look like. But we know that when Jesus shall appear we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:1,2). Our appearance will change, but now we're fully the sons of God.

I Corinthians 1:9, ***"God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ***

our Lord."

This is a mind-blowing Scripture. We've been called into the fellowship of God's Son. It means we've been called into communion with His Son Jesus Christ. We're in fellowship with the Father (1 John 1:3) and also in fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:9). We've been called into fellowship with the Father and His Son Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 13:14, ***"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."***

The word translated 'communion' is the same word that means 'fellowship.' So we're in communion with the Father, with the Son and with the Holy Ghost.

To be in communion with the Father means to be in union with Him. It's a high bond of friendship based on the covenant we have with Him. It's a oneness; an identity with Him that affects our lives. Being one with God means we have peace with Him.

Romans 5:1, ***"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"***

We're one with God, we're in friendship with Him. We no longer need to be afraid of being in His awesome presence. While we were yet sinners, God

confirmed His love towards us by giving up His Son to die for us (Romans 5:8). Now being in friendship with Him, we have a right to His presence.

In Whom You Have Redemption

Colossians 1:12-14, ***"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath 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:"***

God has already delivered us. He's not hoping to deliver us. He's not praying that we might get delivered. He's not waiting for us to come to Him and be delivered. He's not even asking us to receive deliverance. He's already delivered us from the power of darkness and has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the remission of sins. Praise God!

Deliverance belongs to you now. God has already delivered you from the authority and power of Satan's kingdom. You don't need to seek deliverance any longer, Hallelujah! If we've been delivered

from the power of darkness, it means we're no longer under the influence of the kingdom of darkness, and Satan has no right to place any evil disease on our bodies any longer!

When you understand God has given you power over all devils to cast them out and to cure diseases; when you accept you're a partaker of God's divine nature, and you've been delivered from the power of darkness, you will stand on the Word of God and insist on your rights.

God's people need to be taught who they are and what they've got. They need to know they are the delivered in Christ.

Why do God's people suffer oppressions? God said, *"My people perish for the lack of knowledge"* (Hosea 4:6). That's the reason some Christians suffer and go through all kinds of bondage and oppressions of the devil.

You need to realize there's nothing more to be done. Moses said to the children of Israel, *"The deliverance is not in Egypt, it's not beyond the Jordan,"* he said, *"It's so near you, it's in your mouth. It's in the Word of God!"* (Deuteronomy 30:12-14). This is the same thing Paul voiced to us in Romans 10:8-10: ***"But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;***

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

What am I telling you today? The word of faith that will keep oppression and affliction far from you is in your mouth. You're the one to insist on what God has done for you through your confessions. You are the delivered in Christ.

His Dwelling Place

You're now His dwelling place. You've become a God carrier; a conveyor of the Almighty God. He lives in you; in every fibre of your being; every bone of your body and cell of your blood. That's why you don't have to be diseased. I always say, "Eternal life has permeated my being." And it's the same thing for you. You're God's house. He lives in you.

Colossians 1:26-27, ***"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is <u>Christ in you, the hope of glory:</u>"***

Hallelujah! Christ lives in you. And because He lives in you, His life in you destroys every disease and burns up every virus.

Who are you? You are God's living tabernacle of witness. If you're born again, happy are you.

Colossians 1:15-16, ***"Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 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:"***

The fullness of the Godhead was tabernacled in Jesus. And you are complete; you are perfected in Him who is the head of all principality and power. (Colossians 2:10). We've been perfected in Him.

The Glory Of God

2 Corinthians 3:18, ***"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."***

The Word of God is the mirror of God and as we look into the mirror of God, we see ourselves. The name of the one you see in the mirror, which is YOU,

is called the glory of God. You are the glory of God. This is what the Bible says. The Church is called the glory of God! As you steadfastly and consistently contemplate the image you see in the mirror, you are metamorphosed into the image of that glory you see in the mirror. There is a transformation everyday as we listen to the Word of God.

The glory of God you see in the mirror is not sick, but is alive and well in God.

Romans 8:21, ***"Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God."***

Let it dawn on your spirit for all time - you were not re-created for sickness, but for divine health.

Recreated For Health

The moment you were born again, the life you came with from your mother's womb ceased to reign in your being; a new life from God took over. The day a man is born again the law of physical death is reversed.

Jesus didn't just come to restore us to what Adam used to be. He did something greater than that. He brought us to a higher realm of life, the God-kind

of life. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 5:17, ***"If any man is in Christ he is a new creation..."*** he's a new species of being. There's a new life flowing in him.

The first Adam did not have the life we now have in Christ Jesus. He was made a living soul, but the second Adam - Jesus - was made a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:45 says, ***"And so it is written, the first man Adam was made a living soul; and the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."***

The second Adam, Jesus, was made a life giving spirit, that is, a quickening spirit.

Verse 46, ***"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural and afterward that which is spiritual."*** In other words, the one who came first was the natural one, and after him the spiritual one, who is the second Adam.

The first Adam came under the influence of the devil, hence the influence of diseases, after His fall. But thank God, we were not recreated after his fallen image. We bore that for some time until we became born from above.

Divine Health Is Now Yours

When you were recreated with the life of God,

you were recreated in divine health. You have to understand this. The fallen nature of the first Adam came with sickness and could be influenced by it, but the nature of God, which you have now received, came with life. It came with health.

The power of sickness is destroyed. It cannot have a home in your body. Sickness has become a thing of the past.

Health became yours the day you received Jesus into your life. It became your present tense possession. You don't have to *get it by faith*. A lot of times we don't understand this and we turn back to live on the plane of the ordinary man, but you can stay in health.

Christ Alive In You

Colossians 1:27, ***"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:"***

Christ alive in you, living in your body, is enough to let you know that sickness is not part of God's plan for you. You need to have a personal revelation of God so when people try to push sickness

off on you, you can reject it. God isn't the one who gives and takes away at will as Job said.

Job 1:21, ***"And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."***

But this isn't right, because when you study the account of Job's life very well, you'll discover God gave to him, but the devil took away from him. At the end, Job repented and said, ***"I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes"*** (Job 42:5-6). His three friends had told him God put the sickness on him to teach him a lesson. But at the end when he learnt of God for himself, he repented. You need to have a personal revelation of God.

Until you have that revelation of eternal life affecting your body you will not be able to live in divine health. The Bible says this corruptible must put on incorruptible and this mortality must put on immortality (1 Corinthians 15:52). ***"In the twinkle of an eye we shall be changed but now we are the Sons of God, it doth not appear what we shall be, but we know when he shall appear we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is"*** (1 John 3:2).

If there's one truth you're going to take from this chapter; if there is one step you're going to take in the right direction, let it be this declaration from your lips, **"I am the glory of God; a partaker of His divine nature; His righteousness; His dwelling place, I have been created for the GOD LIFE!"**

None Of These Diseases

5 The Life of the Blood Or the Life of the Spirit

Leviticus 17:11, ***"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."***

Leviticus 17:14, ***"For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off."***

When you go through the seventeenth chapter of the book of Leviticus, twice you'll find God telling the children of Israel the life of the flesh is in the blood. That means the body is kept alive by the power of the blood that is in it.

This is why God told them that shedding blood was tantamount to taking life. Medical doctors would say the same thing. But the world is making a new discovery, the discovery of a new specie of people whose life is sustained by something higher than

blood. Yes, for them in the Old Testament the blood sustained life, but for the new creature in Christ, there is a higher law at work.

Writing about Jesus, John said, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he 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"* (John 1:12-13).

We were not born of blood, so we cannot be sustained by blood. We experienced a spiritual rebirth, the new life in our spirit is not dependent on blood. We were born by the Spirit of God, and this life in our spirits has affected our human body, such that even our human body is no longer dependent on the blood running in it.

Living By The Faith Of Jesus

Galatians 2:20, ***"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."***

This means when Jesus was crucified we were crucified with Him. He didn't go to the Cross for Him-

self. He was crucified for us. Jesus took responsibility for our errors and so He died for us and was raised again with a new kind of life. And the life that we now live in the body, we live by the faith of the Son of God.

This is something beyond human comprehension. Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live." This means, "*I have already died, but I am alive, yet not me, but, Christ lives in me. I no longer live with the life of the outward body that you see. The life that I now live in the body I live by the faith of the Son of God.'* This is different from saying, "I live by my faith." This is living by the faith of the Son of God, not by your faith.

What does this mean? Have you ever thought about the faith of the Son of God? What was His faith? His faith was in the resurrection life. And the resurrection life is not dependent on blood, but on the power of an endless life.

So we no longer say we live by blood. For us in the New Testament, the life is not in the blood. That was the old life. We were living by blood until He was crucified on that cross. The life we now live in the body we live by the faith of the Son of God who loved us and gave Himself for us. When you understand this, sickness would be a thing of the past.

None Of These Diseases

In Mark 16:15-16, the Lord Jesus said, ***"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."***

Then He said something mind-blowing in verses 17 and 18: ***"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."***

We've always thought this was a promise. But it's not a promise, neither is it a prophecy. The Lord was showing them a mystery, telling them there's a new class of men arriving on the scene and they will be known by the signs that follow them. They shall cast out devils, they shall speak with new tongues, they shall take up serpents and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them.

Why will it not hurt them? Because they've stopped living by blood. There's a new life flowing in them. They're living by the faith of the Son of God.

Prior to this time, it was the blood that gave life to the mortal body. But the Holy Spirit now lives in us and He gives life to our mortal bodies.

Romans 8:11, ***"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."***

That's why Jesus said if they shall drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them. They cannot be poisoned, and that's not a promise! Jesus wasn't even saying He would be with them so they wouldn't be poisoned. No! The point is even if they drink it, it shall not have power over them.

We haven't understood this yet but we need to, because, the Bible says, *"Through knowledge shall the just be delivered."* God said, *"My people perish for lack of knowledge"* (Hosea 4:6). 'Perish' and 'Suffer' mean the same thing. God's people suffer because of lack of knowledge, so they go on in pain, sickness and deprivation. Why? Because the lack of knowledge destroys. But when the knowledge of the Word of God takes possession of the human spirit, something new happens. You start walking in a new way, people would even wonder what happened to you. You don't speak their language of doubt, unbelief and lack anymore. You only speak life to your body and your home. You don't claim sickness from the devil, rather, you cast out sickness, commanding it to leave in the Name of Jesus.

No wonder the Bible says, ***"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is"*** (1 John 3:2).

Romans 8:9, ***"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 have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."***

Look at the next verse, this is mind-blowing:

Verse 10, ***"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."***

This means that even though your body was under the influence of death because of sin, now that Christ lives in you, the Holy Spirit gives it life because of righteousness. Now that Christ dwells in you, the body ceases to control you. You're not controlled any longer by your sensory perceptions, the voice of your body. You're different from those who live according to the feelings of the body. Those who behave according to their sight, according to their feeling, what they hear from outside, what they taste, what they smell. They feel a pain, so they say, "I have stomach ulcer." We're different now; our life is no longer controlled by the body; it is not dependent on

the blood. The same Holy Spirit who raised Jesus up from the dead now lives in us. He quickens; makes alive, vitalizes our bodies. He is now the source of life for our bodies, Hallelujah!

The New Discovery

The world is about to make some of the greatest discoveries they've ever made from its beginning to this time. They're about to make an extra-ordinary discovery about the human blood.

Some scientists have reported their findings that there seems to be a difference in the blood group of those who are born again and the rest of the world. We have always known there was a difference but they're just finding out. They're just about to discover the impact of eternal life on the human body.

1 Peter 2:9, ***"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"***

We're a chosen breed, a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. We're a consecrated nation, a peculiar people. You're peculiar, you're unique. Next time you are walking down the street, don't think you're like everybody else; you are not

an ordinary person. There is something peculiar about you. This is not a promise. He is telling you who you are. Get up and be that man or woman! The reason He has made you so is so you can show forth the praises and strength of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light.

You need to read this from *The Amplified Bible*: ***"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a dedicated nation, [God's] own purchased, special people, that you may set forth the wonderful deeds and display the virtues and perfections of Him Who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."***

Do you understand this? There is a new blood type! D – the Divine blood type! This is the blood that runs in your veins. It came about as a result of the influence of the new life on the human blood. This is a disease-destroying blood group.

6 The Impact Of Zoë On The Human Body

Zoë - The God Kind of Life

John 20:30-31, ***"And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."***

John's gospel was written with a primary purpose in mind: to intimate the reader with the divinity of Jesus, that the reader may have life in His Name.

What kind of Life?

1 John 5:11-13, ***"And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of***

God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

This life is eternal, indestructible life and it is called 'Zoë.' He that has the Son has Zoë. Zoë is the God-kind of life. It is a Greek word better translated 'the essence of divinity' - the life that if a man would have he would live forever.

Having Zoë through Christ means life for your spirit, life for your soul and life for your body. It is the God-life, as distinguished from the human-life.

When this life takes up residence in your body, you became more than a man. The Bible says, *"But we have these treasures in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God and not of us"* (2 Corinthians 4:7). That power is in you. If you are born again happy are you, Christ has become your life. Eternal life has become your present-tense possession!

John 3:16, ***"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."***

This means such a person has been set aside. He should not perish. He has been branded for life. It is another way of saying to the devil, "Don't touch this one, he has been separated unto life." Praise God!

The "Sperma" Of God Is The Life Carrier

1 Peter 1:23, ***"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."***

The word *'Seed'* here actually means *'Sperm'* from the Greek word *'Sperma.'* So the Greek text would actually have read, "being born again not of corruptible sperm, but of incorruptible (that is, imperishable) sperm, by the word of God." We were born again by imperishable 'sperm,' that is, imperishable seed.

And in Luke 18:11, Jesus said, "The seed is the Word of God." This could also read, "The sperm is the Word of God." Putting this together with 1 Peter 1:23, we would have: *"Being born again, not of perishable sperm, but of imperishable sperm, which is the Word of God that lives and abides forever."*

The sperm is the life-carrying faculty of any living being, so it means the Word of God, which is the Sperm of God, is the life-carrying faculty of God.

We also know that the sperm carries the blood. The child gets the blood from the father through the sperm, which is the carrier of life. When you look at 1 Peter 1:23 in this context, it becomes strongly sug-

gestive of something. There is a perishable sperm - you can grind a man's sperm to death; a plant's seed can be ground to death, but the sperm of God, by which you were born again, is imperishable and indestructible, Hallelujah!

When you were born again it was the seed of God that came to you and produced life in you.

You are as full of God as Jesus is. He told His disciples, *"I am the vine, ye are the branches"* (John 15:5). The same life that flows through the vine flows through the branches. That means there is a new blood type, blood type - D for Divine. And the life you now have is the indestructible life! This is the reason no sickness can destroy you.

Where Then Is Sickness?

If truly we have God's life (Zoë) in us, that brings life to our spirit, soul and body, where then is the place for sickness? How can sickness have a hold on us any longer?

No wonder Isaiah prophesied concerning us, saying, "Those that live therein (in Zion) shall not say, "I am sick"" (Isaiah 33:24).

The divine nature gives you the ability for ab-

solute success in life. You can be a winner always. You can have your life marked in the right direction only; the direction of success, prosperity and the good life.

Failure and sickness are no longer a consideration. Life becomes a matter of choice. You can choose to be healthy always. You cease to talk failure or sickness. You refuse to be sick, allowing eternal life to have full impact on your body.

I love John G. Lake's story.

An epidemic had broken out in South Africa where he was living at that time. The epidemic was so contagious that mere touching of those already infected could lead to an infection. But it was observed that John G. Lake had had contact with several infected patients without being infected. When asked about it, he replied that another kind of life was at work in him and that if the disease germs came in contact with his body, this life in him would burn them up and destroy them.

They asked him to prove it and he agreed to a test. They took a sample containing these germs and dropped some on the back of his hand. They actually viewed his hand underneath a microscope to ensure the germ cells were alive. After a few hours, they checked under the microscope again and the germ

cells had stopped moving. They had all died.

On the Island of Melita, a viper bit Paul as he made fire. Everyone there looked on at him, expecting him to swell or suddenly fall down dead. But Paul just shook off the viper into the fire and no harm came upon him (Acts 28:1-6). The people changed their minds when they saw this and concluded he was a god. Why do you think nothing happened to Paul? He was very much conscious of the new life inside of him.

When you are Zoë-conscious, no germ cell, no matter what it is called, can have a home in your body or dominate your body. It's impossible!

None Of These Diseases

7 If Thou Wilt...

1 John 5:14-15, ***"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 hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him."***

The question then is: What is God's will? Or more specifically: What is God's will concerning divine healing?

Mark 1:40, ***"And there came a leper to him, beseeching him, and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."***

This man was a leper and Jesus came to his city. When he saw Jesus he went to Him, bowed down and worshipped Him, saying, *"Lord if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean."* The leper didn't question the power of Jesus. He was aware Jesus was a healer, because he had heard about Him. He wasn't asking,

"Can you heal me?" He didn't say, "Lord I wish you would heal me." What he asked Him is the question in the heart of many today: *"Are You willing to heal me?"*

Another man took his son to Jesus, saying, ***"...Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not. ...And ofttimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: <u>but if thou canst do any thing</u>, have compassion on us, and help us"*** (Mark 9: 17,18,22).

This man's question is different from that of the leper. He questioned the ability of Jesus to heal. He said, "If you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." Jesus answered him, "*If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth*" (Mark 9:23), because he questioned Jesus' ability to cast out the devil and heal the boy. More often, people ask the leper's question, who questioned not God's ability, but His willingness to heal. They believe in His power and know the Name of Jesus is powerful enough for them. They even know He's done it for others and can relate the testimonies of other people

they know, but when it's their turn, they wonder, "Is He willing? Will God heal me?"

If you're in this category, I have an answer for you. **God is more willing to heal you than you are willing to receive your healing.**

Few people could ever be in the position the leper was that day. He was not only sick in his body, he was an outcast, isolated from the society because of his contagious disease. He could actually have been stoned for coming out in the open. But he had heard of Jesus and was desperate enough to want to find out if this Teacher from Nazareth would want to do something about his condition. Just like many people, he wanted to know the will of God.

What was the response of Jesus? I believe that day He must have known He was answering the question in the heart of not only people who were then present but also that of generations to come. He knew it would not be enough just to tell this leper about His willingness. He could have spoken the word only, and the leper would have been healed. After all, He had healed a lot of people just by His spoken word.

But He didn't stop at that. With a lot of compassion, He stretched forth His hand, touched the leper and said, *"I will: be thou clean"* (Mark 1:41). Just

by that simple touch He demonstrated love, compassion and acceptance to the leper and gave him assurance of His willingness to make him whole. If you read the next verse you will discover that the man actually got healed as soon as Jesus spoke the word, not as soon as He touched him. So the touch was for another purpose different from healing.

Verse 42, ***"And as soon as he had spoken, immediately the leprosy departed from him, and he was cleansed."***

So, the leper could've been cleansed just by the word of the Master, but I believe Jesus wanted something beyond a demonstration of power, He wanted to demonstrate His willingness: ***"I WILL: BE THOU CLEAN."***

Let this be settled in your heart forever: God has the ability to heal you, He wants to heal you and **He will heal you.**

There is a record of another sick man who didn't even have enough sense to know it was the Creator of the universe who was standing before him. When Jesus asked him, "Do you want to be made whole?" instead of answering a straight "Yes," he started to complain. Before he could finish, the Master told him, *"Rise, take up thy bed, and walk"* (John 5:8). Before the man knew what had happened, he was al-

ready walking and causing stirs amongst the Pharisees in Jerusalem.

During one of our healing crusades - Night of Bliss - a young man came up to share his testimony. He had actually traveled from another city to this meeting. But he fell asleep while the meeting was on. While he was still sleeping, the power of God hit him and he felt it in his body. Of course, that woke him up to discover he had been instantly healed by the power of God! God didn't wait for his permission before He healed him while he was sleeping! What more confirmation do you need to know that God is willing to heal you?

God said, ***"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"*** (3 John 2).

If society has made you an outcast because of your sickness; if your infirmity has isolated you from the mainstream of life, from living life in health and abundance; if you're sick and wondering if God can ever do something about it, I want you to know that God is more willing to heal you than you are willing to be healed.

God Doesn't Discipline With Sickness

Though it's amazing, it's common to find Christians who sincerely believe God uses sickness to discipline His children. In their religious minds, they only think of sickness as a result of sin. Just like the disciples asked Jesus concerning the blind man, *"Who did sin, this man, or his parents that he was born blind?"* (John 9:2). How could the man have sinned before he was born? This was just plain religious thinking, the same some people have today.

God doesn't use sickness to discipline His children; neither does He need it to make them humble. Somebody said, *"God put that sickness on me because, He knew if I was not sick I would have done such-and-such."*

God doesn't require the instrument of the devil to fix anything good for His children. And guess what happens? The same fellow who said God put the sickness on him to make him humble goes straight to the doctor to take away what God put on him to make him humble. Isn't that hypocrisy? He says it's God's will to make him sick because God wants him to be humble, but then he starts taking drugs to take away what God put on him to make him humble. The truth

is God never puts sickness on any of His children to make them humble.

Some people give the examples of the Egyptians to illustrate that God actually put sickness on people to make them humble. The only problem is those people have forgotten that the Egyptians were not the people of God. What's more? The Bible lets us know there are indeed clay pots fitted for destruction, but this doesn't refer to the children of God! (Romans 9:15-24).

Some people are so hypocritical, they will criticize any minister who preaches prosperity and divine healing. Never criticize a christian or a minister of the gospel who teaches divine healing or prosperity.

The same people who criticize such ministers would go to work six days a week but wouldn't open their Bibles or pray just as often. In fact, if such people had a fever during the week, they would still drag themselves to work. But if they had the fever on a Sunday morning, they wouldn't go to Church!

And just the one time they come to Church, they say, *"I wish the Pastor would talk about righteousness and holiness and leave prosperity and divine healing out."*

They don't want the preacher talking about

money but they're just hypocrites, because, already they're demonstrating their absolute desire for money by going to work everyday, including the weekend. No one can pretend to go to work everyday of the week just because he loves his boss or because he loves the nation. He works because he needs to earn some money!

The same thing they do about money, they do about divine healing. They wonder why you're always talking about divine healing. They ask if it really matters.

It does matter. We're never going to require divine healing in heaven. In heaven there is no sorrow, no pain, no tears. It's only in this world there can be such afflictions. But God has provided a means for us whereby we don't need to suffer sickness. And He wants us to take advantage of such knowledge. He doesn't want us afflicted or oppressed. Jesus died on the Cross so that we will not be sick.

Jesus told the leper, *"I will, be thou clean."* A simple statement, but it communicates a lot. God doesn't want us sick.

God is more willing to heal you than you are willing to be healed. God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power. And He went about doing good and healing people (Acts 10:38).

God anointed Jesus for this purpose! But just like the Pharisees, religious people don't see that. Do you know after Jesus healed a man who had had an infirmity for thirty-eight years at the pool of Bethesda, the Pharisees complained? What was their complaint about? That it was a Sabbath! (John 5:8-16). According to their understanding, no work was supposed to be done on a Sabbath day. And because Jesus told the man, *"Rise, take up thy bed, and walk"* they considered carrying his bed to be work.

This man had suffered for thirty-eight long years; no one remembered the sabbath all that time. They didn't even know the real meaning of Sabbath. If you had been in bondage, the Sabbath was the time to be free. Sabbath was the time for celebration and rest. It wasn't a day of sitting at home, it was a day of rejoicing, a day of rest from trouble, rest from worry and pain and rest from disease and infirmity of the body. Nobody ever told that man the truth, and just on the day Jesus gave him rest from pain, they all came shouting, "It's the Sabbath!"

This is why I say people who complain about divine healing and prosperity messages are just as bad as the Pharisees who wanted to kill Jesus because He healed on the Sabbath.

One other time they even told people to come

and be healed at the synagogue any other day apart from the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-14). As long as you're sick and poor, they will extend their sympathy, but the moment you start talking the same as God, confessing you're the healed in Christ, then they take note of you and criticize you.

God is more willing to heal you than you are willing to be healed. We were not even born when Jesus went to suffer for our sins on the Cross and took our pains upon Himself. What more could our God have don to demonstrate His desire for our complete well being?

The good life belongs to you. It is God's will for you to live the good life; it is your heritage in Christ.

You have to realize that sickness is destroyed Sickness cannot have a home in your body. Sickness has become a thing of the past.

Healing - The Children's Bread

You were healed before you ever became born again. The moment you were born again you ceased to need healing.

Scripturally, we don't require healing. Peter

said, *"by whose stripes* ***ye were healed****"* (1 Peter 2:24). He didn't say, *"ye are healed."* After you were healed you came out of death. We're those who have come out of death.

In Matthew chapter 15, the Bible records a woman of Canaan who had a need. Her daughter was grievously oppressed by the devil and she went to the Master for help. She cried after the Lord, but the Master answered not a word. She kept on following Jesus and His disciples crying, "Master! Have mercy on me, my daughter needs healing" (Matthew 15:22-23). After a while, the disciples turned to the Lord, saying, "Send this woman away, she is disturbing us." But He answered and said, *"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel"* (Verse 24).

But this woman would not give up. She kept on following them and came and worshipped Jesus, saying, "Lord help me."

But He only answered and said, "It is not proper to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs" (Verse 26).

What was the children's bread? The very same thing this woman was after - healing; deliverance.

Who are the children?

Luke 13:10-17, ***"And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And, behold, there was***

a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 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? And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him."

Look at verse 16 again, *"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?"*

This woman, though she was not even aware of it, had a right to healing and divine health. She

was a daughter of Abraham. Healing is the bread of Abraham's children! As a child of Abraham she wasn't supposed to fall sick. Healing was part of her inheritance. God had told them, *"I will take sickness away from the midst of thee"* (Exodus 23:25), "I will put none of the evil diseases that came upon the Egyptians on you (Deuteronomy 7:15), and even if the devil tries to bind you up with sickness, I am Jehovah-Rapha - your Healer (Exodus 15:26), I will remove it from you." But this was for people who were the physical descendants of Abraham. What about us?

Galatians 3:7,29, ***"Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham...And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."***

We are the children of Abraham also, and heir of the promise." In fact, both the physical and spiritual benefits of Abraham's blessing belong to us. Healing is for us! It's part of our inheritance. God doesn't want us bound by Satan, nor does He want any of the diseases of the Egyptians on us.

If this woman's only claim to divine healing was her decendancy from Abraham, we have more.

Jesus died for our sins and sicknesses on the Cross so we don't have to be sick again. Then He gave us His life (Romans 6:23) and made us partakers of

His divine nature (2 Peter 1:4), thus making us more than ordinary men.

Healing Is Not Coming To You, It's Already Yours

Beyond God's willingness to heal us and healing being part of our inheritance as children of Abraham, is another wonderful truth - **Healing is not coming to us, it's already ours!**

Really, from God's point of view we're not those getting healed. Healing isn't coming to us now, healing already came to us. Listen to me, healing already came to us at the Cross, before Jesus was raised again to life. Now that He's been raised to life, the Bible says, *"Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Romans 6:11).

We're alive to God; we have a new kind of life. Sickness doesn't belong to us anymore. You need to understand this. Healing comes from God. YES! But is God expecting the Church to be getting healed? No! We're not the ones supposed to be looking to God for healing. We can look to God for healing because healing is the children's bread, (Luke 13:10-17, Mat-

thew 15:22-25), but as the children grow and develop they cease to be children. They cease to be children because they grow in understanding.

Isaiah 53:4-5, ***"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our niquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."***

1 Peter 2:24, ***"Who his own self bare our sins in his ownbody on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."***

These two Scriptures refer to the same subject of healing, yet they are very different. Isaiah was prophesying, so he was looking into the future. He was looking at something that was yet to come. So he said, *"with his stripes, we are healed."*

When was Jesus dealt the stripes? Just before He went to the Cross and died for us. So Isaiah was looking forward to the Cross where he knew we would receive our healing.

But for Peter it was different. He lived in the time of the Messiah, so he saw what Isaiah had prophesied come to pass. He watched as Jesus was dealt the blows, he saw as His visage was marred beyond

human recognition (Isaiah 52:14). He saw first the high priest lay his hands on Him followed by Pontius Pilate, signifying that Jesus had become the sin sacrifice for the entire human race - Jew and Gentile. He saw the prophecies fulfilled. And it dawned on him that all that was needed to be done at the Cross had been fulfilled. So when writing to other Christians, he reminded them, *"by whose stripes ye were healed."* Where was he referring to by using the past tense? The Cross!

I would to God that this will dawn upon the heart of every child of God. Healing is already ours; it came to us at the cross. We don't need to ask God for healing!

This is not the time for you to cry out about sickness. It is just a lie of the devil; a lying wonder. No wonder science calls them symptoms. And the Bible says, ***"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy"*** (Jonah 2:8).

Faith For Healing

A lot of Christians would have to change their perception of faith. We're not instructed to walk by faith. Faith is our life style. You don't need to tell

human beings to breathe, they just breathe. In the same way, faith is our life style. When you're born again this is what happens to you from that hour; you begin to walk by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). You received your salvation by faith. You also received the in-filling of the Holy Ghost by faith. You don't have to try to get anything from God by faith.

The very same thing applies to healing. Healing already came to you at the Cross. So you don't have to exercise faith again to be healed. So what do you do? Instead of saying, *"Oh Lord, I want to walk by faith, help me to receive my healing by faith,"* say, *"I walk by faith and not by sight. I was healed by Christ Jesus and I remain healed. I am not moved by how I feel, I maintain and insist on my healing, in Jesus' Name."*

That is faith's way of talking and living. Faith is accepting what God says belongs to you; accepting that God is who He says He is; that you are what He says you are; that you are where He says you are and what He says belongs to you actually belongs to you, and acting that way.

The Bible says, ***"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"*** (Amos 3:3). When Peter by the Holy Ghost said you were healed by the stripes of Jesus, what your response should be is, "Thank God, I was healed and I remain healed."

Someone says, "But I still feel the pain." That's the problem with a lot of people. They're still walking according to their senses. Anything they can't prove by their senses or in the laboratory, they can't believe. And this is so stupid, because, there's a lot of unproven things they've accepted in their lives.

They can see it so they believe it. They can touch it, taste it and hear the sound of it so they believe it's real. Until their senses tell them something is real, they wouldn't believe it's real. If you ask them, "Are you healed?" they'll answer, "Yes, but I still feel the pain." And the Scriptures declare, ***"they which are children of the flesh (senses)...are not the children of God..."*** (Romans 9:8).

After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples but Thomas wasn't there. When His appearance was reported to Thomas, he refused to believe, saying unless he put his hand into Jesus' side and his finger into the hole in His hand he wouldn't believe. This man had been with Jesus for three years, and saw all the miracles He performed, yet he insisted that until he saw the hole and put his finger into it, he wouldn't believe the report of His resurrection. What a shame.

Jesus appeared again eight days later. This time Thomas was there, and Jesus urged him to come and

touch Him and dip his hands into His side. But Thomas realizing it was indeed the Master, cried out, ***"My Lord and my God."*** But Jesus looked at him, and said, ***"...Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed"*** (John 20:29). Why? Because the children of the senses are not the children of God and faith based on the senses is not faith.

There's only one foundation for faith - the Word of God. To have the right Christian foundation means to have your faith founded on the Word, not on your feelings, not even on your experiences.

Sometimes we have great experiences of miracles in our lives and we think that after such miraculous signs we should be really strong in faith. But hear me, miracles don't give faith. Faith comes by the Word of God.

Miracles are good; they're a testimony that God is with us, but, we can't base our faith and lives on miracles; the Word of God is the only foundation for faith.

8 Why Christians Fall Sick

We have already established that healing al ready came to us at the Cross, and God is more willing to heal us than we are willing to be healed. So why do Christians fall sick? Why do we find a lot of God's children suffering and in pain? There are several reasons for this, but thank God, there's no situation that cannot be brought under the control of God's Word.

Lack of Knowledge

Hosea 4:6, ***"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."***

This is the principal reason a lot of God's people are in sickness: lack of knowledge and un-

derstanding of the Word of God concerning them. The word *'destroyed'* has as its synonyms *'suffer'* and *'perish,'* so we might as well say, "God's people suffer because of lack of knowledge."

A lot of Christians have perfect understanding of every issue of life except that which is most vital - the Word of God, what God has said concerning them, who they are in Christ, what they can do and what they have in Him.

Only the Word of God can reveal this to us. We need to know who we are, what we can do and what we have. When you know who you are you will know how to live. You will realize there are certain things you don't need to pray about. We were born into the rest of God, but too many Christians don't know this. If you've entered into God's rest, you've ceased from your own works like God did. But if you don't know this, you'll struggle in life.

Hebrews 4:10, ***"For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."***

That's why it's so vital that we have an understanding of the Word of God. Understanding of God's Word will reveal your identity to you. Then you can live accordingly, because if you don't know who you are, you can never act accordingly.

Your life really is in your hands. It's up to you to make out of your life what you want. But the devil will never want you to know this; he desires to keep you in ignorance and bondage.

The Bible says if we ask according to God's will He hears us (1 John 4:17). That means you should have known His will before asking. How do we know the will of God? God's will is revealed in His Word. You never have to worry about the will of God if you know the Word of God.

You can't afford to lack in the knowledge of God's Word. No wonder Paul prayed for his converts always that they would understand God's will. For the Ephesian Church he prayed that God would give unto them the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, and that the eyes of their understanding will be enlightened (Ephesians 1:17,18). For the Colossian Church, he prayed that they would be filled with the knowledge of God's willing in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).

I believe we need to pray these prayers for the Church in these days. It's not God's will for you to be sick or to suffer, but ignorance of the Word of God can keep you under the hold of sickness. It can make you think God wants things that way, particularly when you think about the fact that some ministers

actually teach this.

The Word of God will bless you when you know it. The Bible says, ***"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding"*** (Proverbs 4:7).

The Holy Ghost has been given to help us understand the things of God. He lets us know the things we've received freely, one of which is divine health.

1 Corinthians 2:12, ***"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."***

Jesus came to set us free, and He said he whom the Son has set free is free indeed (John 8:36). He came to set us free from sin, sickness, death and poverty. But no other book in the world, apart from the Bible gives information about this. This 'news' doesn't make the headlines in the newspapers. This is why you need to allow the Word of God dwell richly in you.

When the Word of God dwells in you richly, you will walk in it and enjoy its benefits all the days of your life.

Overthrowing One's Spirit Through the Wrong Confession

The human spirit can be trained. When you're born again the knowledge of God's Word is imparted to your human spirit. Your spirit comes alive unto God. But when your spirit is deceived and made to believe something different, he loses the ability to understand the Word of God and judge rightly, because he's been trained wrongly. Whatever you take into your spirit consistently will affect you positively if it is the Word of God, or contaminate you if it isn't.

2 Timothy 2:25, ***"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;"***

What was Paul telling Timothy here? He was referring to the individual Christian who oppresses his own spirit by forcing the wrong information down his spirit.

This is done mainly through wrong confessions; speaking something not in line with what God has said. In fact, this is one of the strategies of the devil in destroying Christians - causing them to move against themselves through the wrong confessions.

A very good example of this is the man Job.

Many people believe that Job was speaking the mind of God when he said, ***"...the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD"*** (Job 1:21). But a good study of the book of Job will reveal this is not exactly the truth. God gave him, but He sure wasn't the One who took away from him.

The devil had come into the presence of God, and accused Job of serving God only because of the things God had given to him, claiming that if Job were to encounter problems he would turn against God. *(Read Chapter one of the book of Job).* He even went as far as saying God had put a hedge about Job on all side (Job 1:10). God eventually told Satan that all Job had was in his hands, except that he should not touch the man himself. This gives an impression that the devil was the one who brought all Job's problems upon him. But when you read the latter part of Job 2:3, you get another impression.

Job 2:3, ***"And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause."***

This actually gives an impression that God

brought about all the catastrophe of chapter one upon Job, but this is very far from the truth. We need to observe something about the man Job.

Job 3:25-26, ***"For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. I was not in safety, neither had I rest, neither was I quiet; yet trouble came."***

This was part of his lamentation after several troubles came upon him. But can you imagine these coming from a man who was supposed to have had a hedge round about him from God? For one thing, we can conclude that Job was ignorant of this hedge of protection. Secondly we can see that he lived in fear.

Job lived in fear. Fear is the opposite of faith. Fear is faith in your adversary, and just like faith, fear is expressed in words and action. So Job lived in fear, and talked fear and acted fear, till fear grew up like a giant and bound him. He said he was not in safety, and the moment he said that, his protection was destroyed.

Job overthrew himself. God never tempts anybody with evil. The Bible says God is good, He daily loads you with benefits (Psalm 68:19).

Ecclesiastes 10:8,12, ***"He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh an hedge, a serpent shall bite him...The words of a wise man's mouth are***

gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself."

The question then is: Who broke the hedge? Was it God, or did the Satan break it forcefully? No! Job broke the hedge.

Job broke the hedge with his wrong confessions. God made a hedge round about him, so he could be in safety. But he came along and said he was not in safety, and in fact, did not keep quiet about the fact that he was not in safety. He told everybody he was not in safety, and the moment he said that, he broke his hedge of protection!

When you say things that are not in line with the Word of God, you break the hedge; fellowship is broken, and that old serpent the devil comes right in to kill you. You can talk yourself to the grave with your own words.

Satan can't destroy you because the Bible says in Hebrews 2:14, that Jesus paralyzed him that had the power of death, that is the devil. He had the power of death before but he doesn't have it anymore. Satan can't kill, so the only thing he tries to do is move you against yourself, so you can overthrow yourself.

Satan's action against the Christian is sickness, disease and infirmity. He can either bring sickness or death if you let him. He'll try to cause you to say

things you shouldn't say, and when you say them, he'll take advantage of your words and produce for you what you talked about. *"The lips of a fool will swallow him up"* (Ecclesiastes 10:12).

Now you can understand why the Bible says, "The power of life and death are in the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21). You can speak life to yourself, and you can also speak sickness and death to your body. We must be careful as Christians. The life we have is a life of power, a life of dominion a life worth living, but it's up to us to make the choice.

You have to learn to bear responsibility of speaking life to your body.

Laziness

Most people may not accept this, but the truth is that a lot of people die because of laziness. Laziness in studying the Word of God; laziness to train themselves in the things of the spirit; laziness to apply the Word of God and laziness to resist the devil. I have often wondered why many people find it difficult to talk to their situation even when they know that everything will be all right when they do.

In 2 Timothy 2:1, Paul actually encouraged Timothy to be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus,

and take advantage of that grace. Take advantage of what belongs to you. If you have to say it everyday, then by all means say it everyday! It's not too much.

Walking Out of Love

Walking out of love causes sickness, and it's another reason why a Christian may get sick and die prematurely. Writing to the Corinthians about the communion, Paul told them,

"Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 11:27).

Note he didn't say, "being unworthy," because every Christian is worthy to eat that bread and drink that cup.

Drinking the cup unworthily refers to an attitude. It means partaking of the communion in a manner that is unbecoming of a child of God.

Verses 28-30, ***"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep."***

'Not discerning the Lord's body' - this is the reason many are sickly and die! They do not have a revelation of the Body of Christ. In chapter ten of 1 Corinthians, Paul had asked, ***"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread"*** (vv. 16-17).

When he said we are one bread and one body, he was declaring the unity of the faith; and the unity of the Church.

We're in a covenant relationship with Jesus Christ and with one another. And a covenant relationship is a sacred covenant, one which must not be broken. Breaking a covenant relationship carries with it the death penalty. This is why Jesus commanded us to walk in love. So we walk in love because the blood of Jesus has made us one.

At the last supper with His disciples, He said, ***"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins"*** (Matthew 26:28). The shedding of blood was for two reasons: firstly it established a new covenant, and secondly, it washed away the sins of the world. The first thing we ought to consider is that the blood makes us one

by covenant. So I must protect you, and vice versa. You're now under obligation to take care of me, and I you. And you may get into trouble for not doing so. When you talk against me or work against me, you will definitely enter into trouble. And one of such trouble is sickness.

You need to realize that walking in love has no option, neither is it an advice. If you're in Zion, it's compulsory for you to walk in love; it's the new law for free men.

John told us by the Holy Ghost that anyone who wouldn't walk in love is in darkness, and cannot see because the darkness has blinded his eyes. There are Christians who don't walk in love.

Love is not self-seeking, (1 Corinthians 13:5). You have to make up your mind as a child of God to walk in love, not to be self-seeking. People who seek their own can't serve God.

1 Corinthians chapter 13 explains what love is not, so you can know what it is. And every child of God has the capacity to give it. Love isn't love until it's given away, until it's expressed towards another person. Even if the other person doesn't deserve it, or even when they're hurting you, you don't have to strike back. You're accountable to God and His Word. The other person is also accountable for his actions.

You have to first of all decide that you're walking in love, no matter the situation (Hebrews 12:9,10).

You see, there's judgment for those who refuse to walk in love. Not walking in love means you're out of the cover. When you refuse to walk in love, you open up your life to satanic attack, to sickness and death. You can't win in a situation like this.

Amazingly, there are people who find it easier to walk in love towards those outside the body of Christ, and they leave those inside out of it. Sometimes we tend to be more courteous and respectful when we meet visitors and strangers, and turn round to treat those of the Household of faith, disrespectfully. It's not supposed to be so.

Galatians 6:10, ***"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."***

Galatians 5:6, ***"For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love."***

Your faith cannot work when you walk out of love. That's why it's so vital you always keep yourself under the umbrella of love.

9 Righteousness Consciousness

Righteousness Defined

The subject of righteousness is very important in our understanding of the subject of healing and divine health. The knowledge of our righteousness in Christ is vital to a confident and victorious life in Christ.

Righteousness is the nature of God which when imparted to the human spirit produces the rightness of God in the human spirit. It gives man right standing with God, and the ability to stand in the presence of God without a feeling of guilt, inferiority complex or condemnation.

This is what the heart of man constantly yearns for and it can only be found in Christ. This yearning gave birth to all the religions of the world; men wanting to stand fearlessly in the presence of a righteous God. But this has eluded them and the overwhelm-

ing sense of unworthiness has made them conclude that no man can ever be righteous before God.

But this couldn't be further from the truth. When you're born again, righteousness instantly becomes yours.

2 Corinthians 5:19,21, ***"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation ...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."***

Do you know that righteousness has already been reckoned to the account of the whole world? God already reconciled the whole world unto Himself, not counting their trespasses against them. Before you were born again, God already made righteousness available to you. How much do you think He values you now that you're born again? Jesus was made to be sin for us so we could become the righteousness of God in Him! If only all believers would know and take advantage of this righteousness.

Righteousness Consciousness Versus Sin Consciousness

Maybe even more important than the knowl-

edge of righteousness is righteousness consciousness. When Jesus became our sin sacrifice on the Cross, He destroyed the hold of sin over our lives. But beyond that, He destroyed sin consciousness.

Hebrews 9:14, ***"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"***

Sin consciousness is worse than sin itself. It can cripple a man's self esteem and make worthless and ineffective his faith. It's this consciousness of sin that makes a Christian feel unworthy in the presence of God. It may not be as a result of a particular sin but generally due to a lack of knowledge of one's abilities in the presence of God. This is why the devil uses it as a tool against Christians. Because he knows once he can keep them in this realm, he can whip them time and time again.

We need to understand our righteousness in Christ. Righteousness is our nature, and is also a free gift from God. Righteousness consciousness brings boldness; it gives rise to a fearless Christian, one who knows his right and is ready to insist on it. Let me tell you why. If you can stand in the presence of God without any feeling of inferiority, guilt or condemnation. You can stand in the presence of the devil and

all the cohorts of hell combined. And when you're bold, your faith is effective and you can speak words of power.

Righteousness consciousness influences the effectiveness of your prayers.

James 5:16, ***"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."***

Hebrews 11:6, ***"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."***

With righteousness consciousness, you won't waver. The major reason people waver is a lack of confidence in their prayers. They're not sure if God heard them or not.

James 1:6-8, ***"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."***

This is the area in which Christians stand or fall, the consciousness of righteousness.

Satan doesn't accuse Christians to God; he only comes to you and tries to make you stumble by

throwing darts of doubt at your mind, but always with the intention of undermining your sense of righteousness and worthiness.

Peter could tell the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the temple confidently ***"... such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk"*** (Acts 3:6), because apart from knowing he had authority to use the Name of Jesus, he also was conscious of his right standing with Him. Paul was able to say fearlessly to the devil in the girl with the spirit of divination, "*Come out of her!*" (Acts 16:16-18), because he was aware of his right standing with God. Look at Jesus; He talked to a tree (Mark 11:13-20), the sea (Mark 4:37-39), devils (Mark 5:1-13), both animate and inanimate things. Why? He came from God and was one with God.

Even in the Old Testament, Joshua, on account of his relationship with God, commanded the Sun and Moon to stand still until he had victory.

Joshua 10:12-13, ***"Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this***

written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day."

This was a man who wasn't born again, he was just confident of his relationship with Jehovah. What about you? What are you going to do? God told the children of Israel they wouldn't be smitten by the diseases of the Egyptians. If He could tell them this, what about you who are His righteousness; what do you think He wants for you?

He doesn't want you walking timidly and hoping God will heal you someday, when He's already done so. He wants you fearless and bold, claiming and insisting on your healing.

Check out Hezekiah. After Isaiah brought him a message from God that he would die, Hezekiah turned his face to the wall and besought God. We later read that as a result of this, God instructed Isaiah to go back and tell Hezekiah He would extend his days by 15 years. But a lot of us don't know the details of his prayers. What did he tell God while he lay sick on the bed of affliction:

Isaiah 38:9,16-19, ***"The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness:...O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these things is the life of my spirit: so wilt thou***

recover me, and make me to live. Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth."

This is not just a pitiful cry of one who is sick and depressed. Look at verse 20:

"The Lord was ready to save me: therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the Lord."

This is the song of a sick man who has seen himself healed, not one who is hopeless and depressed. He was praising God in his situation because he saw himself healed!

You are the righteousness of God. You can speak to your body. If there's a devil disturbing your home or your body tell it to take its hands off. Live in the consciousness of your right standing with God and let boldness rise in you.

Righteousness became yours in three ways:

- It is your nature.
- It was reckoned to you.

- It is a free gift from God.

Righteousness Is Your Nature

Ephesians 4:24, ***"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."***

'The new man,' that refers to you! You were created in righteousness and true holiness. As He is holy, so are you holy, and as He is righteous, so are you righteous.

Never let the devil undermine your sense of righteousness.

Righteousness Is Reckoned To You

Romans 4:3,23-24, ***"For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness... Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead."***

Just as righteousness was reckoned to

Abraham as a result of his faith, even the same is done for us when we come to God through Christ, believing in the efficacy of His sacrifice for us.

Romans 5:1, ***"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"***

We've been declared righteous because of what Jesus did on the Cross for us.When He died, we died; when He was buried, we were buried; and when He was raised up, we were raised up. Thus, legally, righteousness belongs to us.

Romans 9:31-32, "***But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness. Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;"***

Romans 10:3, ***"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God."***

Israel as a nation has not yet received the righteousness of God, because they're still depending on their works. But righteousness is not reckoned to you as a result of your works, because, then it wouldn't be of grace but of works (Romans 4:4). All of man's righteousness before God is as filthy rags (Isaiah

64:6).

Righteousness comes to you the moment you appropriate what Jesus did on the Cross to yourself. You don't need to do anything to get it. Abraham believed God. That's all you require.

And you don't even have to feel it; you can't afford to depend on your feelings because you may feel holy one day and feel like a sinner the next, meaning you'll be living an up-and-down life. You don't have to feel human to be human, and feeling like a cow doesn't make you one. Righteousness is a nature, and feeling has nothing to do with your nature.

Righteousness: A free Gift

Romans 5:17, ***"For if by one man's offence 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."***

How interesting that our reigning in life is linked to the free gift of righteousness.

Righteousness has been given to us as a gift; a free gift. You don't do anything to earn a free gift. Righteousness is not achieved, neither is it attained, it's a free gift.

But, though righteousness has been given you as a gift; you won't reign in life until you live in the consciousness of it.

1 Corinthians 1:30, ***"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:"***

How beautiful! Christ has been made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption. He is our righteousness.

The Effect of Righteousness

Isaiah 32:17, ***"And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance for ever."***

The work of righteousness, what righteousness achieves and produces in us, is peace. Its effect, quietness and assurance forever! And do you know what else the Bible says, *"In quietness and confidence shall be your strength"* (Isaiah 30:15).

But we all know there's no peace in sickness.

Psalm 107:17,18, ***"Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death."***

In this situation, their soul abhors food. God certainly doesn't want us to be in this condition. Of course, you can fast when you want to, but it doesn't have to be because of sickness.

Let righteousness have its full working and effect in you. This will happen when you live in the consciousness of righteousness. Then diseases and sicknesses will bow before you.

None Of These Diseases

10 Steps To Healing

I'm about to share with you simple but powerful principles from the Word of God that will catapult you from sickness into health and keep you there. There's a new principle in the New Testament because it's a new day. In the Old Testament, the emphasis was on doing and obeying, but in the New Testament there are greater and more powerful principles that will keep us enjoying that which belongs to us in Christ.

Look And Be Healed!

The first principle I want to share with you on healing is **'Look and be healed!'**

In the wilderness, the Israelites sinned against God by murmuring and complaining about the manna God fed them with. As a result God sent serpents among them, which bit them and caused many of them to die.

So they cried unto God to save them. When they cried unto God, God spoke to Moses and told him what to do.

Numbers 21:8-9, ***"And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."***

In effect God was telling them to look and live. And this is so important because Jesus talked about it in the New Testament.

John 3:14, ***"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:"***

It was vital for them to look at the brazen serpent, because if they did what God told them, they would be healed. As I explained earlier (in chapter three), brass, not gold, silver or wood was used to make the serpent because brass in the Bible symbolises judgment. This is why Jesus said as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness so must the Son of man be lifted up, meaning the Son of man will be crucified.

When He was crucified on that Cross, He was

judged and wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities and the chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him, and by His stripes we were healed.

Moses made a serpent of brass that symbolized the judgment of the sins of the people. He lifted it up on a pole and told them to look. All they had to do was look at it and be healed.

But some said, "No! I am hurting too bad, the pain is too much, I can't look up." And so they died. Others mocked Moses and wondered whom Moses was trying to fool by telling them to look at a serpent on a pole. They died too. But thank God, all who looked up were healed of the bites of the serpent and they lived.

What God told them to do was a very simple thing. After all, the serpents had already bitten them. But God said, "Look!" That was all they needed to do – to look and they would be all right. But some refused to look and they perished.

This is very significant to us in the New Testament, because this same principle applies to us. God has given His Word to us as a mirror. When you look into this mirror, you see the image God has of you, and as you continually behold this image you're transformed into what God has made you to be - one

who's healthy, prospering and living life in abundance.

2 Corinthians 3:18, ***"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord."***

As we behold the glory we're changed into that same image. Praise the Lord!

Moses lifted up the brazen serpent in the wilderness and everybody who had been bitten and was dying from a serpent's bite, who looked at the brazen serpent, was healed instantly. They had to look away from their sickness and pains and look at the brazen serpent. It's the same thing today.

If you want to be healed, don't look at your sickness or what the devil has done, rather look to the Word of God. You may feel the pain but turn you mind away from the pain and your condition for one moment, and look to God.

What do you see? You know sometimes it may be easy to look around and see only what the devil wants us to see. We find circumstances that man constantly has to fight against - sickness, pain, death - trying to dominate him. But you need to know that what you see when you look actually depends on you.

Do you see the troubles trying to push you

down? Or the germs trying to destroy your body? Do you see sickness trying to destroy you?

Don't look at that; look at Jesus, the Author and the Finisher of your faith! (Hebrew12:2). That's all you need to do - look. Look at the Cross where Jesus died for you so you could live in perfect health. Look at the Word of God, which says, "by His stripes you were healed." Look at God's declaration that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have indestructible life. Look at Him who has become your life, and be healed!

When you worship God your heart goes to Him and you don't see the evil around you. Somebody rightly said, "Those who look at the sun do not see the shadows." How true.

A young woman had been sick for several years. Nobody could help her, and she, together with her parents had spent so much money. But she was finally given up to die.

In this state she went for a believers' meeting and sat in the hall, diseased and in pain. There was such glorious worship going on that she thought to herself, *This is wonderful. If I ever had the opportunity to worship God in my life, this is it.*

At that point she left her sickness behind; she looked away from her sickness and looked to God.

She worshipped the Lord with all of that pain. Then she noticed that she was lifting her hands up. These were hands that wouldn't move before. For a moment she thought, *How come my hands are going up? Oh God, am I crazy?* You see, she had been so abnormal for so many years that she didn't know what it was to be normal anymore. So now she was healed, she almost concluded something was wrong.

It suddenly dawned on her that she was healed and she touched someone close to her and said, "Look at me, I am well! I am well!" Then she ran out to give her testimony. She wept and danced and rejoiced, saying, "I didn't know when it happened, I was just worshipping right there in the congregation and suddenly, I was made perfectly whole." Hallelujah!

Say It With Your Mouth And Arise!

This is another powerful principle. Christianity is called 'The Great Confession.'

Romans 10:9, ***"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."***

This is the principle of the kingdom in the New Testament. Whatever you consistently confess becomes a reality.

The power is in the speaking, in your words. You will have whatever you say. Your life today is a result of what you said yesterday. Death and life are in the power of your words (Proverbs 18:21). You can rise up from your sick bed and be healed by speaking healing to your body, speak health to your body. Your body will respond to your words. You can say, "I am healed and I remain healed," and so shall it be.

Mark 11:22-23, ***"And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."***

Jesus told them to have the faith of God. The faith of God speaks. Whatever you say is what will be done unto you. What incredible power God has given to the Church! Declare you're healed and arise. God has spoken about you that by His stripes you were healed. You go ahead and say the same and arise. Faith is expressed through words and action. It's not enough to say it; you've got to act it.

Remember the woman in the Bible with the issue of blood? When she heard about Jesus, she purposed in her heart that she was going to touch the hem of His garment.

Mark 5:25-29, ***"And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague."***

This woman said to herself that all she had to do was touch the hem of the Master's garment and she would be healed. She had enough information that caused her faith to rise for her healing. But she didn't stop at talking; she did something. It's not enough to speak. Your words have to be backed by corresponding action. You can't say you're healed and still lie on the bed. You've got to rise and do what you could not do before. Practise your believing.

Peter said to Aeneas who had been bed-ridden for eight years, being sick of the palsy, *"...Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed..."* (Acts 9:34).

In effect he told Aeneas to do something he couldn't do before instead of maintaining the sick position.

The woman with the issue of blood got healed because she acted on her faith. If she had stayed back at home, no one would ever have heard about her. The same thing applies to you today. Speak and arise. Your words must be words filled with faith from the human spirit. Faith is not a formula. It's based on the knowledge of the Word of God, not on speculations.

Matthew 17:20, ***"And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."***

The disciples had come to ask Jesus why they couldn't cast out a devil and He answered them in the words of the verse above. Nothing shall be impossible to the Christian who learns to speak in faith, expecting to receive.

There's only so much others can help you do. A minister or other Christians may lay hands on you to receive healing. They can carry you on their faith for some time, but soon enough you will have to wake up and declare what you want with your mouth. **De-**

claring your healing with your mouth is your first step towards receiving your healing.

The Bible says, ***"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;"*** (Psalm 107:2). You are the redeemed and the healed of the Lord. Say it!

Speak The Same Thing As God

The Bible says, ***"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"*** (Amos 3:3). The best way to live in the health of God is to speak the same things as God. Have you ever heard people prophesy and say, "Thus saith the Lord, my ways are not your ways and my thoughts are not your thoughts."? That was from Isaiah of the Old Testament (Isaiah 55:8).

But there's a new Prophet that has come from God. His Name is Jesus, and He says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6). Now that we've come to Jesus, we've come to the Way. So His ways are now our ways; His thoughts have become our thoughts.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13, ***"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely***

given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual."

The Holy Ghost lets us know the things we've received from God freely, and we must speak these things we've received from God.

So I speak my healing in the words which the Holy Ghost teaches. I speak my prosperity in the words which the Holy Ghost teaches.

What God says I am is what I am. I may not feel it, I may not look like it, but I am what God says I am. And I've got to speak it. Some people don't know how to enjoy Christianity. It's almost a hard thing for some of them, because they don't understand God's principles. So they struggle. You speak the same thing with God; accept it because God has said so.

There's even a new way to pray. We should pray the Word of God.

God has given us life and we need to speak words of life. When you talk life, you'll have life. When you talk health, you'll have health. But if you talk fear, fear will grow up like a giant and grab you hold of you.

Don't talk defeat, don't talk your fears or doubts, don't talk sickness. Talk faith, talk victory.

Your life is in your hands by the things you say. Do you know the devil needs you to destroy you? Satan needs your co-operation to frustrate you in any area of your life. He needs you to speak death to yourself, because only then can he come in and destroy you.

You have to come to a point in your life where you're fully convinced of who you are, and you speak only God's Word concerning you, not what men say about you, no matter what the situation is.

Proverb 18:21, ***"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."***

Notice the Bible didn't say death and life are in the power of God. No! Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. So you can talk yourself to death, you can talk yourself to lack, hunger and emptiness. But you can also talk yourself into health, abundance and prosperity!

Proverb 4:23, ***"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life."***

Why do you need to keep sentry at the door of your heart? Because your heart will only reproduce for you what it has received. If your heart has received wrong information, it will only reproduce wrong in-

formation.

Matthew 12:34, ***"... out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."***

Your heart can only be a sure guide if it has been instructed by the Word of God. What enters into your heart is totally dependent on you. That's why you need to guard your heart diligently.

Contrary to what many people say, the devil can't force the wrong thoughts on you. Why? A bird can only fly over your head, it can't build a nest in there without your consent. So even if the devil tries to bring oppressive thoughts to your mind you can reject them and not dwell on them.

Confession doesn't have to be a labour. You're not trying to make yourself believe what God has said about you when you confess them. You believe it and so you confess it, and the more you confess it, the more you believe it and the more faith can rise in you, because your words will be impressed upon your spirit.

Some people shout, "I believe I receive; it's mine, it's mine!" until their jaw hurts, just because Satan is telling them something is not theirs.

You don't need to waste all that time on the devil, what you need to do is start praising God and thanking Him for what He's done.

Stop Talking Your Need, Speak God's Provision

Sometimes Christians have to realize that what we really need to do when we're in need is speak God's provision, instead of speaking the need. That's why you should not say, "I am sick." Instead you should say, "Father I thank You because I receive healing in the Name of Jesus. I am living in divine health in the Name of Jesus." If you have a need, go ahead and declare, "I have all that I need for a good life; all things are mine, glory to God! "

11 Authority of The Name of Jesus

The Name of Jesus is very vital to the Church, and there's a lot we ned to know about the Name of Jesus. When you understand what the Bible says about that Name, it would strengthen your faith, change your prayer life and affect your attitude to life forever.

With a knowledge of the Name comes a knowledge that you're master over circumstances and demons. More than ever before the Church needs to understand that we've been given a Name.

Remember Moses at the backside of the desert, at the burning bush where he first had an encounter with God.

God asked him, "Moses, what do you have in your hand?"

Moses answered and said, "A rod" (Exodus 4:2). But he could have said anything else.

What do you have? Some people will hold their Bible in their hands and still say, "Nothing." But Moses said, "A rod." That was what was in his hand, though he didn't have the faintest idea what God was about to do with it. Yet at the end of his encounter God told him to go work miracles with the rod.

We have something better than a rod! We have a Name, Hallelujah!

The Name Given To The Church

I am excited about the Name of Jesus, because it's not an ordinary name. It's not the name of a religious leader. Jesus is not a religious leader. He's more than a prophet. Some people have been taught that Jesus Christ is a great prophet; one of the greatest prophets, or even the greatest prophet. He's more than a prophet.

Acts 4:12, ***"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."***

There's only one Name given to the Church. All of God's power is in that Name. That Name is 'JESUS.' It will unlock every door and destroy any sickness. You may not be able to walk in your own

name, or in your family name but in the Name of Jesus you can do whatever you could not do before.

Someone says, "I've been a failure all my life. Everything I've put my hand into has failed."

Listen, you can succeed in that Name. You need to catch the revelation of the Name of Jesus.

The Name J-E-S-U-S as it is spelt and as it sounds is not the issue, sowhy is it the only Name given under heaven for the salvation of men? Now I want you to pay very close attention . In any country, whatever the name of the president is, it is always associated with him alone. No matter how many other people bear the same name, once you mention the name, the first person that comes to mind is the president. He is the only one who has authority at that point in time. For example, if you mention George Bush right now, the only person who comes to anyone's mind anywhere in the world is the President of the United States of America.

The Name 'Jesus' means 'Saviour.' The Greek word is 'Jesus,' the Hebrew is 'Joshua' or 'Yeshua.' So in the Hebrew language they didn't call Him Jesus, they called Him Joshua. The English version of His Name is Jesus. So the point is not how it is spelt or the sound of the Name, because in South America you even have people called Jesus.

You can't separate a man from his name. A man's name identifies him, and whatever authority the man has is invested in his name. So when you say, "I come in the Name of Jesus," you're talking about all of the authority that Jesus has.

He was the Lamb of God that was slain for the salvation of the world and He died and was buried. But God raised Him up and He went to heaven to receive glory. And when He had received that authority according to the Bible, He came back to His disciples where they were in the upper room. John records that the doors and windows being shut, He entered that room and appeared in their midst saying, ***"...Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"*** (John 20:21). Then He told them,

"...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations..." (Matthew 28:18-19).

When He said, "Teach all nations," He didn't mean, "Go and open the Bible before all nations." He meant to head them, to set the pace. He said, "Go set the pace for all nations." He was saying we should go show the world how to live the abundant life. Show them the way. ***"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to***

observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:...*"** (Verse 19-20). Then he said, ***"... and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Verse 20).

As soon as you catch the revelation that you're not alone, things will change in your life immediately. It wouldn't take any time. Someone came to Jesus one time and said, "Master, we believe You're a Teacher come from God, because nobody can do the miracles You do except God be with him" (John 3:2). This is the same Jesus we're following.

No wonder Jesus talked to a tree and it obeyed. He talked to bread and it multiplied. He called for a coin and a fish brought it up. Did you ever read that? (Matthew 17:27) He spoke to the 'boisterous wind and waves' and they calmed. He spoke to blind eyes and they opened up, deaf ears and they were unstopped. Even the lame who had no legs got up to walk. The lepers were cleansed when He touched them. When He spoke, even the dead heard Him, Hallelujah! A dead man was in the casket, on the way to the grave, and Jesus tapped the casket and said, "Young man, I say unto you arise"and the man they were taking to bury sat up (Luke 7:12-15). Hallelujah!

Lazarus had been dead and buried four days

in the grave, yet when Jesus called to him, Lazarus, come forth!" he that had been dead for four days came forth, still bound in his grave clothes (John 11:43, 44). He came hopping out of that grave at the voice of the Master! Hallelujah!

There's something about the Name of Jesus. At the sound of His Name, every knee bows; demons tremble, hell quakes. God has declared that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow. He has ordered all of creation to bow at the mention of His name.

On the mountain of transfiguration God declared from heaven, *"...This is my beloved son, in whom mi am well pleased; hear ye him"* (Matthew 17:5). God instructed all of nature to heed Jesus.

Power Over The Devil

Luke 10:19, ***"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."***

Jesus gave us power over all the power of the enemy. There are actually two words used to describe power in the Bible. They come from two Greek

words. The first one comes from the word 'dunamis' which means power or ability to cause changes.

We received 'dunamis,' the dynamic ability to cause changes, when we received the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said, ***"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth"*** (Acts 1:8).

This is inherent power. This power is in our spirit. But in Luke 10:19, Jesus referred to authority, and it's important for us to understand the authority that belongs us. All of God's power is vested in Jesus, and His Name works in the lips of the one who is born again. Authority is delegated power and it's from the Greek word 'Exousia.' It refers to the right to act for another. The extent of authority and how much it can accomplish is dependent on the power that backs it. It depends on the one giving you the right to act for him. Jesus said, ***"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"*** (Luke 10:19).

The two words are used here in this verse. We've been given delegated power over all the ability of the enemy. We've been given authority over

the devil and his cohorts. He didn't say over some of the power of the enemy but over 'ALL' of the power of the enemy, and He said, "Nothing shall by any means hurt you." It doesn't matter how the devil tries or through what means he tries to work it, we've been given authority over all his ability and there's nothing he can do about it.

The Name of Jesus has power over every disease, no matter what name the disease is called. God raised Jesus far above all names (Ephesians 1:22). Cancer is a name, fever is name, arthritis is a name; whatever has a name is subject to our power in the Name of Jesus! Thank God! There's nothing without a name. Even if its name is 'nothing,' that is still a name. A-L-L T-H-I-N-G-S are under the Name of Jesus!

If there's anything disturbing you, I want you to know you have sufficient power over it to send it away right now in the Name of Jesus. No matter how big or small.

Some years ago, during our annual campmeeting in 1985, while I was preaching, suddenly I began to feel something in my eye like a tiny grain of sand. I tried to take it out but it wouldn't go, so I went on preaching till the meeting ended.

It was a Saturday night session and I was

preaching a message titled, "Showdown with the devil." By the next day my eye had turned red, and it was watery and swelling gradually. I really didn't know what it was until someone walked over to me and said, "You have Apollo" (i.e. conjuctivitis). It was then I noticed several other people who looked the same.

That was my first experience. I had never known about 'Apollo.' "Oh my goodness," I said, "I didn't know what it was and it struck me like this. I could have done something if I had known what it was all that time I was rubbing my eye, thinking it was a grain of sand or dirt." I should have said, "Stop." I didn't know until someone called it Apollo. Well, I went into my room and I said, "In the Name of Jesus, you're not staying, I curse you by the roots; I command you to die and pass out of my eye." It cleared up about 2 days later.

The next year 'Apollo' arrived again and I started seeing some folks with red eyes. Some people when they came in contact with someone with those red, swollen and watery eyes, wouldn't dare look them in the eye. It's commonly reported that you could contract it by simply looking in the eyes of those already infected. It's very contagious. Well, I said, "In the Name of Jesus, I'm not contacting it this

time around." Many of those around me were infected, but I just said, "No way, not me." When I came to our fellowship meeting I saw some people who had contracted Apollo. Still I maintained I was not going to contract it, no matter how hard anyone looked at me with their infected eyes. Sure enough, I didn't. I said I couldn't have it and I didn't, and I haven't had it ever since, and I will never have it.

The Man With The Walking Aid

In 1986, we had a crusade in a certain town where we ministered to a lot of people. We had healing sessions in the afternoon, and in the night times we had open air meetings. Thousands of people came for these meetings. On Sunday afternoon, while preparing for the healing service, I looked through the window and I saw a man going into the hall, who was bowed over and couldn't walk. As I saw them take him into the hall, I prayed that he would receive his healing that afternoon.

Later while I was ministering (by then I had actually forgotten about him), I noticed he was sitting in the front row. I got to a certain point in the meeting when I told everybody to stand up. This man

had a walking aid with which he tried to get up. That was when I spotted him and remembered he was the one I had seen coming into the meeting earlier on. As he tried to get up, his aid fell and he tried to go for it. But I stepped on it and said, "Don't touch it." He had to sit back down at that point, because without the aid he couldn't stand. I asked him if he wanted to use the aid the rest of his life. He answered, "No!" At that point I reached out, pulled him up and said, "Walk in the Name of Jesus!"

What happened next was beautiful to behold. The man who was formerly bound over, straightened up and started walking, though shakily at first. After a few steps, he stopped shaking and started walking perfectly. I didn't even pray for him; I simply used the Name of Jesus. You couldn't hold the crowd back. Some of them knew the man before. There's power in the Name of Jesus!

Elephantiasis Healed

I also remember the case of a guy who came nto a meeting with two very big legs. They were the biggest legs I had ever seen in my life. I spoke to the legs in the Name of Jesus and commanded them to return to normal, and for whatever was causing the

swelling to come out. Right there it looked as though nothing had happened but I knew the man was healed. I then told him to walk the best way he could back to his seat. Three days later, some worms came out of his legs and they returned to normal. This man shared his testimony with many people. He also went back to the native doctor who had been treating him to share his testimony and to testify of the power in the Name of Jesus. The Name of Jesus works and it has power in the earth.

The Boy With The Devil

There was a young boy who was brought into a meeting we were holding. The people who brought him said he had been misbehaving in the hospital. By the time they brought him in we understood what they meant. He was kicking at everybody and was generally misbehaving. They had to hold him tightly to keep him still as he kept struggling. It was as though if they let go of him, he would jump unto the platform. I knew it was a demon because nobody in his right mind would do that. It had to be a devil. So I told them to leave him. When they took their hands off, I said to him, "Go on your knees in the Name of Jesus" and he went straight on his knees, just like that!

Those who brought him in were amazed. He was disciplined with the Name of Jesus. Then I spoke to the devil and commanded him to let go of the boy and come out of him in the Name of Jesus. And the boy was freed instantly.

There is power in the Name of Jesus. Hallelujah! That Name gives you the absolute mastery over the devil. What God's children need to do is understand the power behind the name, and how to apply that Name.

Jesus gave us the right to reign over devils, and the earlier we realize this, the better. As a child of God you don't need to seek the help of any 'demon specialist.' You speak to the devil in the Name of Jesus! Wake up to your power in the Name of Jesus!

12 Using The Name of Jesus

Acts 3:1-6, ***"Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."***

Peter knew he had a Name. He knew what it could do and, he knew how to use it. He said, *"…such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."* Oh! Never say you don't have anything, you have something. The Name of Jesus has

been given to you to use. Use it in every area of your life. Use it for the good of your world.

Making Demands In The Name of Jesus

John 14:13,14, ***"And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it."***

This is not prayer. A lot of folks have thought Jesus was talking about prayer. But He was talking about doing things. He said if you shall 'ask' anything in His Name, He will do it. In the Greek language, one of the synonyms for the word 'ask' is 'demand,' and that is the synonym used here. So in effect Jesus was talking about making demands in His Name.

What He is saying is that He would ensure it is done. He wants you to know there's enough power to back your demand. Deity is behind your demand. He is saying here, "Whatever you demand to be done in my Name, I'll ensure it's done." This isn't a prayer. It's not the same thing as prayer because Jesus taught us how to pray. This is a demand.

We can pray in the Name of Jesus, as well as

make demands in the Name of Jesus, but what He said we should do in John 14:14 is to make demands in His name.

A proper study will reveal this doesn't mean we're making a demand of the Father or of Jesus, but that He would back up our demand with His authority. You can't separate a man from his name. If his name did something, it means he did it. This is why we testify that the Lord Jesus still performs miracles today. Why? His Name causes them to happen.

This is what Peter did at the gate of the temple. He said, *"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk"* (Acts 3:6). He demanded of the man that he would rise up and walk. He didn't demand it of God. He didn't demand it of Jesus. He said, "In the Name Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." This is not prayer but a demand that the man should walk in the Name of Jesus. Later Peter testified that faith in the Name of Jesus made the man strong (Acts 3:16). This is actually what Jesus meant by "I will do it."

So we can make demands in the Name of Jesus. A lot of Christians suffer needlessly. You should make demands on your body. If you're not in good health, you can make a demand on your body to become well in the Name of Jesus.

Lady With A Tumor

I remember a certain lady who had a tumor. I told her to put her hand on the tumor and as she did, I pointed to the tumor and commanded it to leave in the Name of Jesus. As I said that, it moved. She actually felt it moved. I spoke to the tumor again, "In the Name of Jesus, you're not allowed to move around in her," and commanded it to come out of her body. And that was it. It disappeared. We can use the Name of Jesus.

Growth Bows To The Name of Jesus

There was a man who had a growth sticking out of his back. The growth was bigger than an egg. When I put my hand on it, it felt so big. But I commanded it to move in the Name of Jesus. It first went in and then came out. I actually felt it move. Then I spoke to it again to leave in the Name of Jesus and pushed it in, and it was gone. The place where the growth was formerly became flat; I could rub my palm against it. I tell you it was a miracle. The Name

of Jesus works. You have to use that Name.

The Name Draws Out Water

A certain brother shared his testimony with me. They hadn't had water running in their compound for a long time; actually for years. At that time he had just come to understand the use of the Name of Jesus. He went straight to the tap outside, laid hands on it and said, "I command water to come through this tap in the Name of Jesus!" And immediately water began to flow from the tap. You know, when you learn to see in the realm of the spirit, things become different. That guy just looked at the tap, and thought, *If I use this Name it will draw out water for me.* There's nothing the Name of Jesus can't do. Use it for YOU!

Working Miracles In The Name of Jesus

Mark 16:15-18, ***"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is Baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with tongues;***

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Who are the signs supposed to follow? Who should cast out devils and lay hands on the sick and speak with new tongues? Is it the evangelist or the Bishop or the Pope? Or only experienced Christians? Come off it! If this is the way you've been thinking, then you need to read Mark 16:15-18 again. The Word of God is a revelation. The signs shall follow them that believe - everyone who has confessed Jesus and believed on His Name; every Christian is qualified!

This isn't a promise. It sounds like one, but it isn't. Jesus is not promising us here that we will cast out devils and heal the sick. This is a declaration concerning the believer.

My question is this: If you can lay hands on the sick to heal them, how about your own body? If some other person's body will listen to you, of course your body will listen to you. You can speak to your body. You can lay your hands on your head and command it to be made whole.

Demons affect people in different ways. Sometimes devils frustrate people's businesses, their families, their finances, and their bodies too. But God wants us to know what belongs to us in Christ. He

wants us to know the exceeding greatness of His power toward those of us who believe. This power that is directed towards us is the same power He demonstrated in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and set Him on His own right hand in the heavenly realms.

And when God directed His power toward Jesus to raise Him up from the dead, He directed His power toward us at the same time. He raised us up together with Christ Jesus, far above principalities and power and might and dominion and every name that is named. No wonder the Bible says He has made us Kings and Priests unto His Father (Revelation 1:6).

13 Dominion Over Diseases

There're two major things that are prominent in the life of a Christian: dominion and worship. The life of dominion implies that you're reigning, dictating the circumstances of your life through Jesus Christ.

Dominion Restored

Man was created to have dominion. Before the fall, Adam exercised total dominion over the rest of God's creation.

Genesis 1:28, ***"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."***

Psalm 8:4-6, ***"What is man, that thou art mind-***

ful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet:"

It's because of this that after the Fall, you still see man being able to tame all kinds of animals. In fact, the Bible testifies that there's no animal that hasn't been tamed by man (James 3:7).

I remember some years ago I was going home after a meeting that ended in the night. As I was walking round a corner, suddenly three fierce-looking dogs charged towards me. There was no way I could outrun those huge dogs, but suddenly an idea came to me and I braced up and shouted, "Sit down!" Down went all three dogs immediately. I mean, they all sat down. Of course, I hurried out of there before they had enough sense to get up again!

But what really got my attention was the way those three fierce-looking dogs obeyed me. I had pushed a button, and though I didn't understand how it worked at that time, it worked for me. That was the dominion of the human spirit, but I didn't understand it then.

The human spirit has dominion, but sin gained dominion over man when he disobeyed God and from

then death reigned over man. But praise God, Jesus came and defeated death, and now death no longer reigns over us.

1 Corinthians 15:26, ***"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."***

Death has already been defeated, and it shall be destroyed at the Second Coming of Jesus. At His first coming Jesus tasted death for every man. He defeated the devil and took from him the keys of hell and death.

Hebrews 2:14-15, ***"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."***

Revelations 1: 17b, 18, ***"...And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."***

We were held in bondage but now we've been delivered. Jesus was delivered to death for our own liberty. He died that He might destroy the one who had the power of death. The word 'destroy' means, 'paralyze.' Thus He paralyzed him that had the power

of death, that is, the devil. 1 John 3:8b says, "*For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*" Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil and restore dominion to man.

Romans 6:9-11, ***"Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."***

If death doesn't have dominion over Him anymore, it sure doesn't have dominion over us anymore. Because when He died, we died with Him. When He was raised we were raised together with Him. And now we live in newness of life and reign with Him. Look at Verse 14, ***"For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace."*** Hallelujah! Sin has lost its dominion over us forever!

Sin shall not have dominion over your spirit, your mind and your body. If the effects of sin went beyond our spirits, to our souls and bodies, in the same way its effects over our spirits, souls and bodies have been removed.

This doesn't refer only to the mere acts of sin.

For example incipient death (sickness) came because of sin and death also came because of sin. Failure came because of sin. All of these negative things came because of sin. And it's because of sin that Satan began to lord it over man. So when the Word of God says, "Sin shall not have dominion over you," it means the nature of sin and all of the effects of sin shall not have dominion over you.

Sickness becomes a thing of the past when you're born again. Our terms change. Talking about Zion, Isaiah said, ***"And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity"*** (Isaiah 33:24). We are the inhabitants of Zion, that's our origin. We have been forgiven our iniquity and we do not say, "I am sick," not because we don't want to say it, or because we don't feel like, or because we want to withdraw from saying it, or because we're afraid to say it. The reason is that it's no longer a part of our lives.

Dominion has been restored; we should no longer confess the dominion of the devil by declaring we're sick, rather, we're to speak God's Word that declares our healing and health.

The Spirit of Dominion

2 Timothy 1:7, ***"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."***

God has given unto us the spirit of power, the spirit of dominion. We have to realize this and let the spirit of dominion arise in us. We would learn to accept only what we want and refuse anything that isn't for our good.

There're many things that could sometimes overwhelm us and make us wonder what to do. But, if you pray in the Spirit and study the Word of God, you become more conscious of the spirit realm, and in that realm nothing is impossible.

I remember Smith Wiggleworth's story. A woman had just died and he was told it was no use praying for her. But he insisted he was going to pray. They wanted to bury her but Smith refused and went ahead to pray. He prayed for a long time and he said as he prayed it seemed like God would say no. The more he prayed the more it seemed like God would say no. Someone even told him to forget it, but he kept on praying. The Bible tells us that the promises of God in Christ are yes and in Him Amen (2 Corinthians 1:20).

When you pray and it seems like no answer is forth coming, find out from the Word of God what you're doing wrong. Find out why you didn't get the answer. Sometimes people have lost what they shouldn't just because they didn't insist long enough. When Smith Wigglesworth was praying, for a while he said it was as though God would say no, but he kept on praying. And as he went on praying suddenly he was awakened to the realm of the spirit. His heart gained the supremacy, and he said, "Yes! Yes! Yes! She's alive!" Then he carried the woman, stood her up straight against the wall, and said, "In the Name of Jesus, I command you to walk!" Immediately the woman started to walk. Oh, it pays to pray! Impossibilities become possible when you pray. Later, he talked about the Spirit of dominion that is awakened in our human spirit as we set our hearts on the Word of God.

I was told about a certain woman. She was a Pastor's wife and she had been told that her husband had died. A doctor had come in and had certified him dead, but she refused to give up praying. After she had prayed for a while she got up from her praying position and walked to the corpse. Her husband had been a hefty man, so naturally she couldn't have carried him. But she picked him up and stood him up,

and he stood as straight as a rod. Very simply, she commanded him to come alive in the Name of Jesus Christ, and instantly his body became warm and he opened his eyes. That is operating the Spirit of dominion. When God raised us up together with Christ, He put all things under our feet, so we can reign over all things.

Ephesians 2:4-7, ***"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."***

We were raised up together with Him, and made to sit on the throne together with Him. Now we are seated with Him in the position of authority from where we reign forever more, not only in this age but also in the age to come. We've been called to a life of dominion and worship. Don't let anything but the Word of God dictate the circumstances of your life.

Reigning Over Sickness

Romans 5:17, ***"For if by one man's offence 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.)"***

This means they shall have dominion. You can't reign without dominion.

They that have received of the free gift of righteousness shall reign in life by Jesus Christ. How shall we reign in life?

1 Corinthians 15:24,25, ***"Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet."***

Already we know that Jesus has subdued all powers, and has absolute authority in three worlds. But the truth of it is that He can't exercise this power all by Himself anymore because He already delegated this authority to us.

Right now, bodily, He is seated in heaven, but this Scripture (1 Corinthians 15: 24,25) says he must reign. So how is He reigning today? Through His body, the Church. He is reigning through you and me over all the powers of darkness, over sicknesses,

infirmities and circumstances.

Psalm 149:5-9, ***"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a twoedged sword in their hand; To execute vengeance upon the heathen, and punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the Lord."***

The devil and his cohorts are those referred to as kings and nobles here. They're already judged and defeated. The saints are to execute this judgment and enforce their defeat.

Isaiah 49:8-9, ***"Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages; That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places."***

This is talking about us. This is reigning. God has given us as a covenant to the people. Those that are in prison and are in darkness are those whom the devil has bound, and we're the ones to free them from

the hold of the devil. We've been ordained to reign in life. Jesus is reigning through us in the earth, Hallelujah!

14 The Influence of The Word Of God

God ministers to us through His Word. You have to understand the Word of God and become conscious of the truth that the Word of God is a Person.

The Lord Jesus said, ***"It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life"*** (John 6:63). The words of Jesus contain life; they are life. His words contain the essence of God. The Word of God proceeds from God; hence it carries with it the essence of God. It carries with it the power and the ability of God, hence, it can overcome any situation or obstacle. It carries with it the capacity to influence our lives, our bodies, anything that concerns us.

1 John 5:4, ***"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that***

overcometh the world, even our faith."

To overcome the world you have to overcome the god of this world and the system he has set up. The word used is 'whatsoever' not 'whosoever.' 'Whosoever' refers to a person. 'Whatsoever' means anything that proceeds from God. It could be a word or a statement. Anything that originates from God overcomes the devil. You can take God's Word and speak it out. Just a sentence is enough to paralyze the wicked one. This is why it's important for us to learn God's Word for ourselves. Then we can insist on what is ours, and reject any thing outside of God's plan for us. We need to have a personal revelation of God.

Sow The Word Into Your Heart

Mark 4:26-29, ***"And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."***

What was the man's responsibility? To sow the

seed. How it was to grow up was not his business. The soil has been perfectly fashioned to cause growth when you sow your seed into it. So is the heart of man. It is the right environment for the Word of God to be sown. If you sow God's Word into your heart it would produce results. The pages of paper are not the right environment for it to produce results.

The Word of God can't heal anybody from the pages of a book. It wouldn't work when you keep it under your pillow or in your library. But when the Word of God is taken from those pages and sown in the human heart it will produce results of what it talks about. If it talks of healing it will produce healing. If it talks about prosperity, it will produce prosperity. It will give you strength if it talks about strength. If it talks about eternal life, the man who is hearing and receiving it will receive eternal life. This is the way the Word works. You don't have to 'do' anything about it. All you have to do is keep hearing it, receive into your heart and keep it in there, and soon enough, it will produce results.

Proverbs 4:20-22, ***"My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 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 is God speaking to us to have a strong desire and motivation for His Word. Expose your heart to His Word always. When you do so it will influence the condition of your body and bring health to it. Another word for 'health' is 'medicine.' God's Word is medicine; it brings health and healing to your body.

He Sent His Word And Healed Them

In Psalm 107 the Bible teaches us something very significant; it lets us know why people are sometimes afflicted.

Psalm 107:17-20, ***"Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."***

God heals by His Word. He sent His Word and healed them. Sickness is sure an affliction. It causes people to lose their appetite; it deprives them of the right to their food. But the Word of God can pull a man out of this situation.

Note that the Bible didn't say He stretched forth His hand and healed them, but that He sent His Word and healed them, Hallelujah! Sometimes people pray to God to stretch forth His hand and cause something to happen. But they don't know what God's outstretched arm is. His outstretched arm is His Word. And He's already given His Word to us.

How did Jesus heal? By His Word. He spoke to the man who was sick of the palsy, "Arise, take up your bed and walk" (Matthew 9:6). To the dead young girl, "Talitha cumi," meaning, "Young girl, arise" (Mark 5:41). To Lazarus, He commanded, "Come forth!" (John 14:4). The Roman centurion told Him to speak the Word only and his servant would be made whole (Matthew 8:8). Even the yet unconverted Peter, recognizing the power in His Word, said, "…at thy Word…" (Luke 5:5).

God heals by His Word, and the more you expose yourself to the right teaching of the Word, the less you find yourself requiring healing, because health is maintained in your body (Proverbs 4:20-22).

Some Christians are very sick and they can't understand why. A woman went for a meeting. She had polio; it had gotten so bad she couldn't use her legs and hands anymore. She also had a child of about 6 years who had polio. There was a meeting going

on and the husband took them both in to be healed. During the prayer session, the 6-year-old daughter jumped off her mother's laps and started running. She was healed instantly.

Interestingly though, the woman was not healed. The minister talked to her about receiving healing and letting her know she could have been healed just like her daughter.

"Oh", she said, "I believe God will do it sometime."

About 4 years later, after she had been listening for a while to some tapes on healing by a minister, she was healed. But she could have been healed all that time four years earlier. Four years later she got healed because she could now see herself healed through the Word.

The Word Brings Faith

2 Corinthians 5:7, ***"(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"***

This is what the Word declares about us. We don't try to walk by faith, we are those that walk by faith.

Romans 10:17, ***"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."***

The Word of God brings faith. And faith is such a vital part of our lives, because without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

Paul was preaching at a city called Lystra, and there sat a certain man who was impotent in his feet, sitting on the ground just before him (Acts 14:7-10). Only God knows how folded his legs must have been. He had no power in his feet and he couldn't walk without aid, being crippled from his mother's womb. But he listened to Paul as he preached the gospel of the Name of Jesus.

Acts 14:9-10, ***"The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed, Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked."***

This man was already about 40 years old, and had never walked all his life. I can imagine Paul must have been preaching from the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 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" **(Isaiah 53:4-5).**

And immediately the man responded to the message, faith was stirred up in his heart. Paul look-

ing at him perceived that he had faith to be healed.

Faith came to him when he heard the gospel. Paul didn't even have to pray for him. No formality, no ceremony, just preaching a gospel about Jesus and telling everybody there's life in His Name. He was already telling them there's salvation, healing, health e.t.c in that Name. He must have been telling them to do whatever they couldn't do before, and the crippled man responded, "Yes, I can now walk in the Name of Jesus!" Faith comes by hearing, and hearing or walking or seeing by the Word of God.

But do you know that every bona-fide child of God has faith?

The Bible says in Romans 12:3 that ***"...God hath dealt to every man the measure of*** **faith."** If God has dealt to us the measure of faith, then the unconverted doesn't have it.

Faith is the response of the human spirit to the Word of God. Faith can't be understood by the senses. This is the reason when you study all the dictionaries of the world you can't find a proper definition of faith, because the men of the senses don't know what faith is.

God has given to each of us the measure of faith. And as we study the Word of God and open our hearts to it, our faith is further built up. This is

why it's important for us to be rightly taught the Word of God.

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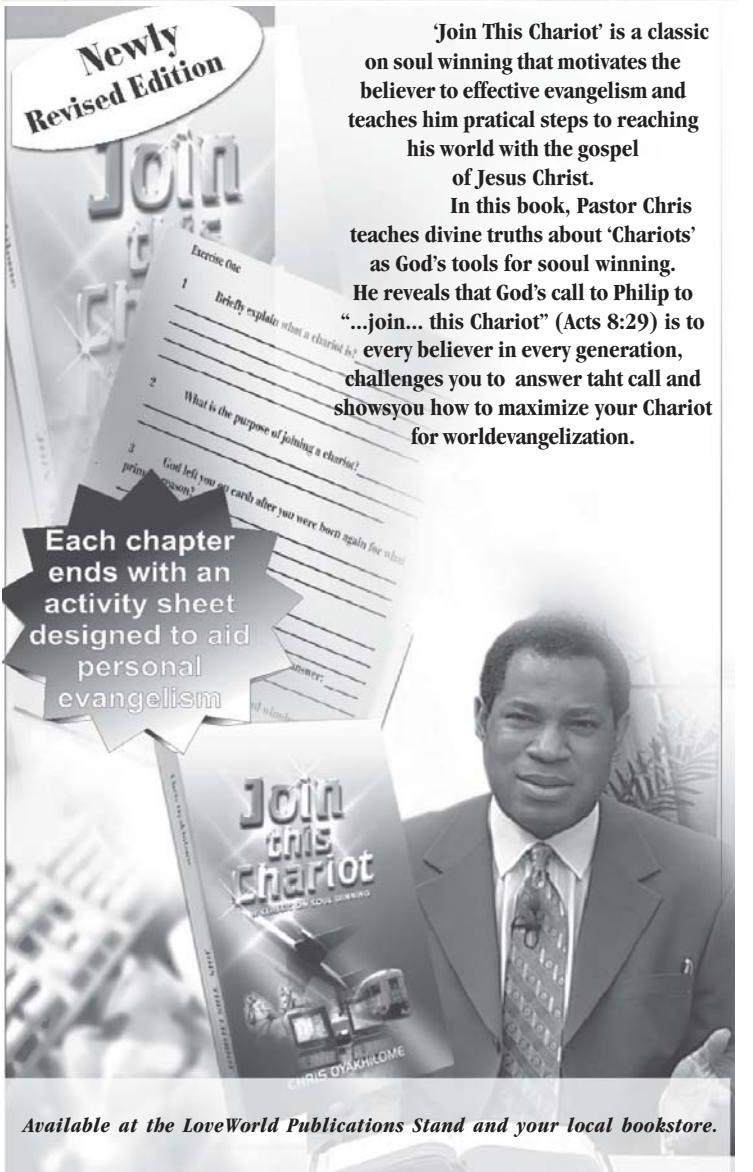
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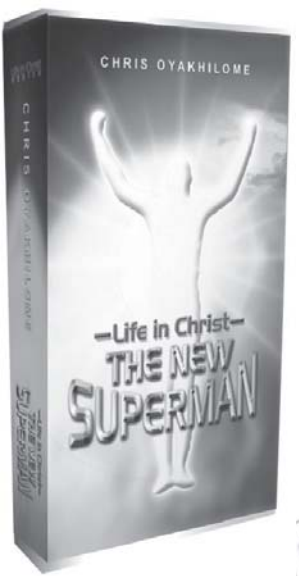
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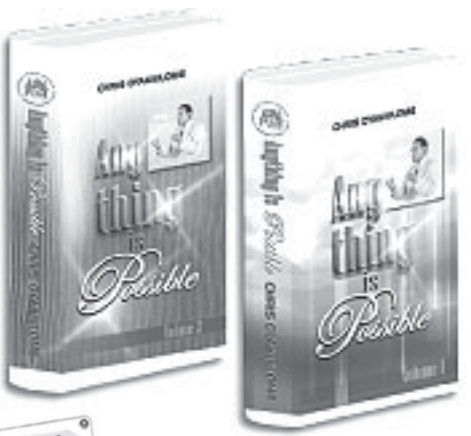
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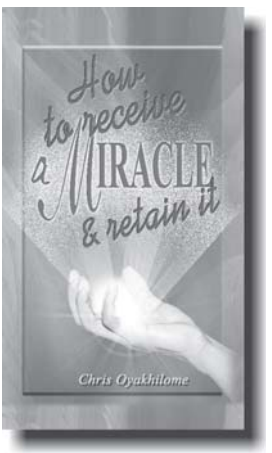
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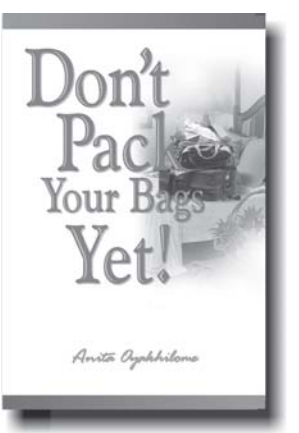


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