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Introduction

This is **“Part 2”** of **“Search the Scriptures.”** It is very important that you read Part 1 of this series of mini-books. Without understanding of Part 1, you could get off into error, and be deceived by the teachings of men and not benefit from your inheritance in Christ Jesus. Do not be deceived by the enemy. Get all the parts of this mini-book series and know why the LORD told us to Search the Scriptures.

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.”** The Scriptures testify of Jesus. Therefore, it is important to also understand, that Jesus become **“Christ,”** the Head of the Body of Christ.

The Bible also tells us to **“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”** (2 Tim. 2:15). Why are Christians told to search the Scriptures and study the Scriptures?

There are many things revealed in the Scriptures that will help us to overcome the enemy in our lives. We must overcome the enemy if we are to continue our fellowship and relationship with God, and receive our inheritance.

In John 6:45, Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** God has given us three witnesses here on earth to know what is of God and what is not of God. In 1 John 5:7,8 it says, **“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one...And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water (Word), and the blood: and these three agree in one.”**

In Amos 3:3 it asks the question, **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”** Can anyone walk with God unless they agree with God? How can we know if we are in agreement with God if we do not study the Scriptures? If we are to be **“taught by God”** as Jesus said, then we must find out how God teaches us? 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.”**

The anointing that is spoken of in 1 John 2:27 is the Holy Spirit Himself. Jesus is the Second Person of the Godhead. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Godhead.

God the Father first sent Jesus into this world that we might become Children of God. When Jesus went to be with the Father, He sent the Holy Spirit to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher. We need the Holy Spirit to teach us all things.

Our Inheritance Part 2

Many Christians do not know all that our inheritance includes. There is much more to our inheritance than just being saved from our sins. There are three major parts to our inheritance. There is first, our deliverance from sin and death. This was purchased for us by the Blood of Jesus. This enables us to become born again, “in Christ.” The new birth makes us true “children of God.”

The second major part of our inheritance is in receiving the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 3:13,14, it 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...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 new birth made it possible for us to receive the Holy Spirit. Once we receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, we receive the power to become witnesses unto Jesus. The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the anointing of God in our lives to overcome all the works of the enemy.

By the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, we receive the ability to speak in tongues. Speaking in tongues is very important for Christians. Speaking in tongues is one of the keys to understanding the mysteries of God, whereby God can teach us all things. In Isaiah 28:9-11 it says, **“Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts...For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little...For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.”**

Notice that the Scriptures always agree. What is written in the Old Testament always agrees with what is written in the New Testament. Therefore, in 1 Corinthians 14:2 it says, **“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”** By this we can see what 1 John 2:27 it speaking of where 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.”**

As we abide in the Holy Spirit, He will become our helper, guide, comforter, leader and teacher. He will teach us all things, as Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** (John 6:45).

Thirdly, there is continual forgiveness of or sins and healing for our bodies, which came because of the blood of Jesus, and the stripes that Jesus bore for us on the Cross of Calvary. In 1 John 1:7-9 it says, **“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...If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

Our inheritance does not come by the Law of Moses. It comes “by believing, and by faith.” Faith and believing are very similar to each other. The difference between faith and believing is mainly, “believing is an operation of the natural man.” “Faith is an operation of God working in man.”

It helps to understand the difference between “believing and faith.” Those who believe can

do great things according to what they believe. Over and over in the Gospels Jesus spoke of believing. In Mark 9:23 it says, **“Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”** By believing, we can enter into the body of Christ. When we believe the Word of God concerning the gospel and we receive Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior, we become born again.

First, we believe the Word of God and then we do what the Scriptures tell us and receive Jesus Christ into our lives as our LORD and Savior. By believing the Word of God we inherit eternal life. By believing only, without faith, we become born again and we enter into the family of God.

All throughout the Old Testament, many believed the Word of God and great things happened. In Romans 4:3 it says, **“For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.”**

To understand what Romans 4:3 is speaking of, we should look at what happened in the life of Abraham in the beginning. In Acts 7:2,3, it says, **“...The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran...And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee.”** It does not say that Abraham had faith when the LORD first spoke to him in Ur of the Chaldees.

Because that Abraham believed the LORD, it was counted unto him for righteousness. Abraham believed the LORD and left Ur of the Chaldees, and moved with his father to Haran and lived there until his father died. After Abraham’s father died the LORD spoke to Abraham again and said to him, **“Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee...And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing...And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed...So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran”** (Gen. 12:1-4).

Being that Abraham believed the LORD, it was counted unto him for righteousness. Once Abraham believed the LORD, and did what the LORD asked him to do, Abraham received “faith,” and became known as “the Father of faith.”

Faith is a gift from God. God gives faith to those who believe the Word of God. First they must hear the Word of God, then when they believe, God gives them faith. This is all explained in Romans 10:13-17. In Romans 10:17 it says, **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”** Abraham heard the LORD speak to him already in Ur of the Chaldees. Then Abraham heard the LORD speak to him in Haran, after his father died. After hearing the Word of the LORD, Abraham obeyed, and faith was given to Abraham. Abraham obeyed the LORD because he heard the Word of God as it was spoken to him. First Abraham had to believe the Word of the LORD, then act upon the Word of the LORD, then faith was given to Abraham.

Believing the Word of God worked for many in the Old Testament. It still works for people today. A person does not need to be born again to believe. Many people believed the Word of God and received healing for their bodies before they are born again. Many people received healing for their bodies when Jesus walked this earth ministering and teaching. Jesus said in Mark 9:23, **“If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.”**

What about faith? When we receive Jesus as LORD and Savior, we become born again into

the family of God, and receive “the fruit of the Spirit,” which includes “faith” (Gal. 5:22,23).

Many of those who are not born again do not have faith. In 2 Thessalonians 3:1,2 it says, **“Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you...And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.”**

For those who do not have faith, they need to hear the Word of God, and keep hearing it until they believe. Once they believe the Word of God, and receive Jesus as their LORD and Savior, then God will give them faith.

Christians must learn “to live by faith.” In Hebrews 10:38 it says, **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”** Many times, God does not answer the prayers of those who do not exercise their faith. God gives us faith, so that He can manifest His power and His glory through us. God does not give us faith so we can do our own will of the flesh. James 4:2,3 says, **“Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not...Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.”** This is the case with many Christians today. God does not answer their prayers, because they ask amiss. God gives us faith, and answers our prayers so we can do His will.

Faith is greater than believing. Faith is a work of God in our lives, so that the will of God can be done. When we became born again, we became children of God.

What about our inheritance? As Children of God we have inherited what Jesus purchased for us while He was still in this world as “the Son of Man.” Jesus defeated the Devil in His life as the Son of Man. All that Jesus gained from His victory over the Devil became our inheritance. We inherited the right to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which gives us the power to do the same works that Jesus did. We inherited the forgiveness of sins and iniquities by the Blood that Jesus shed for us.

The blood was only for the salvation of our souls. In Leviticus 17:11 it says, **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”**

The Blood was not for the healing of our bodies. The stripes that Jesus bore were for the healing of our bodies. The Blood was not so we could inherit the blessing of Abraham, which is the Holy Spirit. The new birth was so we could receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

At the same time, our inheritance comes only because we are children of God. In Romans 8:15-17 it says, **“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...The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God...And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.”**

As Children of God we have a “three-fold inheritance.” Many Christians today are not receiving all three parts of their inheritance. Mainly, because they have not been taught by the Holy Spirit, that all three parts are theirs by inheritance.

Our inheritance came first by Jesus. Then by Christ, when He arose again from the dead. Therefore, being Children of God we are **“joint-heirs with Christ”** (Rom. 8:17). Being “joint-heirs” we share the same inheritance.

There is a major difference between “Jesus” and “Christ.” Jesus and Christ are the same Person. But, Jesus is “humanity, the Son of Man, born of a woman in the flesh.” Jesus was God in the Spirit and Man in the flesh. The “name Jesus” pertains to His position as the Son of Man, born of a woman. Whereby, He lived in this world as a Man. As a Man in the flesh, Jesus fulfilled the purpose of God in His life here on earth.

Jesus was without sin, and there was no death in Him. Yet, He was “a Man in the flesh,” just as we are. Jesus experienced the same temptations that we face. Jesus overcome the temptations of the Devil and defeated the Devil for us.

By Jesus’ death and resurrection, He paid the price for our redemption from the works of the Devil that came upon mankind in the beginning (when Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil). Eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil brought sin and death upon mankind. Jesus took our sin and death upon Himself, dying for us and setting us free of sin and death by His Blood, which He shed for us.

When Jesus died on the Cross, He paid the price for our salvation from sin and death “by the Blood” which He shed for us. To understand this better, we should “Search the Scriptures” in Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 2:13-15, Hebrews 2:5-18, 4:15,16, 5:12, 7:25, 8:6-13, 13:20,21, plus many more Scripture verses that tell us of what Jesus did for us.

If Jesus had not come into this world to save us from sin and death, we would all spend eternity in hell. Mankind was condemned to hell when Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Two deaths came upon all mankind. These two deaths were defeated by Jesus, “**the Son of Man,**” who was without sin when shed His blood and died for us.

What about Christ? When Jesus arose again from the dead, He became “Christ” the Head of a whole new creation of man. Christ is the firstborn from the dead. (All who are in Christ are new creatures. All who are in Christ have eternal life residing in them. They are One Spirit with the LORD).

The name “Christ” that Jesus received means “the Anointed One.” All who are in Christ, are in the Anointed One. The “name Christ” pertains to the Son of God as “Deity, a God in the spiritual realm.” “Christ,” is God with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the name “Jesus” pertains to “humanity.” The name “Christ” pertains to “deity.”

Humanity is of this world, Deity is not of this world, but from eternity in heaven. Therefore, when Jesus arose again from the dead, He became Christ.

Why is it important to understand this? Simply, because those who are born again are no longer in Adam, but in Christ. We are no longer in the flesh of Adam, but in the Spirit of Christ. Romans 8:9 tells us, “**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.**”

Therefore, we must understand our inheritance. Our inheritance is not the things of this world, but rather power over the works of the devil, “who is the god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4).

Christians are not here to inherit worldly things, but rather to destroy the works of the devil, that the world will know the truth that is able to set them free of the works of the devil in their lives. When people are free of the works of the devil, God will supply all their needs according to His riches and Glory in Christ Jesus.

Jesus said in Matthew 6:24,25, “**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...Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?" How can we live in this world without taking thought of what we will eat, what we will drink, and what we will wear?

Jesus also said in Matthew 6:31-33, **"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."** Unless Christians understand their inheritance in Christ Jesus, they will still be trying to obtain that which God said He would supply, if we take advantage of our inheritance.

Our inheritance does not come by what we can do, but rather it came **"by promise."** What the LORD promised Abraham became our inheritance. If we let some who think they know what they are talking about tell us their version of our inheritance, we could be deceived. We need to understand our inheritance according to the inspired Word of God, not according to the teachings of men.

The first thing we should see and understand is, what is our inheritance, and what does it include? In Galatians 3:13,14 it 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... That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."**

What is the Blessing of Abraham that we should receive? It is not the wealth and riches of this world as some teach. Abraham was a rich and wealthy man. Abraham had many servants and great wealth. Therefore, many look at the wealth and riches and teach that the blessing of Abraham was his prosperity in worldly possessions. Many who have believed this teaching have gone into great error. That is not what it says in Galatians 3:14. It tells us that the blessing of Abraham is **"...the promise of the Spirit..."** This is speaking of the Holy Spirit. The main part of our inheritance is **"the promise of the Holy Spirit,"** Who is able to supply all our needs in this life, and in heaven.

Christians who have not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, have not receive the greatest blessing God has to offer to those who are His Children. Christians who have not received the baptism in the Holy Spirit are still walking in the flesh. They are not being led by the Holy Spirit, therefore, they cannot become "Sons of God," but they remain as "children of God."

Children of God do not have the power of God working within them to set them free of the works of the devil. Without the power of God working in our lives, Satan still has control over most of what we do. Satan still blinds the minds of those who do not have the power to defeat him in their lives.

When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit we receive the power we need, to be witnesses unto Jesus. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, **"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."** Wherever we go throughout the world, we have power over the works of the devil.

This is the same power that Jesus received when He was baptized in the Holy Spirit following His baptism in water by John the Baptist (Matt. 3:16). After Jesus received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, He went around **"..doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the**

devil; for God was with him” (Acts 10:38).

Those who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit have this same power residing within them. It is called “the anointing.” The Anointing is the Holy Spirit Himself. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Godhead. He is God with the Father and the Son. Satan has no power or authority over the Holy Spirit. Satan must yield to the Holy Spirit, and has no choice but to obey the Holy Spirit.

When we receive the Holy Spirit, we receive “**...the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption...**” (Eph. 1:14). We will not receive the fulness of our inheritance until we leave this earth. That is when we will enter into heaven with the Father and the Son forever. The “**...earnest of our inheritance,**” gives us the ability to do the same 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.**”

This is a part of our inheritance as children of God in Christ Jesus. But there is more to our inheritance. Everything that belonged to Jesus when He died on the Cross also becomes our inheritance.

We inherited “salvation” by what Jesus obtained for us in His death and resurrection from the dead. Jesus paid for our salvation with His own blood, which He shed for us.

The Blood that Jesus shed, was shed for our sins and iniquities. The Blood of Jesus was the total payment for all our sins and iniquities. The price is already paid. Satan has been paid in full. All our sins and iniquities were nailed to the Cross when Jesus died for us. We were cleansed by the Blood that Jesus shed for us.

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

Man was created in the beginning as a living soul. We are a living soul, with a body of flesh and bones, and a spirit within us. We are not a spirit with a body and a soul as some teach. The teachings of men have cause many to become defeated in their lives, not knowing the truth that can set them free.

The soul of man contains his “mind, reasoning, intellect, will and understanding, along with many other attributes. Being a living soul, man has a free will. Having a free will, God will not come against our free will.

All living creatures created by God have a free will. All living creatures have the ability to think, reason, understand. God has given all living creatures a mind, reasoning, intellect, and a free will to do according to their ability whatsoever they desire.

Lucifer, now called Satan the Devil, used his free will to rebel against God. He was the first created creature to rebel against God. Therefore, it says in 1 John 3:8, “**He that committeth (continues in) sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning...**” All those who follow the example of Lucifer, take upon themselves the same rebellion against God. There were many angels that followed Lucifer’s rebellion, and they are now held until the day of Judgement (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 1:6; Rev. 20:10).

Adam also rebelled against God when he ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. But, God had a plan for mankind. It was an eternal plan, which included a new birth and eternal life with God forever. Therefore, after Adam sinned, God started to reveal His plan of redemption. Over the years from Adam to Jesus, God revealed His plan of Salvation of man from the sin and death that came upon mankind in the

garden of Eden.

It was “the soul of man” that sinned. Therefore, salvation of the soul of man was paid by “the life of the flesh” that was in the blood.

Man was created a living, breathing creature, that had a body formed of the dust of the earth. This body of man needed air to breathe and it used the blood to carry the elements necessary to replenish the physical body to keep it alive. Therefore, the life of the flesh was in the blood. Sin and death entered into the blood of man. Therefore, all who were born into this world of the flesh had sin and death resident in them.

Jesus did not come into this world by the blood of man, but He came by the Holy Spirit and a woman who was a virgin. His life of the flesh that was in His blood, was not from Adam, but from God. Yet, He was a Man, with a body of flesh and bones and blood. He was made like until man, but He was without sin and death.

When Jesus, who was without sin died for man, He took the sin and death of man upon Himself, to set us free of sin and death. In 2 Corinthians 5:21 it says, **“For he (God) hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”**

Until Christians understand what Jesus did for them, they we not obtain all that is included in their inheritance. The New Covenant we have is sealed by the Blood of Jesus. Our New Covenant is an everlasting covenant. Therefore, in Hebrews 13:20,21 it says, **“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant...Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”**

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