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Forward

In John 5:39, Jesus said, "**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**" When Jesus spoke of searching the Scriptures, He was including the New Testament as well as the Old Testament. The New Testament is written for the benefit of those who are born again of the Spirit (John 3:6,7). It is interesting to know that the Old Testament was not written to the world, but to the children of Israel, and those who would receive the LORD as their God. The Book of Genesis was written by Moses, for the children of Israel, to know the plan of God from the foundation of the world, that they could walk with the LORD, and be a people unto Him. They did not receive it until the time of Moses about 1462 years before Jesus came in the flesh. Genesis, Chapter One begins about 3,975 years before Jesus came in the flesh. For around 2,500 years (from Adam to Moses), there was no book of Genesis.

About the year of 1422 B.C., Joshua lead the children of Israel into the promised land of Canaan. For about 1,000 years the children of Israel had prophets, priests, and kings. Then came Malachi, the last of the prophets before John the Baptist. Malachi began to prophecy about 397 B.C.

Then came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness, about 25 A.D. John was 30 years old when he began to preach the coming of the LORD. Then came Jesus, about 26 A.D.. He was 30 years old when He began to preach the coming of the kingdom of God. Jesus preached for 3½ years, and then He died on the cross. Shortly after His death, the kingdom of God came. When Jesus breathed on His disciples, the Holy Spirit came into them and their bodies became the temple of the Holy Spirit. Then they were baptized in the Holy Spirit on Pentecost day.

After the Holy Spirit came, about 29 A.D., the kingdom of God was established, and the writing of the New Testament began. The last book (Revelation) could have been written about 95 - 100 A.D.

Therefore, the Scriptures Jesus was talking about were written over a period of about 1,550 years. In these Scriptures, *Jesus is revealed*; that we can know Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit. Jesus' instructions to us in John 5:39, is to search the complete Scriptures to know Him.

Some time ago, a Word came from the LORD, saying, "*Those who have taught what they have heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them!*" Those who do not know Jesus as LORD, will not repent. Do you know Him?

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In the gospel of John, it tells us, "**He (Jesus) was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not**" (John 1:10). This is sad, for in the beginning Jesus created the heavens and the earth and all that is within them. John 1:1-3, tell us,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. Then in Colossians 1:16, it says, "**For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him.**"

Everything was created by Jesus and for Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit working through Jesus in everything. Yet, when He came into His own creation as the Son of Man, the world did not know Him. How sad it is that those who were created by Him do not know the One who created them.

What's even worse than the fact that the world did not know Him; is that, He came to those who He chose in Abraham, to be His special people, and *they did not know Him*. His own people, the Jewish nation, did not know Jesus when He came to save them. He did not come to destroy them, but to save them, and they rejected Him and crucified Him on the Cross of Calvary.

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been given the opportunity to come into the family of God through the new birth. Yet, even today, *among those who are born again into the family of God, very few really know Jesus*.

This is sad, for even those who call themselves Christians don't know Jesus, the One Who made it possible for them to have eternal life in Him. For all who have eternal life are in Him. In 1 John 5:11,12 it tells us,

And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Here we are, in this world, created by Jesus, and we don't know Him. Here we are, born again of the Spirit, in God's Son, and we don't know Him. Many are born again, filled with the Spirit, and still don't know Him. Isn't it sad that so many call themselves Christians, yet they do not know Jesus?

There are multitudes of churches in the world, saying they are Christian churches and they do not know Jesus. They know all about Jesus, but they do not truly know Him. Many of them use the name "Christian" but reject the very truth that Jesus came to reveal to those who say they love Him.

Deception is very high among those who call themselves Christians. They are being deceived because they do not know Jesus. The majority of those who call themselves Christians do not really know Him for who He really is.

What about you and I, do we really know Him for who He really is? How do we know if we truly know Him for who He really is? The Scripture reveals that those who know Him will be transformed into His likeness and image (1 Cor. 15:49). When we walk like Jesus walked, and talk like Jesus talked, and live like Jesus lived, *then we will know Him for who He really is*.

It will take us a lifetime to get to know Him for who He really is. The opportunity to know

Him is here, now, but many will not make the effort to get to know Him. Jesus said to those who He called to be His disciples, "*Come, follow Me...*" How many Christians today want to follow Jesus? But, how can they follow Him when they don't even know Him?

Jesus said in John 17:3, "**...this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.**" God the Father sent Jesus into this world.

How many know God the Father, that is, truly know Him? Multitudes of Christians say they know the Father, yet they love the world, and the things of the world. In 1 John 2:15,16, it says,

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Is it possible to know the Father and love the world and the things of the world at the same time? Not according to the Scriptures... Yet, many preach another gospel, that you can love the world, and the things of this world and love the Father at the same time... In Matthew 6:24, Jesus said, "**No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**" What is mammon? Mammon includes the material wealth and things of this world. To the Church of Laodicea, Jesus said, "**...thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked**" (Rev. 3:17). In Mark, Jesus said the final temptations of Satan that render Christians fruitless are, "**...the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things...**" (Mark 4:19). In Matthew 6:31-33, Jesus said,

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When we truly know Jesus, for Who He is, we will not concern ourselves about the things of this world, we will only concern ourselves about the will of God the Father in our lives.

Let us search the Scriptures that we truly know Jesus, not just know all about Him. In John 8:31,32, Jesus said,

...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The word "know" (ginosko) in the Greek is similar to the Hebrew word (yada`). They both mean "to know by experience." Even a better definition comes from the use of this Hebrew word in Genesis 4:1, where it says, "**And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.**" The result of Adam knowing Eve produced another person, in his likeness and image. When we truly know Jesus, He will reproduce His likeness and image in us.

When Jesus came into this world, born of a woman and the Holy Spirit; He was both, the Son of Man and the Son of God at the same time. Jesus was the first human being to be both God and Man at the same time.

Those who are born again of the Spirit (John 3:6,7) are also, both, children of human parents and children of God at the same time. Just like Jesus, we have two lives, "psuche and Zoe" (natural life and spirit life). In the flesh we are natural people, born of natural parents. In the spirit we are children of God, born of God the Holy Spirit.

Talking about Jesus, Hebrews 5:8 says, "**Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered.**" Jesus was in a body of flesh, just as you and I are in a body of flesh. While Jesus was in a body of flesh, He learned obedience to the Father by the things that He suffered.

The word "flesh" includes everything we came into this world with. John 3:6 says, "**That which is born of the flesh is flesh...**" Everything we came into this world with, our bodies, our minds, our intellect, our reasoning, etc. is all a part of what is called "the flesh."

Jesus brought His flesh (His natural life) "*into subjection*" to the Word of God. Every thought, and every action was brought into subjection to the Word of God. He learned by obedience to the Word of God in every area of His life. By being totally and completely subject to the Word of God, Jesus was without sin.

When we live completely according to the Word of God we will become like Jesus in every area of our lives. We learn this by things we suffer in the flesh, that the will of God is done in our lives. Luke tells us in Acts 14:22, that Paul went about "**Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.**" It is not easy to live according to the Word of God and not according to the flesh. Yet, we can do it by being obedient to the Word of God. When we are obedient to the Word of God, the rewards are greater than the things of this world.

As we submit ourselves to the Word of God, the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to overcome the flesh. By this, it is not "we" that are doing the works, but the Spirit of God within us that does the works. When we submit ourselves to the Word of God, we are submitting unto God; for God and His Word are One (1 John 5:7).

The Word of God always works, even when there is no hope in the natural. Abraham believed God for a son, and Isaac was born when Abraham was 100 years old and Sarah was 90. Romans 4:18-20, says,

Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.

And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Against hope, we must believe in hope. For the Word of God is truth, and it cannot fail if we do not permit doubt and unbelief to enter our hearts. Doubt and unbelief are not from God. Therefore, "*we must agree with the Word of God.*" Amos 3:3 says, "**Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**"

In this world we face the same situations Adam and Eve faced; the *thoughts* that come to people from other sources. The *thoughts* that Eve received was a result of what the serpent said (Gen. 3:1-5). Those *thoughts* caused Eve to doubt the Word of the LORD. The *thoughts* that Adam received was a result of the words that Eve spoke to him (Gen. 3:17). Those *thoughts* caused Adam

to disobey the LORD.

Thoughts, are our greatest enemy, they present us with ideas, and temptations to disobey the LORD and doubt the Word of God. One of the most helpful verses in the Bible is 2 Corinthians 10:5, which says, "**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**" If we bring every *thought* into captivity, and completely destroy every *thought* that does not agree with the Word of God, we will walk like Jesus walked, and talk like Jesus talked.

One of the greatest hindrances to obeying the Word of God today, is those who say they know the Scriptures, and lead many astray with their doctrines and teachings. We must search the Scriptures for ourselves.

In John 10, Jesus explained that the thief that comes to steal, kill, and destroy is the person who comes as a pastor, an evangelist, a teacher, a prophet, or an apostle; and did not enter through the door (John 10:1,8). Or, it is a person who is a hireling, not a good shepherd (John 10:12,13).

You will hardly ever hear anyone preach the same gospel that Jesus preached here in John 10. Almost everyone who quotes John 10:10 will teach that the thief is the devil. This is to get your eyes off the thief that Jesus was talking about. If they can blame the devil for what they are doing, they get the attention off themselves as the thief; thereby making themselves as angels of light (2 Cor. 11:12-14).

Jesus said in John 10:7,8, "**...I am the door of the sheep. All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers...**" We need to search the Scriptures to know Jesus. Jesus said, "**He is the door.**" We need to search the Scriptures and see if Jesus is door? In John 10:11, Jesus said, "**I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.**" We need to search the Scriptures and see if Jesus is the good shepherd and if He did give His life for the sheep? In John 14:6, Jesus said, "**...I am the way, the truth, and the life...**" We need to search the Scriptures and see if Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life?

As we search the Scriptures for each of the things Jesus said, we will find that Jesus told the truth every time He said something. If we will believe what Jesus said, and not doubt; we will become like Jesus. His life will manifest in our lives.

Some things Jesus said are hard to understand, but we don't always have to understand them, if we will come to the realization that whatsoever Jesus said, is truth. Too often, there are those who try to analyze the Word of God and bring it into their human understanding. By this they miss the truth and live in error, even convincing others to follow their ideas, rather than believe what the Word actually says.

In Proverbs 3:5, it says, "**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.**" If we trust in the LORD with all our heart, we don't have to understand with our natural mind those things that the Word of God declares to be true. The Word of God should take priority over the *thoughts* of our mind.

We shouldn't let our mind control the Word of God; but rather, let the Word of God control our mind. The Word of God is greater than our mind. Our mind was created by the Word of God (John 1:1-3). Therefore, the creator is greater than the created. We need to obey the Word of God in everything we do. When we obey the LORD, and His Word, the power of God will manifest in our lives.

The first thing a person must do, is become "born again" of the Holy Spirit! That is what

Jesus taught in John 3:3-7. Jesus said, "**...Ye must be born again**" (John 3:7). What Jesus said we must do, we should do, without question. If we are sincere in our heart, all we have to do is ask Jesus to come into our life and be our LORD and Saviour; believing in our heart, and we will become "born again."

Once we are born again of the Holy Spirit, into the family of God; we must ALSO obey the LORD and receive "the Baptism in the Holy Spirit." Jesus told us in Mark 16:16-17; that, all who believe "*will speak with new tongues.*" If Jesus said it, then it is true, and we should not listen to anyone who teaches otherwise. Jesus told us in Luke 11:13, if we would ask the Father for the Holy Spirit, He will give us the Holy Spirit. Jesus told us that, as John the Baptist baptized with water, "*we should be baptized in the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 1:4,5). Jesus said that, "*we would receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon us*" (Acts 1:8).

Now, if we search the Scriptures, especially the book of Acts, we will see that everything Jesus said about receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is true. It happened, just as Jesus said it would happen. God is not a respecter of persons; therefore, what happened to those who believed in the book of Acts will also happen for us today, if we will believe....

Once we have obeyed the LORD and are born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues; we are able to get to know Jesus. That is TRULY KNOW HIM, BY EXPERIENCING HIM in our lives.

LOOKING AT JESUS FROM THE BEGINNING

First of we need to come to the understanding that Jesus created all things (John 1:3,10, Col. 1:16, Heb. 1:2,10, Rev. 4:11, etc.). Then Jesus oversaw all the works of His hands, knowing the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:9,10).

Jesus is called "the LORD God" throughout the Old Testament. God the Father put all things into Jesus' hands right from the beginning (John 3:35). Right from the beginning it was Jesus who carried out the plan of God throughout the Old Testament. The Holy Spirit worked with Jesus all through the Bible, from Genesis 1:1 through Revelation.

Jesus was the one who made the covenant with Abraham (Gen. 17). It was Jesus who brought the children of Israel out of Egypt (Ex. 6:1-8). It was Jesus that gave the children of Israel the Law (Ex. 20). It was Jesus that proclaimed the New Covenant, because the children of Israel broke the covenant of the law (Jer. 31:21-35).

Whenever the words of the Old Testament say, "thus saith the LORD," it is speaking of Jesus as "the LORD God," doing the speaking. There are a few times when the word "LORD" in the Old Testament pertains to God the Father, but only a few. Almost always it pertains to Jesus, who is and always will be the LORD of lords, and the King of kings. He was LORD from the beginning, for the Father made Him so...

As LORD, Jesus made the covenants, and as Man, Jesus fulfilled the covenants for man. God the Father and the Holy Spirit work through Jesus in everything He does.

Therefore, when Adam and Eve ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, Jesus took the responsibility for man's sin upon Himself (Gen. 3:15), for the Scripture declares *the lamb was slain from the foundation of the world* (Rev. 13:8).

When the world was so corrupt, "**And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually**" (Gen. 6:5); the LORD saved Noah and his family. When the LORD spoke to Abraham and called him out from his country and from his family, Abraham obeyed the LORD. The LORD made a covenant with Abraham, and his seed after him (Gen. 17:7, Gal. 3:16,29).

This was the LORD Himself; the One who created all things, that made a covenant with Abraham and his seed after him. Jesus is the LORD! He always was the LORD and always will be the LORD...

The LORD kept His covenant that He made with Abraham. Four-hundred-thirty years later, the LORD brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, using Moses as their leader. The Children of Israel rebelled against Moses and Aaron (Num. 14:2), and the LORD answered according to their murmurings. All those over twenty-years old died in the wilderness; but those under twenty lived and entered into the promised land (Num. 14:20-38).

Jesus is LORD! And all who will obey Him will have eternal life, but those who rebel against Him will not inherit the promises.... For about 1400 years, the LORD saved those who would call upon Him. The LORD delivered them from their enemies, protected them, and helped them when they came to Him for help. Yet, those who rebelled against Him, He could not help them, and they went into captivity, and many died like those in the wilderness.

Then about 4 B.C. the LORD was born in the flesh and He was given the name of JESUS!

For thirty-years He was obedient to God the Father. It says, "**Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**" (Heb. 5:8). At about the age of thirty, in obedience to God the Father, He received the baptism with the Holy Spirit... Mark 1:9-11 it says,

And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in Jordan.

And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him:

And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Jesus was the first Man in the flesh that the Holy Spirit was poured out upon from heaven... This was the beginning of the promise of Abraham coming upon the Gentiles (Gal. 3:14). Jesus was the "first fruit" of many brethren (1 Cor. 15:23). Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power to do the will of God the Father. Acts 10:38 tells us, "**How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.**" (No one can do what Jesus did without the baptism in the Holy Spirit...)

After three and one-half years of doing the will of God the Father, Jesus fulfilled the Old Testament Law for everyone who was under the law, and sealed the New Covenant for us with His blood. When Jesus knew that all that had been written in the Scriptures concerning Him could then be fulfilled, He said "...It is finished..." (John 19:30). Everything He came to do from Genesis 1:1 to John 19:30 was now able to be finished. All that was left for Him to do was His death and resurrection. Then the Holy Spirit could come and finish what Jesus began to do, until all things are completed.

Jesus, the Son of Man, had to die, that the Scriptures might be fulfilled. Therefore, Jesus died in the flesh, and was raised again by the Holy Spirit three days later. From the time of Jesus' death, until His soon return, all things on earth are in the hands of the Holy Spirit. After Jesus went to be with the Father (40 days after His resurrection), He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, and Teacher; to lead us in all truth and righteousness... Without the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, we cannot obey the LORD as He instructed us to.

Jesus is now at the right-hand of God the Father, sitting on His Father's throne (Rev. 3:21), while the Holy Spirit is on earth, working in those who will receive Him. Philippians 2:13 says, "**For it is God (the Holy Spirit) which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**"

THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

When Jesus came into this world as the Son of Man, born of a woman, He came according to the Scriptures. The Scriptures completely foretold of His coming. He came as the Son of Abraham, the Son of King David (Matt. 1:1).

Jesus came as a covenant keeping God, the God of this creation, the LORD of heaven and earth. Jesus came to show us God the Father by His Words, His actions, His lifestyle. In all that Jesus said and did we could see God the Father. He always did the will of God the Father, therefore, whatsoever Jesus did, He was the exact image and likeness of God the Father (Heb. 1:3).

God is unique. There is none like Him. Yet God is three persons in one. Therefore, the Father is God. The Son is God. The Holy Spirit is God. Yet they are each individually unique in their abilities, but alike in their ways. The image of God is the way you see God. We cannot see God with our natural eyes, but there is a reflection of God in the Word of God. Jesus is the Word of God come in the flesh. Therefore, He is the express image of God in the way we see Him in the Scriptures.

Some have seen Jesus in the flesh for thirty-three and one-half years, as He lived on this earth to show us the Father. Yet, we are told by the Holy Spirit, not to know Jesus in the flesh, but to know Him as He is now, in the Spirit (2 Cor. 5:16). We are to know Jesus by the Word of God, not by the natural abilities of the mind. The Word of God should bare witness with our spirit, and we will know Jesus as He is....(1 John 5:10). There should be a knowing in our spirit that will produce an image of Jesus and the Father within us (1 John 5:11,12, 2 John 1:9). Anyone who is truly born again of the Spirit has the Father and the Son dwelling in them.

The Father dwelt in Jesus from eternity past. Jesus came into this world with the very life of God the Father in Him. By the life of God the Father dwelling in Jesus, He was One with the Father. As Jesus did not do His own will, but only the will of God the Father; He was the express image of God the Father that dwelt in Him. (*If Christians would stop doing their own will, and do only the will of Jesus, they will become the express image of Jesus, Who dwells in them*).

As we search the Scriptures, the truth will be revealed to us. The Truth is in the Word of God. The truth will set us free of all false and unknown spiritual blindness. That is why it is so important to search the Scriptures, for they reveal Jesus, the Father, and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus came as the Son of Abraham...(Matt. 1:1). Why was Jesus called the Son of Abraham? By a covenant that Jesus made with Abraham in Genesis 17:7; in which Jesus said to Abraham, **"And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."** The "seed" of Abraham, which the LORD God was speaking of is "Christ." This is explained in Galatians 3:16, which says, **"Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."**

The seed of Abraham is "Christ" (the anointed One)... The Anointed One is not many seeds but One seed, which today is the body of Christ; who are after the faith of Abraham (Gal. 3:7,26). There is only one true body of Christ, that is, those who are of the faith of Abraham; and their faith is in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is also the Son of King David by covenant. For a covenant was made between the LORD and David, by prophecy given by Nathan (2 Sam. 7:11-16). Out of King David's loins came

the seed of David, whose kingdom shall have no end. That seed is "Christ Jesus." He is the King of kings, and LORD of lords; and of His kingdom there is no end.

There is a three-fold purpose for the coming of Jesus...

(1) To destroy the works of the devil...

(2) To become the first-fruits of the covenant made with Abraham, which is the body of Christ...

(3) To establish His kingdom on earth; which shall extend into all eternity...

To accomplish all of these, there was a three-fold fulfillment to be accomplished...

(1) The will of God had to be made known to all who will follow Jesus in His kingdom, and become His servants for eternity...

(2) The covenant of the Law of Moses had to be fulfilled and done away with, that the New Covenant could come into effect for those who were under the Law....

(3) The works of Satan had to be destroyed; through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Hebrews 2:8, tell us, "*not all things are put under Jesus' feet yet;*" but the price was paid, the Word has gone forth, the Holy Spirit has been sent to carry out the will of the Father... Once the Holy Spirit has destroyed death, which is the last enemy to be destroyed, then the kingdom of God will reign forever and ever; with a new heavens and a new earth. These three must take place...

(1) The Holy Spirit must reign on earth; filling people with His power to overcome the works of the devil.

(2) The manifestations of the Holy Spirit must be seen in all the earth, as a sign of the coming of the power of God to set the captives free...

(3) Death must be swallowed up in victory, mortality must put on immortality, corruption must put on incorruption...

This is all explained in 1 Corinthians 15:25, 53,54;

For he (the Holy Spirit) must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his (Jesus') feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Now, we do not yet see all things put under Jesus' feet, but we see Jesus and the Father in the Gospels. Jesus came to show us the Father. By the life that Jesus lived in the flesh, we can see the Father in Him. God is unique: the Son never glorifies Himself, but always glorifies the Father. The Holy Spirit never glorifies Himself, but always glorifies the Father and the Son. The true followers of Jesus never glorify themselves, but always glorify the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These make up the totality of God on this earth; the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit, and the son's of God....

None of these operate by their own power... The Father operates by the power of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. The Son of God operates by the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit operates by the Word of God and His almighty power. The son's of God operate by the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Father, being the head of the Godhead, is the Father over all creation. The Son, is the LORD of this creation, Who proceeded from the Father from eternity past (John 8:42). The Holy

Spirit is the power of God from eternity past, who proceeded from the Father (John 15:26). The son's of God, are the vessels for the power of God. They are the body of Christ on earth. They are to be the image of the Son, and are one with the Father and the Son by the very life of God that dwells in them.

In the Gospels, we see the Father working in the Son as Jesus does the will of the Father. Jesus never asked anyone to do anything He would not do Himself.... He is our example; the only One we are to follow...

In Matthew 5:1-7:27, Jesus taught us how to do the will of God the Father; just as He did the will of God the Father. Jesus' teachings were according to the New Covenant, not according to the Old Covenant of the Law. Therefore, He compared the Old Covenant Law with the New Covenant (sealed in His blood), many times in Matthew 5 and 6.

First in Matthew 5:3-12, Jesus pronounced "who is blessed" in the kingdom of God. Jesus proclaimed "nine blessings." These nine blessings are not according to human understanding, but according the working of the Holy Spirit within us. These nine come by the nine fruit of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 5:20,21, and cause the nine gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11), to operate in the lives of those who obey the LORD.

Nine times, Jesus gave reference to the difference between the Law and the New Covenant. Five times He said, "**Ye have heard...**" and four times He said, "**It hath been said...**" Each one of these times there was a revelation of Jesus and the Father.

From Matthew 6:1-7:27, Jesus taught on some of the following subjects:

- (1) doing alms
- (2) praying
- (3) fasting
- (4) laying up treasures
- (5) judging others
- (6) asking and receiving
- (7) the way to heaven
- (8) false prophets
- (9) doing the will of God

In between these, Jesus included the most important of all His teachings "the controlling of our thoughts." To accomplish this, Jesus said, "**... seek ye first the kingdom (reign) of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**" (Matt. 6:33). Of all the teaching that Jesus did in Matthew 5 through 7, the most important, and only way to do the will of the Father is "**...seek ye first the kingdom (reign) of God, and his righteousness...**"

Every Christian who fails to fulfill the plan and purpose of God in their lives "misses it on this requirement," *first, seeking the reign of God in their lives*. Without this one requirement fulfilled in our lives, we cannot do the will of God. Every false manifestation can be identified by a lack of seeking the kingdom (reign) of God and the LORD'S righteousness...

Christians cannot walk after the flesh and after the Holy Spirit at the same time. These two are contrary to each other (Gal. 5:17). Christians must die to self; or they cannot follow Jesus... Jesus used Himself as an example of what it takes to do the will of God. In John 12:24-26, Jesus said,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.

If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

During the three and one-half years of the ministry of Jesus, He did all that was necessary that the Scriptures might be fulfilled! On the Cross, the last words that Jesus spoke came about as it says, **After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, I thirst.**

Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar: and they filled a sponge with vinegar, and put it upon hyssop, and put it to his mouth.

When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost (John 19:28-30).

Yet, we do not see all things finished, for the finishing of the Scriptures was to be done by the Holy Spirit... The Holy Spirit is to finish all that Jesus began to do... After Jesus rose again from the dead and ascended to the right-hand of the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit "to be GOD" on this earth. Therefore, from the beginning, it has always been called "the kingdom of God," not the kingdom of Jesus. Jesus is the head of the body of Christ. Jesus is the LORD of lords. Jesus is the King of kings. Jesus is the king over the kingdom of God. But the Holy Spirit is GOD on earth, working all things together... **"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). "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure" (Phil. 2:13).**

Only when the Holy Spirit is in control of our lives can we do the will of God the Father. It is by His power and His might that all things are done on earth as it is in heaven (Matt. 6:10), as prophesied in Zechariah 4:6, **"...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts."**

Within the body of Christ today, multitudes are being deceived by false manifestations, and false prophets, and false operations; by other spirits. The true manifestations of the Holy Spirit can easily be known when we get to know Jesus as LORD, not just as Savior. Then, we will get to know the Holy Spirit as God on this earth from the epistles of the New Covenant. Unless we know the LORD Jesus Christ as LORD, and the Holy Spirit as God on this earth, we will easily be deceived by false manifestations.

It is so sad, that in the beginning Jesus created all things, and without Him was not anything created that was created. Then *"He came into the world and the world knew Him not."* (John 1:10) *"He came unto His own and His own received Him not."* (John 1:11) He is the Word of God (that is; the incorruptible seed of the new birth), and Christians do not know Him. How sad it is that so many who should know Him don't know Him? Neither do they know the Holy Spirit who is sent to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, and Teacher...

For Christians to do the will of God the Father, they must first "totally and completely submit themselves to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ." Until Jesus has complete and total dominance in our lives, we cannot do the will of God the Father. Every time a Christian tries to do the will of God without the LORDSHIP of Jesus they will fail. Yet, they cannot submit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ without submitting themselves unto to God the Holy Spirit first. That was why it was so necessary for Jesus to ascend to the Father, that the Holy Spirit could come and make it possible for

Christians to submit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

Our adversary (the devil), is working day and night to hinder us from doing the will of God the Father. The only way to defeat the devil is to **"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you"** (James 4:7). Anytime and every-time Christians do not submit themselves unto God--the Holy Spirit--the devil will not flee from them. Christians can try to resist the devil all they want to, but unless they first submit themselves unto God "the Holy Spirit," the devil will not flee...!

Submission is our job. God is not going to submit us without our willingness to submit. There is a fight to fight, and a battle to be won by every born again Christian. If Christians do not submit themselves unto the Lordship of Jesus Christ, other spirits will enter through their thought realm and take the position in their lives that the LORD should have. Many spirits will convince many Christians that, that is not possible.... These are already deceived by the enemy. Many have listened to religious spirits that cause them to rebel against the Word of God, and the Words of Jesus. Jesus said in Mark 16:17, **"...these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues."** Multitudes of Christians have rebelled and refused to receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in new tongues. We are told in 1 Samuel 15:23, **"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry..."** There is no difference between rebellion and witchcraft, they are equal to each other. Witchcraft is idolatry, serving another spirit rather than the Holy Spirit. Multitudes of Christians have given themselves to serving religious spirits that teach contrary to the teachings of Jesus, and the Word of God. Yet, they confess that there is nothing wrong with what they are doing, they even take pride in doing so (2 Thes. 2:12).

To submit unto the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ is to believe every Word Jesus spoke, and do everything Jesus said we should do. When Jesus is LORD in our lives, then we are His servants in everything He asked us to do. We start where He said to start, that is, **"seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness..."** (Matt. 6:33). Any Christian who claims to be justified by what they say or do is not submitted unto the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. Claiming to be justified by their works is denying the righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is upon all who believe in Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:22). When our righteousness prevails over the righteousness of Jesus Christ we are no longer under grace, but rather under the Law, which cannot save us.

Submission must be total and complete, starting with His righteousness, thereby completely denying any of our righteousness by what we say or do... The next important part of submission is in John 8:31, **"...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed."** Continuance in Jesus' Word is a requirement of submission to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. John 15:7 says, **"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you..."** Daily, abiding in Jesus and His Words abiding in us is a requirement of the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

Doing the will of God the Father is also a requirement of the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. In Matthew 7:21, Jesus said, **"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."** Those who do not do the will of God the Father have not submitted themselves unto the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. Jesus said in Luke 6:46, **"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"** A person who calls Jesus LORD and does not do what Jesus says is called a hypocrite...

Unless a person knows Jesus, and not just knows all about Him, they will not submit unto

His LORDSHIP. Only those who truly know Him will fully submit unto His LORDSHIP. Submission requires making a stand against all other controlling spirits. Romans 6:16 says, "**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**" Jesus is our righteousness. We must submit ourselves servants unto the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ...

Submission to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ comes about in a Christian's life little by little, here a little and there a little. Isaiah 28:10 tells us how the Holy Spirit teaches us. "**For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little.**"

Before the Children of Israel went in to possess the promised land, the LORD told them, **I will send my fear before thee, and will destroy all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee.**

And I will send hornets before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee.

I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee.

By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land.

And I will set thy bounds from the Red sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert unto the river: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee.

Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods.

They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee (Ex. 23:27-33).

It is important to understand that it is Jesus (the LORD God), that will send "**His fear**" before us. As we submit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, He sends the HOLY SPIRIT before us to drive out the spirits that try to control us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, every spirit that is not of God will be driven out of our lives. Not all at once, but one at a time, here a little and there a little. Until we have completely overcome every evil spirit that dwells in our flesh.

The flesh must be overcome, that the spirit of man is in control. Our flesh has been the habitation of many spirits. Corruption is passed upon us from Adam (1 Cor. 15:53). Mortality is passed upon us from Adam (Rom. 5:12). Corruption must be destroyed first in our lives. Mortality will be the last one to be destroyed. Mortality is the process that brings mankind to physical death. Physical death must be overcome, as it was overcome in the life of Jesus. Through death, He defeated death for all who will enter into His LORDSHIP.

First corruption must be overcome. This begins in every Christian's life when they are born again. "**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever**" (1 Peter 1:23). This is the beginning of complete freedom from corruption. A seed was planted within the spirit of man. That planting of the incorruptible seed is symbolic to the crossing of the Jordan for the children of Israel. Upon entrance to the promised land they were faced with all the inhabitants of the land which had to be driven out.

Romans 8:9 says, "**But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**" At the

time of our new birth, we are like the children of Israel. Our living soul is passed from the flesh to the "New Created Spirit." We are no longer in the flesh (as the children of Israel were no longer in the wilderness). Yet, the flesh has to be overcome, just as the inhabitants of the land of Canaan had to be driven out. Upon our new birth, we are faced with all the sin and spirits that inhabited our lives, they need to be driven out of our flesh.

The apostle Paul, in Romans 7:13-25, explained that the sin which was in his flesh was not yet fully overcome. He also explained that it was the LORD Jesus Christ that would give him the victory.

O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin (Rom. 7:24-25).

Jesus Christ would send His Holy Spirit to drive out the spirits in our flesh that keep us from entering into the fullness of the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. When the fullness of the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ is come into our lives, we will come into what is called "**the manifested sons of God**" (Rom. 8:19).

Just like the children of Israel, when they entered into the land of Canaan, they had to drive out the inhabitants (the LORD working with them, and going before them), yet they had to make the effort, "by faith," trusting in the promises of the LORD. It is "**by faith,**" believing in those things that be not, "as though they already are" (Rom. 4:17-21). As Abraham was, we must be "fully persuaded, that what the LORD has promised, He will perform" (Rom. 4:21).

We must "**try every spirit,**" if they are of God or not (1 John 4:1). Those that are not of God must be cast out of our lives, out of our minds; completely destroyed in our lives. If the thoughts of our minds do not agree with "the Written Word of God," they must be destroyed, completely cast out of our minds (2 Cor. 10:5). We must overcome "*by the blood of the Lamb, and the words we speak out of our mouth.*" This overcoming must be even unto death... "**And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death**" (Rev. 12:11).

It is not by our power alone that we overcome; if it would be, then it would be works of the flesh, dead works. It must be by submission to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, that we overcome the spirits that try to hold us in bondage. The LORD must send His Holy Spirit to Help, Lead, Guide, Comfort, and Teach us. Without the Holy Spirit we cannot overcome.... Yet, we must overcome, not by our power, but by His Spirit

The greatest of all hindrances are others around us who submit themselves to other spirits, false teachings, and false prophets. Those who do not "**Search the Scriptures**" and do not "**Study to show themselves approved unto God,**" they "believe other spirits" other people who say "they are of God..." They follow the teachings of men, not the teachings of the Holy Spirit. They are deceived, and they deceive many...

The Word of God declares; WE MUST TRY THE SPIRITS, IF THEY BE OF GOD...PROVE ALL THINGS...(1 John 4:1, 1 Thes. 5:21). Those who think themselves "spiritual" will come against anyone who tries the spirits. The greatest of all statements they will make is "*you better be careful, for you may be blaspheming the Holy Spirit by saying if it is of God of not, for you may be mistaken and call that which is of God of the devil.*" Anyone who comes against the "trying of the spirits," has another spirit with them, which is not of God... For the Word of God declares, we

must try the spirits.... The Holy Spirit NEVER, tells us NOT TO DO what He has already told us TO DO "in the Written Word."

It is important to understand, there are many false manifestations within the body of Christ today. Many more than ever before according to Jesus (Matt. 24:24). Yet, to try the spirits, we must have the help of the Holy Spirit... It is the Holy Spirit within us that will reveal the false spirits to us. If we try to do it with our natural mind, our human understanding, we will fail to know the true Spirit from the false spirits.

That is why we must be baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues first; before we try the spirits... We must know the Holy Spirit, not just know all about Him. Many Spirit-filled Christians today do not truly know the Holy Spirit. They know all about Him... They know what the Bible says about Him, but they don't truly know Him "inwardly." If they knew Him, personally, inwardly, by a witness in their spirit on a daily, hourly, basis; their lives would not be what they are today.

There are many other spirits, as angels of light, posing to be the Holy Spirit, yet they are counterfeit... We cannot identify the counterfeit unless we know the true.

There are certain things that will help to know the Holy Spirit.

(1) The Holy Spirit is known by "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:21,22).

A. The first fruit of the Spirit is love (Agape).

1. If we read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, and apply the word "Love/Charity" to the Holy Spirit, we will see the true Holy Spirit. The counterfeit spirit will not stand the test...

(2) The Holy Spirit is "power" (Acts 1:8, 10:10, etc.)

A. The Holy Spirit is not a Spirit of;

1. Self-righteousness

2. Self-justification

3. Self-exaltation

4. Proudful

5. Pity, self-pity

6. Childish, (sweet little angel)

B. The Holy Spirit moves in "power" against all ungodliness...

"We have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, of love, and of a sound mind"

(2 Tim. 1:7)

(3) The Holy Spirit always agrees with the written Word.

A. **"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one"** (1 John 5:7).

B. The Holy Spirit had "the Word of God" written (2 Tim. 3:16).

(4) The Holy Spirit works from "the spirit of man" not from the mind of man.

A. **"But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding"** (Job 32:8).

B. **"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God"** (Rom. 8:16).

C. The gifts of the Spirit (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirit), do operate through our mind BUT THEY DO NOT ORIGINATE IN OUR MIND;

they come from our spirit through our mind...

1. false operations originate in our mind, and do not bare witness with our spirit...
2. there must be a witness in our spirit of all true operations of the Holy Spirit....

When the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ is in our lives, there will be no desire "for any sin whatsoever." The desire for sin is destroyed by the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. When the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ is present in our lives, there is no desire for "**the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things...**" (Mark 4:19). The LORD Himself, by the power of His Holy Spirit goes before us, and drives away all desires for "**the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things...**" When the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ is present in our lives there is no desire for "**the world, the things of this world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life...**" (1 John 2:15,16).

Christians have a long way to go to become "*the manifested sons of God*" (Rom. 8:19). This cannot take place in our lives until we submit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:19-21 tells us that the whole creation is awaiting the manifestation of the sons of God. When will the sons of God manifest to the degree that even the whole creation is set free? We do not know, but what we do know is what it takes for Christians to become manifested sons of God.

Every born again Christian can become a manifested son of God. God is not a respecter of persons and will not withhold from any Christian the ability to become a manifested son of God. The only thing between a born again Christian and the manifestation is the individual themselves. There are many things that hold Christians back, such as:

- (1) Their unwillingness to receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.
- (2) The cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things (Mark 4:19).
- (2) Their unwillingness to deny themselves and submit to the total Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- (3) Their lack of understanding the person of the Holy Spirit (Who controls all operations of the anointing).
- (4) Their husband/wife or another individual that does not want to follow the plan of God according to the Scriptures.
- (5) Other responsibilities they acquired through the years, that they do not want to release to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

Christians can overcome circumstances that hold them back by:

- (1) Daily, every hour they can find, spend it studying the Word of God, especially the teachings of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- (2) Whenever possible, even while working, pray in the spirit.
- (3) Spend time quietly before the LORD (the LORD dwells in your spirit, and it is from your spirit that you will receive your directions).

The qualifications for a disciple are the same qualification for the manifestation of the sons of God. Some of them are:

- (1) Deny yourself (Luke 14:26,27,33).
- (2) Continue in Jesus' Word (John 8:31,32).
- (3) Must have an honest report, full of the Holy Spirit, and wisdom (Acts 6:3).

After all the other qualifications are met, the last one "full of wisdom" is the most important. Knowledge without wisdom is useless. At the same time, wisdom without knowledge is not from God. One must know the will of God the Father. Then they must use wisdom to apply the will of God the Father in their lives.

Wisdom does not work alone, it works with knowledge. There are certain important areas of knowledge of the Word of God and the will of God the Father that will help tremendously.

The Cross of Calvary is the most important knowledge a Christian can have. Secondly, how to apply that knowledge. What happened on the Cross? Why it happened? When it happened? Then rightly divide that which was accomplished on the Cross.

Total remission and forgiveness of sins came by the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the Cross. Redemption was made available because of the Cross. Sanctification was made available because of the Cross. Physical healing was made available by the Cross.

The new birth into the family of God was made available after the Cross. The baptism in the Holy Spirit was made available after the Cross.

The main reason most Christians do not enter into the manifested sons of God is because they let doubt and unbelief of the finished work of Jesus Christ on the Cross enter into their hearts. All that pertains to sins, iniquities, and physical healing was already available from the foundation of the world. For it tells us in Revelation 13:8, "*the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.*" Sins were not imputed from Adam to the law that came through Moses (Rom. 5:13). Even from Moses to the Cross, sins were forgiven (Ex. 30:10, Lev. 16:2-30). Healing was available even before the Law. Abraham prayed and the God healed Abimelech, his wife, and his maidservants (Gen. 20:17). The children of Israel came out of Egypt in a great multitude, not a feeble one among them. Healing continued all throughout the Old Testament and is still continuing today where people believe the Word of God.

The New Birth and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit did not happen until after the Cross, for Jesus was the first-born from the dead. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit cannot take place until after a person is born again, therefore it only came after the Cross.

The new birth is the most important of all operations of God in the lives of people. The new birth brings a person into the family of God, making them one with God, and giving them an inheritance in heaven after this life. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the seal to our inheritance (Eph. 1:13,14, 4:30).

Once a Child of God is baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, they must put on the whole armor of God (Eph. 6:13-18) and never take it off. Don't listen to those who say you have to put on the armor every morning when you get up....don't take it off, you need it on, even when you are sleeping. The armor of God includes:

- (1) having you loins girt about with truth...
- (2) having on the breastplate of righteousness...
- (3) your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace...
- (4) the shield of faith...
- (5) the helmet of salvation...
- (6) the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God...
- (7) praying always with all power and supplication in the Spirit...

When we understand the whole armor of God, we must bring every thought into subjection

to the Word of God concerning ourselves and others. Everything we do will depend upon what we believe in our heart and speak with our mouth (Rom. 10:10). We must be careful what we do and what we say... By the words of our mouth, we submit to the spiritual power that is in control.

There are two spiritual powers in operation on earth. There is the power of God and the power of the devil. The power of God is greater than the power of the devil. The devil is limited by the LORD as to what he can do and what he cannot do (Job 1:6,7,12, 2:1,2,6). To Job, Satan could not do anything unless Job or the LORD permitted him. Job let the devil put fear upon him, and opened the door to the works of the devil. Yet, the LORD limited the devil as to what he could do to Job.

This is the way it is in the lives of every individual in the world. They can open the door for the LORD to work in their lives, or they can open the door for the devil to work in their lives. The LORD still puts a limit upon what the devil can do in a persons life. Therefore it is important to understand Romans 6:16, which says, "**Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?**" Be careful that you do not let some religious person take this out of context; this verse was not written to unbelievers, or sinners, it was written "*to the saints which were in Rome and all other saints everywhere*" (Rom. 1:7). Christians can yield themselves over to obey the devil. Yet, the LORD determines how much the devil can steal and kill in an individuals life. This is a whole subject in itself, too large to go into much detail at this time. Just be aware of who you yield yourself over to obey, the LORD or the devil.

Physical healing was a major part the Jesus' ministry. Jesus was doing the will of God the Father. Therefore the will of God the Father includes physical healing. Physical healing is on the Cross along with forgiveness of sin. Therefore, physical healing is effective for those who are not born again just as well as for those who are born again. NOTE: none of the people healed under Jesus' ministry were born again. Healing is for everyone, not just for Christians.

As manifested sons of God, we must look at sickness and disease as works of the devil in the lives of human beings. The works of the devil must be destroyed by the manifested sons of God.

Do not even consider whether or not a person has sinned when it comes to healing. Do not even mention sin (unless the Holy Spirit specifically tells you of some sin that is necessary to be repented from before healing can occur).

Sin, sickness, disease, are all works of the devil. The price for the payment of sin, sickness, and disease was already paid in full by Jesus on the Cross of Calvary. According to the Scriptures, sin cannot stop a person who is not born again from receiving healing.

In John 9:2, the disciples asked Jesus, "**...saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind?**" The disciples did not understand the Cross. Jesus understood the Cross, and answered their question by saying, in John 9:3-5,

Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

The Cross eliminates all generational curses. Generational curses came by the Law (Ex. 20:5). Jesus bore the curse of the Law for us (Gal. 3:13). *The Lamb was slain from the foundation*

of the world. Therefore, Jesus took the curse of the Law upon Himself for anyone who would receive Him. This was already spoken of in Isaiah 43:25. It says, "**I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.**" This was repeated again in Isaiah 44:21,22, saying,

**Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.
I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.**

This man, born blind from his birth was a child of Israel. Jesus said in Isaiah 44:21, "*He would not forget His chosen people, their transgressions and sins, but He would blot them out as a thick cloud.*" Jesus said to His disciples in John 9:4, "**I must work the works of him that sent me...**" It was the Father's will that the works of the devil be destroyed. And Jesus destroyed them on the Cross of Calvary. It was declared done before Jesus died (Rev. 13:8), and finished when He was crucified.

Putting sin, sickness, and disease all on the Cross of Calvary was the plan of God the Father from the foundation of the world. Jesus was only carrying out the plan of God the Father, and doing the works of God the Father by not suggesting that sin was the problem. It was not a matter of what caused the blindness, but a matter of the will of God that all sickness and disease be destroyed by the power of God working through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus was anointed, and the anointing destroys the works of the devil.

There are no generational curses for Christians. Christians are redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. All sins, and generational curses are remitted at the time of the new birth. All past sins are wiped out by the new birth (2 Cor. 5:17). God does not input any trespasses upon anyone who becomes born again (2 Cor. 5:19). *Christians do not have generational curses--those who believe they do are listening to a wrong voice.*

Look at the man who was sick of the palsy (Matt. 9:1-7, Mark 2:3-13, Luke 5:18-25). Without asking any questions concerning sin, Jesus proclaimed the Cross by saying, "**...Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee**" (Matt. 9:2). The sin issue was settled on the Cross of Calvary. The only sins that can prevent healing are those Christians commit, willfully, after they are born again.

It is not the job of Christians to look for sin in another person's life. That is the Holy Spirit's job (John 16:8), and He doesn't need our help to do His job. John 16:8 says, "**And when he (the Holy Spirit) is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.**" When it says the world, it includes anyone in the world, including Christians. The Holy Spirit will convict and convince Christians of sins that they must repent and confess. That is the Holy Spirit's job, not the Christian's job.

When the Holy Spirit gives someone "a word of knowledge" concerning the sin of another who has come for healing, it is only for the purpose that they would administer grace, and much grace, that repentance and confession is accomplished. Through repentance and confession, sin is removed by the blood of Jesus, and healing can take place. With sin removed by the blood of Jesus, Christians are free of any past sins, and Satan has nothing on them.

In James 5:14,15 it says,

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:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

James 5:14,15 does not say the sick person has to confess their sins. It says, "*the prayer of faith given by the elders will heal the sick, and if he committed sins, they will be forgiven.*" The prayer of faith has power over sins committed by another Christian.

The man sick of the palsy in Mark 2:3,4 was brought by four men who had faith. Based upon the faith of these four men, Jesus said, "**Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.**" That is the same thing James is talking about in Chapter five. The faith of the elders will heal the sick and if he committed any sins they will be forgiven him.

Healing will come to the body of Christ when Christians get their minds off sin and the Cross of Calvary. The prayer of faith must be based upon the Word of God concerning the Cross of Calvary.

When Christians learn what Jesus' righteousness purchased for them, and apply it to their lives, they will walk in victory over all the works of the devil.

DO CHRISTIANS TRULY KNOW JESUS?

Jesus said in John 5:39, "**Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.**" Then in John 8:31,32,

...If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

The word "know," used in this last verse comes from a Greek word (ginosko), which also corresponds to the Hebrew word (yada'), which includes in its meaning "to know to the degree that what is known is reproduced in likeness." When Christians truly know Jesus, they will be like Him.

Let's look at some examples of the use of this word. In the Hebrew it is used in Genesis 4:1, which says, "**And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.**" The result of Adam knowing Eve reproduced another person in the likeness and image of Adam. Over in the New Testament the Greek word (ginosko) is used a number of times. In Luke 1:34, it says, "**Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?**" It is very clear that Mary was not talking about knowing a man in the natural. For Mary was espoused to Joseph, they were to become married at a later date. Therefore, it wasn't that Mary did not know a man in the manner of which we know people. She did know Joseph in the same way as any woman knows a man before they get married. She had to know him or she would not have been espoused to marry him.

Therefore, we must understand the meaning of the Greek word "ginosko" according to the way the Holy Spirit used it. The same applies to Matthew 1:25. Talking about Joseph knowing Mary before Jesus was born. It says, "**And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS**" (Matt. 1:25). Mary and Joseph were married at that time, yet Joseph still did not know (ginosko) Mary until after Jesus was born.

Now let us apply this same type of meaning to Matthew 12:33. Jesus said, "**Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known (ginosko) by his fruit.**" The tree is known by what kind of fruit it produces. The fruit must be a reproduction of the kind of tree it is. An olive tree will not produce cherries. These are two different kinds of fruit. Neither can apple trees produce bananas. There are many examples of the use of this word "ginosko" throughout the New Testament.

Another place where Jesus used this same word is in Matthew 13:11, which says, "**He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**" Jesus is not talking about knowing about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is talking about experiencing the mysteries of heaven reproduced in our lives. There is another place where Jesus also use this same word. In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus said,

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

What is Jesus telling us in these verses? There will be some who did cast out devils and did many wonderful works, but they never got to know Jesus in a way in which Jesus could reproduce Himself in their lives.

We need to have a relationship with Jesus that causes our lives to change and Jesus is reproduced in our lives.

We get to know Jesus from the Word of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit. It takes a revelation by the Holy Spirit to reveal and impart into Christians the likeness of Jesus. Many Christians seem to have some of the likenesses of Jesus in their lives. But the fulness of the likeness of Jesus includes:

(1) All of the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23).

(2) All of the gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

Jesus operated in all the fruit of the Spirit and all the gifts of the Spirit--He had the Spirit without measure. Can Christians today have the Holy Spirit without measure? YES... Those who teach otherwise do not know the truth (John 8:31,32). The same Holy Spirit that Jesus had is the same Holy Spirit that is given to every Christian when they receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4,5, 2:4). The word "baptism" means "completely submerged into." When a Christian is completely submerged into the Holy Spirit the complete power of the Holy Spirit is available to them. They are One Spirit with the LORD (1 Cor. 6:17, Eph. 4:4-6), they are complete in Him (Col. 2:9). The fulness of the Godhead dwells in them (Col. 2:10).

Jesus said in John 14:12, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**" To do the same works that Jesus did, Christians must have the same anointing that Jesus had, the fullness of the power of the Holy Spirit "*without measure.*" Those who believe that Christians cannot have the Spirit without measure have read the *italic additions* to John 3:34, which was added by man saying "*unto him.*" The New Testament reveals that the Holy Spirit is given to every Spirit-filled Christian "*without measure.*" The problem Christians have comes by Christians limiting the power from flowing through them. The power is in them, but they limit it by their doctrines, and theologies. They let men teach them the ways of man, and not the ways of God.

The Apostle Paul made this statement about himself, "**That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death**" (Phil. 3:10). To know Him is to experience the fulness of Christ in us. Yet, Paul said,

Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before (Phil. 3:12,13).

The Apostle Paul knew he had not yet attained the position in Christ that was available to him. Therefore, He said, "**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**" (Phil. 3:14).

We must press on, "setting behind those things that hold us back," and go forward onto the high calling in Christ Jesus. When Christians totally and completely submit themselves to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, all the powers of heaven are at their command. Satan can have no place in the lives of those who are totally submitted to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

This submission must be on a daily basis. Daily, walking in the light as He is in the light; where the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7). When we are daily cleansed from all sin, Satan has nothing on us... When we are daily cleansed of all sin, we are vessels of honor, fit for the Masters use (2 Tim. 20). At that time in our lives, God can use us just as He used Jesus... The works that Jesus did we can do also, even greater works, because Jesus has gone to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to be our helper, guide, comforter and teacher. All power is given to us on this earth through the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is in us to do the works of God. If we yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit and do not waver, Satan has no power over us. God's will can come to pass in our lives, just as it did in the life of Jesus.

Just a note to those who desire to do the will of God the Father in their lives. It is said that there has been in the past many who have submitted themselves to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ. Such as Smith Wigglesworth, who it is said, raised many people from the dead, healed many who were left by doctors to die... Through the ministry of John G. Lake, well over 100,000 people were healed, many of them were left to die by doctors. These are just two of the many Christians who submitted themselves unto the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ in the past century.

Christians who truly know Jesus (by experience, by Him reproducing Himself in their lives) will have all the powers of heaven available to them to do the works of Jesus in this life. Anyone who desires to do the works that Jesus did, CAN... The only person who can stop them is themselves... The power of God is available to anyone who will commit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ.

If you are reading this book and do not have the power of God working in your life, you can...

FIRST: You must be born again... To become born again is simple. Believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, and ask Him to come into your life and be your LORD and Savior. If you believe Him, and ask, He will come into your life and be your LORD and Savior. He will not turn anyone away that comes to Him, believing. Jesus said in John 6:37, **“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”**

SECOND: You need the power of the Holy Spirit in you (Acts 1:8). To receive this power, pray to the Father and ask for the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4). If you are born again and ask for the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you will receive the baptism with the evidence of speaking in tongues. God is not a respecter of persons. Anyone who is born again will receive.

If for some reason you do not receive when you ask, go to someone who is in the ministry "who already has the baptism, with the evidence of speaking in tongues," and they will help you...

CHRIST IN YOU

Ephesians 2:10 says, "**For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**" How many Christians today understand what this verse is talking about?

We are His workmanship. In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, "**Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.**" If we are in Christ, then we are a new creation. We are not the same as we were before we were born again. We have a new spirit, which came down from heaven. Ezekiel 36:26, tells us, we have a new spirit, the old one is passed away (2 Cor. 5:17). Our new spirit makes us one Spirit with the LORD. We are in Him and He is in us (John 17:23). Acts 17:28 says, "**For in him we live, and move, and have our being...**" Jesus said, we are not of this world (John 17:16).

When will we come to the place where we will agree with the LORD, "*we are in Him, and He is in us; we are not of this world.*" We are a new creature in Him, yet our soul is in the process of being changed, and our body is still the same; only our spirit is completely new. Therefore, we must present our bodies a living sacrifice, and renew our "**...mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God**" (Rom. 12:2). If we don't renew our mind we will live just like the rest of the world. We are not to live like the rest of the world. We are to live like Jesus lived, "*by the Word of God*" (Matt. 4:4).

We must understand who we are in Christ Jesus. Before we were born again, we were in the flesh (Rom. 7:5). But after we are born again we are no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9). We have changed positions. We were in Adam, now we are in Christ. "**For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive**" (1 Cor. 15:22). We have passed from death unto life (5:24). We are heavenly creatures, "*hid with Christ in God*" (Col. 3:3).

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power (Col. 2:9,10).

We are in Him, and "in Him" dwells the fulness of the Godhead... We are one with God. We are His workmanship, created unto good works (Eph. 2:10). This was God's plan, God's idea from the foundation of the world. We are like Jesus, part man and part God... Man and God united in one being. A human being and a heavenly being at the same time. We are in the One who created all things; by Him all things were created... "**For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him**" (Col. 1:16).

The Same God who created all things dwells in us. We are one with God. How long will it take to get our minds renewed to understand what a great thing God has done in our lives? How long before we will start to live as God intended for us to live? He gave us an abundant life, why are we not living it?

Doubt and unbelief have robbed us of the abundant life we received from Him. He didn't make us new creatures in Him so we could let the devil control our lives. He did it so the Holy Spirit could be in control of our lives.

Yet, many have not given the Holy Spirit an opportunity to have control in their lives. Many

let others tell them that the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is not necessary. They do not understand that there are many advantages for Christians who have received the Holy Spirit after they were born again. Ephesians 1:13,14, tells us that after we believe and are born again, we should receive the Holy Spirit as a seal of our salvation. The seal of the Holy Spirit is our down payment toward our heavenly inheritance. Once we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, He remains until the day of redemption (Eph. 4:30).

We need the seal of the Holy Spirit to stand in these last days, before the coming of the LORD (2 Thes. 1:3-12). There is much tribulation ahead, before the coming of the LORD. The LORD will not return until after there is first a great falling away... Who will stand in these last days? We need all the help we can get from the Holy Spirit, the seal of the Holy Spirit is only a start. We need His power...

In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, **"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."** We need this power. We need all the power we can get from God. We need to witness unto Jesus wherever we are, in Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, or unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This power comes when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 2:4).

We must renew our minds to know who we are in Christ. In renewing our minds Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, **"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."** The kingdom of God came into us when we receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is God on this earth, carrying out the plan of God the Father while Jesus is at the right-hand of God making intercession for us.

We must renew our minds concerning "His righteousness." Unless we understand and live by His righteousness the Holy Spirit cannot work in our lives. He is with us, but He can only work according to the Word of God. The Word of God declares that we must believe unto His righteousness. That eliminates all our righteousness. Our righteousness is no better than filthy rags. It is Jesus' righteousness that gives us the power to cast out demons. By His righteousness, we have a right standing before God. Satan has nothing on us when we live by His righteousness. When Satan has nothing on us, he has no power over us.

In 1 John 3 it tells us, **"And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin" (1 John 3:5). "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not..." (1 John 3:6). "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him..." (1 John 3:9). "Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous" (1 John 3:7). "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure" (1 John 3:3).**

"We must walk in the light as He is in the light." **"This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).**

Where there is no darkness, there is no sin... Where there is no sin, God abides in us. In our spirit, there is no sin. If we are born of God, God abides in our spirit, and in Him is no darkness at all... We must stand up against the devil, knowing that we are in Jesus, and He is in us... **"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he**

that is in the world" (1 John 4:4). Don't let the devil have even one thought in your mind... Destroy every thought that doesn't agree with who you are in Christ.

Walk in the light, as He is in the light... It is His righteousness that we live by, not ours... **"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"** (1 John 2:1). **"And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world"** (1 John 2:2). **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"** (1 John 1:9). **"We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not"** (1 John 5:18).

"I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake" (1 John 2:12).

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever (1 John 2:15-17).

I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth.

Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ?... (1 John 2:22,23).

Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father.

And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. (1 John 2:24,25).

Get this settled in your mind and in your heart; **"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world"** (1 John 4:4).

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? (1 John 5:4,5).

"These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God" (1 John 5:13). **"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself..."** (1 John 5:10).

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him (1 John 5:14,15).

"God is for us, not against us..." (Rom. 8:31). **"And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation"** (2 Cor. 5:18). **"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need"** (Heb. 4:16). *"For, we are not of this world, even as Jesus is not of this world. We are in the world, but the world does not know us, for we are not of*

this world. We are born of God, and dwell in Him; and in Him is no darkness at all."

Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise (Heb. 10:35,36).

Righteousness, like the new birth is not something you feel. With the new birth, you have a witness within yourself, you know you are born again (1 John 5:10). Yet righteousness is similar to the baptism with the Holy Spirit. As with the baptism in the Holy Spirit there is evidence "by speaking in tongues." We know we have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit by the evidence that we speak with new tongues.

We understand that the baptism with the Holy Spirit is also evidence that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, that He dwells in you and you are one with God. Therefore, you can enter into the throne-room of God with confidence, knowing your prayers will be answered.

As a type of this, in the time of the Old Covenant of the law, the High Priest only entered into the Holy of Hollies once a year. There he made sacrifice for the sins of the whole congregation. Yet, before he could enter into the Holy of Hollies, he first had to sanctify himself. If he were not sanctified he would die in the presence of the Holy Spirit. Sanctification and righteousness go together, you cannot have one without the other.

Our sanctification comes by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. In Exodus 29:43-46, the LORD said, by His presence, and by His glory He will sanctify the congregation, the priests, and the tabernacle. We are the congregation of the LORD, we are priests unto Him. Our bodies are the tabernacle of the LORD, and of the Holy Spirit. We are sanctified by His presence. Our righteousness comes by believing the Word of God concerning what Jesus has done for us (Rom. 3:22-26). Therefore, if we are filled with the Holy Spirit and we were not sanctified and righteous we could not live.

The presence of the LORD and the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives brings our sanctification. If we have the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and we are not sanctified we could not continue to live.

Look at Acts 5, Ananias and Sapphira. They were Spirit-filled Christians; but they lied to the Holy Spirit. They did not confess their sins when they were exposed by Peter, and they died. The Holy Spirit cannot dwell in a body that is not sanctified. Sanctification comes by His presence, and righteousness is obtained by a work of the Holy Spirit in those who believe.

Christians believe the Word of God unto righteousness, by a help of the Holy Spirit within them they are sanctified. Righteousness is maintained by confessing our sins (1 John 1:9). Sanctification is maintained by the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. His presence is evidenced by speaking in other tongues (Acts 2:4).

Don't let the devil have any place in your life. Confess your sins, repent from all acts of unrighteousness and the Holy Spirit will remain in you to help you, guide you, comfort you, and teach you all the things of this life in Christ Jesus.

Never doubt the Word of God. Doubt is a work of Satan, and any work of Satan in our lives is sin. Do not give any place for the devil, reject all doubt of anything the Word of God tells us.

Jesus said in Luke 10:19, "**Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.**" Never doubt the Words of Jesus, they are truth. You have power over all the works of the devil. This

power comes with the baptism in the Holy Spirit. He is the power of God that destroys the works of the devil.

When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, you receive the power to destroy the works of the devil (Acts 1:8). This power remains in you. It is resident in you. When you agree with the Word of God, this power is able to bring to pass whatsoever you say with your mouth and believe in your heart. The power is in you, and Satan has no power over you if you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth (Mark 11:22-24).

Demons are cast out of people when you believe in your heart and use the name of Jesus against them. In Luke 10:17, it says, "**And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.**" When you believe, even the demons are subject to you in the name of Jesus. Sickness and disease must go when you use the name of Jesus. Peter used the name of Jesus on the man at the gate called Beautiful. The man was healed, and went leaping and walking into the temple, by the power of the name of Jesus spoken by Peter.

Every Christian has the right to use the name of Jesus against the works of the devil. Every Christian is in Him, and one with Him. Every Christian belongs to Jesus, and His name belongs to them. Every Christian has been given the right to use Jesus' name against the powers of darkness, and they are subject to any Christian who uses that name. Philippians 2:10 tells us, "**That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth.**" No matter where the demons are, they are subject to the name of Jesus. Use the name of Jesus against every thought that comes to your mind that does not agree with the Word of God concerning your eternal life in Jesus.

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10). All the good works that are done in our lives are a work of God, working in us and through us. It is not our works, but His works in us. We do not glory over what He is doing in our lives. We glory only in that our names are written in heaven (Luke 10:11).

All the works that Jesus did, He said we should do also (John 14:12). Jesus did not do the works of Himself, it was God the Father doing the works in Him (John 14:10). It is not us doing the works, but the Holy Spirit in us doing the works. Therefore, do not glory in the works, only glory in that your name is written in heaven.

THE NAME OF JESUS

Philippians 2:9 tells us, "**Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name.**" The name of Jesus is above every name... *At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is LORD!*

Why did God give Jesus that name? The name Jesus means, "Jehovah is salvation"! In the Old Testament, Jesus was called "the LORD God." In the New Covenant He is called "Jesus." Jesus came to save the world from the works of the devil. Jesus was sent by God the Father to do the will of God here on earth. The will of God is that "**...all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth**" (1 Tim. 2:4). "**That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life**" (John 3:15).

How was Jesus to save the world? It was to be done by the power of God working through a man, the Son of Man, and the sons of God. Therefore, the Son of God became the Son of Man, when He was born in the flesh. The Holy Spirit caused Mary to become pregnant with the Son of God. The Son of God came into this world according to "Spiritual law (Gal. 4:4), the law of God the Father." When Jesus came in the flesh, He became a Man, born in the flesh, having dominion (Gen. 1:27,28) over all that He created in the beginning (John 1:3,10, Col. 1:16). By the dominion given to man from the beginning; as a Man in the flesh, Jesus did the will of God the Father...

Being obedient to God the Father in all things, Jesus "**...became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him**" (Heb. 5:9). Therefore, His name was exalted above every name...

Jesus name is "salvation." In His name, we are saved.... The word "salvation" means "delivered and/or protected." In His name we are delivered and protected...

Christians must believe "in His Name," the power of His name to deliver and protect them. John 3:18, says, "**He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**" It is the name of Jesus that destroys the works of the devil... It is the name of Jesus that brings salvation...

Peter said that is was the name of Jesus that made a lame man whole in Acts 3. "**And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know...**" (Acts 3:16). The Apostle Paul was chosen by Jesus to "**bare His name.**" Acts 9:15,16 tells us that Jesus said to Ananias, "**...Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel**" (Acts 9:15).

Christians are to bare Jesus' name before the world, from kings on down to every individual, great or small. His name is above every name, in heaven, on earth, and beneath the earth.

Jesus' name belongs to every born again Christian. They are in Him and He is in them, "**...as he is, so are we in this world**" (1 John 4:17). Jesus' name worked for those who were His disciple, before they were born again. In Luke 10:17 says, "**And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name.**" Even others, before Jesus died on the cross were using Jesus' name to cast out devils. Luke 9:49 says, "**And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbid him, because he followeth not with us.**"

Christians must learn to use the name of Jesus in every situation, sickness, disease, trials, tribulations, against thoughts that do not agree with the Word of God; whenever they come into contact with any of the works of the devil.

One of the first things every child of God should be taught is "how and when to use the name of Jesus"! Little children can use the name of Jesus, adults can use the name of Jesus, anyone can use the name of Jesus.

I was at a meeting one day, when a child, about 12 years old laid his hand on a man's neck and commanded healing in the name of Jesus; the man was healed! I was told of a child about 5 years old, who laid her hands upon her grandfather, saying, "thank you Jesus for healing grandpa," immediately, the grandfather was healed. Children need to be taught the use of the name of Jesus from a very young age. They need to use that name, all of their life, against all the powers of the devil.

Christians are to raise up Jesus, using His name before all people, before the whole world, that the world may know that Jesus Christ is LORD! Jesus said,

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover (Mark 16:17,18).

Had the Christians done what Jesus taught in Matthew 10:7-11 alone, this nation, and all the nations of the world truly know JESUS...

FEAR, DOUBT, & UNBELIEF AMONG CHRISTIANS

The meaning of the word "Christian" has changed over the years. In Acts 11:26, it tells us that the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. At that time the word Christian was not spelled the same as it is today. At that time, anyone who was called a Christian was hated by the world. They were an outcast of society. The Roman government offered them no protection. Jesus told His disciples they would do these things to them (Matt. 10:22, Luke 21:17, etc.).

Today the meaning of the word "Christian" has changed. Today it is the highest honor anyone can obtain, even though the world still doesn't know it. Today the word "Christian" means "Christ in," born again of the Holy Spirit, and filled with the Holy Spirit." The word "Christ" is "Christos" in the Greek, meaning "anointed, or the Anointed One."

Christians today should not just be born again of the Holy Spirit, but they should be "anointed," with the Holy Spirit; that is, baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Jesus made a number of references to this. In John 7:38, Jesus said, "*Christians that believe on Him should have rivers of living water flowing out of their belly.*" The Apostle John said "**(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)**" (John 7:39). The Holy Spirit was not given until after Jesus rose from the dead. When they received the Holy Spirit, they were born again of the Spirit (John 20:22). The Holy Spirit was "in them" but not "upon them..." After Jesus ascended into heaven in Acts 1:9, these same disciples were baptized (completely submerged) in the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:4).

In Mark 16:16,17, Jesus said, "*they that believe and are baptized will speak in new tongues.*" By this, Jesus made it clear that all baptized Christians should speak in tongues. Then in Acts 1:4,5, Jesus told the same disciples that received the Holy Spirit when He breathed upon them (John 20:20), that they should wait for the baptism (complete submersion) with the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "**For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.**" They had already received the Holy Spirit, but they still needed to be baptized (completely submerged) with the Holy Spirit. The power comes to Christians when the Holy Spirit is "UPON" them, not just in them. The baptism is "upon them" the filling is "in them." Jesus said to those who had already received the Holy Spirit when He breathed upon them, "**But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth**"(Acts 1:8). Jesus said, "upon you," meaning Baptism (submersion). This happened in Acts 2:4; they were both filled and baptized at the same time, Peter verified this in Acts 11:15-17, saying;

And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God?

Why should a Christian be baptized with the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues? When Christians receive the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, they are

filled with the Holy Spirit and they are submerged in the Holy Spirit. In other words, the Holy Spirit is in them and the Holy Spirit is completely surrounding them, externally. This produces a protection against all the attacks of the enemy. They are sealed with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30). The anointing is in them and around them at all times. They have a hedge around them that Satan cannot penetrate. Job had a hedge around him, until he let fear come upon him (Job 1:10, 3:25). Until Job let down the hedge Satan could not touch him.

The Holy Spirit is our hedge around us, and in us, and when we do not let sin enter into our lives, Satan cannot touch us. Sin enters through, doubt, unbelief, fear, etc. These are the fiery darts (Eph. 6:16) that Satan throws at Christians to get an entrance into their lives. Therefore, Christians need the whole armor of God on at all times.

In Matthew 14, Jesus came to His disciples walking on the water. When they first saw Him, they were troubled, saying it is a spirit! But Jesus spoke to them saying, "**Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid**" (Matt. 14:27). Then Peter said to Jesus, "**Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water**" (Matt. 14:28). Jesus said to Peter, "**Come.**"

As Christians, born again of the Holy Spirit into the family of God, we should be people of supernatural experiences... The LORD never intended for His brothers and sisters in Christ to be natural people. God is a supernatural God, who lives and moves in the supernatural realm. Jesus was a supernatural human being. He was man in the flesh, and God in the Spirit. Once we are born again of the Holy Spirit, we too, are men in the flesh and God in the Spirit; just like Jesus...

If Jesus could walk on the water, and Peter could walk on the water, why can't we? Let's look further into Matthew 14 and see Peter walking on the water.

...And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? (Matt. 14:29-31).

What happened? Peter did walk on the water, until, "**when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid...**" *Fear*, is the first step to defeat in a Christians life. Peter obeyed the LORD and started to walk on the water toward Jesus. Jesus had told Him to come to Him. Therefore, Peter was not trying to make himself someone great, or someone trying to get attention for himself. No, Peter was only being Peter, a man excited about the LORD. A man who loved the LORD with all his heart, willing to go to the extremes to be with Jesus. Peter had a holy boldness about him that did not let him remain quiet, and drawn back when it came to doing things for the LORD. Peter was excited, and willing to do whatsoever the LORD told him to do...

When Peter saw the wind boisterous, fear came unto him. Fear is a spirit, and it does not come from God (Rom. 8:15, 2 Tim. 1:7). Romans 8:15 tells us, "**For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**" Fear brings Christians into bondage. Jesus did not come to bring us back into bondage. We were in bondage to the spirits of this world before we were born again. The new birth brings us out of bondage. In 2 Timothy 1:7, it says, "**For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**" Without fear, Peter had "*power, and love and a sound mind...*"

While Peter was walking on the water, he was in his right mind, a mind that all Christians should be in, a mind that *"wants to be with Jesus!"*

There is only one person mentioned in the Bible that it specifically says, he was in his right mind. Now, we know there are many others who were in their right mind. But this one person is spoken of in Mark 5:1-20. This was the man who at one time was possessed with a legion of demons. After Jesus set him free of all demonic activity in his mind, it tells us in Mark 5:15, "**And they come to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind...**" Besides sitting at Jesus' feet and being clothed; notice this man's attitude in Mark 5:18, "**And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him (that is, with JESUS).**" Any Christian who is in their right mind *wants to be with Jesus!*

Peter wanted to be with Jesus. He saw Jesus walking on the water, and he wanted to be with Jesus...but when he saw the wind "boisterous," a spirit of fear came against his mind. Peter yielded over to the spirit of fear; "**beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.**" The LORD saved Peter, when he asked to be saved.

But, look what the LORD said to Peter, "**...O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?**" (Matt. 14:31). Doubt does not come from God, it actually comes from the devil. To have fellowship with doubt, is having fellowship with the devil. We will never receive anything from God if we doubt in our heart. Mark 11:23 tells us, "**For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.**" Doubt in our heart makes the promises of God of none-effect in our lives. God cannot have fellowship with the works of darkness. Darkness represents a work of the devil. Light represents a work of God. In 1 John 1:5 it says, "**This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.**"

God confirms His Word, when we walk in the light; and do not doubt... When we let doubt come in, we are wavering in what we believe. James 1:6-8 says,

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

Doubt first came to mankind in the garden of Eden. Eve listened to the voice of the serpent, and began to doubt the Word of the LORD concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Doubt brings fear and fear brings doubt, they work together. Job let a spirit of fear come to him. By it, he let the hedge down, and Satan could come in and destroy. The LORD let Satan destroy (Job 1:7-12), because Job let fear come upon him. Later, Job said, "**For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me**" (Job 3:25). Job lost almost everything he had because of fear... Peter began to sink, because of fear... Christians waver in their walk of faith, because of fear...

Christians, are being destroyed because of a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). Two things have caused a lack of knowledge among Christians.

- (1) A lack of good teaching within the body of Christ.
- (2) Wrong teachings, that do not agree with the Word of God.

What Jesus taught should be top priority in what we believe. Jesus is "**the Way, the Truth, and the Life**" (John 14:6). We should never accept anything contrary to what Jesus taught. We should line everything else up with what Jesus taught. When something is questionable in other parts of the Bible, we should first accept what Jesus said on the subject. Jesus said, "**do not doubt in your heart...**" Jesus also said in Mark 9:23, "**...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.**"

What Christians believe should be according to the Word of God, not according to the teachings of men. Most Christians are defeated because they don't know the power of God that is available to those who believe the Word of God. Believing produces faith, faith produces action, action comes when the Spirit of God confirms the Word of God and rewards those who live by faith. Yet, the whole New Covenant is enforced by faith. It says, "**But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith**" (Gal. 3:11).

Jesus said in Mark 11:22, "**Have faith in God.**" Our faith is not in ourselves, but in God, according to His Word. Outside of God, there can be no true faith, for faith is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22), given to every Christian when they are born again of the Spirit.

Every born again child of God has faith... It's not a question if we have faith or not, it's a question, if we will use our faith or not? Even the disciples of Jesus, before they were born again had faith, it was given to them by Jesus (Matt. 10:1). When Jesus gave His disciples "power," against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease; it was the power of the Holy Spirit that operated according to the Word of God. All power from God comes through the Holy Spirit; He is the power of God on this earth.

Many times, Jesus rebuked His disciples for not using their faith. He knew they had faith, but they were not using it.

Christians have many rights, that the world does not have. They have the right to come boldly unto the throne of grace in time of need, expecting help from God (Heb. 4:16). Christians have the right to demand Satan and his demons to leave others lives, using the name of Jesus, and they must leave. Christians have the right to demand healing in others, even those who are not Christians, and they will be healed. Christians have the right to forgive the sins of others, and God will honor their forgiveness (Matt. 9:2, John 20:23). Christians are sons of God, taking Jesus' place in the flesh today, while Jesus dwells in them. Whatsoever Jesus did while in the flesh, Christians have a right to do today...

Yet, there are rights that Christians do not have today... Just as Jesus did not have certain rights while He was here on earth. If you study Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you will notice that whenever anyone came to Jesus asking Him to do something for them, He did it; except when they asked Him to do something He did not have the right to do. When John and James came and asked Jesus if He would grant them to sit at His right side and left side in heaven, Jesus said He did not have the right to grant them their request, only His Father had that right.

Christians today do not have the right to sin, doubt, or not believe the Word of God. Yes, they do sin, doubt, and not believe the Word of God daily. Yet, they do not have the right to do so. When they do sin, doubt, and not believe the Word of God they let down the hedge around them, and Satan can cause sickness, disease, fear, torment, lack of power, etc. in their lives. They must repent, and confess their sins, then the hedge is put back and Satan cannot touch them.

Satan has many deceitful tricks and tactics he uses on Christians. One of the most often used

tricks Satan uses is "the Old Testament Law." Satan has many Christians deceived by the Law. This puts Christians under bondage, fear, and leads to sickness and disease.

One of the tactics Satan uses is called "generational curses." If Satan can get Christians to convince other Christians they may have a generational curse upon them, he can get them into fear, fear brings torment, and opens the door for doubt and unbelief. There are no generational curses upon Christians... Galatians 3:13 says, "**Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.**"

Where did the teaching of generational curse come from? The first time a generational curse is mentioned is in Exodus 20:5. It was a part of the Law (the Ten Commandments). It says, "**Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me.**" Looking at this verse closely, you will notice it was the LORD that said "*He would visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.*" If the LORD put the curse on them, it was not the devil. "Don't call the LORD the devil!" Secondly, the curse came only upon those that "**hate the LORD.**"

Look at the kings of Israel and Judah and see the generation curse. Solomon, the son of David did evil in the sight of the LORD (1 Kings 11:4-13). Rehoboam, the son of Solomon became king over Judah and Benjamin (two tribes of Israel). Judah, under Rehoboam did evil in the sight of the LORD (1 Kings 14:21-31). Abijam, Rehoboam's son reigned after his father's death. He did that which his father did, (which was evil in the sight of the LORD). He died and Asa, his son reigned in Judah. Asa did right in the sight of LORD, as King David (1 Kings 15:9-14). Yet, Asa took the silver and gold from the house of the LORD, and the king's house and gave them to the king of Syria to make a league with him (1 Kings 15:8). Then Jehoshaphat, his son reigned in his stead. Jehoshaphat did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, except he did not take away all the altars unto other gods (1 Kings 22:43). After his death, Jehoram his son reigned in his stead (1 Kings 22:50). After Jehoram died, Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead (2 Kings 8:24).

As you continue to follow the kings of Judah, you will find that some of them did evil in the sight of the LORD, "as their fathers did." Others, did right in the sight of the LORD as King David. The generational curse was only upon those who did not love the LORD, "those who hate the LORD."

"*There are no generational curses upon Christians.*" You cannot be a Christian if you hate the LORD. The curse was a part of the Law. Jesus came and fulfilled the Law for those who were under the Law (Matt. 5:17). Jesus' teachings were always, "*do not look back on the past...*" He even used Lot's wife as an example, saying in Luke 17:32, "**Remember Lot's wife.**" Lot's wife looked back at the old life she had in Sodom, and became a pillar of salt. If Christians go back to any part of the old life they had before they became a new creature in Christ, demons will manifest. Demons love attention, they want to manifest in the flesh. They will manifest if Christians give them a place to manifest. The manifestation of spirits does not give evidence that the spirit was there before someone gave place for that spirit. "*Give no place for the devil*" Do not open the door for spirits to manifest. Galatians 3:13 tells us that Jesus bore the curse of the Law for us.. If Christians were never under the Law, then there never was a generational curse upon any Christian.

Sickness, disease, etc. are all on the cross along with the curses of the Law, and sins. If you accept any of these, you give place for the devil. Christians do not have the right to not believe

(doubt) the completed work of Jesus Christ on the Cross... Doubt and unbelief of the Word of God brings the attacks of Satan, and opens the door for all kinds of Satanic activity. If you have evidence of sickness or disease in your body, James tells us, "**Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you**" (James 4:7).

If the condition still persist, James said,

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:

And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. (James 5:14-15).

This is a sure cure for any sickness; or sins. Being free of sickness and sin, go on with God and give no place for the devil...

THE WORKS THAT JESUS DID

Jesus said in John 14:12, "**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**" How did Jesus do the works that He did? He explained in John 14:10, that it was the Father in Him that did the works. In 2 Corinthians 5:19, it explains that it was God, the Holy Spirit, in Jesus reconciling the world unto Himself.

Jesus could not have done the works He did without the baptism in the Holy Spirit which He received at the age of thirty (Matt. 3:16, Mark 1:10, Luke 3:21,22, 4:18, John 1:32-34, Acts 10:38). Anyone who thinks they can do the works that Jesus did without the baptism in the Holy Spirit is deceived... Let's see how Jesus did the works that He did!

Jesus said to a man whose son needed a demon cast out, "**...If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth**" (Mark 9:23). This is a true statement, and it works every time we believe. If we believe the Word of God, it works, just like it says... In Matthew 9:2, Jesus said to a man sick of the palsy, "**Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.**" Revelation 13:8 tells us "*the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.*" This is true, if we will believe it. Therefore, Jesus said to the man sick with the palsy, "**Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house**" (Matt. 9:6). The man believed Jesus, "**and he arose, and departed to his house**" (Matt. 9:7).

Anyone can do what that man did, if they will believe... "*All things are possible to them that believe!*" Look what happened to the man with a withered hand! In Mark 3:5, Jesus said to the man with the withered hand, "**Stretch forth thine hand...**" When the man stretched forth his hand it was made whole, just as the other hand. All the man had to do was believe the Word of God spoken by Jesus.

Wherever we look in the gospels, we will find that Jesus was telling those who were sick, lame, diseased, even dead; "**believe, and it shall be according to what you believe.**" Jesus said to Lazarus, who was dead four days, "**...Lazarus, come forth**" (John 11:43), And Lazarus, who was dead, came forth out of the grave. Whatever Jesus said, do it! Don't let your mind question the Word of God. The Word of God is greater than your mind.

When we get to know Jesus, that is, "*experience the power of His Word in our lives,*" we will be like Him. Within us will come a knowing that cannot be explained by human intellect. A knowing that is produced by the power of God within us. A knowing that comes by the power of the Holy Spirit; that nothing in this world can overcome. The power of God is greater than the powers of this world. No man can stand against the power of God if we will believe on the LORD Jesus Christ, using His name, and refusing to accept anything that does not agree with the Word of God.

There are many today, belonging to churches that say they are Christians. They use Bibles, but do not truly know Jesus. I belonged to one of those denominations for forty-five years. I read my Bible, taught Sunday School, was on the church council, and did everything I knew to be a good Christian. Yet, it was not God, it was man. Man's idea of what the Bible says. Had I died, I would have gone straight to hell, not knowing Jesus; only knowing all about Him.

Some may ask, how do you know you would have gone to hell? How can you know if the church you belong to is teaching the truth? The Bible tells us in 1 John 5:10, "**He that believeth on**

the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." Anyone who is truly "born again" has the witness in himself.

Many say, I know Jesus! I know He is the Son of God! I know He died on the cross! I know He rose again from the dead! I know He is in heaven, sitting at the right hand of God the Father! I know He took all my sins upon Himself, that I can confess my sins and He will forgive me! They can continue to go on, and on, telling you everything they know about Jesus. They know the ten commandments. They know it is wrong to lie, cheat, steal, murder, commit adultery, etc. They know all this, and because they live according to what they know, they think they will go to heaven when they die...

What they know is not bad... But it will not get them to heaven. It will only help them while they are here on earth to live a good life, be accepted by those who live a good life. They will even be accepted by those who say they are Christians, and even by many who are truly "born again." But all this will not get a person into heaven; it will only help them to live a good life here on earth.

The only ones who will go to heaven are those who are truly "born again" from above. Jesus made it very clear,

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

MARVEL NOT THAT I SAID UNTO THEE, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN. (John 3:6,7).

HOW Do You become Born Again? You must, personally, yourself, make a decision to receive Jesus as LORD of your life.

If you are not truly "born again," or are not completely sure, beyond all doubt that you are born again BY A WITNESS WITHIN YOURSELF you need to stop whatever you are doing RIGHT NOW, and ask Jesus to become the LORD of your life RIGHT NOW. Don't just say words without meaning it. Be sure you are serious when you ask... Be sure you intend to make Jesus LORD, and not just say a prayer and forget what it means to make Jesus LORD.

Those who truly know Jesus, that is, have made Him LORD of their lives, and have a witness within themselves, must also follow Him. There is much more to being truly "born again," and following Jesus, than just saying a prayer and waiting for the day when Jesus comes to take us to heaven. Those who truly know Jesus, will lay their lives down for Him...

Which is more important, what we experience in this life, or where we will be once you leave this world? The "born again" experience in our life is only the beginning of a new life in Christ Jesus. We cannot stop there and wait until Jesus returns. We must continue on until the end, then we will be saved. Jesus said in Matthew 24:1-13,

And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END, THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED.

We must make a "firm decision;" that is, make Jesus LORD, and follow Him all the way, every day of our lives. He paid the price for our salvation... Will we accept the payment without obeying the LORD? Or will we be obedient even unto death, following Jesus all the way? Who will we serve, the world or Jesus? Who will we love, the things of this world, or Jesus? WILL THE LOVE OF THE FATHER STILL BE IN US WHEN WE LEAVE THIS LIFE? Or will the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lust of other things enter in...?

Jesus said, WE MUST DO THE WILL OF GOD THE FATHER! How can we know what the will

of God the Father is? Study the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Everything Jesus did was the will of God the Father. Jesus said in John 5:30, "**I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.**"

Jesus brought every thought into subjection, and did only that which was given for Him to do by His Father. He never did His own will, He did only the will of God the Father. Therefore, whatsoever Jesus did, it was the will of God the Father.

Everything Jesus taught was the will of God the Father. If we start in Matthew and follow through John, we will see from the beginning how to do the will of God the Father. In Matthew 5 through 7, Jesus taught those who are baby Christians how to live in this life as a Christian. Yet, Jesus did not say we should remain baby Christians all our lives.

As we go on in the gospels and come to the 10th Chapter of Matthew, Jesus teaches us what to do as Christian. How to reach the lost. What to do as Christians in a world that does not know Him. Then when we get to the 13th through the 17th Chapters of the gospel of John, Jesus explains how we are to do the same works He did.

In the last hours of Jesus' life before He went to the cross, He explained the most important thing for anyone living in this world today. He explained the need of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

By the time we get to the 13th Chapter of John, starting at Matthew 1:1, we should have already seen that Jesus did nothing of Himself. Everything Jesus did was by the power of the Holy Spirit working in His life. Every demon Jesus cast out was cast out by the power of the Holy Spirit within Jesus (Matt. 12:28). Every good work that Jesus did, was the Father working in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit (John 14:10). Jesus could do nothing of Himself. He could only do that which was given Him by His Father.

We know from the teachings of the apostles in Acts and the Epistles that it was the power of the Holy Spirit, working in the life of Jesus that manifest all the signs and wonders that Jesus did. All the manifestations of God are by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:). By this we should be able to see that "without the baptism in the Holy Spirit" we do not have the power to do the will of God in our lives. Jesus said, "*the power comes when we are baptized with the Holy Spirit*" (Acts 1:8).

Jesus made it very clear that we need the Holy Spirit to do the will of God. Just as He needed the Holy Spirit to do the will of God the Father. In John 14:15-17, Jesus said that if we would keep His commandments, He would pray the Father, and the Father would give us another Comforter (which is the Holy Spirit) to be with us forever. Not only would the Holy Spirit be with us, but He would also be IN US! He comes into us when we receive Him.

In John 14:26, Jesus said, "**But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**" Look at what Jesus said the Holy Spirit will do in our lives. He will "*teach us all things.*" He will "*bring to our remembrance those things which Jesus said to us.*"

In John 15:26, Jesus said the Holy Spirit, who comes from the Father, will testify of Jesus in our lives. In John 16:8-11, Jesus said, the Holy Spirit will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement. Then in John 16:12-15, Jesus explained that there were many things He was not able to teach His disciples at the time, "*because they could not understand them at the time.*" They would not understand them until after Jesus opened their understanding (Luke

24:44,45). Many other things would be taught to them by the Holy Spirit, Who Jesus called "the Spirit of Truth" (John 16:13). Jesus said the Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth... He would glorify Jesus... He would take the things of Jesus and the Father and show them unto us... He would show us things to come...

In Acts 1:4,5, Jesus commanded His disciples that they wait until they are baptized with the Holy Spirit before they went anywhere. The disciples obeyed the LORD and waited in what is called the upper room until they received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Jesus told His disciples that they would receive power after the Holy Spirit is come upon them, and this power was to enable them to be witnesses unto Him.

Any Christian, who is serious about doing the will of God the Father should understand, *"they cannot do the will of God the Father without the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues."* After we receive the Holy Spirit upon our lives (that is, are baptized in the Holy Spirit), our bodies become the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19). It is from within our bodies, "out of our belly," will flow the living water that will enable us to do the works that Jesus said we should do.

Satan has done all he can to prevent Christians from receiving the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. He knows the power of the Holy Spirit, and the ability of Christians who have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. Therefore, Satan does all he can to prevent Christians from receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking to God in *unknown* tongues (1 Cor. 14:2).

All the epistles were written to Christians who had already received the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. In Philippians 2:13 it says, **"For it is God (the Holy Spirit) which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."** In Galatians 3:2, the apostle Paul asked this question, **"This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"** These Galatians had already receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, and now they were listening to those who tried to get them to go back under the law.

The law was given by Moses. It was a school master for the children of Israel, until grace and truth came by Jesus Christ (John 1:17). The law was never for Christians, it was only for the children of Israel until Jesus came to set them free of the law. The law reveals our bondage to the things of this world. The Holy Spirit came to set Christians free of bondage to this world. Those who live after the flesh are still in bondage to the things of this world; but those who live after the Holy Spirit are free... The law is a school master to those who do not know the leading, guiding, helping, and comforting of the Holy Spirit.

For those who are filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in *unknown* tongues, they have a law written in their hearts and in their minds by the Holy Spirit (Heb. 8:10,11). They do not need that man should teach them, **"But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him"** (1 John 2:27).

Today, multitudes of Spirit-filled Christians are being deceived by the things of this world. They follow after those who teach, you can have whatsoever you desire, if you want it. That puts Christians back to the garden of Eden mentality. The serpent said to Eve, *"the things of this world are yours, you can even be like God if you will eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil."* Today,

multitudes of Spirit-filled Christians are seeking the things of this world, and teaching others to seek them also. This is not good... This is not the will of God the Father... The LORD'S instructions are to "**...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**" (Matt. 6:33). When we truly seek the kingdom of God, we have no desire for the things of this world. For the things of God are much greater than the things of this world. Abraham knew that. Hebrews 11:10 tells us, Abraham "**looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**" Because Abraham set his eyes upon the LORD and a heavenly kingdom, the LORD supplied Abraham with all he had need of in this life.

Many Christians today, have turned what Abraham did around and are seeking the things of this world instead of the things above. They love the world and the things of this world more that they love the LORD... Not only do they go astray, but they lead others to go astray, following their example. My prayer is that those who come to Jesus, will follow Him fully. Live like Jesus lived. Do what Jesus did. Talk like Jesus talked. Walk like Jesus walked. I pray that they will get to know Him in such a way that He changes their lives to be like He is.

To do the works that Jesus did we need the baptism in the Holy Spirit, just as Jesus was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Jesus needed the baptism and so do we.

If you do not have the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues; you can. Just ask the Father in Jesus' name to baptize you with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues; and He will. Believe in your heart and receive by faith. If for some reason or other you do not speak in tongues, ask someone who has the baptism with the evidence of speaking in tongues to help you. They can help you to receive. There are four ways to receive the baptism in the Holy Sprit given in the New Testament. Don't just try one and stop if you don't receive the evidence by speaking in tongues. If you need more information, you can write to **Hands for Jesus, Inc.** at the address in this book, We can help you!

NOT MY WILL BUT THY WILL

In Matthew 7:21-23, Jesus said,

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.

How do we do the will of God the Father? The will of God the Father is that “we submit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, and become vessels of honor, fit for the Holy Spirit to use,” that His will be done in our lives, not our will...

Jesus set the example for us. He said in John 5:30, **“I can of mine own self do nothing...because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** In John 6:38, Jesus said, **“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”**

Christians have their own will, just as Jesus had His own will. We have a choice, just like Jesus had a choice, to do our will or to do the will of God the Father. If we do our own will, we will not be doing the will of God the Father. The Father’s will and our will are opposite of each other. Our will is the will of the flesh. Galatians 5:17 tells us, **“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”**

Jesus was a Man in the flesh when He prayed to the Father the night He was taken. In Luke 22:42 Jesus prayed, **“Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.”** Then Jesus did the will of God the Father, not His own will of the flesh...

Many Christians do not know the difference between their will of the flesh and the will of God the Father... Therefore, many go into ministry work doing their own will, thinking they are doing the will of God... They are deceived in their minds, and their works are only dead works of the flesh; they never submitted their will to God... Unless we submit our will to God it will only be dead works of the flesh... The flesh works from our mind, the Holy Spirit works from our spirit... There is a big difference between our mind and our spirit (between our will and His will).

Of our own ability, we cannot do the will of God... Only by His ability can we do the will of God... We must, of our own free will submit to the will of God the Father. Until we submit to His will, we will only be serving the flesh, not God... Even after we are born again of the Spirit, and baptized with the Holy Spirit, we still must submit to doing His will not our will.

Within the body of Christ today, multitudes are doing their own will, and claiming to be doing the will of God. **“by their fruits ye shall know them”** (Matt. 7:20).

Years ago a word came from the LORD, saying, *“Those who have taught what they have heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them!”* Many Christians today are teaching what they heard other men teach, and have not received it from the Holy Spirit... In 1 Peter 4:11 it tells us, **“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles (logion) of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”** The word “oracles” means “the words or utterances of God.”

It should be the Holy Spirit speaking through us, not us speaking our own mind, by our own ability. Our ministry work must be by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, not the ability of man. In 1 John 2:27, it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** All ministry work must be done by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within us. If man does the ministry work, it is dead works, works of the flesh. If the Holy Spirit does the ministry work through the anointing within us, then it is God and not man.

Only that which comes from the Holy Spirit is acceptable unto the LORD. How can you know if it came from the Holy Spirit? It must agree with the Word of God from Genesis through Revelation. If it does not agree, they did not receive it from the Holy Spirit. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit always agree, for they are One (1 John 5:7).

As an example, when someone tells you the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is not for today, you know they are teaching what other men have taught, and have not received it from the Holy Spirit. From such, you should turn away... Your eternal life should be more important than to listen to those who are not hearing from the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul said in Galatians 1: 6-9,

I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

There can be no question that the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues is a part of “the gospel” that Paul preached. In Galatians 3:1-3, Paul wrote,

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

In Galatians 3:12-14 Paul wrote,

And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The promise of the blessing of Abraham is the receiving of the Holy Spirit through faith. How do you know if you received the Holy Spirit promised to you? In Acts 19, Paul questioned the born again Christians (disciples), in Ephesus concerning their receiving of the baptism with the Holy Spirit, for there was no evidence of speaking in tongues. It says, **“He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as**

heard whether there be any Holy Ghost” (Acts 19:2). Until Paul heard them speaking in tongues, he was not convinced that they had received the Holy Spirit... Then in Acts 19: 6, it says, “And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”

Therefore, Paul said in Galatians 1:9, “**As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**”

There are many within the body of Christ, teaching another gospel, which they have not received from the Holy Spirit... Our eternal life and our walk with God should be more important to us than to follow those who preach another gospel.

Christians, who follow those who preach another gospel are called children of disobedience in Ephesians 2:2. They are still being controlled by the prince of the powers of the air, and don't know it. Our minds are constantly receiving thoughts that are not from God, but rather from the evil forces of Satan. If we try to do our own will, and do not submit to the will of God, Satan will still have control of our thoughts...

When Jesus submitted to the will of God the Father, it was not easy, yet He did it.... Yet, when we submit to the will of God the Father, OUR THINKING WILL CHANGE... Our thoughts will not be the same as they were before... Let me give you an example from my own life...

For many years, I belonged to a church that taught by the knowledge of man (they also taught against the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues). I became “self-righteous,” living by the teachings of religious people. They taught the Ten Commandments, Creeds, Petitions, etc. This caused me to become very self-righteous. It kept me from sin in the way people look at sin. I didn't smoke, drink, lie, steal, cheat, commit adultery, etc. Yet, my self-righteous lifestyle did not solve my problems within. I had no peace or joy “which comes from the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17). One night in June of 1979, I prayed all night long. I asked the LORD to take over my life, for I was only failing in the things I tried to do. That night, *My whole life and thinking changed* ...

Before I prayed that night, I was like most Christians. I was concerned about money, houses, cars, and the things of everyday life... I was trying to build up enough income to retire. After I prayed that night, my whole life, and my thinking changed drastically... I no longer concerned myself about money, houses, cars, or the things of this world. I only wanted to do the will of God the Father.

Being unaware of what would happen if I asked the LORD to take over my life, I was confused as to “why my thinking changed so much.” Then a few days later, while sitting in my living-room, watching Television, all of a sudden I was no longer in my body, but up in the clouds, looking down at the earth. I saw the things I owned, the buildings, the business I was owner of, all the material things of this world. Even others seeking fame and recognition for their accomplishments. Then a voice spoke to me, saying, “*all these things will pass away, the only thing that will matter is your relationship to Me*”! Then I found myself back in my body, sitting in my living-room as before. My eyes were opened that I could understand the will of God for my life, not my will, but His will...

Until Christian's eyes are opened, they will never be able to do the will of God in their lives. They must submit their will to the will of God the Father, and the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, before their eyes will be opened. Unless the eyes or our understanding are enlightened by the LORD, we will go through life, believing we are doing the will of God when in fact we are only doing our own

will of the flesh... Our will of the flesh is only “dead works,” and of very little value to God.

Let me give you another example of a man who asked the LORD to change the desires of his heart. He was from Ghana, West Africa. After he received Jesus as LORD and Savior, he still had the desire to go to Australia and enter a University there. A friend of his had written to him, offering to help him pay his entrance into College, whereby he could become educated and receive many honors and a high paying position in this life. He wanted so much to attain this goal in life, yet he knew the LORD wanted him to serve Him. The love of attending the University was so strong in his heart that he was struggling with the two, to serve the LORD or to attend the University.

He went before the LORD and asked Him, “*LORD if you want me to enter the ministry then take away the desire to attend the University!*” The next morning the desire to attend the University was gone, and the only desire he had was to serve the LORD!

The LORD worked out the details, and within two months he was staying in a mission house. His daily schedule was from 5:00am to 12:00pm; morning prayer, daily household duties, study the Scriptures, prayer, visitations, Church service, other duties, private study and prayer. As he continued to pursue the call of God, details were worked out for him. Evangelists came, speakers came, the Holy Spirit moved in his life. Within a few years, the anointing came and today after many years in the ministry, great signs and wonders are done by the power of the Holy Spirit wherever he goes. Miracles, new legs where they had been amputated, arms where they were missing, blind eyes opened, deaf receive their hearing, etc. The ministry work has grown, including Bible schools, Churches, traveling into many other countries. Always seeing the power of God manifest wherever he goes.

Christians should daily commit themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit, not their mind... “*Trust in the LORD with all their heart, and lean not unto their own understanding*” (Prov. 3:5). Christians should understand Psalms 37:3-5, which says,

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

The LORD did not say He will give you your desires OF YOUR HEART. He said, “*He will put His desires in your heart, then, if you will commit yours ways unto the LORD, and trust in Him, He will bring His desires. He put in your heart, to pass...*” Oh, how many have been lead astray by the teachings of men, not seeking the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, not submitting unto the LORD to take control of their lives. But, rather doing their own will, saying it is of the LORD.

As a Christian, we should know (ginosko) the LORD for Who He is, not just know all about Him. In every area of our lives, we should commit ourselves to doing the will of God the Father... Yet, understanding that we cannot do the will of God the Father and our will at the same time. To do the will of God, we must first submit ourselves unto God, then resist the devil and he will flee.

Satan gains his control in our lives by thoughts he puts in our minds. We must bring those thoughts into subjection to the Word of God, destroying every thought that does not agree with the written Word of God. We cannot commit ourselves to the LORD, or destroy the thoughts unless we submit ourselves unto God first.

When I asked the LORD to “*take over my life*” for I was failing in what I was doing; I had no idea of what would happen to my thinking. I only knew that of my own ability I could not do what

I thought was right. Today, I know, there is only one way to do the will of God. That is to commit ourselves unto the LORD, and let Him show us that Way, the Truth, and the Life He has for us... When we know His will for us, we should ask Him to take away the desire for anything else, that we can do only the Will of God the Father... When we ask Jesus to take away those desires that are not of Him, we must also submit ourselves unto God and resist the devil who will try to keep us seeking those desires (our will of the flesh). There is no use in asking Jesus to take away the desires if we are not willing to submit ourselves unto God and resist the devil.

When we see JESUS in the Gospels, we should also see the Father, and the will of God for our lives. Then we should commit our ways unto the LORD and do that which is His Will. Don't follow the religious spirits of today, who think they are doing the will of God. But ask the LORD to take away the desires of your mind that cause you to become religious, and put His desires in your mind and in your heart. In Hebrews 8:10, we have the promise, of the LORD, when He said, **"...I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people."** The LORD will not do this unless we submit our ways unto Him. Therefore, when we pray, first we must know the will of God, then ask according to His Word (1 John 5:14,15).

The first thing Christians need to do is to see the will of God from the eyes of the LORD, not from the eyes of the flesh... *We need to see people the way God sees people.* When we see a person in the flesh, we should be looking beyond the flesh at the spirit that is trying to control the person. Until we know the spirit that is in control we cannot help that person the way God desires to help them. Our first desire should be to see things the way God sees them, not the way the flesh sees them. *"It is not the person who is doing the works that we see manifest in their lives, it is the spirit behind the person"*! Whether Christians understand it or not, there is a spirit behind every person controlling their actions (Eph. 2:2). It should be the Holy Spirit controlling their actions, but if it is not the Holy Spirit, then it is another spirit, and we cannot help that person until we know what spirit is behind that person. Then we should make ourselves available to the Holy Spirit (submit ourselves unto God), and resist the devil and he will flee from the person who he is trying to control.

We must submit ourselves unto God first, before we can help anyone else (Matt. 7:3-5). We must see things the way God sees them, then we can help others. Religious spirits within the body of Christ try to help others obtain that which is of this world, thinking they are helping God and the individual. That is not what Jesus did, and that is not the will of God. Those who help others to gain worldly pleasures, wealth, riches, and material things are only following religious spirits who walk after the flesh... Look first at what Jesus came to do...

Jesus didn't come to give us the desires of our mind, He came to set us free of the desire for the things of this world, so we could do the will of God the Father. He came so we could do what He said we should do in Matthew 6:33, **"...seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."**

When the LORD'S will is done, the signs and wonders will not be man, but the Holy Spirit working. They will not be false signs and wonders (Matt. 24:24), but the true anointing of God doing the works that Jesus did.

Yet, Jesus said, **"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?"** (Matt. 7:22). What Christians fail to understand is that "a person can be anointed, and can

do great works, and yet be leading others astray...". The person and the anointing are not the same. The anointing can work through anyone, even an ass (Num. 22:28). The LORD can use anyone to do great signs and wonders... That does not mean the person is any better or more qualified than another. People can be living in sin and the anointing can flow through them. Look at Samson in Judges 13; the anointing was upon him, yet he lived in sin... In Numbers 22, the LORD anointed an ass to speak to the prophet Balaam.

The anointing is not dependant upon the person, it is dependant upon the will of God and a work of the Holy Spirit. Many people have been anointed with gifts of the Spirit, but that doesn't make them any greater than any other. Never follow a person because of the anointing. The anointing can be a TRUE anointing, while the person is in deception and deceiving others. The anointing only operates as the Holy Spirit wills (1 Cor. 12:11). Remember Balaam, he had a true anointing, but he taught Balac to lead many into fornication. For this reason, the New Testament doesn't speak very highly of Balaam (2 Peter 2:15, Rev. 2:14).

A person can be anointed in the area of "healing" and be used by God greatly in that anointing. At the same time, that same person could go about "teaching false doctrines." How is that? Because the anointing is not for teaching, but for healing... Then again, those who are anointed for "healing" can teach "faith for healing," and be led by the Holy Spirit to do so. But, if they go off teaching other things they are not anointed to teach, they can lead many others into great deception.

This is happening daily within the body of Christ today. Many who are anointed to do one thing, are going about teaching what they have heard other men teach, and have not received it from the Holy Spirit. They must repent, if the grace of the LORD is to cover them. *"Those who have taught what they have heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them!"* Grace does not cover those who do not repent...

Yet, we know many will not repent... Why? Because they are doing their own will when it comes to doing that which they are not anointed to do... Satan has a place in their lives, bringing thoughts to their minds, what they can do for God. Yet, it is not the will of God that they teach what they heard other men teach. Neither is it the will of God that they do what they see other men do.

Many have built up great ministries, even world-wide, but it was not the Holy Spirit that built their ministry, it was the will of the flesh. Yes, there is an anointing in some of the works that are being done, but the other things they are doing are not of God. The works of the flesh they do, they do by raising money to do "their ministry work," rather than trust in the LORD. They use the world's way of raising money; even lying, cheating, stealing, and misleading other Christians to help them do "their ministry work." This is not of God. There may have to be an account given on the last day, when they stand before the LORD! The Scripture says, they will be judged according to their works (Rev. 20:12). Oh! How much better it would be if they would judge themselves now, before they stand before the LORD, then to wait until that last day.

Christians must submit themselves totally and completely to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, and let the Holy Spirit have full reign in their lives. Then, the will of God will be done in their lives. Not their will of the flesh, but the will of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, through the anointing (1 John 2:27). Eternity is not far away for anyone of us. Will we submit to the LORDSHIP of Jesus Christ, or will we continue to do our own will? The choice is ours. We have a free will to choose who we will serve (Rom. 6:16). To obey the LORD is better than anything this world has to offer... We must deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus "all the way into eternity..."

Psalm 127:1 says, **“Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”** If your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, your life belongs to the LORD. Ask the LORD to take complete control of your life. Let the Holy Spirit watch over all the works of your mind. This is the will of God for everyone of His children.