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The News of His Saving Power

"Send us around the world with the news of Your saving power and Your eternal plan for all mankind" [Psalm 67:2/TLB]

The Lord Jesus in the book of **Mark 16** and verse **15** said; "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." He commissioned us to preach the good news of God's Kingdom, and God's eternal plan for all mankind. Our responsibility, as preachers of righteousness, is the greatest honor and privilege on the face of the earth. We are bearers of the news of His saving power; dispensers of eternal life, and custodians of God's Word to everyone.

This was something the Kings like David, and the prophets of God, contemplated and wished to be part of, hence the inspiring words in our opening verse. All David had was the promising note of salvation through a prophetic vision; yet he was excited, and wished that he too could go around the world to preach and herald this news of God's saving power. As Christians, we ought to be excited too, for we are living this promise.

As new creations, and being in the world at a time when what David admired and looked forward to as been fulfilled, how could we be quiet? Jeremiah said: "But His Word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and could not stay" [Jeremiah 20:9]. As a Christian, you ought to make your life count with God by making an impact with the Gospel. Be committed to soul winning. A very important evidence of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life is dynamic evangelism. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said; "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me..." Straight away after Peter received the Holy Spirit, he preached to the lost; and that day, 3'000 men were saved

[Acts 2:14-42] – what an amazing power display... You can't claim that God saved you; and not tell others about it. Don't keep quiet, preach the Gospel to everyone, everywhere.

The verse in **Psalm 67:2 [TLB]** is what inspired the pioneering works of Gospel Addicts Global Church; and moreso today, it is still the driving force of the ministry, as we go into the world and preach the Gospel, telling everyone we come into contact with about the news of God's saving power, and His eternal plan for all mankind. We make use of all possible avenues to make new connects, and above all, new disciples. Evangelism is not complete at winning a soul; until you have made a disciple out of that soul, you haven't truly won souls. Just the fact that God loved you so much, that He could send His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross for your sins, so that you might be saved; that alone should be enough to get you excited about evangelism.

The Bible says the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes [Romans 1:16]; and by that power you are commissioned to preach its message. You are a bearer of this very message that saves lives. The power would not work except the message is preached.

Therefore, be faithful in your responsibility as a soul winner – there is no greater job than this, neither is there any greater reward for doing so. Our world is in chaos, with unlawful things happening all over, all the time; but you have the power in the message of salvation to make a difference; why keep quiet?

The Simplicity of Christianity Know that you know - part 1

So many times Christians and the church at large complicate their comprehension of God's plan for mankind and the personal Word of God to us; and most of the time this is because we think that we can't understand the mind of God. The answer will of course be yes if we don't walk in the Spirit; but if you walk in the Spirit, then that is the very purpose of the Spirit, to make known to us who believes the thinking of God towards us and mankind – His eternal plan for mankind.

As David had said in Psalm 67:2 [TLB]; "Send us around the world with the Power of Your Word; and Your eternal plan for mankind." The Power of God's Word is manifested through the Spirit of God; and we can know God's plan for mankind through the leading and teaching of His Spirit.

Colossians 1:27 reveals just that: "To whom God will make known what is the riches of His glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ [the Holy Spirit] in You; the hope of glory." And after we know that Jesus had send us another Comforter, One Who is exactly like Him, to teach us all things [John14:26]; we see in Colossians 2:9 that we short of nothing: "For in Him [Christ / The Holy Spirit as translated from the original Greek text] dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." The question is: 'Why do we fall short then?' "For the lack of knowledge God's people are destroyed" [Hosea 4:6]. Colossians states for in Christ the fullness of the Godhead bodily – meaning that we have received the fullness of the Godhead through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit; not a portion, but the fullness thereof.

Like we see in Golossians 1:27 & 2:9 – The Father's purpose is for you to have help; and Jesus came to pave the way for just that through His works on earth, then when He went back to Heaven

that path was paved as He send us the Holy Spirit – now we only need to walk in it, yet how difficult we find that. If only we realize that the Holy Spirit is now with us for the purpose to teach us God's Word and His plan for our lives; if only we realize that we not alone, maybe then we will draw near to the Holy Spirit and come into fellowship with Him – then we will discover the leading of the Spirit and the simplicity of Christianity. We might say we know we not alone, but the depths of that realization is yet far away – we haven't come to the manifestation of that knowing. We must seek so that we may know that we know!

There is a great importance that we come into fellowship with the Holy Spirit; because He is the One Who is with us now; and He makes real God the Father and God the Son to us. He is the One Who brought us unto salvation by Jesus Christ and He is the One Who gives us understanding of the scripture – through revelation – He is the Word of God expressed. Before we received Christ, He was an external influence, now that we have received Christ, He had become an internal influence – but we must learn to take advantage of His presence. He is the Father with us; even while manifested in the flesh here on earth, the Holy Spirit was Father to Jesus [Matt.1.18 / Luke 1: 34-35]; how much more to us now.

He is the power of God revealed to every ear that will listen, every eye that will see, and every mind which wish to comprehend. He makes real the God-head of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to us; He brings the Word of God alive. The God-head here is what many refer to as the 'Trinity'.

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes [what a powerful statement right there], and you will keep My judgments and do them" (Ezek. 36:26-27). What a wonderful word; and it can be your reality today – because He had said it so

that we may boldly say... [Heb.13:6].

The problem still exists today! Millions of people are in a daily fight to keep the laws of God, and they are losing the war because they do not understand the Father's battle plan. His strategy could not be more succinct: "I will put my Spirit within you," says the Lord. And why is that His agenda? He wants to "cause you" [from deep inside your heart] to follow His statutes. He wants to make it easy to keep His commandments. Be vested with the power the Spirit bestows upon you; for when you draw near to God, He also draws near to you. But how? You may ask – He does this through the Spirit – that's the Holy Spirit. The reality of the God-head comes through the Spirit of God; and not only so, but through fellowship with the Holy Spirit. The reason the church and so many people in it have become so defeated is that it has ignored the most powerful person in the universe – The Holy Spirit. Now some of you may ask: 'Is the Holy Spirit a person; I thought He is a Spirit...' Well, while He is a Spirit, He is a person of the God-head. The Bible also says that the Father is Spirit; and whosoever worships Him must do so in Spirit and in Truth [John4:24].

We so often think of our lives to be more real than the spiritual realm; well, that should not be the case, for everything that is, came from the Spirit first [John1:1-5]. Understand that in the Beginning, God the Father was seated in Heaven on His Throne with God the Son; it was God the Holy Spirit that came out from God the Father and hovered over the waters [Gen.1:1-3]; awaiting the Word to manifest the Word proceeding from the Father. God the Holy Spirit brought to pass the Word of God the Father. The Holy Spirit is the doer; and He is awaiting your response to God's Word so He may act freely on it. Understanding scripture will lead you to the truth as follow:

God the Father – He is the Operator

God the Son — He is the Administrator

God the Holy Spirit – He is the Manifestor Yet they are 3

Persons, they are One God...

Now in our day, God the Father is still seated on the throne, and God the Son is at His right hand [place of power and authority], and God the Holy Spirit is with us and in us, He makes the Word of God the Father real to us. In fact, God's Word is Spirit, therefore the Word of God is the Spirit of God revealed in plain text to us; but to understand the simplicity thereof, we need the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Holy Spirit is the reality of God's Word and God's Word is the Holy Spirit – God's Word is expressed to us through the leading, teaching and manifestation of the Holy Spirit.

We stand in a position today whereby we have distance ourselves from God, because we believe that God the Father is seated on the Throne, we believe that God the Son was raised from the dead and ascended into Heaven – which is all good and true; but as much as we know that Jesus had send us the Holy Spirit, we don't walk in the consciousness of His closeness to us, neither do we understand the fullness in which the Spirit was given – yet it is revealed in the Bible to us.

Jesus' disciples were short of nothing because God the Son was with them, so too are we short of nothing today because as believers we have God the Holy Spirit with us. As the Disciples had followed Jesus, as they had fellowship with Him, as they asked Him questions, as He taught them and empowered them; so too do we have those things today with the Holy Spirit. What we miss to understand is that Jesus told the first disciples to follow Him and He will make them fishers of men; but He went back to Heaven and had send us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit. So in true essence, we are to follow the Holy Spirit and He will make us fishers of men.

Although Jesus can be a very real entity to us, the reality is that Jesus went back to Heaven and one day soon will return; but for now, it is the Holy Spirit Who reveals the person of Jesus and presents Him real – We just know that we know; but it comes through communion with the Holy Spirit. Paul tells us; 'that the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all' [2Cort.13:14]. It is that communion that makes spiritual things real to us; and above all, that makes Jesus and the Father real to us. The simplicity of Christianity is somewhat missed by complicated prayers. A Spirit-Filled Prayer is not complicated; and this is where we miss everything else. Here are a few pointers to help your keep your prayer life simple yet organized, and getting in deep touch with God [When you do these things with deep affection from the heart, the reality of it will dawn on you]:

- **1] Confession** Acknowledgement of God's greatness
- **2] Supplication** Make known your request to the Father [be specific]
- 3] Adoration Worship & Expressing love to God with all your heart
- **4] Intimacy** Being in His presence / a real connection / full surrender
- **5] Intercession** Focusing on praying for others [mainly praying in tongues]
- **6] Thanksgiving** The victory is yours, thank God for answered prayers by faith
- 7] Praise In Spirit and in Truth / Singing & making melody unto the Lord

When we learn to keep things simple, like the saying going around: 'Let go and let God' – something happens as the Spirit of God takes charge. He will lead you and teach you all things [1Cort.2:13]; but remember that He is not an aggressor like the devil, He is a gentle person. He will not force His Will or Way on you; He patiently awaits for your invitation. The Bible says: 'And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive [Matt.21:22]. Do you know that it is the Holy Spirit that will bring to pass that which you ask of the Father in Jesus Name. Yes – Christianity is not complicated, yet we understand it not because we complicate everything. Just ask the Holy Spirit by simply saying, Holy Spirit, 'help me'. You can't do nothing without Him; even Jesus

relied on the Holy Spirit; and so too did the disciples – the 120 in the upper room on the day of Pentecost, awaited the manifestation of the Holy Spirit before going out to preach [Acts 2:1-6].

Learn to include the Spirit of God in everything you do. If you are faced with a difficult situation, ask the help of the Holy Spirit. If you don't know what to pray, simply ask the Holy Spirit to help you. The simplicity of Christianity starts by asking the Holy Spirit - acknowledge Him in your life and in everything you do – Start today by including the Holy Spirit by simply saying 'Good morning Holy Spirit.' Before praying, ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray; before studying the Word, ask the Holy Spirit to give you understanding, etc...

and tonight before closing your eyes to sleep, greet the Holy Spirit... You can ask the Holy Spirit whatever, but remember that when you ask, you must be willing to do as well...

The Simplicity of Christianity The Christ-like mind - part 2

Most folks today in the church think it is impossible to have the Christ-like mind; yet throughout scripture, we see men and women demonstrating this reality. Most probably the best example other than Jesus Himself was Paul [this goes to show that even a mere man can...]. The author of three-quarters of the New Testament expressed the mind of Christ in his writings to the church; but how did he do this. We see a pattern throughout scripture, he had framed his mind around the Word of God – so too we must frame our minds around the Word of God. The correct term to use is: Frame your mind with the Word of God – but I want to lay emphasis that the Word of God should become the center of our existence.

To start thinking the way Christ Jesus did when He was walking the earth is not impossible; just as the true disciples of Jesus demonstrated in the beginning of Christianity after receiving power on the day of Pentecost [Acts 1:8 & throughout the book of Acts]. They have received the same Spirit by which Jesus had functioned here on earth – He is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will help you, guide you, teach you, lead you, show you, reveal to you... all that which is needed for a successful life here on earth; and more importantly, the working out of your salvation [Phil.2:12]. When you frame your mind around the Word of God, it is the Holy Spirit Who will and do bring alive that Word in your life; and also bring to pass the Lord's purpose [Prov.19:21/Phil.4:13].

Have you ever seen people struggling with something, getting frustrated, yet they refuse help from anyone. You might know exactly how to do what they battling with, but they don't want your help, neither do they even want to listen to you. Maybe this is you, or you've been like that. Their stubbornness is causing them frustration; and that leads to failure. We sometimes do this exact

thing to the Holy Spirit; we don't want His help, neither do we listen to Him. However; when your mind is framed around God's Word, that's your source. In everything you do, you turn to the Word of God for help and instruction. Now directly referencing, I'm speaking about the 'logos' of God [which is the written Word]; but when you start applying the Word and start speaking the Word of God, the Word becomes 'rhema' [It produces results and it comes alive].

You must act on the Word to have the results of the Word [which takes faith]; but there is something more you need to know. When you act on the Word, the Holy Spirit quickly comes to aid; He respond to the Word you acting upon. Why? The Holy Spirit is God's Word expressed in person. He is the One Who gives revelation on God's Word; He is the One Who makes God's Word a reality to us; He is the One Who helps you obtain the results of God's Word.

Learn to speak forth that which you desire / When a man came to Jesus, asking Him to come to his house because his son is very ill; Jesus said to him that he will only believe because he can see. Jesus sends him away simply saying; go your son is well [John4:46-54]. Remember that Jesus said that he will only believe if he can see; but something happened. The man may have come with that mentality Jesus spoke of, but through his encounter with the Lord, he started to think like Christ. Half way on his way home, the man's servants met him, telling him that his son is well. Jesus simply spoke words, but it was up to that man to change the way he thinks, to think like Christ. Folks today are faced with challenges and those challenges is framing their minds to think negative; but Jesus wants us to follow His example, to think like Him and frame our mind around the Word of God - That's one of the reasons He send us His Spirit, to help us accomplish that which seems impossible.

Remember; Jesus was the Word made flesh [John 1:14], therefore,

when the Word of God spoke to this man in the form of Jesus Christ, he was quickened by the Word; his mind was renewed by the reality Jesus spoke [Rom.12:2]; and his son was healed. He heard something in the words Jesus spoke that he never heard before, it made him think; and he chose to adopt the Jesus mentality right there and then – and he received his miracle before seeing it or hearing about it.

Because Jesus said it, he believed it. Now Jesus was the Word made flesh, so when we study the Word of God, we are studying the mind of Christ Jesus; therefore we should take heed to the Word of God, for it reveals things the world can't comprehend; and we are brought to understand it through the Holy Spirit. When Jesus asked the disciples: 'Who do you say I am? Simon Peter answered saying; You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. See what Jesus said next – Blessed art thou Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in Heaven [Matt.16:16-17]. The book of Proverbs chapter 19 and verse 21 says: 'Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.'

Now, understand that the Holy Spirit quickened Jesus, and so too He has quickening your body today – The Word says; 'As He is so are we in this world' [1John4:17]. You have the living Word of God residing in you; and He is called the Holy Spirit – A Person of the God-head; and that Person has become one with you when you received Christ into your heart – One exactly the same as Jesus; and Jesus being One with the Father; and the Father being One with Jesus. Three unique and peculiar Persons; yet ONE GOD – and He has made His abode in you [John14:23].

This is the mystery of ages revealed [Col.1:27]; and today we have the power of God living and abiding in us [Col.2:9]. So why are you cast-down, why are you struggling, why are you fearful of what tomorrow holds... Don't you know you are God's, that you are the Temple of the living Father, that even God says you are god... Let's see that in scripture: "I have said: Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the Most High" [Psa.82:6] & "Jesus answered them, 'Is it not written in the law, I said, Ye are gods?' [John 10:34]. Why would God say this? Because we are born of the Word; we are born of Him. Isn't it this very God Who said He will pour out His Spirit on us? [Acts2:17]. Isn't it by Him that you are; that you have your being? Don't you know that you are born of the Word [1John4:7]; you are the very product of the Word...

Don't expect the simple minded of this world to understand you when you follow God – "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not" [1John3:1].

Take God by His Word and know that you know; He will never leave you nor forsake you!

Walk and Exercise Your Faith

Exercise to the body is very important; and we can't can remain in good shape by sitting around. Some today, in our modern world, sit most of the day at work. Even they are working, they sit and have very little movement and circulation in their bodies. We get in a vehicle or public transport traveling places, and we eat many times on the go or not at all, putting junk-food into our bodies. It is by walking that the physical body are exercised and trained; so to we must walk in the Spirit and exercise our faith daily.

Also it is by eating healthy meals that our bodies remain in good health. It is proven that when we eat smaller meals and more often in a day, that it is more healthy than sitting 2 or 3 times a day with a larger amount of food; because our body digest smaller amount much easier than larger amounts. This is also applicable in the spirit. When we study the Word in large volumes at once, our spirits will not digest it as good as when we study smaller volumes more often times during the day. I'm sure this makes perfect sense...

We speak a lot about faith, and the reason is that we should life by faith, being pleasing unto the Lord – not just at certain times, but as often as possible. The possibility of this is defendant on how we react to things in our lives, and our time management. Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb.11:6). I believe that as I speak on the topic of faith, faith will be stirred up in you to move you from living the ordinary physical life to the extraordinary spirit life the way the Lord had preordained it for us; not focusing on the natural, but the supernatural abilities the Lord had imparted to us at our new birth.

The Bible makes it clear in Luke 9:2 that nothing is impossible with God. The emphasis here is WITH God – yet God will never leave us, nor forsake us; He is always with us – it is us who many times

are side tracked by things and forget that God is WITH us. If only we can be conscious of this every second of every day, then we will be able to place or faith in God and see that nothing is Impossible WITH God.

Many Christians are faced with challenging situations; and Jesus didn't say we'll not be faced with challenging situations, but He let's us know what to do and more importantly, how to react when we are faced with challenging situations – for know that He had overcome the world (John16:33); and that if He did so, so did we because as He is so are we in this world (1John4:17). There are constant pressures in life, but if we allow those pressures to pressurize us in life, then it will take our focus away from life. I have personally never heard that stressing or worries had ever added even one day in anyone's life. However, the Bible let's us know that our lives are actually shorten when we worry.

I find that many believers look at their circumstances and cry out. Yes, they say but I'm only human... There's more to life and looking at the physical body will limit you. God done so much more for us; He had giving us spirits to respond to His Word. The greater truth is that you are a spirit being, just as your Father are Spirit. We get frustrated in life because we seek after our own will and pleasures; but God says when we put off ourselves and dress ourselves with His will, then we will be filled with His joy – everlasting!

It is the spirit of man that overcomes, that's more than a conqueror (Rom.8:37). You see, the lesser is always included in the greater; and when we learn to live life from the spirit, we will be living the transcended life. God had made us so we may worship Him; therefore, no matter what you go through, you maintain your victorious living in worshiping God. When challenges come, let your praise go up and His glory will come down. You might say that I don't know what you going through

today, but you also have no idea what I went through in life – that's why my confession and testimony is of good report. The only way you will enjoy a healthy and joyful life is by always speaking life over yourself. The same way you will always win in life when you always speak victory over your life. Let laughter fill you, let peace surround you, and let a positive outlook on life bubble up form within you. Beyond the darkest cloud the sun shines bright, for ever sunset there's a sunrise...

When you stir up the gift God had given you; the gift of life, then the Spirit of God will vitalize your whole body. The bible says: 'But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead will also vitalize your mortal bodies' (Rom.8:11). Know that when you born again, your life is not defendant on the blood in your body, but the Spirit Who now has given you a new life. When you have eternal life, you don't need healing; but you must stir up that life. So how do you stir it up? It is through living a conscious life of Christ in you (Col.1:27). You have the Christ-life in you. Jesus is alive and He is the head of the church, the church being the body. How can the head be alive and the body be dead; these two needs each other to live. Now the Holy Spirit gives life to the entire body; but if you just sit and not exercise your body, you will get fat, lazy and even sick. This God-life is in God's Word, therefore get the Word.

Know that to maintain your victory, you must praise God in every area and every situation of your life. You shouldn't loose your victory or try and gain victory; you should learn to maintain your victory, for God had already given you victory. God didn't give you victory to take it away; or even for someone else or even something else to take it away from you – but you must learn to maintain it. God had given Adam dominion to rule over all things – meaning to have authority over all things and all things to be subjected to Adam. Now, we know that Adam sinned, however, he did not loose his authority because God took it away – NO – he lost

his authority because he sinned.

That authority has been given back to man when Jesus came. The first Adam lost his dominion to devil because he traded it for knowledge with devil – the second Adam came and took back that authority on our behalf. Take note, the knowledge Adam gained by sinning and trading his authority with devil hasn't been removed; but Jesus showed us how to manage it right. You see this throughout the teachings of Jesus; and what He had revealed by revelation to the authors of the New Testament.

However, it is important that we hear God's voice, for He is still guiding and teaching us today. To hear the voice of God more clearly, you must study the Word, the Word of God is the voice of God expressed to us, the very revelation of God to you; it bares testimony to us; and it is by hearing the Word that our faith are build (Rom.10:17). Learn to sound out the Word every time you study it, so you may hear it.

You are born as an answer to the cry of many. Don't frustrate the grace of God (Gal.2:21), Christ didn't die in vain, He died for the purpose that you may live. Understand this; He gave you life; and not any kind of life, but the God-kind of life. Why? So you can be an answer to the cry of many! Be a life giver by living and expressing Jesus Christ to your world. Study and learn what He had done and do the same. That's why He had given us His Word, to live by! All we need to do is resist the devil and He will flee from us. No need to struggle in living this amazing life Jesus freely gave us; resist the devil and he will flee from you (James4:7). Many Christians don't have the courage to resist devil, because they don't spend enough time in the Word. Jesus gave us simple solutions to complicated things. Know who you are! Know that you and Christ are one; and no one and nothing can take it away from you.

We must look unto Jesus when faced with challenging situations

We must look unto Jesus when faced with challenging situations and people. How did Jesus react towards negativity. We must understand that their are greater forces in life; and that God is able to use these forces in making all things work for the good of those who love Him. Jesus spoke and things happened; Jesus rebuked those who done wrong and no one could stand up to Him.

The very Spirit Who resided in Jesus is now alive and living in you. Personalize the Word, because God had given you His Word to live by.

Knowledge, Faith, and Prayer

Many believers are very prayerfull, yet not very diligent in studying the Word of God; and so they pray many in vain prayers. They struggle with their faith and even little results come from their prayers, they continue praying what the believe to be meaningful prayers.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children" (Hosea4:6). Let's understand the deeper revelation of this Word found in Hosea; the Lord said: 'because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou SHALT BE NO PRIEST TO ME.' We need knowledge of the Word of God to pray to God – for God is pure and respond to His Word which is pure. God's Word enables us to pray correctly to Him, it equips us to have communion with God, it allows us to speak God's language to God – not having selfish prayers but selfless.

You might of been praying for years thinking that you receiving answers; but now you gaining knowledge and no longer need to pray in asking God Who knows all your needs for things. Understand that the Old Creation and New Creation are very different. The Old Creation was servants of God whereas the New Creation is co-heirs with Jesus Christ. Jesus needs not to ask for anything, because all things are His (Eph.3:16), and now we are made heirs with Him (Rom.8:17), all things are ours too now. When we neglect knowledge, we neglect speaking the right way. God hears His own Word; and anything less than God's Word is not pure unto God. If we pray impure prayers, how can we expect God to hear or answer us. This is God's Word:

'...because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be NO PRIEST to me...' We are called priest of God (Rev.1:6); and a priest is to pray to God; but God says: 'For the lack

of knowledge His 'priest' are destroyed.'

When we do not study God's Word, then we are rejecting knowledge – knowledge of how to communicate with God. That's why many Christians today say; I have prayed but my situation persists. Look at Jesus Who always triumphed over every situation; He prayed the right way – and always prayed for others over Himself.

The latter part of the same verse is what hits home for me: "...seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.' The Bible tells us to train a child in the way he should go (Prov.22:6); but what happens when we don't know the Word of God. We can't train our children right - so our wickedness leads to bringing up children in wickedness, which is in a lack of knowledge that produces wickedness. For instance; if you are buying a car and don't know how to look at all those hidden things, like the condition of the undercarriage, the suspension, or even if the car was in an accident; that lack of knowledge will lead you into buying a car that will only last a short period of time. Our lives are the same; we might be asking and receiving things, but it might only be for a short time we have what we ask for; then we going to need to ask again and again for the same thing. But once you have knowledge in the Word of God, you will not ask a miss; what you ask for will have lasting results.

Your relationship with God matters; are you still at your first love for Jesus, or have you drifted? With child-like faith we move the heart of God. As a child who depends on their father for almost everything, so we are to be with God. God knows better, and when we come to understand that no matter how God had equipped us with His Word, we still need His guidance in everything. To many Christians has fallen of their mountain tops; they experience more valley moments than mountain top moments. The only time a Christian should experience a valley moment is when he/she is

moving from one mountain to the next; and even then, it should be to a bigger and higher mountain. Yes, the valley might be broader at times and the mountain might be more difficult to climb to the top; but once you reach the top, what a view. It is like having an eagle's eye on your surroundings. However; just as a professional mountain climber will strategically plan each and every move not to slip, so too we must strategically discern the things of the spiritrealm. This strategy can only be successful through the ministry of prayer. We must use the Word of God to pray at the right times, and also the right way. Many disagree with me when I say that prayer isn't the answer to everything; because if your prayer isn't accompanied with action, then you simply have prayed in vain. All your prayers should be done in faith; because without faith it is impossible to please God. Through depending on the guidance of the Spirit and closely adhering to His instructions, we can be assure to live on in victory. Victory has already been obtained by Jesus Christ and has been given unto us, but we must take a hold of the victory and live the life of more than a conqueror. When we understand that Jesus had defeated satan and has conquered sin, only then can we reign in life through the Spirit to the glorification of the Lord. Our lives should daily bring glory unto God in everything we do.

Although we are to have child-like faith; we also should be speaking like kings...

Let us take a look at the Ministry of Prayer:

Eccl.8:4 "Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou?" As sons of God, we are made in His images, after His likeness. Our God is King of kings and Lord of lords. As He is so are we in this world (1John4:17). God had called us into His royal lineage, made us kings unto Him, therefore we must speak like kings and declare a thing.

Rev.1:6 "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." Not only had the Lord made us kings, but also priest. The duty of the

priest in the Old Testament as see in Leviticus, prayed and offer sacrifices to the Lord on behalf of the people of Israel. Today, that is our responsibility to pray unto the Lord for all mankind. *Heb.8:3* "For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer." Have you been ordained? Well, if you are born again then the answer is yes; God has ordained you a priest unto Him and you have much to offer Him, first for yourself and also on behalf of the world.

One must be equipped for the task. Many folks take prayer for granted. Looking at the prophets of old, David who was called a man after God's own heart, and Jesus Himself; they all learned to cast themselves face down before the Lord (Ezra 10:1). Also look at Revelation 7:11; "And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God." Even the assembly of Heaven see themselves fit to cast themselves face down before the Lord; how much more we should.

In diverse and challenging situations, stand as a king and declare a thing; in the midst of a dying and sinful world, stand as a priest, interceding on behalf of all men; as a God fearing man or woman, cast yourself face down before the Lord with cries and groanings of the Spirit.

Too many Christians these days find themselves in dire situations, because they fail to pray for things in advance. Like a husband who starts praying when his wife goes into labor. He should of started praying the minute he found out his wife was pregnant. However, many of us today wait for bad things to happen before we start praying. Did Jesus not say the world will hate us because we follow Him... Did Jesus not say that trails and tribulations will come.... Then why wait until such things happens. Start early, start praying about the things the Lord had warned us

about - that where your victory is at.

Let us gain back that first love with giving thanks unto the Lord for big and small, for seen and unseen things. Make melody unto the Lord; stand as a king and declare a thing according to the Word of God. Stand as a priest and pray on behalf of your co-workers, friends, families, and the lost souls. Fall face down before the Lord and worship His greatness, His faithfulness, for His unconditional love He express daily.

Above all, remember: If you stick to the Word, you will surely come back with a testimony. Seek communion with the Father, receive your Word from Him; and no matter what, keep on speaking that Word until your miracle is made manifest in Jesus Name – Hallelujah!

Knowing what the Lord expects of us makes it so much easier to please the Lord; for it is by faith that we believe in the Lord, it is by faith that we speak to the Lord; and without faith, it is impossible to please God.

Lastly; a good place to start equipping yourself with the knowledge is to study the book of Psalm in the evening (giving peace for the night /during dark times), and the book of Proverbs in the morning (to give you hope for the day /when we are to work). Doing this is a good start in being encouraged by the two men of old, one being called the man after God's own heart (David); and the one who God gave abundance of wisdom (Solomon).

The Free Gift of Faith

Before we get started on the topic of faith in this session; I want to exalt you to open your heart to God's Word through a short and simple prayer before reading on. As I speak about faith, I believe that faith will be built up in you; and you will grow in faith as the word are shared. Some of the content might be things you know, but there are certain revelational knowledge being shared below which will take your faith to the next level – Amen! Pray for 5mins in the Spirit...

To every man a measure of faith was dealt (Rom.12:3); it is our responsibility to grow in faith – for it is impossible to please God without faith (Heb.11:6). Jesus highlighted many times to His disciples, stressing that the ordinary faith isn't enough (although faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains), great faith is required to move things in the spiritual realm, causing effectual change to take place in the physical realm with lasting effects. In a few places, it is quoted that Jesus said; you of little faith... Man has received only a measure of faith, but it is through studying, equipping ourselves, and gaining knowledge of the Word that boosts our faith from one level to another; and allows us to grow in faith. God has given us a seed, we are to nurture it (with the Word), feed it (through preaching the Word) and allow it to grow into a fruit bearing tree (by applying the Word in our lives and EVERYTHING we do).

The Bible says that faith is a substance (Heb.11:1). Let us look at the meaning of the word, Substance:

- * A particular kind of matter with uniform properties.
- the real physical matter of which a person or thing consists and which has *a tangible, solid presence.
- ...Yet faith can't be seen, real faith is tangible and has a sold presence. Furthermore, the word used above: 'matter'; is that which occupies space and possesses rest mass, especially as

distinct from energy.

Your faith is what give substance to your hopes, it calls real the things which are not seen (Heb.11:1). You may not see any money in your hand, pocket, or bank account; but your faith can call real what isn't seen. God did not ask us to ask Him for the things we don't have; He told us to call it real through His Word by putting our faith to it. After all the Bible declares us heirs with Christ Jesus (Rom.8:17), so we have a rich inheritance with Him; an inheritance we can enjoy now. You might of been diagnosed with a terminal sickness; and although the doctors can't physically see the cure, you stand on God's Word which is medicine to the body (Prov.4:22) & 3:8). I can add to this list; but my point is: even you can't see it with your physical eyes, your faith can call real what you can't see, to that which you want to see. You can have all things, as long as you can see it through the Word of God, the eyes of faith which is the spiritual eyes of your being; and boldly declare it against all odds.

So many people are dying at an immature age, because we didn't see and understand what the Word of God said about life on this earth; and indirectly we blame God. We say that maybe it is God's Will or He knows the plan. God had revealed His will and plan to us – Man shall have 70; and even some 80 years on earth (Ps.90:10). Anything less than that isn't in God's Will for our live. For the lack of knowledge My people perish (Hos.4:6). The church must wake up to the Word of God. God remains the same; yesterday, today, and forever (Heb.13:8).

There's many things the church don't teach about today, because we haven't reached such depths in the Word of God yet. We are to preach the simple message of salvation to the world, but in the church, we are to teach the believers from one level into a deeper level. For example, the Christian aura – Christian aura is a force or energy around the Christian; which is also available around non-

Christian, but around the non-Christian we have a corrupted aura. Some who can see in the Spirit will see a glow or a certain shine around some; while around others there might be darkness, a cloud, or even a veil seems to be covering them. By faith, we are always to express light, for we are children of light; and we are to let our light shine before man to the glorification of our Lord God and Jesus Christ. Like we explained earlier; the aura is also a matter, a substance of the spirit – it is that which occupies space and possesses rest mass, especially as distinct from energy. Your aura is a spiritual energy; but it cannot be expressed in the physical if you have no knowledge about this. Knowledge is vital for our Christian life and walk in faith.

You might of seen some folks' aura without even knowing it; but you saw it because that person is aware of what they have, so they are able to express it. You might of met some people and said; there's something different about this one – you feel at ease around them or there might be a certain form of energy you not familiar with. They have come to the knowledge of their aura and are able to express it bodily – and through doing so, they expressing God and His glory wherever they go.

I have said many times; life is more spiritual than physical – after all, life in the physical realm is limited by time, but life in the spirit is timeless. This is the very reason why we are to live from the position of the spirit, understand spiritual things, and also express spiritual things – but all this only comes through gaining knowledge of the Word of God and a rich fellowship with the Lord. So many Christians today are living ordinary lives, because they don't understand the working of faith. Faith allows you to live in this world from the spirit; and as you do so, spiritual things are manifest into the physical realm. Nothing that exist today has come about except through the Word of God (John1). The whole world is trying to live a life which will leave an impression on the spirit-world; instead, we are to live a spiritual life which will leave an impression on the

physical world. This is how legacies are built – by living a life of faith, which is living in this world from the position of the spiritworld, because that's where we are born of.

Faith gives us an unfair advantage in this life. That is the reason why we find so many ordinary Christians today, because they not taking advantage of the Word which builds faith in our lives. I use the word ordinary, because the world is ordinary. As Christians, we are to live extraordinary lives. Learn to express your faith. When you come across someone who is sick; be bold enough to lay your hands on them. The bible tells us in Mark16:18 that, "...they (believers) will place (or lay) their hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Faith only works in conjunction to the Word of God. If you don't line your faith up with the Word of God, it's not going to produce after the Word. You can only grow in faith by meditating on the Word and then applying the Word. These signs shall follow those who believe....

(Mark16:16-18). The signs isn't going to follow you if you don't believe – believing the Word of God is what stirs up faith. However, it is not enough to believe, because the devils also believes and tremble (James2:19), so to is having faith not enough, for wicked people also have faith in the wrong things, because every man believes in something. Faith is stirred up by hope which is found in the Word of God and must be worked through love. Only love will give you the manifestation of the Word of God in your life – for these three things will last forever; faith, hope, and love; but the greatest of all is love (1Cort.13:13).

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col.1:27). Get a hold of the Word, for it is the hope of glory (Col.1:27). Jesus is the Word of God (John1:1-3 & 14), and the Word was made flesh. Jesus is also God (Jhn.10:33 / Jhn8:58.);

and God is love (1Jhn.4:8) – in other words, take a hold of love; take a hold of Jesus. When you get a hold of the Word, you will surely come back with a testimony – for faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God (Rom.10:17) – and faith through the Word produces testimony; which is the substance of things not seen.

Let there be substance in what you call faith; and you will have what you say through the Word. Faith delivers the fruit of God's Word to you in the physical realm... I want to leave you with two things: 'Your faith can move mountains; and your doubt can create them' – choose faith today and please God at every level.' Also, Ephessians 6 says; 'pick up the shield of faith.' A shield is there to protect you from outside forces; therefore, your faith protects you from the wicked devices from outside. "Resist the devil and he will flee from you (James4:7). Allow the Holy Spirit to give you revelation on these; and be blessed!

Natural Man vs Spiritual Man

Naturally we want to revenge those who betray and hurt us, we want to pay back those who wrong us; and that is the nature of the natural man. We get upset when certain things don't work out the way we expected; and many a times we end up having the wrong reaction. The natural man perishes; and when we don't condition our soul man with the Word of God, our soul man [mind] will perish with our natural man [body]. This is true when we look at Hosea 4:6, saying: 'My people perish for the lack of knowledge.' This knowledge spoken of is the Word of God; and is said of those who belong to the household of faith, because they don't spend enough time in studying the Word of God. When we learn to condition our soul man with the Word of God [Rom.12:2], we will enter eternity with our spirit man.

On the other hand, let's look at Jesus. Many folks misunderstand the person of Jesus. We understand that Jesus was birthed through a virgin by the Holy Spirit Matt.1:18-25], but what many don't seem to understand is that Jesus was 100% human and also 100% God [John1:1-3&14]. We see by the fall of satan that God can't be overthrown and neither can God be killed [Isa.14:12-17]; and that's still easy enough to understand, because most people learned that God is all powerful and all knowing Supreme, the Creator of all things. Here is the part that many struggle to comprehend: When Jesus died on the cross and was laid in the tomb [John.20:1-18], it was His human side which was laid down.

Then we read and understand that Jesus descended into Hades; and there He made a public display of satan and his cohorts [Col.2:15]. This public display was before all the souls of men and women of old; and many of those souls were not meant to be in hades. Jesus stripped satan and his cohorts from all their power and He took away the keys of death, leaving hell and its powers paralyzed. When Jesus rose from the dead and when He ascended

into Heaven [Acts1:9-12], the Bible tells us that the graves of those same souls of old opened and ascended into Heaven with Jesus [Matt.27:52]. This view can be seen as a type of first judgment.

The question is: 'where was the Holy Spirit in this time when Jesus descended in hades?' In order for a soul to enter Hades, it means the Holy Spirit has left the body as well as the soul. The Holy Spirit accompanies souls to Heaven, not to hell. So when Jesus descended into Hades, He done so byHis human side, which was His human soul; yet He was still 100% Jesus.

This is an amazing revelation, because Jesus came into this world by Holy Spirit on the Father's command; He was 100% man and also 100% God, birthed by a virgin. Yet, one of many reasons why Jesus came was to show us how to live the life He was bringing to everyone who believes. The true Christian life ought to be a supernatural life, lived in a natural world; hence, Jesus performed many supernatural signs and wonders [healings and miracles] by the presence and indwelling of the Holy Spirit; and He done so in a natural human body. In the same manner, the born again Christian have the same indwelling of the Holy Spirit as Jesus had while on earth; and moreso, the Bible tells us that whatever Jesus did we will be able to do and even more [John.14:12]. In fact, these very words were spoken by Jesus Himself. 1 John 4:17 also says that as He [Jesus] is, so are we in this world. Jesus came to express the fullness of God to the world [Col.1:27]. That's what Christianity ought to be about – Christianity is the outward expression of the inner workings of God in a human body; but if you can't see this reality, then it would be hard for you to comprehend it.

Jesus not only brought salvation to us, not only did He come to give us life; and life in abundance [John 10:10], but He also showed us how to live this new life; and He gave us the Holy Spirit in the same manner as He had the Holy Spirit while dwelling

among people on earth [John1:14]. Colossians 2:9 confirms this by saying: 'In Christ dwells all the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form.' Today, the Holy Spirit [Christ] indwells the born again Christian in bodily form. Mark 16:17-18 says that these signs shall follow them that believe [please read in your Bible]. These are the things Jesus done while on earth.

Understand that these signs are not meant for the believer, but for unbelievers to see; to witness it, so that they might also believe. Today we have lost this to some extent, because we find so many proclaiming to be Christian, but when things go wrong they run to church for the pastor or elders to pray for them. The church must equip its members with the truth of God's Word and teach them these fundamental principles. This is our mandated vision at Gospel Addicts Global Church:

'We develop ministers for Christian leading and leadership; such as Pastor, Teachers, Prophets, Evangelist, Apostles. We offer life coaching in developing spiritual gifts; and we offer mentorship for accredited higher formal ministry training. Being not only an active ministry, but a proactive ministry; our focus is Jesus, our message is the Gospel, and our task is the great commission'.

This is what we are all about in accordance with our ministry's founding verse in *Psalm 67:2 [TLB]* – "Send us around the world with the saving power of Your Word; and Your eternal plan for all mankind."

As humans we all have three beings. God created man to have a body, soul, and spirit. He made man to be like Him [Gen.1:26]. The fullness of God is all encapsulated in the Holy Spirit as seen in Colossians 2:9; and has the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in One Being, while three entities —or- persons; but they are all One God. 2'000 years ago people saw God in the form of Jesus. Now we too, we have a body, a soul, and a spirit, but we can only see the physical human body; the other two beings of our existence is within our physical bodies, which are our soul man and spirit man.

But then again, one day our bodies will perish and our soul and spirit will pass on either to Heaven or hell. However, to those who believe, God didn't wait to bring us unto His fullness and perfection.

Every true born again Christian has a physical body, the body of the soul, the body of a spirit; and also the body of the Holy Spirit Who works in us to bring us unto the fullness and perfection of God. Just as Jesus was 100% human and 100% God, our new beings are also. No wonder, in the prophetic vision David saw he says of the new creation: 'Ye are gods' [Psa.82:6], speaking of the new creation as gods. We have been brought into God's marvelous light [1Pet.2:9]; God never intended man not to be like Him. In His original plan He created man to rule this earth [in other words: to lord over the earth/creation] – to be the custodians of God's creation; but now in the ['redesigned'] redemptive plan of God, God made us to be the custodians of His Temple [our bodies], as He has now declared that He will make His abode in every man/woman that will believe [John.14:23].

Many Christians today try and live right through the natural man of their body and soul; but to truly live a righteous life, we must learn to live through the spirit and soul of our true beings. The first step in doing so is to give your life to the Lord and be born again; then the second step is to study the Word of God, for it is our sure guide in living right. Lastly, we must apply all that we study in the Word of God. Romans 10:17 says: 'Faith comes by hearing; and hearing by the Word of God'; and Joshua 1:8 says: 'Meditate on the Word of God day and night...' Both these verses show us how beneficial the application of the Word is, for faith without works is dead [James 2:14-26]; and we can only please God by faith [Heb.11:6] – that means we can only please God through applying His Word; for it is His very Word that brings about faith in us to do according to what is written to us. We must understand that the written Word of God contains no power, but when we take the written Word of God and apply it, it

becomes all the power we will ever need.

Coming back to conditioning our soul man with the Word of God; a good place to start at is the Book of Proverbs. The Bible says of the author, King Solomon, son of King David: He was the wises man that ever lived, and the wises that will ever live [1King.4:13].

According to Romans 10:9; if we 'confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus Christ; And believe in our hearts that God raised Jesus from the dead, we will be saved'. This is when God, by His fullness through the Holy Spirit comes and live within us. Like Colossians says: Christ [the Holy Spirit] is the fullness of the God-head in bodily form. There is no portion received, He comes in the fullness of God or not at all.

Today, if you are not born again yet, then I invite you to give your life to the Lord and invite the Holy Spirit to come and abide with you. God does not expect us to be perfect before turning to Him, He wants us the way we are so that He can come and clean us. If you want to be a child of God, then simply say this prayer aloud: "O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He is alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in the Name of Jesus, I have eternal life; I am born again. Thank you Lord, for saving my soul! I am now a child of God – Hallelujah!

If you have just said this prayer aloud, then you have done according to **Romans 10:9** – "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God had raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"; and are now a child of God – **Congratulations!** We would like to hear from you, email us today at gospeladdictsglobal@gmail.com

Finally, I want to close with this: The new man in Christ must not

adopt the nature of Christ. He/she must accept the nature of Christ, for this is our original nature. You can only adopt something which was not yours, but the nature of God was ours from the beginning.

God didn't make us with fault, we faulted on our own and by choice. Don't blame devil and or circumstances; don't even blame your childhood, parents, or relationship/s, etc; the choice was always ours, to be whom we choose to be. God originally made us flawless! The problem most people have is accepting their original nature, which is Christ-like; but that is not where you should stop – you should also apply this very nature. The person who you were [or still might be] is a result of wrong choices; but God brought us back unto Himself, gave us a blueprint [the Bible] of our original nature, and said: 'Study My Word so that you may become My Word.'

This is God's original plan for mankind; and as He is the same yesterday, today, and forever; so is His plan still the same today for you and me – Hallelujah!

Don't quit, keep winning in life

Redemption at the Core

We don't always understand God's working, neither His mind in His doings [especially in the Old Testament]; however, to live the abundant life Jesus brought us [John 10:10], it is important that we learn a thing or so about the Old Testament. In this teaching, we will take a look at 'Redemption at the Core' of Israel and how all these things point forward to Jesus Christ our Savoir.

First; we must understand Who Jesus is: 'In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God' [John 1:1-2]. It is important to note that the words: '...the Word was with God...', are repeated from verse one to two. Then looking at verse 3 and 4; 'All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life; and the life was the light of man.'

Now we must also understand that in Genesis; it was the Word Who went out from God in the form of the Spirit of God and hovered [brewed or incubated] over the deep [waters] of the earth. "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters" [Gen.1:1-2]. Water has the ability to reflect images; and we understand that things respond to God's Word; so let's look at what happened next in verse 3: 'And God said...' [Gen.1:1-3].

Stop right there! It was the Spirit of God Who was upon the face of the waters; and God said... The Spirit of God is also said to be the Word of God [Heb.4:12-13], and the Spirit of God is God Himself [John 1:1]; as we also see in Colossians 2:9that He is the fullness of the God-head. God is Spirit [John 4:24], and He works by sending His Word which return not void, but accomplish that which He sends it to do [Isa.55:11]. Therefore we can agree that the Spirit of God is God's Word and also that the Spirit of God is God.

As we already saw in **John 1:1**; 'In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' Then in **John 1:14**; not only is the Word revealed, but God Himself is revealed, saying: 'And the Word became flesh...' Jesus is the Word of God, He Himself is the Spirit of God [Who is also the fullness of God], and in the Book of Acts, He returns in the form of the Holy Spirit unto those believers in the upper room [**Acts 1:2:3**], and so birthed the New Creation – every man who believes in his heart; and confess with his mouth [**Rom.10:9-10**].

The Old Testament reveals many names of God; and each name gives a deeper revelation of Who God is to His people. When we get to learn about the revelation of Jesus, we understand that Jesus is the fullness, the expression, and the very embodiment of the sum of names of God revealed in all the times passed. The Old Testament refers to the Spirit of God as the Angel of the Lord, as the Commander of the Lord's army -or- Host; and even the Host of Heaven. For example, when Joshua saw a figure of a man with a sword drawn on his way to Jericho; Joshua asked him, are you for us or against us? The 'man' answered, saying; 'He is the Captain of the Host of the Lord.' He was the Holy Spirit; expressed in bodily form – He was the Word appearing as a 'man' – this manifestation of the Spirit was Jesus. The people of the Old Testament didn't know Jesus, for only much later, by the prophets, Jesus are introduced as the Messiah. So we can conclude that from the very beginning, Jesus was there as the scripture is witness to this; and that He Himself were God then, and still is God now - 'God is the same yesterday, today, and forever' [Heb.13:8].

Overview of God's Redemption Plan:

These things are important to understand if we are going to learn about the redemption plan of God at its core in the Old Testament. We will also learn how every element of God's redemption plan all points to Jesus Christ. First, God establish a promise and makes a covenant with Abraham [Gen.15]. God tells Abraham that

he will be the father of many, and through his seed the nations of the earth will be blessed. The seed did not refer to Isaac [the son of Abraham], but it points to Jesus; however, it is through the line of Abraham that Jesus would be born into this world, who is Jesus, the seed being referred too [see **Matthew** chapter 1]. We notice a remarkable thing in the covenant between God and Abraham. In the Old Testament we read of blood covenants between man and God, but in Abraham's case; God is the one who makes a blood covenant with Abraham. Again, this blood covenant foreshadows and point to the blood covenant Jesus makes with His New Creation. Let's look a bit deeper into this blood covenant God makes with Abraham.

God makes a Blood Covenant with Abraham:

In Genesis 15 we read of the covenant God made with Abraham; which was a blood covenant. It is important to notice throughout scripture that it was also man who made blood covenants with God; but in this case, God made a blood covenant with Abraham. Whenever there was a blood covenant made with God, the priest would prepare the sacrifices, divide it, and pass through the centre of the sacrifices before God which seals it as a blood covenant but in the blood covenant God made with Abraham, Abraham prepared the sacrifices, but it was God who passed between the divided sacrifice before Abraham. This sets a seriousness to the sacrifice this covenant holds; because it was God making a covenant with man. It is also important that we notice through scripture that although this type of covenant was made once in the Old Testament, it does point directly to the covenant Jesus made with everyone who would believe on His Name and who would receive His salvation; for Jesus was the ultimate sacrifice, and He passed in-between His sacrifice before all mankind – death, burial, and resurrection. We will discuss this topic in more detail in our book 'Walking Through on Dry Land'which will be released in 2019; for now, you can read about the blood covenant in Genesis *15.*

Old Testament Redemption Plan:

The other covenants God made with His people are also accompanied by God's redemption plan for mankind. Many folks don't understand why the redemption plan of God in the Old Testament is at the cost of the lives of 'seemingly' innocent women, children, and even animals, as God instructs Israel to dedicate certain cities, nations, and people for destruction, with specific details.

Israel [the house of Jacob] was held in slavery in Egypt for about 430 years, and we all know how God choose Moses to deliver Israel out of the hand of Pharaoh; but we don't always understand why Israel dwelled in the wilderness for 40 years. We understand the commonly taught topic of disobedience; but at the same time don't always understand why God will order and sometimes act Himself in His wrath to wipe out His own people; and at times with their entire families [women, children, and livestock]. Could God not spare the children at least; and what did the animals do wrong?

See some of the references concerning the wilderness: The Israelites lived at Mount Sinai for a year. Then the cloud went away from the tabernacle. The Israelites followed the cloud into the wilderness. The priests carried the ark of the covenant in front of them. Jesus said he would lead the Israelites to the promised land [Numbers 10:11–12, 33–34; Exodus 3:17]

The Israelites followed Moses. They did not like the wilderness. They were not happy. They were sorry they had left Egypt [Numbers 10:13; 11:1–5] Jesus sent them manna. The people got tired of eating manna. They wanted some meat. Jesus sent some quails for them [Numbers 11:4–9, 18, 31–33]

The Israelites came to the land of Canaan. It was the promised land. Moses sent twelve spies into the land of Canaan [Numbers

13:2–3] The spies came back. They brought many kinds of fruit. They said the land was very good. But some of the spies were afraid of the people of Canaan. The people were big and strong.

They lived in big cities with walls around them [Numbers 13:21– **31]**. The Israelites listened to the spies. The Israelites were afraid. They thought they could not capture the land of Canaan. They were angry at Moses. They wanted to go back to Egypt. They did not have faith in God [Numbers 14:1-4]. Jesus was angry at the Israelites. He told Moses he would not help them anymore. Moses asked God to forgive them. Jesus forgave them. But he would not let them go into the promised land. He told Moses to take the Israelites back into the wilderness [Numbers 14:11-25]. God said they must live in the wilderness for forty years. The older Israelites did not have faith in God. They would die in the wilderness. Their children would grow up and go into the promised land. The Israelites went back into the wilderness [Numbers 14:23, 29–34; **Deuteronomy 2:1]**. One day the Israelites were very thirsty. There was no water to drink. They told Moses they wanted water [Numbers 20:2–5]. Jesus Christ told Moses how to get water. Moses hit a rock two times with his rod. Water came out of the rock. The people drank the water.

Numbers 20:6–11 Moses led the people in the wilderness for forty years. He taught them the commandments of God [Numbers 14:33–34; Deuteronomy] When Moses was 120 years old, God told him to go to a mountain. Moses saw the land of Canaan. It was the land God had promised the Israelites. Then God took Moses [Deuteronomy 32:49–52; 34:1–7; Alma 45:19]

Hebrews 3:7-19 gives us reference to the sins of Israel in the wilderness and God's wrath against them; stating that the wilderness stands as a warning to all mankind. To better understand this, we must learn more about the dealings of the surrounding nations of Israel; their way of life, the religion, their

culture, their wickedness, and ultimately, their influence on the Israelites.

We can't live like Canaanites and be blessed like Israelites: Canaan was a pagan nation, wicked to the core of their beings; and their wickedness was not only in the idolatry, but it extended far into opposing the very moral principles of God. In short; the inhabitants of Canaan not only worshipped idols, but they also sacrificed their children on altars of fire to the false gods [Lev.20:2; Deut, 12:31]. When Israel started to mix with the Canaanites, their relationships became a very snare and awoke the things they grew accustom to in Egypt. Yes, the Israelites also turned to worship the gods of the Canaanites [Jug.2:11-15], they also sacrificed their children to the Canaanites' gods; but there is still more. In likeness to Sodom and Gomorrah, the Canaanites whored among each other, having group orgies, indulging in homosexual affairs and even bestiality [which is having sex with animals / Lev. 18]. The entire nation of Canaan was polluted with wickedness; their livestock was unclean and even their children was born of the sinful acts of the mothers and fathers; and some Israelites were influenced to partake in this sinful way of living as they laid with men and woman of Canaan, taking their daughters as wives for their own sons and giving their daughters as wives to their sons. Does this ring a bell of our society today?

Purging of Sins:

The wickedness of Canaan and that of the Israelites who mixed with the Canaanites where an abomination; their entire household [young and old, men and women, servants and slaves, livestock and even babies] was corrupted and wicked. Therefore God purged the wicked from among an evil nation. We see evidence of this from the beginning of time when the first man, Adam, has sinned. The wickedness that emerged with Cain towards his brother Able [Gen.4]; also in the story of Noah who was the only righteous man in his time, for the world around him was very wicked [Gen.6-7].

We see a cycle of wickedness emerging in Sodom and Gomorrah [Gen.19]; and it continues through in the line of Jacob and later the time of slavery of Israel in Egypt. Then it goes on and follows in the wilderness after Israel was delivered out of the hand of Pharaoh; and beyond...

Why Babies?

Many times people just don't understand why God had to order his people to kill even the babies; saying: 'Aren't babies innocent until an age of understanding?' Yes they are; but the sin is already in them. Is it then not better that God calls on the life of an innocent baby to be eternally saved, than to let a child grow up in the sinful nature of its parents which has been imparted through wickedness; and then being eternally damned? It might seem wrong in our eyes that God can command the slaughter of babies, but seeing it through the eyes of God, it is mercy.

God loves all people; but when people don't repent, they can't enter into God's presence. Taking young lives like this was an act of mercy, it was love express eternally; a love which needs no justification.

Our Society Today:

This also helps us understand why it seems like God isn't putting an end to abortions today... Our world is not less wicked than that of Canaan; neither more righteous than Sodom. In fact, day-by-day our society is embracing Canaan; rebuilding Sodom, and rising up Babel again – society is on a path of self-destruction and eternal condemnation. Are we really going to live like Canaan and still be expectant of Israel's blessings? Or are we going to be like Lot who lived in silence to the sins of Sodom because we are desiring a better life? Lot didn't partake in the sins of Sodom, but neither did he warn to people of their trespasses. Lot turned a blind eye to the sins of Sodom, because he didn't want to jeopardize his business relations with the people of Sodom; he was making money and he

lived in the comfort of gain. Was he blessed? Yes, he was indeed! Did it end well for him? No, it didn't! He lost everything when he had to leave Sodom empty handed. His wife was turned into a pillar of salt [Gen.19:26]; and his own daughters deceived him and committed incest with him [Gen.19:30-38]. He himself was the author of a low and worthless ending.

It all points to Jesus:

The atonement of sin foreshadows the death, burial, and resurrection on Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God and our Savoir. If we would only pay attention to the increase of wickedness around us; even that which dwells among us in our households and church, then we might stop asking foolish questions like: 'Why is God allowing these things?...'; and instead we will start warning people.

Set Apart for His Glory

The church is to be the body of Christ; but today, it looks nothing like the body of Christ; instead it looks like the body of Jezebel. What does the body of Christ looks like? It is a slain body, a body broken for a greater purpose. The church is a self-glorified body today of lust and greed; and only we who are part of the body can change this to what it ought to be.

It is okay to sit with sinners; Jesus did, but don't do what sinners do! It is okay to have money, but how you earn it and how you spend it matters!

It is okay to drink wine, but don't be drunk of wine, instead be filled with the Spirit! It is okay to cast stones, but before you do, check yourself if you are blameless... and you will find that none are blameless, except Jesus. However, look at Jesus: even He was perfect, He didn't cast a stone on the woman who was caught in the act of adultery, but instead said; 'Your sins are forgiven, go and sin no more'. In the Old Testament God used some sinful people to do great things, and at the end He commended them. Abraham laughed at God and wavered at God's promises, but was called the father of faith...

Solomon was said to have found favor with God and that God blessed him with an abundance of wisdom, suck like no other man ever had nor ever will have [accept Jesus], yet he had many wives...

David plotted against one of his commanding soldiers and caused him to be killed in war so that he may have the man's wife, yet God called him a man after His own heart...

This is just to mention a very few; and over in the New Testament, just to mention one by name; Saul who became Paul, a murderer

and prosecutor of the saints became highly anointed, touched many lives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and also wrote most of the New Testament.

The early church leaders were filled with once slaves, adulteress, murderers, thieves, and all kinds of wicked people who turned to Christ. My point is; just as Israel was brought out from among the Egyptians and brought into the promise land, set aside for God's glory, anointed and made a nation of priest; so are we today who are in Christ. We have been brought out of the clutches and wicked devices of darkness and have been brought into the light of God; set apart, peculiar, a royal priesthood unto God – we have been delivered, forgiven, and been made anew; yet some of us still long back for Egypt, some still turns and looks at Sodom... There is a far greater glory for them that are in Christ in the midst of all troubles, challenges, and persecutions you face today. Don't focus on what was, neither on what is now; but keep your eyes on Jesus and He will fill your life with His radiance, love, and peace.

'Do not be conformed to this world, but be transfigured by the renewing of your mind; that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God'[Rom.12:2].

Jesus is not looking for a ready people; He is looking for willing people and He will make you ready – the question today is: Are you willing? Because He is ready to express His glory in you for the world to see and believe!

The Vitality of Revelation

Revelation is very important, in fact, it's vital to the Christian life. Revelation is what steer the Christian, the driving force and the very engine that propels us to move beyond the storms of this life. Without revelation you might just not be able to connect all the dots in your life to give you a picture of the plans God has for you. Revelation brings about vision, and where there's no vision, God's people perish [**Prov.29:18**].

Listen to this: The extent of your vision is the boundary of your blessings. Hear this carefully today: The extent of your vision is the boundary of your blessings! If you can't see it, how are you going to take a hold of it? We see in **Ephesians 1:3** that; 'God had blessed us with all spiritual blessings.' He is not going to do it, He already done it. You might look at your life and see lack, looking on the left you might see failure, looking on the right you might see defeat or lost; you might see chaos all around you today; but let me tell you this: It doesn't matter where you at today, but where you see yourself tomorrow! The problem with most of us is, we look at the current circumstance in our lives and fail to see the victories beyond. It is this very thing that holds us back in life; and we just can't seem to reach our potentials in much.

No man or thing is responsible for blocking you. Understand that what happens in your life is by your acceptance of matters. If you have any blockage or walls in your life; it's not because anything or anyone has caused it, you have erected those blockages and walls in your own life.

You might say, 'but if so and so didn't do this and that, then it wouldn't have happened.' No, that's not completely true. It is your reaction that brought the outcome you have today. If you are facing flu for example; it starts by symptoms. Now if you accept those symptoms, you will have the product of flu. Accepting the

symptoms is by choice, it was not forced on you. This is true in almost all things we encounter; we look at the now and we miss the victories of tomorrow, simply because we didn't see the victories. It is only by revelation that we learn to look beyond, that we extent our vision.

Standing where you are today, how far can you see? Now I'm not talking about looking with your physical eyes, but you need to look with your spiritual eyes. Your spiritual eyes can only see through the Word of God, that's why we teach you to get a hold of the Word. You must study and meditate on the Word of God; the more you do this, the better and clearer you will see all things, for God's Word is light unto you.

Think of it; how can we fail if we have the Holy Spirit leading us into victory daily? You must develop a personal relationship with the Word of God, for the Word of God is God's Spirit expressed to us in words; and these words, the very Spirit of God has been wrapped up and given to us in the Bible; and furthermore, when we became born again, God deposited His Holy Spirit into us. 'Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God'[Rom.10:17]; therefore we must study and meditate on the Word always. Hebrews 11:1 explains 'faith as the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.' The Amplified Version explains it even better, by saying that Faith is our title deed. If you purchase a property, you will receive a title deed which is the legal documentation proving that you are the legal owner of the property stipulated thereon. No one can put you out of the property or take it way, as long as you have the proof.

Now, if you need to proof ownership of such a property to anyone, you don't need to show them the property; but simply provide the title deed. Some folks inherited property; and in such case the title deed will be transferred unto their name, making them the legal owner. Now imagine someone has inherited a property and does

not know about it. The property is still legally theirs, but they would have the privilege of enjoying it. Some Christians is like this; we all have an inheritance in Christ, but some are unaware of what they have.

Christians still pray that God may bless them, but God has already supplied us all with the title deed, stating that He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings [Eph.1:3]; so in essence, these folks lack revelation, because they don't have a intimate and personal relationship with the Word; Who is the Holy Spirit. When you discover the blessings that belong to you in God's Word, you ought to believe it and confess it. These are the core principle of faith. Let me show you – With the heart man believes unto righteousness. and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation' [Rom.10:10]. It is by faith that we believed in God John 6:69 **/Heb.11:3],** and by faith that we became born again. Notice, there's two benefits here; you are made righteous by believing, and you obtain salvation by confession. If you had believed and made no confession, or made confession but did not believe; then neither will you be righteous in God's eyes, not have salvation. When you meditate on the Word of God, you ought to vocalize it, because without vocalizing the Word, you wouldn't be able to hear it, and your faith will not be increased. The core principle of faith is believing and confessing; this is what brings revelation unto us revelation is a product of faith mixed with the Word of God; and moreso, the spoken Word of God. Faith is a verb, and without the action following it, it will not work. James 2:14[-26] says that faith without works is dead; so we ought to work faith by the Word of God.

I thrive on revelation, it is the very engine that powers what I do; without it, I don't have a ministry. This is the mentality all Christians ought to have. Be fueled by the Holy Spirit; look beyond your current position in life; because if you are focused on your current position, it will place you in a disposition for what lies ahead –

VICTORY! I find so many Christians running to hear from prophets and they fill the church during prophetic services; those are lazy Christians. They don't spend enough time in studying the Word of God for themselves; they want others to do it for them while they just go and listen to prepared messages. Throughout the Bible, we see that God send prophets unto folks who had turned away from God. Every time Israel [the Jews] disobeyed the Lord, the Lord sends prophets with messages to the nation to bring them back unto Himself. Other times, like in the case of Jonah, God send him to prophesy unto a wicked nation, to turn from their wicked way unto God. Every time prophets were send unto people, it was for profitable for rebuke, correction, and teaching them to follow in the right way. Prophets minister unto those who do not hear God for themselves, because these are the folks who did not learn to study the Word of God for themselves; they have no true relationship with the Word. There's a difference between prophets and a prophetic word, for a prophetic word guidance from the Spirit, whereby a prophet's message is to bring people back unto the right path.

Revelation on the Word of God brings you to a position in life, that whatever you do is honoring God. The line of work or business you in, your studies at school or college, your general conduct and relationship with people, the very person you are; in all areas, your life and person must honor God. If you are a Christian, it is not something you do, it is who you are. In everything in your life, be a Christian first; then be an employee or business owner. Be a Christian first before being a student at school or college. Be a Christian first before being a husband or wife. Be a Christian first before being a husband or wife. Be a Christian first before being a friend. Revelation on the Word of God through an intimate relationship with the Spirit of God will make you a Christian who honors God in everything.

Working Wisdom

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" [James 1:5]

Takes note, our opening verse does not say that God will teach you wisdom, neither that anyone will teach you; but that God will give wisdom to those who ask. We are not talking here about the short fallen wisdom of the worldly system and carnal minded, we are talking about Godly wisdom, which comes only from God. No man can teach wisdom to another; for when we study the Word of God, we are increased in knowledge, knowledge bring forth understanding, and understanding brings forth wisdom; but God gives the increase thereof. However, we all do lack wisdom, even though we might diligently study the Word. The Greek word for lack is 'leipetai', which also translates as 'is lacking' or 'may be lacking'; indicating that all men have some sort of wisdom, but might not be full in wisdom. In such a case, James exalts us to ask, for God will not rebuke us for asking, but will surely increase us in wisdom. The Amplified Version renders this verse as follow: "If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberty and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him."The underlined word, 'deficient' means: Inadequate in amount or degree; ...of a quantity not able to fulfill a need or requirement; ...Falling short of some prescribed norm – which also derives from the synonyms of the Greek word, 'leipetai'

Wisdom is given from God unto man, first for the works of the ministry, and also for life itself. "Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded" [Exo.36:1]. The wisdom of God can be worked in our lives, but first, we must learn how to work wisdom in ministry. Now

you might not be in any particular office of a ministry, but you still have some sort of ministry within the body of Christ; for all members must work in wisdom to accomplish the great and glorious works which has been given to us. Proverbs 11:30 says; 'He that winneth souls are wise.'Indeed, the soul winner is wise, because he/she that wins souls has discovered how to work out their own salvation [Phil.2:12]. Yes, the working out of your salvation is directly tied to soul winning; for as you win souls, you yourself gain insight on living a righteous life as you teach others on the things you are to study and meditate upon. I find many 'ordinary Christians', being tossed to and fro, being conformed by the world instead of being transformed by the renewing of their mind. Understand that when you don't give the time to study the Word of God, all sorts of elements of the world will find ways to influence your daily living. Look at the example of small children going to school; you can have a naughty child surrounded by good behaving kids and see him/her become good too. In the other hand, you can have a good child surrounded by naughty kids and see him/her become naughty too. This is the same with adults; that which you surround yourself with more in life will have preference in your life.

You see this among Christians today; those who choose to make able enough time to study the Word of God and attend church frequently, they act different from those who doesn't. It isn't that God has given them something more than others, it is that they have learned to react rightly to the Word of God.

We also see in **Exodus 34:9**, that wisdom can be imparted: "And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses." It's important that we surround ourselves with those who are wise; for in the anointing there is also found wisdom. You might see some folks in church, they always seem to want to get near the pastor, or atleast just shake his hand. These are the ones that understand that the

anointing is transferable, and they are expectant thereof. In most of such cases, you see these folks functioning at a different level than others.

When we look at king Solomon in **1 Kings 4**, we see that wisdom can be acquired, just as God asked Solomon what he wanted; Solomon answered the Lord and said, wisdom. Solomon was wise, but the wisdom God bestowed upon him exceeded all human understanding. Solomon ask for wisdom so that he might lead all the people of Israel in the right way, and through that wisdom God gave him, Solomon succeeded in all things.

Most of the time when we see folks lack wisdom, it is due to what we read in Job 28:28; 'And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." Some folks don't fear the Lord; and this fear is a good fear. It comes by revelation as we study the Word of God and find our rightstanding with the Lord. The fear of the Lord is an active consciousness of the reality of God's Word which leads us in living righteous lives. We see this in Job 49:3; "My mouth shall speak of wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding." This means, speaking the Word of God as you study the Word. Studying the Word brings forth knowledge, koweldge brings forth understanding, and understanding brings forth wisdom. You identify a righteous man by the words he speaks [Psa.37:30], for a righteous man speaks wisdom.

With wisdom given to those who ask; there also comes the working of wisdom. Proverbs gives an entire chapter to this subject. Join me as we look at working wisdom: "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: [2] For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee. [3] Let not mercy and truth forsake thee: bind them about thy neck; write them upon the table of thine heart: [4] So shalt thou find favour and good understanding in the sight of God and man. [5]

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. [6] In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. [7] Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil. [8] It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. [9]Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: [10] So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. [11] My son, despise not the chastening of the LORD; neither be weary of his correction: [12] For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth. [13] Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. [14] For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. [15]She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. [16] Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honour. [17] Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. [18] She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her. [19] The LORD by wisdom hath founded the earth; by understanding hath he established the heavens. [20] By his knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew. [21] My son, let not them depart from thine eyes: keep sound wisdom and discretion:[22] So shall they be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy neck. [23] Then shalt thou walk in thy way safely, and thy foot shall not stumble. [24] When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid: yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet. [25] Be not afraid of sudden fear, neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh. [26] For the LORD shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken. [27] Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it. [28] Say not unto thy neighbour, Go, and come again, and to morrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. [29]Devise not evil against thy neighbour, seeing he dwelleth securely by thee. [30]Strive not with a man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. [31] Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways. [32] For the

froward is abomination to the LORD: but his secret is with the righteous. [33] The curse of the LORD is in the house of the wicked: but he blesseth the habitation of the just.[34] Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly. [35]The wise shall inherit glory: but shame shall be the promotion of fools"[**Pro.3**].

Be Propelled by WISDOM

"Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding" (**Proverbs 4:7**).

The Word of God is the wisdom of God. It makes no difference how educated you are, how many books you've read, or what you think you know in life, or about life; if you don't have the Word of God in you, you can't function in the wisdom of God. All you would have is the wisdom of men, and the wisdom of men can only take you so far because of its limitations. The wisdom of God is what takes you all the way, so that's what you need.

With wisdom, you have it made. With wisdom, you're set up for a life of endless victories and unlimited possibilities, where the miraculous becomes your daily experience. For example, in **Exodus 14:16**, God instructed Moses saying, "Lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea." This was the wisdom of God in action. This beats human imagination. The wisdom of man (science) can't accept that anyone could divide the sea, the Red Sea at that, with a mere rod; but this was God's science. He knew it would work. He wasn't 'trying' to perform a miracle; in fact, He instructed Moses to do it, and Moses acted on His Word and it produced results.

Again, the Lord Jesus says that the believer will lay hands on the sick and have them recover (**Mark 16:18**). Sickness is usually inside the body, not outside; how then do you touch somebody on

the outside to repair what is broken inside? There's no scientific explanation that makes this possible. Only God, in His infinite wisdom, can direct power for healing through contact.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Now that you're in Christ, you have a new culture: the Christ-culture. Until you let this reality dominate every aspect of your life, you'll live like an ordinary person and not experience the sublime blessings of the life in Christ. You would still get sick when you ought to walk in divine health and you might be broke when you should be thriving in abundance.

"The LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding" (**Proverbs 2:6**). You can't be more successful than the level of wisdom that you have in you. As a Christian, it's important how you think and what you think about. You're not of this world; therefore, you shouldn't think like an ordinary person. Because your spirit is recreated, you should only think the Wordway. God's Word must form the basis for the kind of thoughts you process and allow.

Through God's Word, wisdom is not only imparted to your spirit, it is also increased. As you meditate on the Word, your mind is programmed to think accordingly. You'll begin to talk differently, and act in line with your confessions of faith. You'll always be glad about your decisions and choices because you're propelled by wisdom to be in the center of God's will all the time. The Word of God is the only material that can energize you for success, position you for greatness, and sustain you in the transcendent life.

WISDOM STANDS YOU OUT

There's a wisdom from God that's revealed to us to live by. Jesus functioned in it, and as a result, He completely baffled those in His day. He had a different mindset. His words and teachings were

different; in most cases, they were in complete antithesis to the Law, and to natural human thinking. According to the Law, for example, the soul that sins shall die (**Ezekiel 18:20**), but Jesus manifested the love, mercies and grace of God: "For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (**John 1:17**). Moses taught "An eye for an eye; life for life"; but Jesus came to reveal to us the life and nature of God; the way God thinks—the way that wins— the love-way.

Man had been raised in the natural world to be vengeful, to be insulting and injurious. But Jesus taught that we should love our enemies, pray for, and bless our detractors and persecutors: "...Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

That's strange to the natural man. Loving your enemies isn't what you'd naturally like to do. But Jesus came with Kingdom principles: a new way to live. He spoke love, and demonstrated love. Those that heard Him heard Love's voice. Those He encountered felt Love's embrace. Even the officers that were sent to arrest Him on a certain occasion, after listening to His teachings, submitted, "...No man ever spoke like this man!" (John 7:46). Jesus functioned with the wisdom of the just; that's what you need in your life; that's what stands you out and makes you a wonder to your world.

In closing; I want to draw your attention to **Proverbs 3:13** which says: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." Wisdom is a principle thing [**Pro.4:7**]; and we ought to get wisdom, for everyone loves a happy man, someone they can turn to who has understanding. Lastly, I leave you with these words in **James 3:13**—"Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom." Learn to work wisdom, it is the gateway to prosperity and good success.

Dominate Your World

"And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. [29] And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat" [Genesis 1:28-29].

After God made man in His own image and after His own likeness, God blessed man as we see in our opening verse. The blessing of: Be Fruitful[Productive or conducive to producing in abundance], Multiply [Combine or increase several or many times], Replenish [Fill something that had previously been emptied] the earth, Subdue [To put down by force or authority] the earth, and Dominion [Dominance or power through legal authority] over God's creation is what God blessed man with. This is remarkable that God, after creating man, blessed him with such a magnitude of blessing.

Looking further into **Genesis 2:19**, it says; "And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof" God saw that it is not good for man to be alone, so He created these to see which one will be suitable for man, but here again, this is remarkable: The Lord brought all He formed unto Adam to see what Adam would call them. God did not name these animals, He brought them unto Adam to be named. God did not object what Adam called each animal, as it is written: '...and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof" The following portion brings us closer to what I'm getting to, after that, God caused a deep sleep to come over Adam, to take a rib and form him a wife. Let's see **Genesis 2:22-23** which shows the likeness God has fashioned man with: "And the rib, which the

LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. [23] And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Not only did God make man, but also gave man an intelectual consciousness. It is by these names Adam has named everything that God had brought unto him that these things are subjected after. This kind of blessing God had blessed Adam with, and this is the same kind of blessing God has blessed the New Man in Christ with; to... 'be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion...' After that, man has sinned, and they have lost their authority over these blessings to the deceiver, satan; but through Jesus Christ' triumphal descendance into hydes, arising with absolute victory, the Lord has brought us back and restored these blessings unto us [Eph.1:3] -Hallelujah! No wonder you see signs and wonders follow those who are conscious of these things; but not only does signs and wonders follow them, they kinging in life.

Whatever they do is fruitful, they increase in life, they fill all the emptiness around them, they have authority over life circumstances and evil, and they exercise dominion in life. Hear this today; 'God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places '[Eph.1:3]. He didn't bless some, but all of us; neither did He bless in measure, but in fullness He has bless everyone equally. The difference is, some of us are more conscious than others about the magnitude of these blessings. We all have been given by the same measure, but not all of us has received [claimed] it by the same measure. Simply put; if God has blessed us with all spiritual blessings, then whatsoever we ask of God, we ask in ignorance of the Word. God has said these things so that we might boldly say [Hebrews 13:5-6]; we are to make faith declarations consistent with the Word of God.

How is these blessing given unto us? Looking at Colossians 1:27, it reveals the secret: "To whom God would make known what is the

riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory" and Colossians 2:9; "For in him [Christ] dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily." Jesus is alive today in us through the Holy Spirit; and as Jesus holds the victory in His hand, so to, that same victory is in us. No wonder Paul said: 'We are more than conquerors' [Rom.8:37]. Adam had a birthright given in the blessings we see in our opening verse; and although he lost that to satan, Jesus, not only sacrificed Himself in our place, but also restored the fullness of the blessings God had bestowed on man from the beginning.

Understand who God made you to be; understand that God is for you. Who can be against you if God is for you; walk in this consciousness. Elijah said, they that are with me are more than they that are with them [2 Kings 6:16], a whole army came for him, but he did not fear them. When God moves, He moves in the Holy Spirit, Who is the fullness of the God-head. You can't even begin to phantom the greatness of God. Ezekiel saw a vision of a chariot coming on clouds of fire. See how he describe what he saw in Ezekiel 1:4-28. John saw in a vision Jesus returning with the host of Heaven [Rev.1:7]. David and many others had the revelation of the fullness of God, no wonder they wrote such powerful testimonies inspired by the Spirit. Joshua and the nation of Israel stood with the Commander of Heaven's Armies [the Holy Spirit]; and they watched the fortified walls and city of Jericho crumble by their praises to a Mighty God [Josh.6].

When God moves, everything in creation bows before Him; the winds makes way before Him, the clouds carry Him, the thunder ecoe His voice, the whole of Heaven's host apluse Him. What a mighty God we serve, Wonderful and all Powerful. His Spirit goes before Him, beside Him, above Him, below Him, follows behind Him; and He fills the entire earth with His foot. The earth itself is the footstool of God [Isa.66:1]. Even the stars praise His wonderful name [Psa.148:3]; for by the breath of God were they made

[Psa.33:6]. Let's no miss this; looking again at; in several portions of scripture, it states 'Heaven's Armies' – God does not have an army, He has armies! These armies are mobilized for you and me, as we have seen 2 Kings 6:16saying, they that are with me are more than they that are with them [please read this chapter in Kings for better understanding].

Israel was considered strong and feared by many nations; but in the desert at the foot of Mt.Sinia, they fell down terrified by just hearing the voice of God, yet they didn't see him. Thousands feared by millions were silenced by the utterance of the voice of God; Praise God!

Your dominion is set by God's blessings which He has already bestowed upon us; all you need to do is be conscious thereof. Look at king Balak of Moab, who employed Balaam to curse the nation of Israel. Although he was employed to do the wrong thing, the anointing of God came upon him, and all he could do is speak blessings [Josh.24:9]. Glory be to God!Psalm 23:5 says; 'God will set a table in the presence of your enemies.' David said, 'Even I walk through the valley of the shadows of death, I will fear no evil'; and furthermore said [Psa.23:4]; 'Even a thousand shall come by my side, and ten thousand by my right hand, I will fear no evil' [Psa.91:7]. I can boldly say; I am humbled by many, but I'm intimidated by none; I dominate my world, it is time that you start dominating yours; for who can be against us if God is for us [Rom.8:31]; for in all these things, we are more than conquerors [Rom.8:37]. Looking one last time at the word dominate: means 'to have dominance or the power to defeat over' [WordWeb Dictionary]. "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well" [Psa.139:14]. Understand who God made you to be; and what He has freely given unto you – It's your time to dominate your world! You have been given power through legal authority -Hallelujah!

Frame Your World...

"Then said they unto him, Say now Shibboleth: and he said Sibboleth: for he could not **frame** to pronounce it right. Then they took him, and slew him at the passage of Jordan; and there fell at that time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand (42'000)" [Judges 12:6].

There are times that a Christian's life crumbles in the midst of dire circumstances; and that Christians seemingly are slaughtered by the words of unbelievers. Many Christians has withered away by diverse persecutions, because they did not frame their world with the Word of God.

Many young Christians today and newly born into the faith Christians stumble and fall, some being tossed to and fro, because they have not learned yet how to frame their world. The Bible in the book of Psalms 50 and verse 19 tells us; "Thou givest thy mouth to evil, and they tongue frameth deceit." And also in Psalms 94 and verse 20, which reads; "Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with thee, which frameth mischief by a law?" Many who has been called unto greatness has fallen, because they have looked unto the perverseness which dwells among others.

As Christians, we ought to be careful '...not to be conformed to this world, but be transformed [transfigured] by the renewing of our minds, that we may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God' [Romans 12:2]. We are responsible for our own salvation, but the Bible says; How will they hear if no one tells them, how will they know if no one teach them [Romans 10:14]. The prophet Isaiah illustrates this perfectly by saying: 'Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? Or shall the thing **framed** say of him that **framed** it, He had no understanding?' [Isaiah 29:16].

Many come into Christ, but in the same manner Lot's wife who looked back and were turned into a pillar of salt [Genesis 19:26], so to many today clean unto what they assumed to be a life of fun and freedom. They know what they ought to do, but do it not [James 4:17]; still holding fast to a sinful nature, because they see Christianity to be a life of religious by laws, which restrict the believer to indulge in fun. They see Christianity as dull and boring, yet they know that it is the right path to follow. Understand this today; Christianity is not a religion, it is an outward expression of the most inner workings of God. Yes, you might have had fun when you were part of the world, but it is because you have had no understanding on the transcending peace found in Christ; which by far exceeds the temporary joys of your old life.

I find many Christians, young and old, new to the faith and those who are born again for many years, living miserable lives. They fail to understand that they are turning their own lives upside down, and their works are ashamed to esteem them as the potter who framed it. You are a product of the words which comes out of your own mouth. Many will question God about their own lives, and even blame others for the results their own lives are bearing, to the extent of even blaming God. God had framed the entire world in six days, and took rest of the seventh day.

Jesus has framed Christianity and the new creation through His ministry and unto the cross; and on the cross said: 'It is finished' [John 19:30] – He is done! The Word was made flesh and dwelled among men [John 1:14], and the same Word was send unto them that believe [Acts 2:2-4], to abide with them [Matthew 28:19-20], to multiply them [Acts 2:37-41], to bring them into an inheritance [Acts 20:32], to be like Him [1 John 4:17], and to be more than conquerors [Romans 8:37].

God's work is done; and on the completion of it, God had blessed us with all spiritual blessing [Ephesians 1:3]. There is no promise

God needs to fulfill, all the promises of God has been fulfilled in Christ Jesus, and you are the heir of those promises. See it for yourself in Galatians 3:18; 'For if the inheritance be of the law, it is no more of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise' – you are a product of the covenant promise God made with Abraham, and Jesus came to fulfill that [also see Galatians 3:22 & 29].

Moreso; God has given us His Word – and God has said it, so that we may boldly say it [Hebrews 13:5-6]. Let me show it to you; "...for **He hath said**, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. [6] **So that we may boldly say**..." God's Word has been given to you, it has been framed for you to use; God has said it about you, so that you can boldly say it too, to frame your world by it.

It is vital that every Christian learn to mix their faith well with the Word of God, for it will produce that which the Word of God speaks. Hebrews 11:3 tells us; "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were made of things which do appear." Just as God had framed the world by faith, so to can you now frame your world by the same Word God gave you. You might ask; 'Is it really that simple?'

Yes, it is! However, you must make the effort to study the Word of God if you want to see the product thereof, because the Word not only tells us what has been given to us, but also tells us how to take possession thereof. Be assure of this by Joshua 1:8; "This book of the law shall not depart of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for thenthou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."Look at the promise here which has been given to you – If you are only to study the Word diligently daily, and do according to what it says... when you do this, then YOU WILL make your way prosperous, and YOU WILL have good success. It is dependant on

you to frame your world with the Word of God. You are responsible to influence your world, your life, you job, your education, your finances, your health, your future, your circumstances, etc...

Furthermore, God gives us a direct commandment in verse 9, saying: 'Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed...' and also the assurance that, '...the Lord thy Godis with thee withersoever thou goest.'

In closing, I want to leave you with this portion in scripture; "Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God; [20] And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; [21]In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: [22] In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit" [Ephesians 2:19-22]. This is just amazing to me, every time I read this; I think of what an honor it is that God Himself takes so much of pleasure in His children.

Learn to use your words, but moreso, the Word God gave you, to frame your world to produce the desired results. You can uphold all things by the Word of God's power [Hebrews 1:3-4].

Your Consciousness in Christ

It is vital in this life as a born again Christian that you have a continuous consciousness about who you are in Christ. If you are not conscious of your life in Christ; and the life of Christ in you, then it will surely leave a door wide open to your mind for devil to have a field day with you. Now understand, devil does not have the ability to read your mind or know your thoughts; however, he is master predictor. He has the ability to predict what will tempt you, and he is hard at work to put every kind of temptation before you; manipulating the things surrounding you to paint a very attractive canvas of corruption in your life.

Thanks be to God, for 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us: "There hath notemptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it." This is a wonderful portion of scripture; but let's look at another verse in scripture that will make this clearer – "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hathpromised to them that love him" [James 1:12] & "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." [Revelation 3:10]. Now although the verse in Revelation is speaking closer to the time of the second coming of Jesus, it is still applicable here; because it is through the Word of God that we may endure temptation. Without the knowledge of God's Word, you might find yourself weak in the flesh, because the Word of God is food to the soul of man. This is where devil will attack you, in the mind. Therefore, the first point to stress here in 'Your Consciousness in Christ' is having knowledge on the Word of God. In this type of knowledge I want to relate to you the Greek rendering of 'epignosis', which is revelational knowledge. To have revelation on the knowledge

God's Word gives us, is to have the fire-power of the Word. It will cause you to act on the Word!

It will cause you to function in a higher realm; the realm that makes God a reality to you. You become conscious of your life in Christ – **being more than a conqueror** [Romans 8:37].

In order for you to live a higher life, you ought to love God not only by word, but moreso by action. Jesus said: "If ye love me, keep my commandments" [John 14:15] and also in John 15:10 – "If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love." Love is a verb; and without action there is no love, but empty words.

Here are two remarkable stories in the Bible that relates to this: "But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary. [25] And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. [26] And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. [27] But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. [28] And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. [29] And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. [30] But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. [31] And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?"

Notice this: Peter stepped out of the boat unto the water and walked on the water, because he heard the Word; but when he didn't hear the Word and started noticing the winds and waves, he started to sink. This happens to us manytimes: we get stirred up hearing a message or teaching on the Word of God, we hear the

Word [Romans 10:17 – 'For faith comes by hearing; and by hearing the Word of God'], but soon after hearing the Word we continue to live our lives, somehow seeming to forget what we have heard and we are swallowed up by the waves of this world, being pushed down and tossed to and fro by the winds of life. Although Jesus rebukes Peter for having little faith, I want you to notice what Peter did when he realized he is in trouble – '...he cried, saying, Lord, save me.' And Jesus was ready –'immediately stretching forth his hand, and caught him.' Peter was aware Jesus was there, but just at that moment he took his eyes off from Jesus, he started sinking. We do that often, we remove our eyes from Jesus, we stop for a moment, not hearing the Word; and then we allow the dream crushers of this life to knock us down.

Looking at another situation with the disciples and Jesus: "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. [38] And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? [39] And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. [40] And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?" [Mark 4:37-40].

Although the disciples were aware Who they had in their boat, they were not aware of the authority they have of Him Who were in the boat with them. Jesus was asleep during the storm, not considering the storm as a treat. How many times is this our case? Storms will come, but are you aware Who you have in your boat? Are you aware of the authority you have of Him Who is in your boat?

Let's take a look at what it means to be conscious in Christ: Christ has come; we all believe that, hence our believing in Christ has moved us into obtaining salvation through confession [Romans 10:9]. The Old Testament was a shadow of things to come. The prophets of old prophesied about the sufferings of Christ; and the glory that will follow. The book of Acts is the chronicle of the early church. The epistles are the revelations of the new creation. The epistles also reveal who we are, where we are, and what we ought to be doing. Knowledge is very vital; and men who are ignorant of the Word of God will sink in life.

So let's look at a vital reality revealed in the epistle of **Ephesians** 1:15-23; "Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, [16] Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; [17] That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the **Father of glory**, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, [19] And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, [20] Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand [a place of high authority] in the heavenly places, [21] Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: [22] And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, [23] Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

The Father of Glory? If God is the Father of Glory; and Jesus is the Son of God, then Jesus is the Father's Glory, right? But look further, for now we are made the sons of God [Philippians 2:15 / 1John 3:1 / 1John 3:2 / Romans 5:19]; and if we are also the sons of God; and He is our Father, then we also are the Glory of God! You have to know who you are! Use your authority!

If the situation doesn't change, don't give up; don't say 'this devil -

or- this situation is stubborn...' Say; I have stubborn FAITH! When you know what you have; and you know how to use it — You are DANGEROUS! You have the name of JESUS! You are a principality... You have authority to keep the peace in your house, in your job, on your street, in your ministry...

You have authority to keep devil out of your marriage, out of your relations, out of your finances, out of your health and body. As a principality, only what you allow in your world can happen. There is power in the name of Jesus. Some Christians don't take advantage of this power, because they don't know. Others think it is blasphemy to talk what the Bible says about them, because they don't have the revelation of the Word. The prophet Hosea said by the Spirit of God: 'My people perish for the lack of knowledge' [Hosea 4:6]. Get a hold of this knowledge and live by it; you will discover that you are all who God says you are.

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God" [Romans 8:19]. Be that believer who express God to your world! You are blessed to be a blessing – Amen!

The Product of Your Life

Before I get started with this short teaching; I want to explain something about the working of the human body. There is a feeling you get in your heart when something physical is not right [this is commonly known as medical conditions]. There is also a feeling you get in your heart which is an emotional feeling. This emotional feeling is a direct tie to the soul of man; and the human mind house the soul. The emotions which are created within the soul can be felt even in the heart's location; and so we commonly say that our heart feels sore when we are hurt by loved ones, or our hearts might be feeling bubbly because we happy. You may not be able to explain this emotional feeling, but we all have experienced it and know how it feels.

What I'm trying to explain here to you is: our feelings come from our souls. Now the mind of man houses the soul, right? But it's also a spiritual entity [as it is not seen] which can be felt in the heart's location. So then, it is not the physical heart which feels emotions, but the soul / heart. In the same manner, when you develop your spirit, it has the ability to express emotions too; and they way to develop your spirit is to be spiritual minded [that can only happen when you saturate yourself and meditate on the Word of God].

Like the physical body can recognize feeling, smell, hearing, etc... so to can the soul of a man, because the soul [or mind of man] is what register feeling, hearing, smell, etc... and the physical sense respond to those things. The developed human spirit has all these characteristics as well; and more...

God tells us through His written Word: 'As He is so are we in this world'. Now I want us to stay focused on the Word here – John 1 verse 1 says: 'In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God'; and then in verse 14 it says: 'And the Word became flesh...'

If the Word which was in beginning, which was with God, and which is God; if that same Word has the ability to manifest in the physical – which is also said to be the same Word which made everything that exist; and now that we born again, that same Word [not only in us, but became one with us] is working in and through us – and God had said that we are made to look and be like Him... Now this is getting deep! That tells us that in us is the ability to do the same. Your soul and your words are unseen entities; and have ability to manifest from the spirit realm into the physical realm. This is the working of faith – Words cannot be seen; and words spoken has the ability to effect change anywhere you choose to send it. As God spoke in the beginning and His Spirit [Word] went out to do [create], so to when we speak, our spirit [word] goes forth out from us to do...

Words have either creative or destructive power; the choice is yours – and the evidence of that will show somewhere and at sometime in your life. Therefore, choose your words carefully and think before you speak. The church should be pulled out of the Old Testament mentality. The church are the heirs of God [this is the now reality of God's Word]; and we should not be praying that the Lord will touch us; this is Old Testament mentality since the ministers in the Old Testament experience the anointing once in a while. They were not filled with the Spirit like we are in new creation in Christ.

We, through Jesus, have access straight to the Father [Eph.2:18]. It is like a code for access of privileged members of a group or organization. The Holy Spirit is our access; and the Word is our code. We have to take serious what we have in Christ; and we must do our all in getting to know the Word of God and what we have, so that we can make good use of it to be effective.

The church know not, neither do they understand that they walk on in darkness. Refuse to be ignorant and declare that you walk in the wisdom of God. Make up your mind today; the choice is your, the responsibility is yours, not God's. God already gave us all things [Eph.1:3]. Many reject these teachings, because they say they want to see it in the Word; but little they know that there is the written Word, the spoken Word [which is the written Word verbally expressed], and there is the Word in you [Who is the Holy Spirit]. The Word in you will take you beyond the pages; and this is called revelation. Revelation is always of the written Word and it can always be confirmed by the Word through it lining up with the truth of the Word.

Choose today to look into the Word, open yourself to a relationship with the Word; and you will experience the Word giving you a fresh revelation on that which He had already built and established in you. You cannot produce that which you don't have already – to make anything; you must have the source to create. To create means to transform materials into a product.

What's the product of your life going to be? Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind [Rom.12:2]. Take what is in you [the Word], equip yourself with the right material [more of the Word], and start working the Word [speak it] to produce that which are good and pleasing unto God. The quality of the product of your life depends on the quality of the source thereof you apply. Remember, the written Word of God will produce nothing in your life except you turn it into rhema, which means you got to speak the Word.

Discovering Your Calling

For many the topic on discovering your calling or knowing what God wants you to do is a hasty topic. It is somewhat sad to see some Christians reaching what's to be the end of their race in this life and never came to discover what God wanted them to do; and over and above that, that they never even started to fulfill that calling. Many say; God doesn't speak to us like He did to the people in the Old Testament; and in many cases it is true, but He does at times speak to some in the same manner. This primarily is dependent on your relationship with God; the deeper your fellowship with God is, the better you will hear Him when He speaks to you; however, it doesn't mean He will speak to you in the same manner as He did to the folks in the Old Testament: for our walk with God is a walk of faith. The walk in faith does not require physical evidence of God, rather it is a response of our human spirit to the Word of God that makes God a reality to us. Understand that God is more real than anything else you will ever encounter; and once you get the revelation of this, you will be able to build a real relationship with God in His fullness.

It is only when we have a real tangible relationship with God that we will be tuned in or lined up to discover our calling in Christ. It is through the Word of God that we identify our calling; that's why it is vital for us to meditate on the Word of God. Without meditation on the Word of God, we will not be able to get into the depts of God's character which speaks hidden secrets of His Word into our spirit. The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God [Rom.10:17]. Faith activates the Word in your heart, and it pushes the root of the Word into your spirit; that's where you start responding to the Word – you start recongnising the Word and you start working the Word in your life.

In **Jeremiah 29:11** we read a well known and remarkable portion in scripture; says: "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,

saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Take note of the next verse as well: "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you." This plans of God is revealed when we call upon Him – like seen in **Matthew 6:33**; "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

You might never know the plan of God for your life if you don't actively and diligently meditate on the Word and develop and healthy prayer life using the Word to pray.

What is different between the folks of the Old Testament and us in the New Testament is that we have the Word; and the Word is a faith builder. Now many fail to understand this: The folks in the early Old Testament never had the written Word of God; and even in the latter Old Testament, a few scrolls was available, but mostly in the Temple of God, not commonly and well spread like we have today in the form of the Bible. Since then, Jesus was born into this world and has equipped the Jews with much more; then later some of the Apostles wrote books – finishing with Paul who shared a lot of insight into spiritual realities. Even though the Word of God has evolved into much more than what the folks from the Old Testament days could enjoy, the early church still didn't enjoy the Word of God like we can and should enjoy it. It is only towards the 16thcentury that the Bible was versed and chaptered, but still not widely available to everyone. Now in our modern day we have open access in most parts of the world to many translations of a well layout Bible; and moreso, we can search google with many timeless abstracts and original manuscripts for our studies.

My point here is; in today's life we have so much more available to us to identify and know our calling, but very little teaches on this. Christians today run their legs off behind prophets, yet when the prophet releases a word, then they don't know what to do with it. One thing the church lacks today in the 5 fold ministry is teachers.

You need a teacher to teach you these things; because how will you know if no one tells you [Rom.10:14]. The bottom line here is; we need not blame this one or that one for not knowing; because the Word of God is freely available to most of us; and I can guarantee you, if you sit carefully and think on this after reading this teaching, you will discover that God had spoken to you already concerning your calling. Yes, you might have received a prophetic word of what God wants you to do; but it is important to discern the word you received. Paul say in Acts 17:11; "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." It is important to test a prophtic word with searching out the Word of God. Christians are not as much gullible today as just lazy to go search the scripture – you got to check what you receive in the Word of God. Remember, satan don't want you to come unto your calling, therefore, he will send his own agents to mislead you and cause confusion to dawn in your mind; even using those sitting in church with you.

Receiving your calling from God is prophetic, but one thing about prophesy is that God will always confirm His Word to you [Isa.44:26]. Either, you will receive the same word from 2 or 3 different people, or God will confirm this Word with a vision or dream, or even through His written Word as you study the Bible. Now, it is not always that you will receive a prophetic word via a prophet concerning your calling. So how do you know what God has called you to do? First, you must believe that you have not come unto salvation just for the sake of it – yes, God loves you, but while we remain here on earth, the Lord's desire is to fill you so much that others will see Him in you and also turn unto salvation – but in this, there's a specific work for you – this depends on how many workers of the Word is in your area, what kind of culture surround you, your country and social circles, etc... Yet, all this is still not too much to search through in order to know what it is that God wants from you.

How to discover your calling?

Even when a prophet release a Word to you, the chances is that you have this desire already within you; and that's is good. Yes, the desire you have in your heart; where did it come from? God will always touch our heart with His plan for our life. Some is just so caught up in life that they don't realise what God had placed in them; other have a fear of the unknown, yet others just lazy off, thinking that there is so many others doing this already. In all of this, if you have read this far, it shows that you in search of what God has called you to do, or you are seeking a confirmation. Well, read on and find out for yourself....

The portion in scripture which reads; 'Many are called, but few are chosen' [Matt.24:14]; are many times misunderstood, and devil has a field day when it comes to confusion among the saint. Yes, many are called; this is dependant on those who believe; have you turned unto salvation? If yes, then you are called, but called unto what. You were not only called out of darkness into God's marvelous light [2Pet.2:9], but there is also a purpose for you being called.

Now, it is also dependent on you if you would be chosen. You might ask, how so? You see, it is God Who calls you, you got to believe – then when you believe and turn unto salvation, you got to work out your own salvation [**Phil.2:12**]. Right, you got that! To be chosen is by choice as well; God can choose you, but you can still say no – you get it now?

It is the Holy Spirit Who carries out the will of God in our lives [Phil.2:13], and this too is by choice. If you don't allow the Holy Spirit to function in your life, then He will lay dormant in you. Now, God puts the desire of His plan for your life in your heart [Psa.20:4/2Tim.1:9]; and this is the first step in knowing what God has called you for. Think of this carefully: In your deepest parts of your heart, what is it that you wish to do for God? Now this might not be a call in the 5 fold ministry of a teacher, prophet, apostle, pastor, or evangelist; but as long as it is a type of work, then you

pastor, or evangelist; but as long as it is a type of work, then you getting closer to knowing what God wants you to do. For example; every call from God is accompanied by not only signs and wonders, but also special gifts of the Spirit.

God doesn't always place a desire in your heart that you fully comfortable with, but nevertheless, it is still a deep hidden desire at first. You might always wanted to speak to people about Jesus, but are too shy to do so. This is an evangelistic call, and when we trust in God, He will stir up the boldness within us to do so. You might not be seasoned in the Word as yet or be well versed, but by starting, God will place those before you to the level of understanding you have on His Word.

You might like to lay hands on the sick so that they may recover; and this is a call into the healing ministry. You might desire to inspire people through music or singing, but not be confident enough to do so – nevertheless, this the Lord is able to amplify in you. Your relationship with God must be personal; and moreso, your faith in the Word will be increased upon the time you spend in studying the Word. All these will bring boldness into you; but more importantly, faith is a verb and you must apply action to that which you believe.

So now that you on to the first step of identifying what it is that the Lord had placed within your heart, what's the next step? Start praying and ask God to confirm this through His Word; and get into your Bible. Search out [and as we live in a modern world, use google on your searches], find verses which talks about the things you desire to do and study them well. As you study these verses, pay attention on how those with the same callings in the Bible has been trained up and led by the Spirit of God to fulfill their calling. Now that you making progress, it is time to seek confirmation – go on a fast and seek the Lord for further guidance. At any given time, God may use a man [prophet or pastor, etc...] to

give you a word which is in line with this, He might use a situation [I first discover I had the gift and call of a healing minister when a sick person asked me to pray for them and they were healed], it might be through a vision, dream, or even deeper revelation on scripture. Every case might be different; and you will be amazed at how God will relate your God-given calling to you. Lastly, you got to build the courage up in boldness to start stepping into your calling, start exercising that which the Lord has shown you about your calling.

I tell you; you have not yet been fulfilled in your joy and peace if you haven't started taking up your calling. There are special blessings attached to following in your call. You might have been struggling with certain things in life; and been awaiting blessings, but it will come as a flood when you learn to pick up your calling. The blessings which God speaks of in **Ephesians 1:3** is directly tied to your calling; start walking in your calling and you will see these blessing manifesting; because they the blessings which will furnish you for your calling. Although the direction of your calling might change as you pursing in fulfilling your calling, the key principle of the calling will always remain till you have fulfilled and established it – thereafter your ministry will continue to grow as you train up others to do the same [**Matt.20:19-20**].

"Whoso despise the word shall be destroyed, but he that fear the commandment shall be rewarded" [Prov.13:13] — How do we despise the Word? It is simply by not doing the commandments. I want to leave you with this portion in scripture [read it carefully to understand]: "...no weapon turned [formed] against you shall succeed [prosper]. You will silence [condemn] every voice [tongue] raised up to accuse you. These benefits are enjoyed by the servants of the Lord; their vindication will come from Me. I, the Lord, have spoken"[Isa.54:17-18]. There are benefits that we can enjoy as 'Servants of the Lord' — not many Christians today are servants of the Lord, yet we are all called to serve the Lord. I pray

this teaching has helped you discover your calling in God, or at least have steered you on to the path of discovering your calling; now all that you need to do is start serving the Lord according to that calling – **Hallelujah!**

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Live from Inside Outward

I want us to look at Psalm 67:2 [TLB]: "Send us around the world with the power of Your Word; and Your eternal plan for all mankind." This is quite a striking verse; and also the founding verse of our ministry – 'Send us around the world... 'How did David comprehend this? He saw this through the eyes of the Spirit – Talking about the children of God; that as we multiply, we may cover the face of the earth. This is very prophetic, for David even he was a Jew, had visions of the coming Messiah. He tapped into God's plan for mankind and prayed accordingly. '...with the power of Your Word...' David understood that the Word of God carries power, a power that this world can't comprehend; and also that he can't do God's work without God's Word. How will they believe if no one tells them[Rom.10:14]. '...and Your eternal plan for all mankind.' David also knew through revelation that God has a plan for all of mankind; and not only a plan, but an eternal plan. Through David's descendants, he knew of God's promise to Abram, that God had given Abram and his seed the entire world.

In close reference to this, we read in Proverbs 19:21 – "Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." David also says in Psalm 119:130 – "The entrance of Thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto the simple." God's Word is light, and that light illuminates all things hid in darkness. A man's heart is a wicked place [Jer.17:9], but when God's Word enter, that wicked heart [dark heart] will be flooded with light [cleaning the heart of evil]. The more you get a hold of God's Word, the more it will well up in you and cleanse you from wickedness. Understand today that because God said something concerning you does not mean it will be like that; no, you got to take hold of that Word – you got to live it. You have a responsibility to the Word you have received. After all, it is written that we are to work out our own salvation. Working out your own salvation comes through working the Word of God. You first have to get hold of the Word,

meditate therein day and night, start speaking according to the Word; but ultimately, you must start living the Word.

Once you start living the Word of God, only then will you be able to live from inside outward. For that which is in your heart will reflect outwardly. This is Christianity: Bodily expressing the inner workings of God outwardly to your world – and when you mix your faith with the Word of God, your results will be beyond this world. Looking at Abram we see this: "And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever" [Genesis 13:14-15]. Abram had to see himself through the words God had spoken unto him. See yourself through the word of God and get a hold of the Word in your spirit. When you learn to respond to God's Word from your spirit, your life will be a life of light. We have been called out [of darkness] so that we might be brought into [light]. Like we saw in Proverbs 19:21; God has a purpose for our lives.

Hebrews chapter 11 gives us an account of those who adhered to God's Word – "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. 7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. 8 By

faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God. 11 Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. 12Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable" [Heb.11:3-12]. What an account – think of it; would God be able to call your name to such an account one day?

Let your world be framed by the Word of God today. You might ask how? Let's see the answer in Hebrews 12 – "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hallelujah! Our life is to be a life of faith – "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" [Heb.11:1]. No matter you can't see your success today, God's Word declares you successful; no matter the storms of life is overtaking you, Jesus Who calmed the waves and silenced the storms is in your boat. You might not see it with your physical eyes, but look inward, it is there imprinted on the tablet of your heart. By faith, look inward today and see the glorious life God has for you – see through the Word of God who you are in Him.

Who are you? Below is some bible verses telling us who we

are in Christ:

John 1:12 – "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."

Ephesians 1:5 – "He predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will."

Colossians 2:9-10 – "For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, 10 and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the head over every power and authority."

1Corinthians 6:16 – "But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

Romans 6:6 – "For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin."

1Corinthians 12:27 – "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

1Peter 2:9 – "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Galatians 3:27-28 – "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

1John 4:17 – "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."

There is much more in scripture telling us who we are in Christ. I want to encourage you today; use the above verses and declare your identity in Christ – not only today, but continue throughout the week. Study the Word of God and search for other verses telling you who you are and declare it daily over your yourself. Start tapping into the Word which is in you and start expressing the inner workings of God outwardly to your world – You were made wonderfully and fearfully – Go and be who God made you to be, Amen!

Dimensions of Love

When you look at God's love expressed in the Bible and what the Bible says about God's love; you will notice that God's love has dimensions "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" [1John 4:8]. Throughout the Bible we see God's love expressed to people; mending the way of life for people to draw near to God. In the Old Testament God continually guides His people back unto Himself in diverse ways; yet His people continually fall short and fall away from God. In the beginning, we see that Adam and Eve through sin fell away from God's love; they realize that they were naked and hid themselves from God. God asked Adam, who told you that you were naked [Gen.3:11]. Sin had separated us from God's love; because till the sin of man, man stood in the presence of God without shame. The only thing man knew was the unfailing love of God. The knowledge of good and evil had driven away man from God; it has separated man from God's love; and throughout the Old Testament we see that man starts seeking love elsewhere. But thank God for Jesus Christ, Who came and made a way for mankind to understand God's love. Even though, we still see many believers today who does not understand God's love, because they themselves love not. God's love is revealed to us through the scripture of His Word; all we need is to study the Word of God to gain knowledge on God's love – that way we will also walk in God's love.

Jesus tells us something remarkable, yet we find ourselves so many times not walking in what Jesus had said. InJohn 14:15 it is written what Jesus said: 'If you love me, do my commandments.' This is further explained in 1 Cort.13:3-13 we see God's love explained; which is far above the known love of mankind – "And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [the word charity here translates love], it profiteth me nothing. 4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not

puffed up, **5** Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; **6** Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; **7** Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. **8** Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. **9** For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. **10** But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. **11** When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. **12** For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. **13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity [love]."

Amazingly we see the dimensions of God's love:

- 1] It profits not
- 2] Love is patient
- 3] It does not envy
- 4] Seek not its own way
- 5] It rejoice at the righteousness of others
- 6] It endures all things
- 7] It does not fail

God's love profits not, yet we always want something in return for love. Mankind's love seeks love; and when love is not returned unto the love we express, we stop loving and seek new love.

God's love is patient; yet we can't patiently await someone to love us. We always seek ways to make people love us. We either try and do things to be 'in', or we try and do things so others may love us for what we do and what we have. God's love does not envy, yet we wish that we can have what others have; our eyes is always on what others experience instead of experiencing through learning to

give first. God's love seek not its own way; yet our love is conditional – we want to love on our terms; and when things don't go our way, we pull back our love.

God's love rejoices at success and righteousness; while our love becomes jealous at the success of others. When we see some people doing good, we sometimes say; it is too good to be true – always finding fault at the success and righteousness of others. God's love endures all things; but our love is subjected to the circumstances. When all goes well, we can love, but through trial and tribulation, we find it difficult to show love. When we are hurt by people, we withdraw ourselves to such an extent that we even stop worshipping God and start complaining to Him instead.

God's love never fails; but yet through leading busy lifestyles, we find ourselves so caught up in what we doing that we can walk pass someone in need and not even notice them. The biggest problem we have as Christians today is that we are conformed to this world. The Bible admonish us '...not to be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God' [Rom.12:2]. The Will of God is based on God's love. God wants us to express His will; to prove what is good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God. We ought to consciously work in proving our love to God. Let's take a look at what John says about this: "And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love" [1John4:17]. Love has the ability to make us perfect; but how many of us fall short on this...

Verse 19 of the same chapter says: 'We love him, because he first

loved us.' We ought to learn to love God; come back to that first love we had when we came into Christ – "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. **5** Remember therefore from

whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent" [Revelation 2:4-5]. There comes a time in every believer's life that we fall short on our first love for God, we start drifting away and find silly excuses for not doing what we ought to do. We must often reflect on what we do and repent – turning back unto the Lord. We prove our love to God by doing what He asked us to do. Love is not expressed in words, but in action. This is what Jesus tells us to do: 'If you love me keep my commandments' – or like another version renders it: 'If you love me, do my commandments' [John 14:15]. Find out what God wants you to do and do it – it is that simple.

Our struggles in life is many times due to the fact that we don't do what the Lord had asked us to do. The common commandment which many fails in is soul winning. We believe that there are certain people in the church responsible to win souls, but evangelism is a corporate call; no one is exempt from this. Over and above that, we see in Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." God has a plan for each one of our lives, and His plan is perfect. "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose" [Rom.8:28]. See it again; '...for good to them that love God...' Verse 12 in Jeremiah 29 continues to say: "12 Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you." Do you see this? No matter your situation today; the dimensions of God's love is key in getting you to high ground [a place of peace and safety]. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not" [Gal.6:9].

Five Solid Facts of the Gospel

Pastor Chris started his message by saying that in these days we living in, many has set the scriptures aside and are looking for answers elsewhere; they think that the Bible is old fashioned and can't give advice on our modern-day living. He says that when he ask people if they are preaching the Gospel, and they answer yes. So when he ask what is the Gospel, he finds that their answer reveals that they have no idea what the Gospel is. Pst. Chris raises a valid question in saying; how can you believe something you don't understand? Prov.4:7 – "Wisdom is a principle thing, therefore get wisdom; and with all thy getting, get understanding." Jesus told a parable about a sower who went forth to sow. As he sowed, some seed fell by the wayside and birds came to take them up.

With Jesus' interpolation on this, He said that the seed that fell by the wayside is like those who heard the Word of God and don't understand it; and satan come immediately [not later but straight away] and steals the words that were sown into their hearts.

Meaning that the Word actually got into their hearts, but they didn't understand it so the devil took it away. Pastor lay emphases that you have to understand the message [the Gospel]. If you understand the Gospel, you will never need another fire! Pastor says that he ministers to so many people all over the world who is always looking for a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th anointing; double and triple anointing, they looking for these things; and it is all because they don't understand the scriptures.

You can tell by the songs they sing that they don't understand the scripture: There's one he says he has been singing for a long time too; and one day while singing he hurt the voice of the Lord say: 'Stop it!' Pastor say he ask the Lord why, and the Lord said; 'Listen to yourself.' He says that explains why the churches is full of babes today, even the pulpits. Jesus is coming for a church without

spot, without blemish... He is coming for a grown church – hallelujah! The Bible says that we are no more children being tossed to and fro, to grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. He doesn't want us to remain kids / babies. You got to grow.

Pastor ask; how many of you still sings: 'Fill my cup Lord, I lift it up Lord, come and quench this thirsting of my soul, bread of heaven feed me till I want no more, here's my cup, fill it up and make me whole...' Pastor says as he sang this song one day, the Lord told him to stop. Pastor ask the Lord; 'Why, what's wrong with it?' One beautiful thing about God is that when He talks with you, you can reply Him without fear. We sometimes fear those who have authority over us in this world, but when the lord speaks with us, we don't have to be scared. You'll think because God is so great, that if you have to hear His voice that you will be paralyzed. No, that voice takes the fear away! Look at your Bible, all those men and women God spoke to, they responded to Him; and it was not in fear. Understand that when God talks to you, He let you be you; you can be bold in His presence.

Now look at it: 'Fill my cup Lord...' Fill it with what? 'Come and quench my thirst...' Jesus said to the woman at the well, anybody who drinks of this water will thirst again, but if you drink of the water that I give, you will never thirst again, for that water will be in you a well of water springing up into everlasting life.' You will never thirst again; so how can you say fill my cup as I lift it up — with what, because if you have Christ you will never thirst again. But people don't know it, because they never understood it. They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness, yet I have said ye are God's, all of you are children of the most High, yet you will die like men. Why? Because they know not! Pastor continues using some examples of some songs churches are singing today; but he also says that God will bless you as much as He can, but it depends on how much you can receive — God wants

to give you, but do you have understanding to receive it...

Do you not know who you are; for He calls us the associates of the God-kind [John 10:34 / 1 John 4:4], this is our reality. Think of this; If Jesus really came and paid the price for us to live, He sacrificed Himself so we may have life; was all that so that we must continue living a beggarly life? NO! Pastor Chris says, he thought about it many years ago; if Jesus had to pay the price for him, then that must be because Jesus thought of him as much as He thought of Himself.

Pastor didn't just want to believe something, he wanted to believe something which were also provable to others. Pastor says he was young and he wanted to know how will he prove to another young person that this Jesus is Christ. One of his prayers was always asking the Lord for prove; and the Lord gave him so many...

Pastor Chris continues to explain 5 facts of the Gospel. Below the 5 facts are stated. To watch the whole teaching, please click on the video at the top of this page.

- 1] The New Birth and Eternal Life
- 2] The Righteousness of God [the Will and Nature of the Father]
- 3] The Dominion of Christ [He has given us dominion over all things]
- 4] The Fellowship of the Spirit [and Speaking in Tongues]
- 5] The Ascension of Christ and the Promise of His Return Note by Evng./Pst. Rudi Ferreira

With believing in the Gospel you got to understand it; otherwise you believing in vain, for your believing will not be evident in your living. If your believing is not evident in your living, how then will you prove Christ Jesus to your world? With signs, wonders, and miracles, this service was one of many impactful services to come

As Pastor Benny Hinn invites Pastor Chris Oyakhiome to hold a healing service in California, USA.

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Get Divine Direction

The extent of your vision is the boundary of your blessings. Man may walk by his own vision [that of the optical eyes], but you will be limited in life. Every man's vision can only see to a certain extent, and beyond that you got to move your position to see. This is the reason why God gave us spiritual vision, to see beyond the limited things of this world. God's vision comes by faith; it is putting faith into the written Word of God, and acting upon it. Although with spiritual vision you can see further than with the optical vision of your physical eyes, but one thing remains – to get what you see you got to move towards it.

God's Word is very instructive and filled with principles. These instructions and principles brings us into God's blessings for your lives; as it is written in Ephessians 1:3 – 'We have been blessed by all spiritual blessings.' Everything you see in this life today was made by the Word; and without the Word nothing was made that is seen [John 1:3]. The trees, grass, flowers, sky, water, sea, animals, people, etc... was all made by the spoken Word of God; even the moon and the stars. The Heavens are made of endless beauty; most of it can't be seen even by modern technology and space telescopes. The only way you will ever be able to see what the Lord had blessed you with is through His Word – Using your spiritual eyes when looking through the Word at that which God had blessed you with. The bible tells us that faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God [Rom.10:17]. Spiritual eyes are also referred to in the Word of God as eyes of faith. Now the Bible defines Faith in Hebrews 11:1, saying: 'Now faith is the SUBSTANCE of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. The word substance here in the Hebrew language translates to be the Underlining Support. So when we read it in the context of the Hebrew translation it reads: Now faith is the underlining support of things hoped for... Substance is also an actual form or shape –

meaning that if one doesn't have faith, then your faith is formless, empty, or void.

It is not good enough to just believe; you ought to know... Know that God's Word is the ultimate truth and there is no other truth – for the Word of God contains truth eternal; meaning that it never changes. Like God, His Word is the same yesterday, today, and forever [Heb.13:8].

In everything that God gives us, there is a doing, for God gives us all eternal things in the Spirit; it is our responsibility to use the Word to make manifest those things in the physical realm. Take for example our ministry's founding verse from Psalm 67:2 [TLB]: "Send us around the world with the power of Your Word; and Your eternal plan for all mankind." Here David spoke prophetic words from the Spirit, but we must act upon that Word. We are to get up and move around the world with the Gospel; for the Bible says how will they know if no one tells them [Rom.10:14]. The Lord ask who will go; and Isaiah respond saying: "Send me I will go" [Isa.6:8]. When we read on from the accounts of Isaiah, we see that he did go and prophesied the Word the Lord had given him. Looking again at Abraham, God gave him a vision and said, behold the stars, for your descendants will be as many as the stars in the heavens [Gen.26:4].

Abraham saw it through the Word of God, because God gave him the spiritual vision to see. He had to act upon the Word by changing his name from father to father of many. No matter the men laughed at him, he stood on the Word and revelation of God. God still works through vision today, and we can get clarity on that vision through the Word of God. Matthew 7:24 Jesus says; "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on a rock..." You must build on a solid and strong foundation, and you must put to practice that which you hear. Which words was Jesus

talking about? All that which He spoke. Jesus came to teach us how to live the victorious life, for He had come to fulfill the law given to Moses; and through His death, burial and resurrection He gave us a life that more of a conqueror.

You don't have to struggle no more; in fact, all your struggles is unnecessary, for Jesus came to give you a new life. "If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new" [2Cort.5:17]. This is a present hour reality of a believer. There is no reason you have to struggle, just get a hold of the Word. The word 'behold' in 2Cort.5:17 speaks of spiritual vision; look, gaze upon, see with the eyes of faith or spirit. Your spiritual eyes can only be enlightened through the knowledge of the Word and the revelational knowledge the Holy Spirit brings to us when we study the Word of God. Get a hold of the Word, stick to the Word and you will surely come back with a testimony. You will never be able to live a life beyond the limit of your vision.

In closing, I want to leave you with a timeless verse found in Jeremiah 29:11 – "I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord; plans to prosper you, and not to harm you; plans to give you a hope and a future." Some verses end saying: '...to give you an expected end.' What does this mean? Many folks live in a truth abstract or selective truth. They believe some of the things in the Bible; because to them the Bible was written by men; even it is written that the Word of God was inspired by God and it is God's revelation revealed to those who believe. If you are the one saying that you believe God's Word, that you have faith in God; then believe all of it, have faith in all of God. The problem most folks in church are facing today is laziness; throughout scripture, God calls man to Him, but throughout church today, most are calling God to them. That's not right! They end up confused and some turn from their faith, because God never came to their aid. Learn to respond to God's call, act on the vision, get up and do the Word.

The Anointing and the Oil

Spiritual Understanding is vital for a successful Christian life. Without having Spiritual Understanding not only of the acts of God, but also of what God wants of us, one can't be pleasing to God. Yes, if you are a believer, then your life is a life of faith, and without faith it is impossible to please God [Heb.11:6]. God had revealed Himself and His plan to us in His Word [Bible]. God's Word is God's revelation to mankind; filled with the way of God, His personality, and His expectations for His Children. We must understand as well that in the Old Testament the Israelites was not filled with the Holy Spirit; in fact, they didn't know the Holy Spirit neither did they know Jesus. When God wanted to do something through His children, He send His prophet with an instructive word and the prophet had to anoint them with oil as symbolic of receiving the Spirit to do.

1 Corinthians 14:20 is an instructive verse. "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men". Some Christians unfortunately are children when it comes to understanding. They always require someone to tell them what God has said, instead of going through the scriptures themselves. This is not right. It is possible to be a man physically but only a child in other things. In malice God wants us to be children. The Bible tells us in all we do, get wisdom [Prov.4:7]. This kind of wisdom is to tap into God's kind of understanding, His kind of thinking and reasoning; and that's been revealed to us in His Word.

As I'm introducing this subject, understand that at every level we must cut away religious thinking and take a hold of the truth of God's Word. Many ministries today are making money of anointing oil and water. Dealing with the oil; and concerning the confusion folks have on what have been referenced by James in the New Testament in James 5:14 – "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him

with oil in the name of the Lord." When we understand the context in which the writer here addressed the church, we will understand that James was speaking to spiritual babes. He said 'If' not 'When' any sick among you...

Little faith in the Word of God and sin can cause a Christian to be sick. In essence, the Bible teaches us that of our new life in Christ; that we have been brought out of darkness into His [God's] marvellous light. Darkness here refers to negativity – which can be poverty, sickness, depression, sin and ultimately death. God has brought us out of every negative situation and has brought us into a place of blessings, divine health, and good wealth. It is through the lack of knowledge that we are not walking in the full light of God. This is why knowledge on the Word of God is not good enough, one must gain understanding on these things – that is God's wisdom.

Wisdom is having understanding of the knowledge gain on truth. James was speaking to a people with little understanding. They were still feeding on milk like babes, not ready to take stronger [solid] food [spiritually]. Yes, you who are babes in Christ, let the elders lay hands on you, anointing you with oil so you may be healed – but be teachable so you may grow in faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing the Word of God [Rom.10:17]. Although oil can be used through discernment, you should never replace the Holy Spirit with oil. The oil is symbolic to the workings of the Holy Spirit in and through your life. Folks limit the outworking of the Holy Spirit in their lives, because they have little faith. They hold on to religious ways others teach them; and they don't study the Word deeply enough to find out for themselves. You have time to go to work, socialize with friends or watch TV; but you don't want to spend an hour or two studying the Word daily. Wisdom comes through the Word of God – Studying the Word brings about knowledge, and fellowship with the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues brings about understanding and revelational knowledge, which produce wisdom

to act on the Word of God.

The more we get a hold of the Word, the more we will be in a position to apply the Word in our lives. It is through application of the Word that we grow in the anointing. We become conscious of who we have in us – the Holy Spirit; Who has come to will and do according to God's instruction. He is not going to work against our will, no; we must be willing to work with Him.

We are of the New Testament, filled with the Spirit – and Jesus had said that He has given us His name by which we will function. You got to study the Word of God to understand these things. I just giving you the notes; but you must be determine to want to study the Word for yourself and find out for yourself.

Some folks walk around with anointing oil in their bag or pockets, thinking that it is working for them. If it was working for you, then why do you have to keep on using that oil. It is not a biblical instruction to the New Testament man/woman. You have been anointed by the Spirit of God the day you have received the Holy Spirit. Like Jesus; it is written that He was anointed by God [Acts10:38]. Jesus was the bodily expression on the new creation realities. He has come to fulfil the law [Matt.5:17] and have prepared the way of the new creation life, which we have received on the day of Pentecost [Acts1:8].

Follow in the instructive way of Jesus and the New Testament and things will be well with you .Romans 15:4 tells us: 'For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.' The New Testament is for our living. From the old we learn about our awesome God, but over in the new testament we get to know our God. Get a hold of the Word, study it for yourself and know what is written to you in it.

Nine Pillars of the Church

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such, there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Gal.5:22-25).

- 1 love
- 2 joy
- 3 peace
- 4 longsuffering
- 5 gentleness
- 6 goodness
- 7 faith
- 8 Meekness
- 9 temperance

The biblical number 9 is symbolic to divine completeness – 7 being the number of completeness; and 8 is new beginning.

Understand that the church can refer to the whole body of Christ which has different members (meaning there's many members) or it can be an individual person. The church is not the building we so often refer to, it is the living body of Christ, and Christ is the head. I call the fruit of the Spirit the 9 pillars of the church, because without these 9 characteristics of the fruit, one can't have the fruit. Take not, Galatians 5 speaks of the fruit of the Spirit in a singular form and not fruits in the plural form – therefore, the fruit of the spirit consist of all 9 of these characteristics; yet one fruit – Hallelujah!

You might have 7 or even 8 of these characteristics, but your fruit will not be fully ripe; and a fruit that's not fully ripe does not taste right, for one will spit out that which taste not right. Take a look at what led up to Paul speaking about the fruit of the Spirit....

Throughout Galatians chapter 5 Paul warns against unclean living

and lays emphases to what it is to live by faith. He brings his book to the Galatian church to a close by calling out the fruit of the Spirit. But he continues to say: 'And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit' (Gal.5:24-25).

Take note: It wasn't long before the early church in Galatia formed that they fell off the tracks. These were religious Christians. Today we see the same happen. Folks from other religions and even religious Christians came unto the truth of Christianity; yet they only remained for a little while. Sooner or later that same religious mindset crept right back in. Now there's a difference between religious Christianity and true Christianity. Let me explain: Religion tries to reason what it hears, but the truth of Christianity reasons not, it acts and responds against all odds and do.

You've most probably heard that people say in religion it is man seeking God, but in Christianity it is God who seeks man – however, let's look at it this way: Christianity is expressing outwardly the inner workings of God in the human body. You see, in religion their god is an outward entity working inwardly; but in true Christianity our God is an inner entity working outwardly – it is a life of faith.

Faith is the response of the human spirit to the Word of God. You don't respond because it makes sense, neither because you've seen it work in others or for others; no – you get a revelation on the Word and follow the instructive word which comes with the revelation. This is when your senses don't make sense no more. This is when you no longer moved by what people say or think. This is when you know that no matter what, the Word you've received surpasses all understanding; and it is sure to produce what it speaks of.

This have everything to do with how you respond. Your response to

the Word of God is what produce the fruit of the Spirit in your life. If you haven't learned to respond form your spirit to the Word of God, then you might notice that you lack 1 or more of the characteristics of the fruit of the Spirit. You need to learn how to respond to the Word from your spirit. The flesh is weak and profits you nothing eternal; it is your spirit that is strong and profits you eternal.

Throughout the year we done many teachings on training our spirit man; and below we will highlight the key points of these.

Prayer: Praying and praying right is important. Praying selfless prayers is what moves God; for when we understand who we are in Christ we have no need to pray for ourselves. All our needs are fulfilled in Christ Jesus. Communion: Communion with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit is important. Communion goes beyond prayer; it is a different kind of communication. This is when we develop a personal and intimate relationship with God.

Meditation: Meditating on the Word of God, best described in Joshua 1:8 (please read). It is through meditation that our spirit man is awaken to the Word and strengthened to respond to God's Word. It allows us to become doers of the Word as faith gets stirred up in us.

Giving: Many get this wrong – the Christian life is a life of giving, but many in the church today try getting as much as they possibly can. The Bible tells us that it is more blessed to give than to receive. How so? Because when we give what's in our hand, God gives what is in His hand. Therefore, we don't give because we have; rather we have because we give.

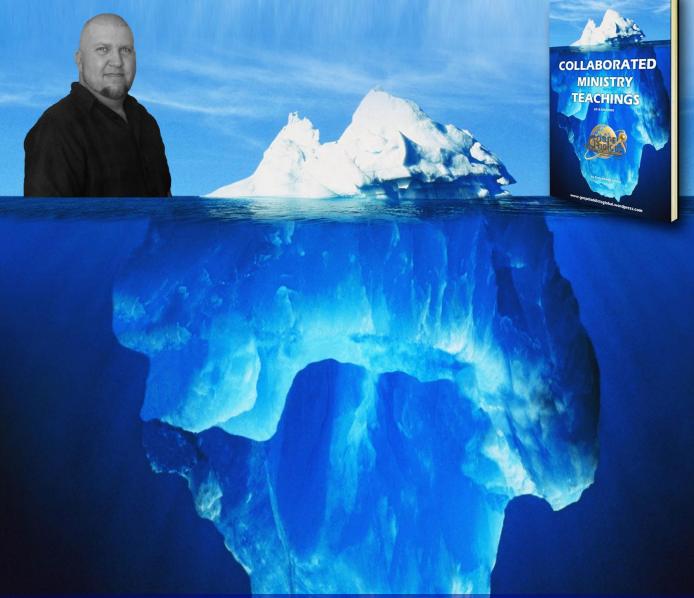
Ultimately: Because you gave your life to the Lord, the world isn't going to change according to your salvation; but the way you think should change – and it will change when you come to realize that you have a responsibility to study the Word, grow in a relationship

with God, and walk by faith. The more you do these, the more your fruit will ripen up – it will bring your fruit to a divine completeness at the end of your walk here on earth.

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