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Introduction

Something supernatural must happen to each and every one of us. We must be spiritually born with the Holy Spirit inside of us. In this book I am going to show you the biblical way of salvation. For many Christians, their life long goal is to become more like Christ. However to live life the way God wants us to is impossible without the indwelling presence of His Holy Spirit. This means that good works, self improvement and self effort is useless with regard to receiving salvation. Firstly there must be a hunger and thirst for righteousness and a godly sorrow that would lead to confession of sins which would lead to repentance and receiving Jesus as Savior which result in the new birth and transformation. But the wonderful journey of salvation does not end after being set free and born again in the Spirit; this is only the beginning of Faith. The new born believer will be crossing the stormy sea in a boat with Jesus and will also be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The mature disciple will then put on the full armor of God and be able to do the same things Jesus did.

John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

If you want to become like Christ, the place to begin is self-denial. This old flesh of ours is born with selfishness and a sin nature. We are not meant to rule ourselves. The only way we can experience our full potential in

Christ is by inner transformation, that is, the new birth within. The term "new birth" or being "born again" is preached in many other terms like transformation, conversion, change of mind, renewal, surrender, the turning point ect. It is impossible to develop a godly character and behavior without the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence. The Holy Spirit wants to lead us into obedience to God, but our flesh desires its own way (Gal. 5:17) God promises that if we'll walk by the Spirit, letting Him lead the way, we won't carry out the desires of the flesh (Gal. 5:16).

Firstly, I want to introduce the following names in Hebrew, God's Holy language:

Yehoshua/Yeshua(abbreviation) that is Jesus, the name of our Lord and two or three other Israelites such as Joshua and Isaiah. The original name of Joshua was Hoshea (הוֹשֵׁע) meaning salvation/deliverance), which was changed by Moses into Jehoshua (יְהוֹשָׁע, Jehovah is his salvation) Also the Israelite name Isaiah/Jesaiah (יְשִׁעְיָה , meaning deliverance of Jehovah

Jehovah is translated as God or Lord (Hebrew = יהוה YHWH, meaning I will exist or I shall be (prophetically refer to Jesus LITTERALY "HAND-BEHOLD-NAIL-BEHOLD" in original ancient Hebrew pictograph letters)

Messiah Is translated as Christ (meaning anointed, a translation of the Hebrew word מָשִׁים)

NO PARTIALITY IN JUDGEMENT

Many Christians are looking to their pastors and leaders to take strong stands on all types of issues with no compromise. The Church may lose a few people at the outset for offending them, but the word will then get out that we are preachers that will not compromise the truth and Word of God, and we will then end up drawing more people to enter the Kingdom of God as a result.

The verses below state that the true wise man of God will not show partiality in judgment on topics such as these, especially if you are in a position of counseling or leadership within the Body of Christ.

Proverbs 24:23 "These things also belong to the wise: IT IS NOT GOOD TO SHOW PARTIALITY IN JUDGMENT. He who says to the wicked, "You are righteous," him the people will curse; nations will abhor him. But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and good blessing will come upon them. He who gives a right answer kisses the lips."

Proverbs 28:21,23 "TO SHOW PARTIALITY IS NOT GOOD, because for a piece of bread a man will transgress ... He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue."

Romans 2:11 For God shows no partiality.

We are working for God, not for man. The only thing that matters is that we speak God's Truth as leaders within His body, and not what the people want to hear. Study the prophets of the Old Testament – not one of them used any mixed words of comfort counseling when God had them to call out the evil that His people were engaging in.

2Timothy 4:3 The time will come when people will not listen to the true teaching. But people will find more and more teachers who please them. They will find teachers who say what they want to hear.

Jeremiah 23:16 Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. 17 They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'"

Jeremiah 23:22 But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds.

Many church goers are going into captivity and are being destroyed for lack of knowledge and guidance from their pastors and counselors. The truth will set these people free – but we first have to tell them what

the truth really is before it can start to work to set them free.

Firstly, the Gospel of Repentance saves souls and the Gospel of Grace keeps them. Yet we hear both in church so the church goers can leave with a satisfying conscious about their relationship with God. The word "saved" does not mean a person convert their religion to Christianity; neither does it mean to truly "know" Jesus died on the Cross for your sins. To be saved means to be truly converted by sorrow and repentance to receive Christ as your Savior. In other words to be born-again and received the Holy Spirit so you can now life the new life with Christ in you.

DRAWING THE SINNER TO JESUS

Once the Holy Spirit starts to move in an effort to try and get someone to accept Jesus, something very profound will start to happen next. The Bible tells us that one of the main jobs of the Holy Spirit is to bring "conviction" to the sinner.

God the Father will draw the sinner to Jesus through the Holy Spirit. The verse below specifically tell us that no one can come to Jesus to receive His gift of eternal salvation unless God the Father first starts to draw that person to Him. And how does God actually "draw" this sinner to Jesus? We will be looking at some verses that show us exactly what is occurring when God starts to move in on someone in an effort to try and get them saved and set free from their bondage.

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.

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

Matthew 5:6 Blessed *are* they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

My dear friend as much as I want to approach you with the great love of God, I want to, at the same time, open up your heart for the conviction of the Holy Spirit, all for the sake of your salvation. For this reason I don't even give a list of sinful deeds, not even the most gruesome sins such as rape, homosexuality, mass murder or a list of witchcraft as in the New Testament. Please bear with me through this chapter. This book is not meant to condemn people, but to open up their hearts to receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour.

Micah 3:8 But as for me, I am filled with power, with the Spirit of the LORD, and with justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgression and to Israel his sin.

2 Corinthians 7:8 For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. 9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us. 10 For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

What this means is that we cannot begin to accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour unless we can see and realize that we are truly sinners in need of a Saviour. If we cannot see and admit that we are truly sinners, then a person will not be able to see the need to accept what Jesus did for him when He died on the cross.

John 16:6 But you are filled with sadness because I have told you all this. 7 Let me assure you, it is better for you that I go away. I say this because when I go away I will send the Helper to you. But if I did not go, the Helper would not come. 8 "When the Helper comes, he will show the people of the world how wrong they are about sin, about being right with God, and about judgment. 9 He will prove that they are guilty of sin, because they don't believe in me. 10 He will show them how wrong they are about how to be right with God. The Helper will do this, because I am going to the Father. You will not see me then. 11 And he will show them how wrong their judgment is, because their leader has already been condemned. 12 "I have so much more to tell you, but it is too much for you to accept now. 13 But when the Spirit of truth comes, he will lead you into all truth. He will not speak his own words. He will speak only what he hears and will tell you what will happen in the future. 14 The Spirit of truth will bring glory to me by telling you what he receives from me. 15 All that the Father has is mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will tell you what he receives from me. 16 "After a short time you won't see me. Then after another short time you will see me again." 17 Some of the followers said to each other, "What does he mean when he says, 'After a short time you won't see me. Then after another short time you will see me again'? And what does he mean when he says,

'Because I am going to the Father'?" 18 They also asked, "What does he mean by 'a short time'? We don't understand what he is saying." 19 Jesus saw that the followers wanted to ask him about this. So he said to them, "Are you asking each other what I meant when I said, 'After a short time you won't see me. Then after another short time you will see me again'? 20 The truth is, you will cry and be sad, but the world will be happy. You will be sad, but then your sadness will change to happiness. 21 "When a woman gives birth to a baby, she has pain, because her time has come. But when her baby is born, she forgets the pain. She forgets because she is so happy that a child has been born into the world. 22 It is the same with you. Now you are sad, but I will see you again, and you will be happy. You will have a joy that no one can take away. 23 In that day you will not have to ask me about anything. And I assure you, my Father will give you anything you ask him for in my name. 24 You have never asked for anything in this way before. But ask in my name, and you will receive. And you will have the fullest joy possible. 25"I have told you these things, using words that hide the meaning. But the time will come when I will not use words like that to tell you things. I will speak to you in plain words about the Father.

It is the work of the Holy Spirit to open up that person's mind and heart. Once that person's mind and heart has

been properly opened up – then the Holy Spirit can start to work with them to show them that they are truly a sinner, and that there is no saving grace for them in the natural sinful state in which they were born into this world with.

The Bible is emphatically clear that every single one of us, with no exceptions, has been born into this world in sin and in iniquity. In other words, we have all been born into this world from our mother's womb with a sin nature ingrained in us.

Although we are clothed with the flesh by our mothers, we have the sin nature from our earthly fathers. Also for this reason a Jew must have a Jewish father to be a Jew. We know Jesus was the adopted son of Joseph from the tribe of Judah. (Heb 7:14) As a result, we know Jesus was born sinless and that God is His Father and He is the righteous Son of God, made in the image of God. Jesus was born from God clothed with the flesh from His mother, a Jewish Levite. (Luke1:5&36) So we know the body of Jesus served as the temple of God and He is our High Priest. (Heb 5:10)

The Bible says that all men and all women have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God. Now because of this sinful state and nature that we have all been born into this world with, it now becomes the work of the Holy Spirit to enlighten us and to show us the real truth of the matter.

The Holy Spirit will now start to **convict** the sinner. He will show the person what a sinner they have been all of their life. He will show and point out certain sins of their past and present and how these sins and behaviors are totally unacceptable in the eyes of God the Father. He will also show them how powerless and helpless they really are in their natural state and that they are not able to pull themselves out of their sinful state by self effort.

Once you begin to see what a hopeless and miserable sinner you really are and that you do not have the power or capacity within your own being to change yourself for the better, then you will become open to receiving the truth of the Gospel.

Once you fully see and realize that you have been born into this world as a sinner and that you have been living all of your life as a sinner, then you will be ready to accept God's free gift of eternal salvation through His Son Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on that cross. Then you will see that it is the grace, mercy, love, and goodness of God and Jesus that will save you from yourself and set you free from your sinful state.

You will see that God the Father is now willing to grant you a pardon and make a way of escape for you from the eventual fires of a real, live, living hell if you are willing to believe on His Son Jesus Christ and His death on the cross. No matter what has happened to you in your past, no matter how many sins you may have committed, and no matter how bad and how vile some of those sins may have been, any kind and all kinds of sins – God can fully forgive you of all of your sins. Whoever you are, if you have some bad addiction as a stronghold over you, Jesus can set you free.

The following powerful Bible verses is showing us that we have all been born into this world as corrupt sinners – and that having true sorrow and a repentant heart will be the key to being able to receive God's gift of eternal salvation through His Son Jesus Christ and lead you to be become born again.

2 Corinthians 7:10 "For godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation ..."

Acts 3:19 "Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."

Luke 13:5 "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

Psalms 51:5 "Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin my mother conceived me."

Romans 3:23 "... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God ..."

Romans 3:10 As it is written: "There is none righteous, no not one ..."

Isaiah 64:6 "But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind ..."

Now I am sharing the truth of His Word with you: it's the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ that He washed all their sins away on the Cross, all your sins forever, your past, present and even your future all your sins from the day you become a born-again believer.

FIRST SEEK THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Jesus said we must first seek the kingdom of God, then all other things we need will be given to us also (Matthew 6:31-33). So what are we praying for? Are we actually praying for all kinds of things to be added or given to us or are we instead praying to receive the kingdom first? But what is the kingdom? My friend, the Kingdom of God is peace, righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17) The Kingdom of God is the Presence of the Holy Spirit ruling within you.

Luke 17:20 And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Revelation 11:15 Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.

My friend this happens to a person the day he/she becomes born-again. This is the day the Holy Spirit come to live inside of you. This happens the day you receive Jesus, the day of your salvation, the day you are saved. So now I am asking you if you have been saved. The word of God teaches throughout about self-righteousness not qualifying for salvation. If you say that as long as you can remember you have been a good person, then unfortunately I have to say this: by being righteous we cannot be saved, even if you say that you've kept the commandments, it will not qualify for salvation, otherwise you are saying that Jesus needed not to pay for your sins because you've managed to keep the commandments yourself:

Titus 3:5 "Not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of His mercy, He gave us salvation, through the washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit,"

My friend this is the truth, Jesus came only for sinners not righteous people and the only way to God the Father is through Jesus. Without the Grace of Jesus Christ we cannot go to the Father. My friend you cannot

say to Jesus one day that He knows you have been good. We must confess that we are sinners, have sorrow, confess to Jesus and repent. The Lord wants a broken heart, a heart that needs mercy and salvation. Search your heart. Have you become a new person when you came to faith in Jesus? The Word of God teaches that a person who received Jesus Christ as his Savior is a new person, the old person is crucified. The difference in a saved person is like day from night, like light from darkness. If you have been the same person since you can remember or if you say that you've become older and therefore becoming a better person or even if you are a priest, even if you are a church member, even if you run a charity, the Word of God clearly teaches that the only way to salvation is by Grace through faith in Jesus Christ. If you are not sure of your salvation now, this moment, please don't wait to see what will happen at judgment day, for the day the Lord will return the reward will be given to those who have faith, and judgment to those who did not believe while they lived, faith has 100% assurance of salvation. If you have not this assurance, if you don't know the day that Jesus saved you, the day you became a new person in Christ please call upon the Lord Jesus Christ

Galatians 5:24 And those who are Christ's have put to death on the cross the flesh with its passions and its evil desires.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Before we can go further there is one very important thing that must be dealt with first and that is the subject of un-forgiveness.

UNFORGIVENESS

Unforgiveness is a trap the devil uses to hold any person in captivity! As a result the person never seems to reach God or receive forgiveness for their sins for once and for all. Therefore it is the very first step to receiving deliverance and forgiveness of our own sins.

Forgiveness for another person's trespasses is the very first thing God requires from us before we come to Him for forgiveness of OUR sins. When a person hates someone else the devil already has a stronghold that holds the unforgiving person in captivity. The following Bible verses show how we can be trapped by unforgiveness.

Matthew 6:14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

1John 4:20 If anyone claims, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how is it possible *for him* to love God whom he has not seen? 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God should love his brother also.

Leviticus 19:17 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, **lest you incur sin because of him.**

2Corintians 2:10 And to whom you forgive anything, I also *forgive*; for if indeed I have forgiven anything, *the* one whom I have forgiven, *I have done so* for your sakes in the presence of Christ,11 lest we be taken advantage of by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

According to the verses above unforgiveness is an actual device or stronghold of satan. The devil uses people to get us to hate them for what he has done to us:

Ephesians 6:12 For our fight is <u>not against</u> <u>flesh and blood</u>, but against authorities and powers, against the world-rulers of this dark night, against the spirits of evil in the heavens.

1John 3:15 Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

The words: "I forgave, but I will never forget" Make sure you have forgiven:

Jesus in HEBREWS 8:12 "For I will be merciful regarding their wrong deeds, and I will never again remember their sins."

Remember the words of Jesus on the cross "Father forgive them for they don't know what they do". Jesus asked God to forgive the people, before his death. This is also a part of the blueprint of our salvation and our old man being crucified with Christ. We MUST FIRST FORGIVE to be forgiven. Break yourself loose from the trap of unforgiveness with this powerful prayer to forgive:

- 1. Go on your knees and pray for those people by their names (very important to say their names, each one)
- 2. Ask God to forgive all their sins and to forgive them (name) for what they have done to you
- 3. Ask God to make you love them(name) then ask God to bless the person
- 4 Ask God to change their(name) hearts so they will not heart you again
- 5. Now, ask the Lord to help you to never ever think of their(name) wrong doings again.

PRAY THIS ALL in JESUS NAME

God will answer this prayer, because in God's eyes LOVE is the biggest Commandment. Do this prayer and see how God reaches out to you. If for any reason you find it difficult to say this prayer or start shaking then I urgently need you to ask someone to pray this for and

with you to be released. If there is more than one person who did you wrong in the past please do a prayer for each of them saying their names to the Lord. I was not aware of the hate I still carried against other people. This prayer was very difficult for me. I was really struggling, but after this prayer I was finally released and the Lord changed my heart and feelings toward them. Not long after this the Lord forgave all my sins, forever, I was born again, only to realize afterwards that the Lord placed that instruction to forgive those people. GLORY TO GOD OUR FATHER FOREVER AND EVER! AMEN

BE FREED FROM THE SLAVERY OF SIN & ADDICTION

Have you ever reached that point in your life where you developed such hate for sin that you want to ask the Lord Jesus to take your life, or maybe you are struggling with an addiction, maybe you have some habit that no one knows about? You don't want to do it but you keep on doing it and for the first time in your life you realize where you are going to end up one day.

The following Bible verses powerfully explains the need to be saved, born-again and set free.

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly I say to you, that everyone that practices sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not remain in the house forever, but a son remains forever. 36 Therefore if the Son sets you free, you will be truly free.

Galatians 5:19 The wrong things the sinful self does are clear: committing sexual sin, being morally bad, doing all kinds of shameful things, 20 worshiping false gods, taking part in witchcraft, hating people, causing trouble, being jealous, angry or selfish, causing people to argue and divide into separate groups, 21 being filled with envy, getting drunk, having wild parties, and doing other things like this. I

warn you now as I warned you before: The people who do these things will not have a part in God's kingdom.

Romans 6:1 What may we say, then? are we to go on in sin so that there may be more grace?2 In no way. How may we, who are dead to sin, be living in it any longer?3 Or are you without the knowledge that all we who had baptism into Christ Jesus, had baptism into his death?4 We have been placed with him among the dead through baptism into death: so that as Christ came again from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, in the same way, might be living in new life.

Romans 8:7 Why is this true? Because anyone whose thinking is controlled by their sinful self is against God. They refuse to obey God's law. And really they are not able to obey it. 8 Those who are ruled by their sinful selves cannot please God.9 But you are not ruled by your sinful selves. You are ruled by the Spirit, if that Spirit of God really lives in you. But whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ.

1John 3:24 Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us

1John 2:3 Now by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.4 He who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not

in him.5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.6 He who claims to abide in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.6 Everyone who abides in Him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen Him nor has he known Him.7 Little children, let no one deceive you. The *one* who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.8 He who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this *reason* the Son of God appeared, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

WHEN AND HOW ARE WE BORN AGAIN?

All people are first born sinners, we are not born saved people, for this reason we must be born again:

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 4 Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

1Jonn 3:9 No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in Him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

At some point in life a person is born again when he comes to faith in Jesus and what He did on the Cross, while the person is still living a sinful life but reaches a grieving repentant state:

Romans 5:8 " But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us"

John 7:38 If anyone believes in me, rivers of living water will flow out from their heart. That is what the Scriptures say." 39 Jesus was talking about the Spirit. The Spirit had not yet been given to people, because Jesus had not yet been raised to glory. But later, those who believed in Jesus would receive the Spirit.

Paul came to faith while he was still a sinner. Paul did not receive the Holy Spirit at the day of Pentecost that happened long before he went to Damascus. Confrontation brings transformation. In other words the man of sin must be exposed and confronted. This happened to Paul that day on his way to Damascus, when he had that personal encounter with Jesus. For a person to be born-again in the Spirit, he must first be convinced (convicted by the Holy Spirit) that he is a sinner by hearing and believing the word of God. The following Bile verses and parables remarkably refer to the new birth that must take place within a person:

Jesus in John 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and will remind you of all things which I said to you.

John 16:7 "But what I am saying is true: my going is for your good: for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And he, when he comes, will make the world conscious of sin, and of righteousness, and of being judged: 9 Of sin, because they have not faith in me;"

- John 16:20 I tell you for certain that you will cry and be sad, but the world will be happy. You will be sad, but later you will be happy.21 When a woman is about to give birth, she is in great pain. But after it is all over, she forgets the pain and is happy, because she has brought a child into the world.
- **1John 3:24** And the *one* who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him. And by this we know that He abides in us, from the Spirit whom He gave us.
- 1John 2:3 Now by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.4 He who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.6 He who claims to abide in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked.
- **1John 3:6** Everyone who abides in Him does not sin; everyone who sins has not seen Him nor has he known Him 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. The *one* who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous.8 He who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this *reason* the Son of God appeared, that He might destroy the works of the devil.
- **1Jonn 3:9** No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in Him;

and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

1John 3:10 By this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Everyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

1John 4:13 And His Spirit which He has given us is the witness that we are in Him and He is in us.

1John 5:1 Everyone who has faith that Jesus is the Christ is a child of God: and everyone who has love for the Father has love for his child.2 In this way, we are certain that we have love for the children of God, when we have love for God and keep his laws.

Ezekiel 36:27 I will put my Spirit inside you and change you so that you will obey my laws. You will carefully obey my commands.

Zechariah 4:6 He said, "This is the message from the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Your help will not come from your own strength and power. No, your help will come from my Spirit.' This is what the LORD All-Powerful says.

Galatians 5:16 But I say, Go on in the Spirit, and you will not come under the rule of the evil desires of the flesh.17 For the flesh has desires against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; because these are opposite the one to the other; so that you may not do the things which you have a mind to do.

Galatians 5:24 And those who are Christ's have put to death on the cross the flesh with its passions and its evil desires. 25 If we are living by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us be guided.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of His mercy, He gave us salvation, through the washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit,"

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Colossians 3:9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

BEFORE SALVATION: THE GOSPEL OF REPENTANCE

As we have seen in the previous Bible verses mentioned, the Bible teaches that a person cannot be saved by keeping the Commandments, yet the Bible teaches keeping the Commandments is the evidence you are saved.

In my own words I would explain it like this; that a Spirit-filled person in Jesus actually walks and live according to the commandments. In this explanation I use the term "Law" referring to the "Ten Commandments" on stone. But let us now take a closer look at the true meaning and purpose of the Law.

God gave the Law to His people to keep because Adam's sin resulted in death, but because God's people couldn't keep the Law, it still resulted in death for them, but the Spirit of God gives Life

2Corinthians 3:6 Who has made us able to be servants of a new agreement; not of the letter, but of the Spirit: for the letter gives death, but the Spirit gives life.

Galatians 2:16 Being conscious that a man does not get righteousness by the works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we had faith in Christ Jesus, so that we might get

righteousness by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law will no flesh get righteousness.

This is the most important message that must be understood in order to know the Love and the will of God for His children, that is: The promise of salvation to Abraham - the GIFT of the Holy Spirit:

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Throughout the new testament, the Jewish people's way of trying to keep the commandments of God by their own power couldn't be stressed enough, therefore the new testament is rejected by some Jews, because they know that keeping God's Law will bring them salvation and eternal life. However many Christians who accept the New Testament Gospel still try to keep the Commandments of God, but believe in the Grace and Sacrifice of Jesus Christ for their sins. However the important thing to notice about these people is that all of them is still trying to keep God's Commandments because Jesus did not take the Law away. But how can a person try to keep the law but also believe Jesus died for their sins at the same time? The truth is that they

cannot keep the Law by own power, because Jesus came to fulfill the law:

Matthew 5:17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to abolish, but to fulfill.18 For assuredly I say to you, until heaven and earth may pass away, one iota or one tittle shall by no means pass away from the law until all things are fulfilled.19 Whoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments, and shall teach men thus, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.20 For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.

"Until the law be fulfilled"...and Jesus fulfilled the law, He kept every single commandment to the last one, and it was accomplished, He fulfilled it. He did not come to declare a new law and leave the first law unaccomplished or unfulfilled. Now seeing that fulfilling the commandments would give life unto men, He gave us life. And seeing that death came because of the sin of Adam, likewise life came because of the righteousness of Christ, the second Adam (1 Cor 15:45)

John 19:28 After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the

Scripture), "I thirst." 29 A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up His spirit.

John the Baptist refer to Jesus as the Lamb of God, but this dramatic event also paints a picture of an ox and a wooden cross, the Aleph and the Tav, the first and last letters of the Ancient Hebrew alphabet in Pictographs. In the book of Revelation, Jesus refer to Himself as the Aleph and the Tav, that is, Alpha and Omega in Greek translation. This is why John refer to Jesus as the Word of God (Eloh AT) in John1:1 that is, in Hebrew A-T or the complete alphabet A-Z in English. God's Word (Elohim AT) in Gen1:1 is PLURAL Gods. Eloh is a title for one God. Aleph is 1 and Tav 22

Deuteronomy 6:4 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Matthew 27:46 And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani; that is, "My God, My God, why did You forsake Me?" *Psa. 22:1*

The Holy Spirit is send by God to manifest in the flesh of His people to abide with them forever, of whom Jesus Christ became the first born among the people, to receive the Holy Spirit in fullness. Jesus Christ being the first among all people, the perfect Son of God, the

Righteous One, the Beloved Son of God, the Messiah born from God, to live among the people. Jesus Christ brought that life–giving Spirit to be with the people, that is, God with us. Jesus Christ was the first among the people to keep the Law of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit; thereby He defeated death also proven by His resurrection. We are to become followers of Jesus, also to receive the Holy Spirit, to do even greater things, to become righteous as He was. Hallelujah Praise and thanks to God the Father for His Son!

Titus 3:3 We used to be stupid, disobedient, and foolish, as well as slaves of all sorts of desires and pleasures. We were evil and jealous. Everyone hated us, and we hated everyone.4 God our Savior showed us how good and kind he is.5 He saved us because of his mercy, and not because of any good things that we have done. God washed us by the power of the Holy Spirit. He gave us new birth and a fresh beginning.6 God sent Jesus Christ our Savior to give us his Spirit.

These verses above refer to the result of the work of Jesus Christ within the people who received the Holy Spirit after they accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.

JESUS CAME TO DESTROY THE SIN NATURE AMONG THE PEOPLE

This is another important verse in the Bible that must be explained.

1John 3:8 He who practices sin is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. For this *reason* the Son of God appeared that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus came to restore or establish the Kingdom of God among men, by being the complete Sacrifice for their past sins, allowing the people to receive the Holy Spirit and to destroy the sin nature among the people. To the people still living with their old sin nature this message sounds impossible to believe, but to those who received the Holy Spirit it is faith and testimony of the righteousness given to them by God through their faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:31 Do we destroy the Law by our faith? Not at all! We make it even more powerful.

Romans 8:3 The law was without power because it was made weak by our sinful

selves. But God did what the law could not do: He sent his own Son to earth with the same human life that everyone else uses for sin. God sent him to be an offering to pay for sin. So God used a human life to destroy sin.4 He did this so that we could be right just as the law said we must be. Now we don't live following our sinful selves. We live following the Spirit. 5 People who live following their sinful selves think only about what they want. But those who live following the Spirit are thinking about what the Spirit wants them to do.6 If your thinking is controlled by your sinful self, there is spiritual death. But if your thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace. 7 Why is this true? Because anyone whose thinking is controlled by their sinful self is against God. They refuse to obey God's law. And really they are not able to obey it. 8 Those who are ruled by their sinful selves cannot please God.9 But you are not ruled by your sinful selves. You are ruled by the Spirit, if that Spirit of God really lives in you. But whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Christ.

These verses above clearly explain that a person must be born a second time in their lifetime. The first birth was as flesh and the second time with the Holy Spirit within. But let us look at another related bible verse that are terribly misunderstood.

1John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. And if

someone should sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

This verse is very important to be understood correctly. First of all John was writing to the people not living in sin anymore, that is, those who were already born again by faith in Jesus Christ, who lived the new righteous life in Christ, guided by the Holy Spirit living within them.

Here it is very important to know that John was not talking to people still living with their old sin nature. John did not tell sinners that if one of them should go on sinning, that Jesus would be their Advocate or Excuse. John spoke to the children of God living their new life in the Holy Spirit. John did not teach to sinners that even if their sin continues it will fall under grace, and this is exactly not what he meant or said, but John was saying that if one of them who are no longer a slave to sin, accidentally might sin again, then Jesus would be the Advocate before the Father, for that person He already cleaned. This is exactly the same as Paul wrote to the people who were saved and no longer slaves to sin anymore in Romans:

Romans 6:11 Likewise you also, consider yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts,13 nor present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law

but under grace.15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves as obedient slaves, you are slaves to whom you obey, whether of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?17 But thanks be to God, that though you used to be slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from your heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.18 And having been freed from sin, you became enslaved to righteousness.19 I speak in human terms on account of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves to uncleanness, and to lawlessness resulting in more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness resulting in sanctification.20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.21 So what fruit did you have then of which things you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.22 But now having been freed from sin, and having become enslaved to God, you have your fruit resulting in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

The Holy Spirit is given by God the Father to all people who comes to faith in His beloved Son as their Sacrifice and Savior. Because of Jesus we are enabling to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, to become children of God the Father, brothers and sisters of Christ.

AFTER SALVATION: THE GOSPEL OF GRACE

Now let us look at another one of the most important but misunderstood passages in the Bible

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 and of instruction about washings, the laying on of hands, the resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. 3 And this we will do if God permits. 4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

In the verses above Paul is speaking about preaching to an already born again, Spirit filled church. Paul actually says: LET US NOT PREACH THE GOSPEL OF REPENTANCE TO SINNERS ANYMORE, BUT LET US NOW PREACH THE GOSPEL OF GRACE TO THOSE (SAINTS) LIVING THE NEW LIFE IN THE SPIRIT This Paul said (Note he says "If God permits") not to preach the foundation of faith, that is, the Gospel of repentance to those who already received the Holy Spirit by faith in Christ because they cannot repent again. It is not possible for born again believers to repent again and come to faith in Jesus again. (Verse 4) Preachers must understand that there are still millions of unsaved people, addicted and enslaved to all kinds of visible as well as invisible sins, also those in the heart and mind, therefore the Gospel of Repentance that John preached MUST BE PREACHED UNTIL THE END, until Jesus returns.

The Gospel of Grace cannot be presented as an "AUTOMATIC BELIEVE/SALVATION SYSTEM" I say this because it was the law and the Gospel of repentance that led me to Christ and to become born again. But Glory to God for the Revelation: There is a balance of grace and repentance in the Gospel, like a scale. But sadly, because of the lack of understanding, it causes confusion and dispute among the Christians and even delays the salvation of many!

I have a personal message for the "Grace, no Law" preacher. Among those that follow you, there are many that haven't come to seek for mercy from Jesus, because many are delayed. John the Baptist was the greatest among men because he prepared a way for the people to come to Jesus through repentance, even if he only lived to foresee the promised coming of the Kingdom of the Spirit among men. (Referring to John himself being baptized with the Holy Spirit because He only foresaw Pentecost) I mean John was actually

preaching Repentance to sinners (those outside the Kingdom) to come in, and Paul was preaching Grace to the saved (those inside the Kingdom), building on their faith in the Hebrews 6 chapter.

Well what should we do then? Can we preach grace to the wicked still living in sin, or can we preach repentance to those living the new life in the Spirit?

Jesus in Luke 5:32 I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."

Jesus in Matthew 9:13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

THE LAW MAKES US REALISE THAT WE ARE IN NEED OF A SAVIOUR THEREFORE THE LAW LEADS SINNERS TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND REPENT

Galatians 3:24 In fact, the Law was our teacher. It was supposed to teach us until we had faith and were acceptable to God. 25 But once a person has learned to have faith, there is no more need to have the Law as a teacher.

The false Grace preacher say: "You are under Grace, there is no Law anymore" backing with quote from Scripture: Galatians 5:4 You are cut off from Christ, you who would have righteousness by the law; you are

turned away from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit by faith are waiting for the hope of righteousness.

But did Paul preach to a Jew or a gentile? When Paul says: "YOU ARE NOT UNDER THE LAW ANYMORE, BUT UNDER GRACE" Then he is not preaching to a Gentile but a Jewish convert who again tries to keep the law after he came to faith, because the gentiles had no law!

Romans 2:4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. 6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek, 11 For God shows no partiality. 12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will

be justified. 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law.

For this reason it was necessary that the law was also given to the gentiles in order for them to accept and believe the good news of Christ so they could come to repentance. So can we preach a gospel of grace to sinners for repentance unto salvation?

John 10:1 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. 2 But he who enters by the door is the sheepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

You might be surprised to hear this, we were not freed from keeping Ten Commandments, but we were placed under a new Law, that is, the "Law of the Spirit". And this is how the Law of Righteousness (Referring to the 10 Commandments) are fulfilled; by the Spirit.

Ezekiel 36:27 I will put my Spirit inside you and change you so that you will obey my laws. You will carefully obey my commands.

FROM THE BEGINNING WE COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED BY FOLLOWING THE LAW BECAUSE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO FOLLOW IT WITHOUT THE SPIRIT

Galatians 3:18 Can following the law give us the blessing God promised? If we could receive it by following the law, then it would not be God's promise that brings it to us. But God freely gave his blessings to Abraham through the promise God made. 19 So what was the law for? The law was given to show the wrong things people do. The law would continue until the special Descendant of Abraham came. This is the Descendant mentioned in the promise, which came directly from God. But the law was given through angels, and the angels used Moses as a mediator to give the law to the people. 20 But when God gave the promise, there was no mediator, because a mediator is not needed when there is only one side, and God is one. 21 Does this mean that the law works against God's promises? Of course not. The law was never God's way of giving new life to people. If it were, then we could be made right with God by following the law. 22 But this is not possible. The Scriptures put the whole world in prison under the control of sin, so that the only way for people to get what God promised would be through faith in Jesus Christ. It is given to those who believe in him.

1Peter 1:14 In the past you did not have the understanding you have now, so you did the evil things you wanted to do. But now you are children of God, so you should obey him and not live the way you did before.

"When it comes to knowing truth from error, the most important thing that we must know and learn is that the Holy Spirit is our **COMFORTER**, but satan is a **TROUBLER**. The Holy Spirit is our **SANCTIFIER**, but satan is a **TEMPTER**. The Holy Spirit **CONVICTS** the **unbeliever**, but satan **ACCUSE** the **believer**"

This is the most important knowledge in order to recognize a true preacher from a false one. If we look very carefully we can see that the devil will not convict an unbeliever of sin so that person might then repent and turn to Jesus for salvation. Sadly enough, some people mistake the conviction of sin as judgment. It is not a case of judgment when people are called by conviction, the judgment will come on the last day for not coming to believe! The following Bible verses confirms this truth:

John 16:7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me;

The conclusion is that the Law (referring to the Ten Commandments) were given to expose to people that they are sinners, and to show them that they are not capable of following them, thereby leading the people in sorrow to except the gift of God, Jesus Christ, the Holy sacrifice for their sins, thereby receiving the Holy Spirit to guide them in righteousness back to God, receiving eternal life. Sin is CONVICTED, Unbelief is JUDGED, don't be confused between these two!

FROM DEPRESSION TO SUICIDE - THE LIE FROM SATAN

A real big lie from satan is to sacrifice yourself or take your own life even the lives of others. The Truth is Jesus Christ gave His Life so you can live! He shed His Blood so that you may live. He was the complete sacrifice in your place and the only one!

Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all of you who are weary and loaded down with burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Place my yoke on you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Hebrews 10:14 Because by one offering He has made complete for ever those who are made holy

But why am I feeling this way? God is calling you! Your God loves you, now hear His voice:

Proverbs 8:35 By finding Me, you find life, and the Lord will be pleased with you.

Proverbs 8:36 But if you don't find Me, you hurt only yourself, and if you hate Me, you are in love with death.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

What does it mean to take up my cross? It means to surrender to the Lord and give up your own efforts and let the Spirit of God come live inside you:

Galatians 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.

Galatians 5:24 And those who are Christ's have put to death on the cross the flesh with its passions and its evil desires.

Now it is time for you to come to faith my beloved:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but so that the world might be saved through Him.

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we did ourselves, but in the measure of His mercy, He gave us salvation, through the

washing of the new birth and the giving of new life in the Holy Spirit"

A person must have purposed in his heart that he is ready to make a total and complete surrender to the Lord. A dying to self must take place, a complete surrender. In other words the old man of sin must be crucified with Christ.

My dear friend no matter what you have done in the past, no matter what kind of sin or addiction you are into right now, if you feel convicted and you are ready to receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior and be born again, just ask Jesus to set you free. If you want to be free and forgiven, and become a new person with a new beginning, all you need to do is to ask Him. When you are tired and weary of life, call unto Jesus, He will answer, He did answer from the Cross.

Prayer for surrender:

Heavenly Father I come to confess today that I have been a slave and a sinner all my life. Lord I surrender my life to you now and I want to be free. Lord Jesus You are the Son of God and my Lord. Wash me by your precious blood and remove all my trespasses from this day forward. Lord, today I confess to you that I have forgiven all those that I carried a hate against and those that did me wrong. Lord, my ears are closed to the insults of those coming against me and open to your Holy Word so that your peace abides with me. I cut off from my life all generational sins,

bonds, curses, and pride by the blood of Jesus and my deceases are healed by your wounds in Jesus name. Lord, today I confess I have no lucky charms and I have no possessions or graven ornaments that I consider too valuable to let go. Lord, you are the only God in my life. Lord, I confess that my life, my health and wealth is completely in your hands Lord. I depend on you alone Lord, on you alone Lord, for rain, blessings and prosperity. Lord I ask that your Holy Spirit come live inside me that I may live according to your will and Word so that I may proclaim your Name and Word everywhere I go for all the days of my life. Lord, thank you for forgiving all my trespasses by your Holy sacrifice and that you will not remember my sins anymore from this day forward according to your faithful Word. Thank you Lord in Jesus name, Amen

BORN AGAIN – YOU HAVE NOW BECOME A NEW CREATION

This Spirit that God will now be putting into you will be the Holy Spirit Himself. As you will see in several of the verses I will list in the next chapter, each person who gets saved and born again receives the Holy Spirit at the exact moment of their conversion. Note first what the situation of the sinner use to be. He had but one nature "the old man". He was declared to be dead in trespasses and sins He had the self-life and not the God-life within him. He walked in the flesh and in that only. The Spirit may and does strife with him, but not in him, for only "he who is Christ's" has that Spirit, But then came the wonderful change. He became filled with sorrow, repented and believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. What happened? He is now born again, born from above, born of God, born of the Spirit. The life of God has come into him. God Himself, in the person of the Holy Spirit has come to dwell in him. The new believer has now what the sinner does not have - a new nature.

And then the Bible takes it one step further. It says that we are then "sealed" with the presence of the Holy Spirit. As a result of receiving Jesus as your personal Lord and Saviour, not only are all of your sins fully forgiven, not only will you go straight to heaven when you die and cross over – but you have now become a brand new creation in the Lord.

All old things have now passed away and all things have now been made brand new! You have now been given a brand new life with a brand new start, along with a brand new heart and a brand new Spirit being put into you by God the Father. You are now a son/daughter of God. The next verses also confirm this transformation:

2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."

Colossians 1:13 "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins."

Ephesians 1:13 "In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, **you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise**, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory."

Ephesians 4:30 "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom **you were sealed** for the day of redemption."

2 Corinthians 1:21 "Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is

God, who also sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a deposit."

2 Corinthians 5:5 "Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee."

As my new life as a born again Christian began, I realized the even greater need for grace. In fact, we enter the Kingdom by repentance then live in the Kingdom by Grace. This is where I learned the true meaning and measure of God's grace.

I learned that grace begins with, or comes with salvation and faith in Christ. This grace strengthens and builds our faith, so much so, that we become more and more resistant to temptations as we mature in Christ. God will now lead you into His perfect plan and destiny for your life.

God, through His Holy Spirit, will now be guiding the journey that He wants you to follow in this life. God will be letting you know exactly what your call, what your purpose, and what your divine destiny is going to be in Him.

Your brand new life will now have real meaning and purpose to it – because you will now be finding out exactly why God created you in the first place and exactly what God wants to do with your life. You can now finally let go of all of your past mistakes, along with all of the hurts and heartaches of your past, and grow in grace.

SANCTIFICATION: NEWBORN IN CHRIST TO MATURE DICIPLE

I remember that Sunday morning in November of 2008 when I was born again, that from that day an overwhelming peace came upon me. Apart from this peace, I still carry today; I was also miraculously healed from asthma and all sorts of addictions since that day. However, what you have to realize is that this sanctification process in the Lord will not occur overnight.

God will now sanctify you slowly and progressively over the course of your entire life.

As such, we have to have patience with the way God will want to work out this new part of our walk with Him. Each of us is unique in the way God created us all. God has a different call and purpose for each of us in His Body and His Kingdom in this world. But Praise God that everything will fall into place and make sense as we progress in Him.

Galatians 5:1 We have freedom now, because Christ made us free. So stand strong in that freedom. Don't go back into slavery again.

Romans 6:22 But now having been freed from sin, and having become enslaved to

God, you have your fruit *resulting* in sanctification, and the outcome, eternal life.

1Peter 1:14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, 15 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

God's highest and ultimate aim for all of us is to make us into a better and more holy people. He wants to transform us into the express image of His Son Jesus. He wants to set us apart and consecrate us to Himself so He can make us into more holy instruments of righteousness for His use. This is not so people can see us, but so people can give the Glory to God.

However, before God will allow this sanctification process to really kick into full gear through the Holy Spirit – He wants you to fully understand exactly what He is doing and why He is doing it. You have to have the knowledge as to what God is doing and exactly why He is doing it. God loves to transmit knowledge to His children.

As such, we have to learn how to have patience with the Lord in this area and not get too frustrated when we are not changing and transforming as fast as we would like in Him. The Apostle Paul also called upon children of God, not to lose hope and faith in Christ during a storm.

There may be days that you will feel like your ship is sinking, but in fact your helper is coming! All storms

eventually come to an end so the question is how it will affect your faith, and keeping your faith will determine the victory.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

You also have God's supernatural power available to you to help transform and sanctify you. Another incredible benefit that you will get as a result of having the Holy Spirit now residing on the inside of you is that you will now be given a brand new heart. In Ezekiel, God says that He will take out your heart of stone, which is a hard type of heart, and replace it with a heart of flesh, which is tender type of heart that is now capable of feeling compassion and empathy for other people. This is so we can go out and sow the Love of God in us, out to others. A person who truly fellowships with God, who has truly repented and experienced the atoning work of Jesus, reaches out in compassion to others.

Most newborns cannot completely understand the entire Bible the first time or two they read it. They need immediate help after they are saved and are trying to learn more about God and all of His ways, but most importantly what happens now!

GRACE INCREASE WHEN BORN AGAIN'S ARE TEMPTED

As we have seen in the beginning of this book that all people are first born as sinners. However I believe we are not tempted into doing sin from our first birth, but that we do sin by natural nature, even as young children. I believe that temptation really begins after we become born again in the Spirit. The devil does not bother to tempt sinners to do sin, however he cannot wait to tempt a newborn saint, with a newly washed robe, to do sin again. But take heart, our Lord Jesus defeated the devil!

In the following verses we can see that the devil also tried, **but failed**, to tempt Jesus just after Jesus received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. 3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God,"

throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Now look very carefully at the scripture above. The very first thing that satan, with his temptation approach, asked Jesus, is whether Jesus really is the Son of God. This could very well be the same case with the newborn child of God. The devil wants the born-again child of God to guestion whether he or she really are or have become the son or daughter of God. In the same verse, another thing we see is that the devil wants Jesus to perform a miracle in order to prove His Identity. We can see that performing miracles cannot prove one's status as a child of God, otherwise Jesus would have turned those stones into bread, and instead Jesus spoke the word of God against those accusations. Likewise as born-again children of God we can do exactly the same. The next thing we see is that the devil wants Jesus to commit suicide and then try to convince Jesus that He would be saved by God by attempting so. This is also a very important fact we can learn regarding suicide. In

the devil's last approach, he offers to Jesus all the wealth and power of the world if Jesus would worship him. As we also know that money is the root of all evil (1Titus 6:9-10). Then again, Jesus provoked and defeated the devil by speaking the word of God.

1Peter 5:8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy

to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

My journey first started out as having faith in Jesus, which, after many trails and failures turned to an endless hope in Him. Eventually it all led to an everlasting love for Him because I never knew what true love was until I discovered that It's not a feeling, but a person. God is Love; He is the source of Love. His promises never fail, He forgives and He loves unconditionally.

GROWING IN FAITH

After we get saved, God expects us to start growing in the knowledge that He wants to transmit to us. And the only way we can spiritually grow is by seeking after the knowledge that will cause this growth to occur! You will grow in the knowledge of God through your own personal walk that you have with Him, along with learning from other Christians, especially those who are anointed and gifted to be able to teach from His Word.

God has arranged to have all of the spiritual knowledge that we will ever need about Him, His Son, and His Spirit to all be contained in one book, the Bible. God is also using some very curious secrets and parables in many Bible verses. You can really tell that He is trying to let all of us know the extreme importance of seeking and growing in this knowledge. The reason for this is that God's ultimate aim for us after we get saved is our sanctification and transformation unto holiness. He wants to transform us into the express image of His Son Jesus and be a more holy people.

1Peter 1: 15 Be holy in everything you do, just as God is holy. He is the one who chose you. 16 In the Scriptures God says, "Be holy, because I am holy."

There is one major secret I have learned from the Lord on getting Him to release more of His knowledge to us – is that we have to be willing to go into some type of

seeking mode with Him to get it. The Bible says to ask – and **then** you will receive. Seek – and **then** you will find. Knock – and **then** the door will be opened to you.

Notice in all three of these conditions that you have to be the one to initiate it. You have to be the one to ask, to seek, and to knock. If you do – **then** God will answer you, open doors for you, and let you find the answers to your questions and problems. If you are troubled over a particular issue, you can just start looking on what God had said on that issue, and you will see how the Holy Spirit will help you in the matter. (Joshua 1:8)

You cannot become more holy, more transformed, and more sanctified unless you are spiritually growing. And you cannot start to spiritually grow unless you are first seeking after the knowledge that will cause this spiritual growth to occur in the first place!

About keeping the Sabbath, some preachers claim that Jesus made an excuse for one of the Ten Commandments, that is, for keeping the Sabbath

Mark 2:27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

Jesus did not make an excuse for Sabbath. The Sabbath was given to man as a memorial day of rest, to remember that God had rested. Sabbath was given so that man can rest not God. God already rested on the 7th day of creation, that is, the day (or 1000years) after the creation of Adam. This means God is working on

man's Sabbath day. God does not rest on man's Sabbath but the people complained that God is working miracles and healing people on their Sabbath. This was the case with the blind man who was healed by God Himself at the pool of Siloam on a Sabbath, after Jesus send him there with mud on his eyes. This means both God and Jesus works on the Sabbath when they performed this miracle hand in hand because they are one.

This means we have to spend daily quality time in the Bible and have a through study and understanding of His Word before God can really use us to teach and educate others.

BIBLE STUDY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. MEDITATION - This is a very powerful tool that you must never allow anything to deprive you of. King David tells us that we have to meditate on the word of God. To meditate does not mean to wait for God to talk to you. Meditation is still going further and digging deeper in the word, you can take a verse or subject and ponder on it over and over in your heart.

2 Peter 3:18 "... but GROW in the grace and KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

To meditate means to think about and to try and figure out what the different Scripture verses mean and how they can apply to your daily life. The Spirit of God inside of you will then help you to shed light on that subject you are meditating on, and you will begin to understand it, whether by the gift of knowledge, dreams or visions, prophecy etc. Every time a newborn do some bible study, the Holy Spirit may suddenly open and reveal the meaning! Here is a simple example why Bible study is so exciting, just look at the following revelation:

Exodus 34:28 Moses stayed there with the LORD for 40 days and 40 nights. Moses did not eat any food or drink any water. And he wrote the words of the agreement (the Ten Commandments) on the two stone tablets.

Matthew 4:1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

From the verses above we can see that both Moses and Jesus fasted for 40 days and nights. Moses wrote the words of the Ten Commandments on 2 stones and Jesus spoke the word against stones becoming bread for Him to eat and refers to the Word of God as His true bread in the Matthew 4 scripture.

Studying the word of God will take us deeper into understanding the word, but most importantly it will help us to understand the ways and the BIG love of the Father Himself. Like prayer, I can also describe bible study like having a 2-way conversation with the Father on a particular verse or subject for a better understanding, which is exactly what a loving relationship needs.

Furthermore, reading the word of God is like breathing in and prayer like exhaling out. Likewise we need to do both to stay alive. I have found that the Holy Spirit will literally guide your thoughts into the revelation that you are seeking after as you are trying to figure something out. In other words, you will find the knowledge as you are seeking after it. Let's look at another revelation.

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.

- **Gen 2:9**..."The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil."
- **Gen 2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."
- **Gen 3:4** But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- **Gen 3:22** Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever--"
- **Gen 3:7** Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
- Mark 11:13 He saw a fig tree with leaves. So he went to the tree to see if it had any figs growing on it. But he found no figs on the tree. There were only leaves, because it was not the right time for figs to grow. 14 So Jesus said to the tree, "People will never eat fruit from you again." His followers heard him say this.

John 6:32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

John 6:50 But the bread from heaven has come down, so that no one who eats it will ever die. 51 I am that bread from heaven! Everyone who eats it will live forever. My flesh is the life-giving bread that I give to the people of this world.

Rev 2:7 If you have ears, listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. I will let everyone who wins the victory eat from the life-giving tree in God's wonderful garden.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates.

In Gen 2:9 there were 2 trees in the middle of the Garden of Eden, one forbidden & one not. In Gen 2:16 God gave the instruction to Adam not to eat from the Tree of Knowledge before Eve was created. We cannot find that God Himself commanded Eve also not to eat of the Tree of Knowledge. However if we look carefully we can assume that Adam must have told Eve what God said. This means Adam disobeyed God but Eve disobeyed Adam, therefore God said to Eve that Adam will rule over her as a consequence. Also God said to

Adam "Have you eaten of the fruit of the tree **that I told you not to**?" but to Eve He said "what have you done?" and then to the serpent "because you have done this"

In Gen 1:26 God created Adam in his own image. In Gen 3:22 Adam became like God after he ate of the Tree of Knowledge

In Gen 3:7 Adam and eve covered themselves with the leaves of a fig tree after they have taken the forbidden fruit. In Mark 11:13 Jesus cursed a fig tree from bearing fruit ever again, however the tree Jesus spoke to was not even suppose to bear fruit. I don't know if this was just a coincidence of hunger, however this could be a spiritual revelation about the Tree of Knowledge. However I just want to add the following verses in context.

Numbers 21:8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

John 3:13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

2Kings 18:3 And he did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done. 4 He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it

In Num 21:8 above Moses erected an Idol snake on a pole so that the people may look unto it for healing. In John 3:13 Jesus confessed that the He Himself must also be lifted up so the people can look unto Him for everlasting life. In 2 Kings 18:3 King Hezekiah broke down the idol snake that Moses erected because the people worshipped it. So to conclude - on the one hand we have Moses giving the people the Ten Commandments of knowing good and evil and on the other hand we have Jesus giving the people everlasting life. However I discuss these in much more detail in my next book "Supernatural Gospel Revelations – Bible Study in Context"

As you will see in some of the Scripture verses I will list below, it is the work of the Holy Spirit to teach us all things in this life. In other words, the Holy Spirit is our personal Guide and Teacher in this life. For example, look at the following revelation:

Matthew 26:75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

John 21:17 A third time Jesus said, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was sad because Jesus asked him three times, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you!" Jesus said to him, "Take care of my sheep.

In the Matthew verse above, before Jesus was crucified, Peter denied knowing the Lord Jesus 3 times and a rooster crowed. In the John verse above, after the resurrection, Peter confessed his love for Jesus 3 times! For me personally this must be one of the most heartbreaking encounters that any person could have with Jesus. One can just imagine how Peter felt when he had to face Jesus asking him that question the 3rd time, but still the Lord Jesus loved him!

You will start getting "inner knowings" as to what certain things may mean. The Holy Spirit can also give you "inner visions" in your mind's eyes when He is trying to communicate knowledge to you on something specific. They say a picture paints a thousand words. The Holy Spirit can and will communicate to you if you are open and hungry to receiving this kind of direct supernatural revelations from Him.

2. MEMORIZE - commit the scripture into memory, so that when occasions demands you will have the right and powerful thing to say to have victory over the enemy. Jesus knew, and quoted the scriptures, and He was able to defeat the devil. We can do the same whenever we are faced with situations upon which we want to have victory. You will discover that for each

scripture that Jesus quoted, the devil did not have an answer. (Matthew 4:1)

I cannot stress enough the importance of memorizing scripture. One can just imagine what would happen if the devil poses a question and a Christian cannot give an answer from God's word to stand against the devil. Also it is very important that every teaching and commentary we listen to must be confirmed by the Scriptures in context.

Let me give another example. If a preacher says to you "On day one of creation God created the heavens and the earth". If we know the scripture, then we can immediately identify this as a false statement, because on day one of creation God created the Light. (Genesis 1:3) This is the Light within that John spoke of in John 1:3-10. Also Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning" does not refer to the first creation day, but rather an unknown time in the past that could be billions of years ago. That is why earth was void and dark but existed before day one when God said let there be Light. This Light also does not refer to the sun, because the sun and moon were created on day 3 (Genesis 1:13-14). For this reason it was night then day, not day then night.

We must also consider that one day in God's time is a thousand years in men's time. (2 Peter 3:8) In this case we can consider that Adam could have been created in year 6 thousand of creation, that is, on day 6 of creation in Genesis if we take the creation days prophetically. This means if we start from creation day

one and not from the day of Adam's creation on day six that day one of creation was already 12 thousand years ago if we include the 7th day (1000 years) of rest. However this deeper study of God's word by the guidance of the Holy Spirit combined with His gift of knowledge and wisdom can be written in a complete set of books on its own.

CHAPTER 16

THE POWER OF PRAYER AND FASTING

1. PRAYER - We all now that communication is one of the most important aspects of a loving relationship. Many times we might not always know what to say or pray, thankfully Lord Jesus provided for us in all our short comings and weaknesses. Below are some powerful verses from the Bible about prayer.

Mathew 6:6 But when you pray, you should go into your room and close the door. Then pray to your Father. He is there in that private place. He can see what is done in private, and he will reward you. 7 "And when you pray, don't be like the people who don't know God. They say the same things again and again. They think that if they say it enough, their God will hear them.

Mathew 26:41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Luke 18:11 The Pharisee stood alone, away from the tax collector. When the Pharisee prayed, he said, 'O God, I thank you that I am not as bad as other people. I am not like men who steal, cheat, or commit adultery. I thank you that I am better than this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week, and I give a tenth of everything I get!' 13"The tax collector stood alone too. But when he prayed, he would not

even look up to heaven. He felt very humble before God. He said, 'O God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner!' 14 I tell you, when this man finished his prayer and went home, he was right with God. But the Pharisee, who felt that he was better than others, was not right with God. People who make themselves important will be made humble. But those who make themselves humble will be made important."

Romans 8:26 Also, the Spirit helps us. We are very weak, but the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We don't know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit himself speaks to God for us. He begs God for us, speaking to Him with feelings too deep for words.

The Lord's Prayer should be prayer not merely as a repetition of words. It should be prayed from the deepest of our hearts. I personally think that even one word coming from the heart means everything. I have to tell you about this. There are many psalms that you can pray to God. Once I saw a pastor preaching while he was sick and while he prayed some psalm of David "Bless the Lord oh my soul, He heals all of my diseases" the pastor got healed right that very moment! Therefore I also believe that the book of psalms a supernatural prayer book!

2. FASTING - The subject of fasting is in fact another very important "tool" for growing in faith.

The bread that we eat is to nourish our body, to make us to grow and to give us physical strength, thus anyone that feeds only on the physical food can be healthy physically and looking fresh, but the physical body is not the only thing that makes up a man. Man is made up of three entities, which are spirit, soul, and body.(1 Thess. 5:23)

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matthew 4:4) We need much more than the physical bread for our survival, we also need to feed our spirit in order to prevent us from dying spiritually. The physical food that we eat can only nourish the body and do no more, feeding only our body with no regard for the remaining two entities will leave us spiritually poor and weak.

Many people, including Christians do not know this truth, hence they neglect their spirit and concentrate on caring for the flesh or the physical body alone, Jesus is trying to remind us of this very important truth. Jeremiah said in chapter 15 verse 16, "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, O Lord God Almighty."

Jesus was building His spiritual strength when He fasted for 40 days and night, and after the fasting, the devil came and tried to tempt Him to turn stone to bread referring Him to the hunger of His flesh or physical body, but Jesus reminded Him that man need much more than the physical bread for survival.

For the flesh, fasting is starving and like punishment, therefore it is least practiced by people to seek the presence and power of God. In spiritual terms eating food is a method of satisfying the flesh with its desires. The flesh eats food in order to stay strong and alive, as a matter of fact so strong that the flesh is battling against the willing Spirit within us.

The words: "my Spirit is willing to, but my flesh is so weak against the temptations" is in fact the result of NOT Fasting because the desires of the flesh is stronger. When a person is fasting the flesh becomes weaker and the willing Spirit within us stronger. In other words the Spirit becomes stronger than the flesh because the flesh is learning to obey the Spirit. The practice of fasting is also a powerful tool for casting out evil spirits!

Matthew 17:18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and he departed out of him. And the child was cured from that very hour.19 Then the disciples came to Jesus apart, and said, Why could we not cast him out? 20 And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief. For truly I say to you, If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Move from here to there. And it shall move. And nothing shall be impossible to you.21 However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

Yes, the Bible also teaches that overeating is a sin (Proverbs 23:21). From the beginning the desires of our flesh is an enemy of our will. Fasting is also a powerful tool for teaching the flesh to suppress its desires. The most important thing of Fasting is Prayer, without praying, fasting means ABSOLUTELY NOTHING.

The first 2 days, for me, was always the most difficult each time. I experienced that when I prayed when the strong hunger came over me, the hunger would actually disappear, by the power of the Holy Spirit in me, my will becoming stronger against satisfying the hunger!

Both the time and menu for fasting is much different for each person depending on their normal eating habits and intervals, for example a person eating 6 meals a day would be fasting 4 hours after skipping a meal, but a person eating one meal per day would only be starving after 24 hours since this last meal, which means he is actually beginning fasting 24 hours after his last meal although he didn't eat for 24 hours.

A person cannot say that he had fasted today because he forgot to take breakfast this morning! Fasting should be scheduled, for example 1 day a week or 4 days every month etc. Fasting should be for the Lord. It should be a heart committed appointment with the Lord, not to be missed or cancelled for another day.

Since I have not fasted for many days at a time I only took fluids while fasting, water and pure fruit juice, but no food. I would say that a person is indeed fasting when he is craving for food, but be willing not to. It's like forcing your body to go the gym for a physical exercise when you are utterly tired. Spiritually it works exactly the same, to exercise the desires and will of your flesh not to eat when you are hungry.

I personally recommend taking fluids and skipping meals. Some people suggest replacing meals with fruit etc. I personally do not fast by replacing a meal with other food whether it is fruit or veggies, thereby still satisfying the hunger, those desires of the flesh, with food. But let us look at some examples of fasting in the following Bible verses:

1Samuel 7:6 "They got water and poured it out before the LORD. In this way they began a time of fasting. They did not eat any food that day, and they confessed their sins"

Leviticus 23:32 "It will be a special day of rest for you. You must not eat food. You will start this special day of rest on the evening following the ninth day of the month. This special day of rest continues from that evening until the next evening."

Joel 2:12 "Yet even now," declares the LORD, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

In the verses above, fasting was a day of sorrow, confession of sins and no eating. However Isaiah 58

reveals that there is also a type of fasting that should be evident as a day-to-day lifestyle.

Isaiah 58:6-7 "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"

Just a precaution is to never ever stay without fluids. When a person experience dizziness I recommend immediate stopping fasting. Headaches are a common symptom of dieting so the same symptoms may occur for fasting. No medication should be taken during fasting; I had a personal vision and revelation in this regard. Medication is drugs, this includes appetite suppressants. If you suffer any medical condition especially diabetics, I suggest NO FASTING, but rather following the biblical alkaline diet and a powerful healing in Jesus Name! The same for anyone using medication. Remember that prayer is the key against those sudden hunger desires!

CHAPTER 17

BAPTISM WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Bible tells us that we are all **born** of the Holy Spirit at the moment of our salvation and that we are "sealed" with the Holy Spirit the minute we accept Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. In other words a person receives the Holy Spirit at the time of salvation. However the person is not necessarily baptized with the Spirit at the same time, although it can. In many cases, the **Baptism** in the Holy Spirit is a distinct and separate experience following the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that occurs at salvation. When we confessed our sins and believed we received the Holy Spirit. He has come into every believer's heart and will abide forever. But even after the Spirit has been received there may be a mastership of self in our lives through failure to yield to the Spirit. The receiving of the Spirit is God's answer to repentance and faith and the fullness or baptism of the Spirit is God's answer to surrender and faith. When we surrender our lives fully, we are filled with the Holy Spirit. The believer does not surrender his life in order to have the Spirit enter but because He has entered.

Distinguish between the PRESENCE of the Holy Spirit and the FULLNESS of the Holy Spirit. As one writer said, "Salvation is God's gift to the sinner and the Holy Spirit is God's gift to the believer." Usually there is a considerable interval between conversion and the entire surrender to God. The trouble is not a Spirit un-entered, but a Spirit un-yielded to, and thus shorn of the opportunity to manifest the fullness He desires. After

salvation, the fullness of the Holy Spirit now depends on our obedience to His commandments (John 14:21) It is a free-will offering to present your body a living sacrifice. Practice the presence of God and you shall soon experience the fullness and power. The baptism and fullness of the Holy Spirit will not be the same experience for every believer but never doubt the presence of the Spirit because you don't feel His presence. At conversion the Spirit enters but at surrender the Spirit, already entered, takes full possession.

A born again person in Christ Jesus must move into the deeper experience of being filled or baptized with the Holy Spirit.

Mark 16:16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

Joel 2:28 "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.

1Corinthians 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; 9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy;

to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

In the Bible, John Baptized with water but Paul tells us in Ephesians 4:5 that there is only one baptism. Paul spoke of the Holy Spirit baptism, since most of the believers we already baptized with water, by John. So being baptized with the Holy Spirit is not the same as water baptism.

1Corinthians 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Acts 8:14 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, 15 who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, 16 for he had not yet fallen on any of them, but they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Jesus instructed His disciples to baptize the people in the actual **NAME OF** the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. This means that the disciples baptized the people in the **ONE NAME**, that is, the name **JESUS**. But in what name did John the Baptist baptize the people? Certainly we know that John the Baptist did not baptize the people in the name of "JESUS". This means it could be possible that John the Baptist baptized the people in his own name. However it could also be possible that he baptized them in the name of God (YHWH) because he baptized Jesus also

Acts 19:2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all.

But what is the mystical meaning of the water baptism? One day while I still was studying and wondering and about the water baptism I had a vision. I saw John the Baptist scoop the water of the Jordan and pour it over those who confessed their sins then I saw John scooping up that same water and pour that upon Jesus then immediately I saw the vision of the spear piercing the side of Jesus on the Cross. However I knew the people was immersed. At that very moment I realized that the Holy Spirit had just revealed to me the meaning of the water baptism and the reason why Jesus also had to be

baptized with that water and He took that water to the Cross.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water. 35 He who saw it has borne witness--his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth--that you also may believe.

Romans 6:3 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? 4 We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

1Peter 3:21 The like figure whereunto *even* baptism do also now save us, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ

Being baptized with the Holy Spirit is when a believer in Jesus Christ receives extraordinary power for Christ-exalting ministry. This would include boldness to proclaim the gospel, signs and wonders, healing of the sick and casting out/off the evil/unclean spirits.

Mark 16:17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands;

and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

In the verses below, the disciples were already born again and converted and had the Holy Spirit dwelling in them, but they had still to wait for the baptism with the Holy Spirit:

John 20:18 Mary Magdalene came and told the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken these things unto her. 19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst. and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I vou. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

Luke 24:49 And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. 51 While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven.

Acts 1:4 And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this.

Acts 4:29 And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

CHAPTER 18

SPEAKING IN TONGUES OF MEN AND ANGELS

In the Biblical story of the tower of Babel, God separated the evildoers from His Hebrew speaking people by bringing confusion by means of strange tongues (different human languages). Now in the New Testament God gave tongues in order to gather them back again unto Himself.

Genesis 11:5 Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower. 6 The LORD said, "These people all speak the same language." And I see that they are joined together to do this work. This is only the beginning of what they can do. Soon they will be able to do anything they want. 7 Let's go down and confuse their language. Then they will not understand each other." 8 So people stopped building the city, and the LORD scattered them all over the earth. 9 That is the place where the LORD confused the language of the whole world. That is why it is called Babel. And it was from there that the LORD caused the people to spread out to all the other places on earth.

Isaiah 28:11 So God will use this strange way of talking, and he will use other languages to speak to these people.

Zephaniah 3:9 Then I will change people from other nations so that they can speak the

language clearly and call out the name of the LORD. They will all worship me together, shoulder to shoulder, as one people. Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a noise came from heaven. It sounded like a strong wind blowing. This noise filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw something that looked like flames of fire. The flames were separated and stood over each person there. 4 They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak different languages. The Holy Spirit was giving them the power to do this. 5 There were some godly Jews in Jerusalem at this time. They were from every country in the world. 6 A large crowd came together because they heard the noise. They were surprised because, as the apostles were speaking, everyone heard in their own language. 7 They were all amazed at this. They did not understand how the apostles could do this. They said, "Look! These men we hear speaking are all from Galilee. 8 But we hear them in our own languages. How is this possible? We are from all these different places: 9 Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Judea, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, 10 Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, the areas of Libya near the city of Cyrene, Rome, 11 Crete, and Arabia. Some of us were born Jews, and others have changed their religion to worship God like Jews. We are from these different countries, but we can hear these men in our own languages! We can all

understand the great things they are saying about God."

1Corinthians 12:8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

1Corinthians 12:28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

If we study the scriptures closely there is also a tongue of angels, that is, supernatural tongues that cannot be interpreted by men. **1Corinthians 13:1** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.

1Corinthians 14:2 For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. 3 On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their up building and encouragement and consolation. 4 The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. 5 Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up. 6 Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? 7 If even lifeless instruments, such as the flute or the harp, do not give distinct notes, how will anyone know what is played? 8 And if the bugle gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle? 9 So with yourselves, if with your tongue you utter speech that is not intelligible, how will anyone know what is said? For you will be speaking into the air. 10 There are doubtless many different languages in the world, and none is without meaning, 11 but if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker and the speaker a foreigner to me. 12 So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church. 13 Therefore, one

who speaks in a tongue should pray for the power to interpret. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful. 15 What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also. :16 Otherwise, if you give thanks with your spirit, how can anyone in the position of an outsider say "Amen" to your thanksgiving when he does not know what you are saying? 17 For you may be giving thanks well enough, but the other person is not being built up. 18 I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. 19 Nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind in order to instruct others, than ten thousand words in a tongue. 20 Brothers, do not be children in your thinking. Be infants in evil, but in your thinking be mature. 21 In the Law it is written, "By people of strange tongues and by the lips of foreigners will I speak to this people, and even then they will not listen to me, says the Lord." 22 Thus tongues are a sign not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is a sign not for unbelievers but for believers. 23 If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? 24 But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, 25 the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you. 26 What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an

interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. 27 If any speak in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn, and let someone interpret.

One day while I was studying the Word of God and trying figure out the meaning of speaking in tongues, I started praying to God asking Him for the gift of tongues(other languages) as according to His Word. While I was praying, the voice of God came to me asking "Can you speak Spanish?", I said "No Lord", again the Lord asked "Can you speak French", I replied "No Lord", again the Lord asked "Can you speak Portuguese", I replied "No Lord" then Lord said "Now I want you to create your own language, a language which does not exist". I thought ok, but what is it suppose to sound like if I don't even know what any other language sounds like. At that moment I decided to do what God said and create my own language that does not exist, one that not even my mind can understand. I started saying anything as strong and loud as I can and continued to do so for a minute. Then all of a sudden I realized that I was saying the same words over and over and they sound the same all the time, even if I tried to create something else. At that moment the Lord said to me "Now this is your own spirit language, and each person has his own". Then I started laughing because I was so shocked and surprised at what just happened.

That same afternoon I approached my friend and told him the very same words that the Lord had spoken to me. I told him to create his own language that doesn't exist. He tried to create his own language, and made some bubbling sounds for a minute. Then I asked him to create another different language of his own and as shocking as it came, he surely spoke the very same sounds again as his first, but different from my own created language!

This confirmed that each person indeed also have their own spiritual language, one that cannot be interpreted! I believe this is the other tongue that Paul referred to as "the tongues of angels" also the tongue "that speaks mysteries in the Spirit".

However, speaking in tongues of men, that is, foreign languages without knowing that language is indeed a gift of the Spirit to those He will for the purpose of spreading the Gospel to the Gentiles. This is why Paul said speaking in a spiritual tongue only builds up oneself but he also said speaking in another tongue (foreign language) can build up the church because it can be interpreted.

CHAPTER 19

BAPTISM WITH FIRE

The baptism with fire is not a common subject spoken of in most Christian churches these days. Both John and Jesus also spoke about a baptism with fire. However, the baptism with the Holy Spirit and the baptism with fire are somehow linked according to the words of John. I want to discuss this in order to reveal it's deeper meaning and how these two actually work together.

Luke 3:16 John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. 17 His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Luke 12:49 Jesus continued speaking: "I came to bring fire to the world. I wish it were already burning! 50 There is a kind of baptism that I must suffer through. I feel very troubled until it is finished.

The baptism with fire refers to the Holy Spirit's work as the purifier of evil, because of the exhortation "Do not quench the Spirit" found in 1Thessalonians 5:19. This means the casting out of evil spirits happens first and then the baptism with the Holy Spirit, in other words the first in preparation of the next. The command to the

believer is to not put out the Spirit's fire by suppressing His ministry, because the "Fire of God" consumes all evil in the invisible/spiritual realm.

Matthew 12:28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. 29 Or how can someone enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? Then indeed he may plunder his house. 30 Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

For this reason a person should not confuse the physical fire of hell with the fire of God's presence, that is, when the pastor says "Holy Spirit fire!" when he casts off some evil spirits. The pastor is merely preparing the peoples by casting out/off the evil spirits and strongholds.

Malachi 3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD.

Hebrews 12:27 This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of things that are shaken--that is, things that have been made--in order that the things that cannot be shaken

may remain. 28 Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, 29 for our God is a consuming fire.

However, one should also not assume that people are being baptized with the Holy Spirit when the pastor says "Holy Spirit fire". No one can baptize a person with the Holy Spirit but God Himself from heaven, and this only happens to a born again person who came to faith and received the Lord Jesus as their Saviour. For this is the very reason why Paul said what he said in the following verses:

1Corinthians 1:14 I thank God that I didn't baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius. 15 Not one of you can say that you were baptized in my name. 16 I did baptize the family of Stephanas, but I don't remember if I baptized anyone else. 17 Christ did not send me to baptize. He sent me to tell the good news without using big words that would make the cross of Christ lose its power.

In the book of Exodus the Angel of God appeared to Moses as Fire in a burning bush, but the Fire of God did not consume the physical bush (Exodus 3:2)

Also in the book of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego was thrown into the oven of physical fire but with the presence of Jesus with them, the fire did not consume their physical bodies and they miraculously came out unharmed. (Daniel 3:23-26)

In the book of 1 Kings, Elijah prayed to God to reveal himself to the people as the true God by means of fire (1Kings 18:24)

CHAPTER 20

THERE ARE NO DIVISIONS IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

I conclude this chapter with a dream I had recently. I saw many different churches and denominations of Jesus on the earth. Some were Reformed, Protestant, Apostolic, Baptist, Pentecostal and some worked healings, Miracles and revivals etc. Then the Lord asked me "What do you see", I was somewhat discouraged at the scene of right and wrong, and I said "Lord, I see your church are divided". The lord replied with a soft voice "They are not divided. Those you see that are many, they are those who preach My Word, many people go there to find me but they cannot find me because they do not preach of the new birth, and those other churches (pointing) are the ones who found me but they realized the need to be baptized and those other churches of mine there, they are the ones that I have baptized and now they operate in my power and they are the few of them all. This is how all of them progress in me"

Now after this dream I was somewhat surprised, however I have to mention that there are also those with no part anymore, who once was but were led astray. I saw more churches and denominations than I have mentioned that are all part of the Body of Christ, but they definitely do not include some Roman Catholic Church. For the sake of peace, that is all I can say. About the beloved Jews, they study the Tree of Knowledge, that is, the Torah of Moses. But there is

also a Tree of Everlasting life, that is, the Gospel of Messiah. Hence, God put both in the garden!

1Corinthians 1:10 Brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg all of you to agree with each other. You should not be divided into different groups. Be completely joined together again with the same kind of thinking and the same purpose. 11 My brothers and sisters, some members of Chloe's family told me that there are arguments among you. 12 This is what I mean: One of you says, "I follow Paul," and someone else says, "I follow Apollos." Another says, "I follow Peter," and someone else says, "I follow Christ." 13 Christ cannot be divided into different groups. It wasn't Paul who died on the cross for you, was it? Were you baptized in Paul's name?

God is Spirit, we don't see Him, and no one ever saw Him, but through Christ we come to know Him. Jesus came to open our eyes to see God the Spirit. His Holiness shines brighter than all the light of the whole universe. Can you see Him? Can you see the wind blow when He passes by? Can you hear His footsteps next to you when you walk alone, can you hear His voice in the thunder, did you see how He feed the birds and flowers with rain, did you feel the overwhelming peace in His presence, but most of all can you see His Great Love for us, to take us back to Himself and give us Everlasting life.

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All you newborns in Christ, you know the voice of your Shepherd Jesus follow Him. Always remember the day He set you free from your slavery. You are now walking in the loving Grace of God. The words of truth are hard against the sinful, but the righteous fear them not and love the truth because they are already free. My dear friend, God loves you so much. In times of trouble, trail and testing, praise and exalt Him even more! Though it be sickness, poverty, even facing death like Job, He, the Lord will save you! Hold on to Him with all your strength. Lord Jesus is the Author and Finisher of our faith.

This book is for you, with love. May the words of this book be fruitful and give all the Glory, Worship and Praises, to God the Father, forever and ever Amen!"

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Something Supernatural must happen to each and every one of us, we must be spiritually born with the Holy Spirit inside of us. Written over a period of 7 years, after being born again, I believe that this book could be one of the most powerful and inspirational biblical counseling guides, not only to the individual reader but also to Pastors and leaders within all Christian churches. In this book the reader will discover the real purpose of the law, the full meaning of the new birth and the biblical way of salvation. But the wonderful journey of salvation does not end after being set free and born again in the Spirit; this is only the beginning of Faith. The new born believer will begin a brand new life and will also be baptized with the Holy Spirit. The mature disciple will then put on the full armor of God and be able to do the same things Jesus did. This book is dedicated to those who are seeking to finally understand the Biblical salvation!

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