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CHAPTER 1



Being Filled Again

The Holy Spirit filled the disciples on multiple occasions, as recorded in **Acts 2:1-4, 4:29-31**, and 13:52. When examining these instances in the Bible where the Apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit again, it becomes clear that there was a significant threat to the mandate given to them by our Lord. In response, as He does even today, the Holy Spirit creates a secondary channel or means of flow for Himself, bypassing the normal collaborative process when it is blocked by your fears and discouragements. This bypass act's as a "boldness injection," from your spirit into your 'soul' (mind, will, emotions).

The soul being the engine of the physical body explains why, in that moment, unpredictable but

joyful physical things will happen to the body.

People vibrate, levitate, fall down, bust into uncontrollable laughter, speak in strange tongues, see visions, or simply get emotional and cry, as the spirit realm suddenly becomes physical. This is the moment the Holy Spirit takes charge and overwhelms the obstacles in your life i.e. fear, discouragement etc that are challenging His vision for your life. He does this sometimes not to remove the problem but to make you harder than the problem. He fills you with joy (Acts 13:52) in spite of what you might be going through; sometimes to embolden you in making the right decision where a decision is very difficult for you to make.

He Is A Person

To be filled again with the Holy Spirit does not mean refilling or recharging like petrol or electricity. The Holy Spirit cannot be half, quarter, or empty like petrol or battery. He is a person, a divine person; you either have the whole of Him or none of Him. A person is a living being that is conscious of its existence and that consciously thinks, wills, and acts. The Holy Spirit has a mind of His own, He knows,

He searches, He instructs, He teaches, He convicts, He speaks, He intercedes for us, He loves, He makes decisions, He can be grieved, He can be insulted, He can be offended or quenched. This is what your Bible says about the Holy Spirit: He has power and love (Romans 15:13, 30).

He has a mind of His own and He helps us in our weaknesses (Romans 8:26-27). He searches, knows, instructs, and convicts (1Corinthians 2:10-11, Nehemiah 9:20, John 16:8, 13). He makes His own decisions (1Corinthians 12:11, Acts 13:2). He is in every individual believer (1Corinthians 6:19) and He is also wherever believers are gathered (1Corinthians 3:16, Ephesians 2:22).

He can be grieved (Ephesians 4:30, Isaiah 63:10) insulted (Hebrews 10:29), lied to (Acts 5:3) and quenched (1Thessalonians 5:19). These things cannot be done by electricity, petrol or any force/ power that is not a person.

Your Co-Miracle Worker

The Holy Spirit being a person means that you cannot make your own plans and then use His power,

to fulfill your plans. His mission in your life is to borrow more of your collaboration and for you to be increasingly aware of His gifts by which He has empowered you for a work that He cannot do in this world without your participation. His mission, with your participation, is to cause physical expression of everything that Christ Jesus has triumphed for you (John 16:13-14). The Holy Spirit is the glorified Christ co-working with you in this world.

The Faith Grace Collaboration

The Holy Spirit is God's gift of Himself living in you. God gives us all things by giving us Himself. The Holy Spirit is the architect of everything that we are in Christ. The primary mission of the Holy Spirit is to borrow more of your collaboration so that people can see and experience Jesus Christ physically through you doing those things that He did in the Bible including raising the dead, healing the sick, casting out demons, walking on water etc And greater works than what He did (Jhn 4:12). This collaboration is what is called FAITH without which 'Physical Grace' will be stifled.

The Holy Spirit communicates life giving grace, He

is called the Spirit Of Grace (Heb 10.29).

So the Holy Spirit manifests through the believer numerous types of grace. Sanctifying grace to give life, sacramental grace to help us grow and ‘actual’ or physical grace to help us with everyday situations.

The Holy Spirit also gives to the soul a variety of other virtues. ‘Physical Grace’ is the divine means of help Heb.4:16 or strength (enabling power) to do and to be what you cannot do and cannot be if left to your own human nature. It’s the Holy Spirit doing what He alone can do WITH us, IN us, and THROUGH us, at the expense of Christ Jesus, this is what is stifled until you are living by the principles and laws of faith.

We use our faith not to do things that are difficult but to do things that are impossible. You know that faith is at work in you when you are doing things that were impossible by you. Romans 4:16 records “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by Grace”. In this verse Faith precedes Grace, and therefore seems to be more important, however a better understanding is that there is a collaboration between the two, and the outcome is a marvelous believer.

“The Just Shall Live by Faith” – Rom 1:17, Gal 3:11, Heb 10:38 means he has no other life. ‘Just’

means righteous, which is achievable only by the Grace of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To be 'just' is not what you do but a nature in you, it's the NATURE OF CHRIST in you, His person, His presence, and His power. To live or to be alive means to express yourself. Faith (response or collaboration) is the means by which we express His nature IN US (1Jhn.4:4).

In other words, practice the person, the presence, and the power of Christ, that's Faith, and faith without practice is dead (James 2:26). Faith is a privilege that God has given you to practice Him on earth and live like Him on earth. God doesn't want to use you, He wants you to use Him. To use your faith means to use God. The same way that you have used your education, your beauty, your job or profession, your lawyer, your banker, your doctor, your relatives or friends, etc

Use your faith because it will pay a thousand times better and can salvage you from the deepest crisis you will ever face in life, you can bank on your faith. No one is 'more anointed' than you, they've only been practicing longer than you.

Where It All Began

Jesus said;

“Except a man be born-again, - born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God”

John 3:3-6.

Your first birth was when your mother gave birth to you; its called being ‘born of water’ because of the role that water plays both in your mother’s womb and at the point of your birth.

Your second birth is spiritual and the Holy Spirit Himself is the architect of the new you that resulted when you embraced what Christ Jesus accomplished for you; it’s called being ‘born of the Spirit’. It was the work of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit gave birth to you, and you were therefore ‘born of the Spirit. There is no such a thing as born again people without the Holy Spirit. One might believe the gospel but cannot be truly ‘born-again’ without the Holy Spirit.

This spiritual phenomenon was prophesied very many years before Jesus Christ came in the flesh. God spoke through prophets like Ezekiel, He said -

“I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; - I will put my Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes” (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

This prophesy would be fulfilled and indeed has been fulfilled by God Himself, by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the hearts of all who embrace Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour - (John 1:13). This ‘new heart / new spirit’ has now become your reality in Christ. The Apostle Paul also refers to this phenomenon as a ‘spiritual union’ between you and Christ; 1 Corinthians 6:17 records *“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him”*. You and Christ have become ‘one another’; this new you was simply not possible without the Holy Spirit.

What He Enables Us To Do

Sadly there are false teachers who seek to separate being filled with the Holy Spirit from what He enables us to do (His gifts). Mark 16:16-17 records ‘He who believes and is baptized (in the Holy Spirit not merely water) - these signs will follow those who believe. In my name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues,- they will lay hands on the sick and the sick will recover. Anyone can have

good manners but not anyone can heal the sick by merely touching them; only someone filled with the Holy Spirit can do such a thing.

The same Holy Spirit that made you a ‘son of God’ (John 1:13) is the same Holy Spirit that enables you to do the things that a son of God does. Without the Holy Spirit you are a ‘son of Sceva’ (Acts 19:14-16) or someone else but not a son of God, demons fear only sons of God.

1. Speaking In Tongues

God is a Spirit - John 4:24, and He created us ‘in His image’, spirit’s just as He is. He is our father, the ‘father of Spirits’ Heb.12:9, we are Born-Again recreated spirits, His children, so we pray in the Spirit (Tongues). **Romans 8:26** records -

“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groans which cannot be uttered”.

The word infirmity in this verse is translated from the same Greek word for weakness as used in Hebrews 11:34 which says that the Prophets ‘out of weakness

were made strong'. This word (weakness) is also used to express the manner in which Christ reduced Himself to the level of a human being (2Cor.13:4) because if he remained as God they would not be able to crucify Him. Therefore He made Himself weak so that they may be able to crucify Him.

The word weak, weakness or infirmities in these scriptures is the same word used when Paul said 'when I am weak then I am strong' (2 Corinthians. 12:10). Paul expresses his nothingness in his own strength and his dependence upon the Spirit and power of God to accomplish Gods purpose for his life. Paul knows that God does not call a man to do what the man can do. He knows that doing the 'work of God' is doing what you cannot do; which is possible only by the power of God.

Proverbs 20:27 records "*The spirit of a man is the candle of the lord*"; the light that God uses to locate the needs of man. Prayer does not involve God if it is not in the spirit. Praying in tongues is therefore synonymous with humility, enabling you to accomplish what you would not as a 'mere human being'.

It is therefore very shallow for anyone to think that the word infirmities or weakness in (Romans 8:26) was referring to physical, emotional, or psychological

challenges. The infirmities or weakness therefore are, in this context, referring to everything that a human being cannot achieve except by the power of God.

2. The Spirit Is Our Helper

*“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groans which cannot be uttered” **Romans 8:26.***

The Spirit cannot help you to do what you do not want to do. Yes, praying in tongues is not for everyone, it is for those who want to pray in tongues, who understand the power and benefits of praying in tongues. The Holy Spirit inspires your aspirations. The Holy Spirit cannot move you without your permission. You either move Him or are moved by Him BUT He is up-to nothing in your life without your participation.

Therefore in **Acts 2:4** they - *“Began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance”*. They did the speaking (not waiting) and the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. *“For we know not what we should pray”* (**Romans 8:26**)

Notice; it is not how you pray but what you pray. The Holy Spirit helps us in what to pray but not how to pray. It is never how long you pray or how loud you pray, it is what you pray that counts. Listen! In any communication, being understood is more important than how much or how long you communicate. Praying in tongues (in the Spirit) helps you to communicate with God at His level of understanding.

Verse 27 says *“and the father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with Gods own will”*. Wow! The Spirit knows you and your issues much more than you know. Praying in tongues is the language of the Spirit. God is a spirit and He can only be profitably engaged at the ‘spirit and truth’ level (John 4:24).

Praying in tongues is praying in the Spirit. Praying in tongues is engaging Gods own conscious concerning His purpose for your life in Christ. **1 Corinthians 14:4** says *“He that speaks in an unknown tongue edifies himself”*

3. Praying In Tongues Is Working With God

The Greek word translated to edify means he ‘emboldens’ (energizes) himself; he emboldens him-

self to do the works of God. Praying in tongues is equal to conniving with God through the Holy Spirit so that you can do the things that God does.

Praying in tongues (in the spirit) enhances your working relationship with God; (all God's children have a relationship with God, but not all have such a working relationship with God). To make himself bold, or strengthen himself, has nothing to do with physical strength. It is referring to a strengthening or boldness that enables you to do in the natural what you could not do except by the power of God. It enables the ordinary human being to accomplish the extra ordinary.

4. Fellowship With The Holy Spirit

Praying in tongues is the true fellowship of the Holy Spirit. It is a partnership with the Holy Spirit being made possible only because you are 'born again' (a recreated spirit), begotten of God, in His likeness and no longer inferior to Him. As a recreated spirit you speak with God as an equal (at His level of understanding). The new creature is possessed by the Holy Spirit making him no longer an ordinary human spirit. The new creature though he has a physical body,

he is not a physical body. When you pray in tongues you ‘instruct’ God and ‘give Him knowledge’ (2Cor. 2:16 Amp) concerning your issues, your situation, your environment, your community, your plans, and your aspirations.

5. Praying In Tongues: The Answer To All Things

In (Romans 8:28) the Apostle Paul continues ‘and we (who pray in tongues) know (by divine insight) that all things work together for good’. Those who pray in tongues tap into divine insight for all situations, they are able to see all things as God sees and are able to respond to ALL things the same way God would respond.

It is only through praying in tongues that you cause good to come out of a situation that would otherwise destroy you. It causes you to manipulate any situation for your ‘profiting’ (1 Corinthians 12:7) causing circumstances to line up with Gods purpose for your life in Christ. Common sense gives way for Spirit sense: (1Corinthians 14:14) - The Apostle Paul says; *“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful”*. The fact that his mind

is ‘unfruitful’ means that he (who prays in tongues) is no longer limited by natural understanding. He surrenders his mind to the mind of God and is able to conceive thoughts that were otherwise impossible to conceive in his natural understanding.

Praying in tongues elevates the natural mind to a realm of possibilities beyond natural understanding. There is a rubbing of minds between God and one who prays in tongues. He who prays in tongues deliberates issues with God as a man speaks with a man. The man who prays in tongues gains mastery in the arena of supernatural manifestations, (such a man is superior to witches, sorcerers, or wizards).

This man has a supernatural advantage in a situation where he would otherwise be limited by the laws of nature. This man knows things that he does not know the same way that he says things that he could not say. This man is supernatural.

Praying in tongues gives you access to divine mysteries: 1Corinthians 14:2 says *“For he that speaks in an unknown tongue – speaks mysteries”*. And the interpretation of Verse 27-28 is: He is able to articulate for the benefit of others. The world is changed, history is made, records are broken, destinies are altered, lives are changed, millions are saved and the impossible is possible by

those who pray in tongues. This also means that he who prays in tongues receives first-hand what God is doing and others have to depend on him to know what God is doing or saying.

When you speak in tongues you become more responsive to the deep things of God. God cannot do anything in your environment without consulting you. Praying in tongues makes you highly flammable to Holy Ghost fire (passion, zeal, enthusiasm).

It unravels mysteries that only belonged to God and now they can be understood and articulated by you in the natural (via interpretation). When you pray in tongues you surrender your hand to become the hand of God, you surrender your feet to become Gods feet.

Those who do not pray in tongues are therefore missing out (denying themselves) the miracle life that true Christianity is supposed to be and what it really means to be a believer. Mark 16:17 says –‘believers shall speak with strange tongues’; this is not a promise, it is a characteristic of believers, it’s what you do because you are a believer.

6. Groaning Which Cannot Be Uttered

However, ‘groaning’ which cannot be uttered’ Romans 8:26 - are deeper than tongues. These are expressions that defy description or understanding. They are strange, extreme, surprising and impossible to explain to people who do not understand spiritual things. This depth in the spirit can only be understood by experiencing it. This experience is initiated by the Holy Spirit prompted by your extremely unusual tarrying in prayer or meditating on Jesus Christ. The effect of this ‘groaning’ is beyond all human comprehensions, touching dimensions that affirm the born again to be divine and not mere human beings. This understanding is exclusively for spiritual people; the Bible records

“Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teaches; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is judged of no man”

1 Corinthians 2:13-15.

He Is The Spirit Of Glory:

“The Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you” (1 Peter 4:14).

The mission of the Holy Spirit in your life is so glorious that you can stand any kind of persecution and even death for the gospel. You are the ‘glory of God’ (Jhn.17:22) and your immediate environment is a ‘glory zone’. High angelic activity is going on between you and heaven. If you are still praying with your eyes closed you are missing.

The glory of God is unfolding right in front of your physical eyes. This glory is invading your space in this world and illuminating everything that concerns you. I love Isaiah 60:2, it relates to what’s happening in our world today. The later part of that same scripture reads -”But the Lord will rise over you, His glory will be seen upon you”. This verse is being fulfilled by the Holy Spirit in your life. So ‘arise and shine’ don’t let ANYONE measure you by themselves. Who you are to God and what you are here for is your own business.

The Spirit of glory is bursting, escaping and spilling over from within you (John.7:37), engulfing physical territories in such a way that entire communities, cities,

and nations are being transformed. Glorious works of God are spoken of you. Gods glory is invading, engulfing and subjugating everything that concerns you; culminating into drastic and phenomenal progress in your life. Your speed is strange, you are strange, you talk strange, and you wear strange. You are going to strange places, strangers are working for you. Strange dead people are being raised back to life by you. You are a landing-site for strange things no eye has seen and no ear has heard.

From today, pray (Acts 4:29-30) and say, *“Now, Lord, grant to your bond servants to declare your message fearlessly, and stretch out your hand to heal and to perform signs and wonders in the name of thy servant Jesus Christ.”* Gospel rallies will be visited by strange spiritual-physical earthquakes, angelic appearances, strange supernatural cloud formations. Strange weather will drop gold dust and real money will appear in people’s bags. Pray until fear is vanquished from your reasoning and embrace the dawn of glory wrapped in tangible unprecedented miracles, signs and wonders.

The Spirit of glory and the glory itself, has surpassed what has been commonly known as the “anointing” (demonstrated power of God). We’ve been carried into a realm of ‘heavenly materiality’ (heaven on earth) where God’s ‘GLORY’ (person and attributes)

is so touchable and recognizable with believers as it was with only but a few in past decades or centuries e.g William Branham, Smith Wigglesworth etc. Glory and anointing are attributable to the Holy Spirit, but glory supersedes in that it is the 'highway' carrying everything about God in all His divergent spheres.

You are bursting forth into the marketplace, filled with and carried by the Spirit Of glory, radically impacting nations. Your sound in the spirit realm is as the sound of a rushing mighty wind. Your words in the spirit realm are as divided tongues of fire igniting spiritual fire in the hearts of anyone who dare pay attention to you.

Wherever you arrive is an invasion or intrusion of heaven into the realm of ordinary men. Suddenly men who normally breathed oxygen begin to breath and inhale the glory of God. Years after the death of Elisha the Prophet, his bones retained the substance of glory. A dead man was raised back to life after his body was placed near the bones of Elisha. Even in the grave the substance of glory repels every property of death.

Glory is so profound, impactful and sustainable, it is the reason why demons fear even the most dormant or unaware believers. Remember, 'Christ in you, the

hope of glory', but glory is no longer a hope when we get aware and deliberate about the person and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. You can activate heavens atmosphere in a grave-like situation, the Holy Spirit is the game-changer.

You won't be stuck anymore in (Acts Chapter two) when the Holy Spirit fell. GLORY is delivering you from this crazy idea that 'falling under the power' or empty wheelchairs is the greatest demonstration of the Holy Spirit. That cloud of celebration with it's wave of contentment is NOT going beyond this year.

Continue Speaking in tongues, lay hands on the sick, fill up your church buildings and stadiums BUT THE SPIRIT OF GLORY is about to make all that look like child's play. GLORY has levels, and like what 5G 6G or any future frequencies mean to 'fallen man', GLORY in all it's deferent levels or dimensions is the atmosphere that traffics the essence of God.

What has come to us in a far greater measure is the same SPIRIT OF GLORY that split rocks and ripped graves apart such that many bodies of saints who had died were raised, came out of their graves and were seen walking on the streets of Jerusalem after Christ's victory on the cross. Something strikingly spectacular happened at that point in the spirit world spilling over

into the world of ordinary men. Where the Spirit Of glory is death is not permitted to reign (Matt. 27:50-53). In terms of the most common manifestation of God's power, 'GLORY filling the earth' means that raising the dead HAS NOW REPLACED speaking in tongues or 'falling under the power'.

Jesus Christ, during his time on earth, practically shifted between Heaven and earth. At one point He declared that no one has ever been to Heaven except the son of man who lives in Heaven. In this season of glory on earth, two realms are merging enabling believers to live on earth as though they are already in heaven. As controversial as it may sound GLORY facilitates traffic between Heaven and earth. Subsequently on earth the believer becomes a epicenter of torrential miracles, signs and wonders.

CHAPTER 2



The Fundamentals

Matthew 4:22 records;

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of diseases among the people’.

Let’s note the words ‘teaching and preaching’; Jesus was a teacher and a preacher. He didn’t just go about waving to people, hugging people, kissing babies, sprinkling water on people, and putting out His hand for people to kiss His ring like certain religious leaders today. He preached the word, He taught the word, when He met the devil He quoted scriptures, in Capernaum He preached and taught the word. **Luke 5:17** records –

“Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them”.

The last part of this verse means that people got healed while He was yet teaching. Good preaching or teaching is when people get healed while you are still preaching or teaching. There were supernatural manifestations while He was yet teaching or preaching, the lame were healed, the blind were seeing, the deaf were hearing, and demons were screaming as they leave the people, and all this was going on while He was yet teaching. **Matthew 4:23** records –

“Then His fame went throughout all Syria, and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon possessed, epileptics, and paralytics, and He healed them all”.

There should not be any special case sick person that cannot be brought to you. There should not be any person so critically sick that they want you to go to him or her instead of bringing him or her to you. Jesus didn't look for the sick, it is the sick that were brought to Him, that is how He let them express their

faith, and **He healed them all!**

No Miracles, No Christianity

Christianity is a miracle, the forgiveness of sins is a miracle, to be Born-Again is a miracle, everything about Christianity is a miracle, the rapture of the church will be a miracle, the totality of the Christian faith is enshrined in miracles.

Miracles are an operation of Gods power, therefore miracles are not logical. Anything that lacks logical explanation is a miracle, miracles confound the senses. A true child of God is a moving miracle; like the wind, you cannot know where he or she is going. **John 3:8** records -

*“The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it but cannot see it or tell where it comes from or where it is going, so is everyone who is **born of the Spirit**”.*

A true child of God is a living sign and a wonder, a wonder is anything that makes people to wonder. **Isaiah 8:18** records -

“Here I am and the children whom the lord has

given me! We are for signs and wonders".

Healing is as much a ministry of Jesus Christ today as it was in the Bible. It is as much Gods will to heal the sick today as He healed them in the Bible. God is a healer; He said "*I am the Lord that healeth thee*" -**Exodus 15:26**, and this God has never changed. **Malachi 3:6** records 'for I am the Lord I do not change'. If God has ever healed a sick person in history He will heal a sick person today because He has not changed.

Your Bible says Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever -**Hebrews 13:8**. The word 'healeth' in **Exodus 15:26** is old English meaning He is healing you right now! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but **right now!** Not tomorrow, or yesterday but right now; **2 Corinthians 6:2** records -

"Behold now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation".

God's name is I AM not I was, what He did yesterday He is doing now! Just like your blood is flowing right now so is the power of God flowing in your life right now.

As It Is In Heaven

Gods will has never changed; He is willing today to heal the sick as He was willing in the Bible. Everything that Jesus did was to demonstrated the will of God on earth, **Matthew 6:10** records ‘your will be done on earth as it is in heaven’; that’s why He healed the sick because there is no sick people in heaven. Jesus Christ on earth was the full explanation or revelation of Gods will for us. There is nobody Jesus told to stay sick or stay suffering because God was teaching him or her lesson; it’s nowhere in the gospels. How He cast out demons and healed the sick is what He has commanded all believers to do.

Healing (Before and After The Cross)

In the Old Testament to be healed by God (miracle healing) was based on what God had revealed to them about Himself, *‘I am the Lord that heals you’* **Exodus 15:25-26**. In other words they believed in what God had revealed to them about Himself. In **Genesis 15:6** Abraham believed God would fulfill the covenant promises made to him. These covenant promises were revealed in more detail over time - from general to

specific (this is referred to as progressive revelation). These covenant promises included a chosen one (Messiah) who would come through one of the tribes of Israel. The tribe was later revealed to be Judah; and the family line through David, son of Jesse.

After the Cross

After the Cross in the book of Acts Chapter 2, Peter calls upon the Jews at the temple to place their faith in Jesus, a descendant of David, that this Jesus is the Christ, the chosen one - the Messiah.

Before the Cross

Under the Law of Moses people were required to have faith in God in the sense that they were required to obey the law and offer the requisite sacrifices for the right things at the right time and in the right manner, etc. In doing so, God would fulfill His promises to them, including all the promises concerning their physical health and healing. Their obedience to the law, carried out with a broken and contrite spirit, humbling themselves before God, allowed God to

temporarily set their sin and sickness aside **Psalms 103:3** *‘Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases’*, until it could be permanently removed by Christ’s one-time sacrifice foreseen by Prophet’s like **Isaiah** in **53:5** *‘But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed’*.

So, their healing, in a sense, was because of Christ’s finished work of atonement on the cross. It was on that basis that God could consider them ‘righteous’ (forgiven and healed) through the lens of Christ’s yet future sacrifice, *‘For Christ is the end of the law [it leads to Him and its purpose is fulfilled in Him], for [granting] righteousness to everyone who believes [in Him as Savior]’* **Romans 10:4**.

This is why all in the Old Testament who did what was right according to their conscience or strive to obey the law, had to remain in a place called “Paradise” (after physical death) until Christ came to get them and take them with Him to heaven sometime between the Crucifixion and the Resurrection.

The Cross Was The Antitype

First, let us define the word “antitype”. According to *dictionary.com*: ANTITYPE is a person or thing that represents the opposite of something or foreshadowed by a type or symbol. Christ Jesus on that Cross is the antitype of every bleeding or atoning (blood of bulls and goats) sacrifice of the Old Testament. It is important to note that there was no healing in the Old Testament without an atoning sacrifice. Offering these sacrifices was the most important duty of the Priest and Prophet on behalf of the people in the Old Testament.

Today

We have the reality. Of course, the salvation of our physical bodies (healing) has always been through Christ alone—the chief difference is the Old Testament Jews didn’t know who the Messiah would be—they just had to believe God would send Him one day.

For the last two thousand years we have known exactly who the Messiah is, and it is on us to believe in supernatural health and healing which is a major component of our salvation.

Before The Cross

Old Testament types of the atonement were always given in connection with physical healing: In (Exodus Chapter 12) the Israelites were required to eat the flesh of a Lamb and shed it's blood on the doors of their houses. This was the night that the angel of death would kill every first born of the Egyptians but would Passover the houses where a lamb was slaughtered, it's flesh eaten and it's blood shed on the door according to instructions that God gave the Israelites through Moses. That lamb they eat that day became known as the Passover lamb because death passed over their houses. Something supernatural happened to their physical bodies after they'd eaten that Lamb; **Psalm 105:37** records

'There was not one feeble person among them as He led them out - and non of them was sick in the lineage's of them'.

Christ Jesus Our Health and Healing

We also today have received supernatural exemption from sickness and every property of death through eating the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ the true

'lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world' (**John 1:29**), and who Paul in (**1 Corinthian 5:7**) says is indeed our Passover who was sacrificed for us. In (**1 Corinthians 11:30**) Paul speaks of the failure of the Corinthians to rightly estimate the body of Christ our Passover as the reason why many amongst themselves were weak and sickly.

The Lord's supper is more than an ordinance because we partake of Christ while we are partaking of the emblem of His death and it's benefits for us. This is the moment when we avail ourselves the privilege of having the life also of Jesus made manifest in our mortal flesh (2 Corinthians 4:11).

It Is Finished

Ever since Christ's death on that Cross, healing is received by looking back at that event. It's a done deal, accomplished, It is finished! Receive your healing! In the old Testament they had only a type and yet they weren't sick. Did Jesus Christ redeem us from sickness and disease when He atoned for our sin? YES HE DID It is only because of the flesh of Jesus Christ and His very precious blood that sin and sickness 'is' removed **Isaiah 53:5** and 'was' removed in **1 Peter 2:24**.

Supernatural Power

Your relationship with the Holy Spirit guarantees supernatural capabilities. These capabilities abide in you whether you have realized them or not. Supernatural power is an inevitable consequence of your union with the Christ. Manifesting supernatural capabilities is not ‘a promise of God’; it is a characteristic of believers.

The Bible records - *‘these signs shall follow them which believe’* - (**Mark 16:17-18**); the manifested presence of God follows believers. It is therefore not accurate for you to call yourself a follower of Christ or a ‘God chaser’. The manifested presence of God chases after those who have believed. The word ‘followers’ of God (*Ephesians 5:1*), is actually ‘imitators’ from the Greek language. The bride of Christ is not a mere follower of Christ. You cannot be one with Christ and a follower at the same time. To ‘Imitate’ means to copy, emulate, replicate or mimic; it means to ‘act God’, and that is what you do because you are filled with the Holy Spirit.

You belong to a class of seemingly ordinary human beings exhibiting extra ordinary capabilities. This power, also pronounced through a gift of God or ex-

tra ordinary talent in any field, has given you supernatural advantage in any situation. Men can and have accomplished much without God.

Christian living is possible without the miraculous, but not as God intended it to be. It all tends towards ‘a dead relationship with a dead God’. Such ‘Christianity’ is not different from the religions of this world, they have large following, they help the ‘needy’, they have glamorous buildings and technology, but all that without miracles is a ‘dead relationship with a dead god’.

When Mary was seated at the feet of the Lord and Martha was busy in the kitchen (*Luke 10:40*) the passage says, Martha was distracted with all her preparations. She was literally ‘dragging around in circles’ busy with ‘preparations’ - that is the New Testament word for ‘ministry’. Pure ministry for Jesus without miracles can become a weight that you drag around when it loses life, becomes legalistic and a chore - something required and endured; Programs without progress, going no-where, accomplishing nothing for the kingdom of God; simply not relevant.

God’s Size and Kind of results are inconceivable without His involvement. The accomplishments, therefore, of a man filled with the Holy Spirit, ought

to be beyond human comprehension, God has joined you so that you can do what He does. Believe that God believes in you and that He is as dependent on you as you are dependent on Him for the manifestation of His power.

Every believer is a celebrity miracle worker as soon as they remove the ‘religious doctrinal rubbish’ that they have piled on top of their miracle working potential and stop waiting for God to do what He has empowered them to do.

CHAPTER 3



You Are Not A Motivational Speaker

Pentecostal faith has also produced a trend of ‘Christians’ who do not know the difference between gospel and motivational speaking. The authentic gospel of Christ does not end in a positive mental state; it plays out in total transformation towards Christ-likeness by the manifestation of His power in your life.

The fantasy of motivational speakers has robbed many of the reality of the supernatural. However - *“the gospel - is the power of God”*- **(Romans 1:16)**. Motivational speakers will try to convince you to do something difficult. On the contrary, the gospel pertains not to human difficulties but to human impossibilities.

The gospel is about what Christ has done for you that you could not do for yourself. With high sounding *'enticing words of human wisdom'* (1Corinthians 2:4), motivational speakers usually go on and on about how capable you are, assuring you that you have what it takes. In essence, they want you to believe in yourself. Much of what they talk about is not different from what humanists and the new age movement are promulgating. Its *'soulish talk'*, a type of talk which amuses, entertains, and generally appeals to people's emotions, rather than their *'spirit man'*; leaving them impotent when it comes to manifesting their *'Sonship'*!

Being highly motivated cannot forgive you of your sins, set you free from demons, curses, witchcraft, incurable health conditions, and all those realities in life that answer only to the truth of what Christ has done for us through His death, His resurrection and His ascension. If you think about it, those who want to preach the authentic gospel of Christ, cannot avoid a confident and audacious disregard for (or even confrontation with) the status quo.

1Corinthians 2:1-2 records

"I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling. so that your faith might not rest on men's

wisdom, but on God's power. We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing".

1 Corinthians 1:17-18 (message version) records

"God didn't send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn't send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the centre - Christ on the Cross - be trivialized into mere words. The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hell-bent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out".

You can be both 'a motivational speaker' (for a career e.g. school teacher, lawyer, doctor, business etc) just like Paul was a 'tent maker' and a minister of the gospel. But you can't mingle your motivational stuff with the gospel message. **i.e.** don't do motivational stuff and call it gospel.

It's crucial that believers know what gospel is and what it is not. Paul spoke a lot against what he called

enticing words of human wisdom, words that render the cross void of its power. I changed my mind in South Africa when I met motivational speakers who were doing it better than all the preachers i knew yet these motivational speakers didn't even believe in God. Atheists can do it even better; a preacher doing it is simply undermining the superiority of the gospel message.

“Motivational preaching’ is so rampant in the Churches that it’s considered the epitome of “relevant” preaching. The person learns a mindset that helps him or her cross their limits at work, in their career, in their financial life, or some personal ambition. Sometimes the people shout, other times they sit there contemplating the message. In East Africa the sermon must end with a display of some spiritual power - mostly people falling down or forced down, ‘prophesy’, and then the preacher sits down.

However when a sermon is merely a motivational speech, what is missing greatly outweighs the benefits of the motivational preaching. The first thing that is always missing from this kind of preaching is the cross. Sometimes the preacher may tack it on at the end, but even in those cases the cross is reduced, it isn't the pinnacle of God's work on behalf of humanity, and is

'void of its power' (1Corinthians 1:17).

In short, the Gospel is missing from many of these presentations and thus no matter how eloquent or well visited, this kind of preaching misses the real power that comes from preaching "*Christ and Him Crucified*" (1Corinthians 2:2).

Motivational speaking is based on concepts and theories about human mental life or behavior that find credence with the populace. It began with the human potential movement of the 1950's and 1960's. It crept into the Churches in the 1990's and mingled with evangelical/Pentecostal preaching. In most Churches it diluted or completely over-shadowed the authentic gospel. The brethren, blinded by supernatural manifestations (display of spiritual gifts), remained unaware of the inconceivably vast potency of 'the authentic gospel' or what it even is.

In the year 2000 God began to raise apostolic voices pointing the Church of Jesus Christ back to the authentic message that was entrusted to us by the Apostles. What they say might be true, it might even be helpful, it may help you 'succeed' at work or at many things in 'this life'. 'Succeed' has many definitions depending on one's goals and objectives.

‘Motivational preaching’ is so subtle especially when a subject like ‘fulfilling God’s purpose for your life’ is preached as or means ‘how to succeed in this life’; where ‘succeeding’ is according to the standards of this world. Paul says

“If the hope we have in Christ never gets beyond the things of this world, we are of all men the most pitiable” 1 Corinthians 15:19.

The message version says

“If corpses can’t be raised, then Christ wasn’t, because he was indeed dead. And if Christ weren’t raised, then all you’re doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. It’s even worse for those who died hoping in Christ and resurrection, because they’re already in their graves. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we’re a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ has been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries” (verse 16-20).

Get back to the gospel, the gospel is the power of God.

CHAPTER 4



You Are Not A Theologian

Theological training does not allow much space for the trainee to question or interrogate the roots, purpose, or impact of the training. The fact that there are now many different centers of theological ideology is in itself the root cause of ‘denominationalism’ (putting God in a cage).

Modern Day Pharisees

Galatians 4:16 records “*Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?*”

It is impossible to practice and teach fundamental (Acts of the Apostles) Christianity today, without

offending erroneous teachings and doctrine promulgated by faithless and impotent traditionalism. The truth has suffered 'theologians' who excuse their own spiritual impotence by undermining the fact that this is the dispensation of the Holy Spirit who is the author of miracle healing - signs and wonders in the Church today.

The so-called 'traditional churches' (denominations) led by these people are nothing more than dead orthodoxies; practicing a kind of Christianity that is academic and devoid of any spirituality or power. They are the modern day Pharisees who try to lock God's miracle-working power in the past; and when that power threatens to invade the present and free people who have been held captive in dead religion, these people fight hard, not to protect the truth but to secure their influence. And just like the Pharisees of old, these people attribute anything supernatural to Beelzebub (or cult), yet deep down they know it is in fact the power of God. And just like the original Pharisees, these people will form an alliance with the government to enforce laws that infringe on religious liberty. And just like the original Pharisees, these people will fail miserably because the move of God cannot be caged".

The Holy Spirit is the owner of the assembly of believers anywhere, He is not merely invited to lead and guide. He is the initiative and energy of any authentic ministry. He is the one who sends and deploys for the Kingdom of God. You can't start your own thing and invite the Holy Spirit to lead. The Holy Spirit leads only in His initiative. To be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit makes you God's podium from where He speaks to the world and does what only God can do. Get filled with the Holy Spirit every day. Why attend a Church that has ISO Certification but no manifestation of the 'power gifts of the Holy Spirit'?

He Lives In Us Because Of The Blood

Sin is not forgiven just because you changed your ways; any non-Christian can stop misbehaving. I know people who say 'the lord's prayer' everyday, asking Him to 'forgive them their trespasses as they forgive those who trespass against them'. Yet these same forgiveness seeking people continue to care less about what really transpired on the cross. They give God a counterfeit instead of genuine relationship; that's what religion does to people.

Let it be known: if you have not brought blood, your 'repentance' even with behaviour change is all but 'filthy rugs' - Isaiah 64:6; you are simply playing religion. God wants blood and it's no longer the blood of bulls and goats but the blood of Jesus Christ; which is not shed every time you do something bad, it was shed once for a work that was finished - Romans 3:25, Ephesians 1:7.

To a believer, true repentance means becoming a student of what really transpired for you when He died, resurrected, and ascended. It is so much more than distributing iron-sheets and blankets to the needy. It means to harmonize your life-style with everything that you are in Christ. Scripture records 'Your life is hidden in Christ in God' Colossians 3:3; to agree with this verse demands that you stop referring to yourself as a sinner. There are no sinners saved by grace; those who are saved are no longer sinners, sin does not exist in Christ in God.

Now, since His blood was shed once and for all, it is only right for you to accept once and for all that you are forgiven and you are righteous. This righteousness does not fluctuate based on your performance for it is not a bogus righteousness. This is what God says concerning you and your sins; ".in

whom we HAVE redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, ACCORDING [in proportion] to the riches [abundant supplies] of his [not our] Grace [Favor undeserved and unearned]" Ephesians 1:7. Hallelujah! Am glad he said we HAVE. He has not said that we will have forgiveness when we confess our sin - but we [already] have; this is something that cannot be taken away from you. It is NOT based on your confession of the wrongs you have done but 'through his BLOOD' - meaning the work of his death on the cross.

The Greek word for confess is 'homologeō' or 'homologia'; meaning 'to say the same word as' or 'to say the same thing as'. God simply needs you to agree with Him [say the same thing that He says] concerning what Christ has already done about your sin. Do not be deceived - if God needed you to confess your sins so that you can be forgiven - then you did not need to be born again, like the Catholics and others who simply 'confess' their sin to a 'priest' and believe they are forgiven without being born again. It also means that you would have to shed blood every time you need to be forgiven, because; - The bible records 'without the shedding of blood there is No remission [removal, scrapping] of sin' [Hebrews 9:22].

So, saying the same thing that God says concerning your sins every time you sin is an act of faith in the one who shed His blood for the 'remission' (means: removal, scrapping) of your sins. Sin is no longer your problem, ignorance is your problem.

He Guarantees Your Freedom

Freedom looks good on you, freedom is your mother (Gal 4:31) get used to the new you. This is what the Spirit is saying, everything that was written against you has been deleted from God's books. Scripture records 'Having cancelled and blotted out and wiped away the handwriting of the note (bond) with its legal decrees and demands which was in force and stood against us (hostile to us). This [note with its regulations, decrees, and demands] He set aside and cleared completely out of our way by nailing it to [His] cross.

[Christ] disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it [the cross]' Colossians 2:14-15. The implication is that, Satan has no words of God that He can use to accuse you. Subsequently the Holy

Spirit needs you to understand that Satan has been defeated for you and disarmed for you.

The triumph of Christ Jesus on that cross was for you and not for Himself. The victory was not contested, the war is over, witchcraft demons are nothing to you, the curse lost its legitimacy (Gal.3:13-14), all you need is the correct information. The emancipation proclamation by Abraham Lincoln benefited slaves depending on whether or when the information reached the individual slave, and what course of action the slave would take thereafter.

Think New Thoughts

Even after the information had reached the slave, much depended on the slaves ability to think new thoughts and comprehend the very new idea of freedom. It is recorded that some walked back to their slave masters for not knowing what to do or where to go. Galatians 5:1 warns 'IN [this] freedom Christ has made us free [and completely liberated us]; stand fast then, and do not be hampered and held ensnared and submit again to a yoke of slavery [which you have once put off]'.

Now that you've been delivered from the curse, 'deliver yourself' (Prov.6:5) from every ambiance of religion and 'guilt conscious' (Rom. 8:1) that hangs over us like a cloud in our subconscious.

Extract yourself from religion and come into the free, totally paid for, beautiful atmosphere of redemption; (Isaiah 53:5) records He died that we might live, (1Thess.5:10). He was made sin that we might be made righteousness (2Cor.5:21). He was rejected that we might be accepted (Eph.1:6).

You need to forsake wrong teaching and find yourself a Church where they expound the miracle of redemption and new creation realities. Where it's not always about curses and demons. If you can't find such a Church start it. Break yourself loose from the fear of failure, guilt and condemnation that has trailed you because of the wrong Information which from childhood was programmed into your way of thinking.

What Christ Jesus has done on that cross is our emancipation proclamation freeing all humanity from curse, witchcraft demons, or any level of Satan's power. Knowledge of what Christ has done settles only as it motivates new thoughts evidenced by what you say about yourself, your family, your friends, your

ministry, or your work etc The problem is that new thoughts take a long time to think.

When Jesus Christ introduced His disciples to the person and work of the Holy Spirit, He commissioned that 'repentance' (mindset change, new way of thinking) would be the bedrock of their message in His name (Luke 24:47) to all nations. The idea of God no longer in heaven but living now in me and you by the Holy Spirit, participating together with me and you, doing together with me and you the things that only God can do, was not any easier for them to understand than it is for us today. It was going to require departure from the old way of thinking in order for them not to stifle the work of the Holy Spirit.

Just as it was then, so it is today, the Holy Spirit is largely caged (limited, stifled) inside most believers because we are afraid to think new thoughts or embrace ideas that we haven't had of before. Most of us are busy idolizing someone, loosing sight of our own greatness, getting lost in the glory of someone else, much of which is about material things and the number of people.

All You Need Is The Holy Spirit

To be truly 'non denominational' is being a free thinker, distancing oneself from the confessionalism or creedalism of any particular theological centre, or not formally aligning with a specific Christian denomination. It requires a bold breakaway from traditional academic-theology norms.

Like Paul, in spite of his entrenched formal theological training, was able to breakaway and even oppose what he'd been trained from childhood at Gamaliel school, the best school of his time. The purpose of my writing is to disturb and disrupt those who are stuck deep in 'dead theology' and warn those who think that Bible school can help what God has called them to do.

If you believe that God has called you to do something, stand up and do it, there's so much access to information than there's ever been, you don't need formal theological training. Be careful though when reading, a lot of books are basically formal theological propaganda by people who aren't even born-again or genuinely filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

A man filled with the Holy Spirit can only be taught by the Holy Spirit. Now, Paul records,

“But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ”
Galatians 1:11-12.

‘Revelation’ (spiritual insight or supernatural understanding) has never come on a silver platter. Fallen angels, as it was with Daniel. (**Daniel 10:12-14**), have wrestled with angels of light for centuries to keep man ignorant of who he is and the purpose of his existence.

Up until the cross, the powers of darkness had the upper hand or seemingly. In the post cross era our fight is no longer with powers of darkness (**Colossians 2:15**), our fight is ‘with the truth’ (aggressively yielding our tongue to be mastered by the nature, character, and ability of Christ who we are); **1Timothy 6:12** records

“Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses”.

Eternal life is ‘Christ life’ (His nature character and ability), it’s ‘eternity in our hearts’ - **Ecclesiastes 3:12** and we ‘lay hold of it’ (actualize, appropriate, demonstrate) by our ‘confession’ (the tongue). As a

train moves on rails, so does the believer advance by the progressive revelation of Christ (*Mark 16:18*).

Truth or revelation is relative to the believer according to how 'the Spirit of truth' (the Holy Spirit) has opened his or her understanding.

He Is The Spirit Of Truth

Luke 24:27, 44-45 records

“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. Then He said to them, “These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.” And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures”.

(Note the words ‘and he expounded to them things concerning Himself - concerning me’).

The disciples preached Christ, the name of Jesus, and the Kingdom of God. And they did not have the New Testament scriptures to quote from like we have

today. All they had was what was written concerning Christ in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms. They expounded based on what Christ taught them about Himself from the very scriptures that the Pharisees studied but couldn't understand (*John 5:39-40*). They therefore relied on the Spirit of truth; the Holy Spirit who Jesus said would teach us all things.

They were not merely parroting or quoting what Jesus said to them. They spoke of truths that he never taught them, revealed to them by the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised; **John 16:12-14** records

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come”.

**QUESTION: Did the ‘Spirit of truth’ come?
YES!**

And He came to guide them into truths that Jesus couldn't tell while He was with them physically. So, based on (*John 16:12-14*) we, like the early disciples, can through the revelation of the Holy Spirit teach

and speak truths concerning the 'glorified Christ' beyond what is recorded in the scriptures.

So, don't be intimidated by secular or religious scholars who can analyze a Greek text of Holy Writing and parse its verbs; analyzing idioms, or the historical context of Scriptures. Who demand chapter, verse and contextual interpretation for everything you read out of scripture.

Such research can help us understand what the text is saying at a mechanistic level. But only a deepening and personal encounter with the Holy Spirit can help you to know what the text really means for you. It is this personal and on-going encounter with the Holy Spirit that distinguishes true 'functional theology' from mere religious study. Indeed, theologians and Scripture scholars are dangerous if they have no living ongoing personal demonstrable encounter with the Holy Spirit.

To "know" the Holy Spirit is to experience Him, it is not the same as "knowing about" Him. I might know about the Holy Spirit from a book or from some other person. But it is not enough to know "about" him. Why the Holy Spirit? Because He is the author of scripture.

To be a true “authority” in Scripture requires that you have a present ongoing experience with the Holy Spirit who is the “author” of scripture. This is what is being stifled by formal theological training.

Study Christ

I choose ‘functional theology’ (studying for ‘what works’, not to understand the whole Bible but to ‘understand Christ throughout the whole Bible’ - from types shadows, symbols, allegories, to when he comes in the flesh and the ramifications of His death resurrection and ascension for those who have believed on Him).

Functional theology is studying to point people to Christ, whereby believers come to know the assurance, joy, peace, and freedom that is theirs as a result of being in him.

Whatever is not “Functional Theology” is going to rob you of your zeal in Christ. Scripture records -

“Beware lest anyone cheat you” - what you are learning is got to be “according to Christ. For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all

principality and power” Colossians 2:8-10.

There is a very subtle ‘destiny-trap’ in formal thematic theological training. People are being programmed or inoculated against personal revelatory interpretation of scripture

We Are New Testament Ministers

The mystery of the Old Testament is Christ, **Luke 24:27,44-45** records *“And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the scriptures the things ‘concerning Himself’ that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms ‘concerning Me’, And He opened their understanding”*

How Much More?

Imagine how much you’ve accomplished ‘with ignorance’; preaching or teaching out of the ‘Old Testament’ (a glory that is passing) without revealing or expounding Him for whom the Old Testament or entire Bible was written. Yet with a ‘passing glory’

you've cast out devil's, healed the sick, built Churches, Schools and alot more.

How much more would you accomplish with God if you preached the 'New Testament Gospel Truth' (a ministry that exceeds much more in glory)?

'Sadly' in a New Testament era, we have more still ministering from a mindset of the Mosaic law, whose ministry, inspite of results and miracles, is actually a 'ministry of death' and of condemnation as described by the Apostle Paul "But if the 'ministry of death' written and engraved on stones was glorious - which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious? For if the 'ministry of condemnation' had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory" **2Corinthians 3:7-9**.

Church Numbers or Foundation

Acts 2:42-47 gives us the basis of the early church, the church that changed the world. Verse 42 says, "All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." Then the passage concludes, "And each day the Lord added

to their fellowship those who were being saved” (v 47).

Numerical growth is up to God. If a church takes care of its depth, then God will take care of its ‘spiritual breadth’. A Pastor or Church with the smallest congregation in a City might be the one wielding more Influence in the Spirit realms of that City. What matters is having a Church centered on expounding who Christ is in you, who you are in Him, and a Church that experiments with **John 14:12** and ‘not merely talking’ **1Corinthians 4:20**.

The size of your Church congregation or your ability to reach people all over the world, is not a measure of your ministry success, neither will it ever be more important than the foundation of your ministry, Paul records;

“According to the Grace of God - I have laid the foundation - for no other foundation can anyone lay other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ”

1 Corinthians 3:10-11.

This foundation is all about Christ, beginning at who He is and what He has accomplished for us, till “He the content in us” and “we the container” are one another physically as we already are spiritually,

the Bible records; “He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also ‘quicken’ (give the God kind of life “Zoe”) your physical bodies - For we are bone of His bones, flesh of His flesh - because as He is so are we in this world” _ **Romans 8:11, Ephesians 5:30, 1Jhn 4:17.**

This foundation has nothing to do with administrative or organizational structural capacity, deception today can also be organized and even certified by international standards organizations. Every theme of your preaching or expounding must be “within the framework or context of our redemption” by Christ Jesus.

Anointing Only Teaches The Anointed

Liberate yourself, allow intuitive, reflective and creative understanding of scripture which is consistent with the role of the ‘Holy Spirit’ (the anointing) who is the only teacher; **1 John 2:27** records -

“As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit--just as

it has taught you, remain in him”

(Only the anointing can teach the anointed). Let's never stop agreeing to disagree. Let's never seek the type of common ground that gags anyone's desire to express themselves according to 'their revelation in the gospel' (personal theology as it was with Paul). Thematic theology is not absolute as a way of interpreting scripture.

I have always opted for “self-educated thematic theology” (personal studying as the bible recommends (**2Timothy 2:15**), whereby one is directly taught by the Holy Spirit as with most of Paul's revelation). I'm opposed to formal bible institutes however well-meaning they may be.

Many times, “wisdom is known by her children” (results). However those who opted-in to such institutes 'with an open mind' soon know it's weaknesses particularly in the type of 'results they generate neutralizing or regulating someone who was initially passionate or with great zeal in demonstrating “the gospel” (power of God).

The most common undoing of 'formal theological training' is in fixed contextual interpretation of scripture leading to the scripture becoming mere

record of historical events or information that is not applicable for what the individual has been called and anointed to do.

It makes one impotent in demonstrating the purpose for which the Bible was written for him or her. It only entrenches denominational traditions depending on what Bible School one has gone to; *Mark 7:13* records “*making the word of God of none effect through your tradition*”. It undermines the personal revelatory element (not private interpretation) of every Bible verse and promotes a monopolistic attitude in theologians regarding what anyone else should understand from even a single bible verse, and this was the problem of the Pharisees. Formal theological training can be abused and has been abused so much leading to people imposing on others a uniform interpretation and application of scriptures.

However the character of the way the kingdom of God impacts on all of us is the character of the scripture in regard to how it's understood, (salvation and heaven will never be a uniform experience for all of us), there cannot and will never be a uniform way to read or understand the Bible. This is why there will be a stricter judgment for bible *teachers* (*James 3:1*) because of their ability to cripple what a young

zealous believer would have accomplished for the Kingdom of God in the earth.

Our common ground should always be the great commission, particularly the person and work of the Holy Spirit without whom we will do evangelism different from the way the early Church did it. How did they do it? Answer: They worked with the Lord, not for the lord (*Mark 16:20*) proving what they were talking about with miracles, Signs and Wonders.

Paul Was Taught By The Holy Spirit

Gamaliel was a recognized Pharisee doctor of Jewish law. (*Acts 5*) speaks of him as a man held in great esteem by all Jews. This man is said to have been the Jewish law teacher of Paul the Apostle (*Acts 22:3*). Paul's teaching against the Jewish law is evidence enough that whatever he preached after his conversion was not taught him by Gamaliel.

Proponents of formal theological training are therefore wrong in using Paul's time at Gamaliel School as a basis for his apostolic impact. It is also not true that Paul's revelation of the gospel was partly taught him by one Ananias (*Acts 9:10-19*).

Paul clearly states in (*Galatians 1:11-12*) that it was by revelation of Jesus Christ and not by any man. Paul affirms that though he did meet the other Apostles and spend time with them, they “*added nothing to him*” (*Galatians 2:6*).

As it was with Paul, formal theological training adds nothing or can be counterproductive to the calling of one genuinely born-again and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Being continually filled with the power of the Holy Spirit is the only way that one can be fortified or inoculated against deception; it's not by formal theological training.

The authentic seed of the gospel is the work of the Holy Spirit and it therefore has inherent ability to mature even where there might not be a local Church or fellowship for the convert to attend; that's what is happening especially in the Middle East and China. Well-meaning formal theological centres have attempted to substitute the role of the Holy Spirit as our teacher; they've become the chief promulgators of unbelief and even deception.

They attempt to compartmentalize the work of the Holy Spirit in the believer, promoting the notion

that some Spirit-filled believers cannot demonstrate abilities that they so desire because someone else is gifted for that and they are not. However, sound theology on the gifts of the Holy Spirit teaches us to desire the best gifts, and the best gift is the gift that answers the prevailing need or situation.

John 7:15 records

“And the Jews marveled, saying How does this man know letters, having never learned? Jesus answered them, and said, my doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me”.

If Jesus, not having gone through formal theological training, was able to understand and communicate by the power of the Holy Spirit, so can you.

CHAPTER 5



Ministry Is All About The Holy Spirit

It is not true that the Holy Spirit dwells only in ‘clean vessels’; the contrary is true because it is His job to clean you up and set you on the path of His glorious vision for your life. He is grieved when you beat yourself up and condemn yourself because of what you have done.

The central idea and issue of your relationship with the Holy Spirit is not sin. Your focus on sin keeps your focus away from what He is doing in your life. The Holy Spirit is in your life primarily to convince you that the blood of Jesus has taken away your sins of yesterday, today and tomorrow; and to convince you that Satan has already been judged.

The working of the Holy Spirit is not tied to your goodness, it is tied to Christ's goodness and your trusting in what Christ has accomplished for you; however you need to move on from the Holy Spirit's primary school to greater things that He wants to reveal to you about the 'glorified Christ'.

What you have been through will not change what you are worth to the Holy Spirit. He thinks you are worth fighting for. Nothing will devalue you in His eyes. You have survived destiny traps and destiny spoilers because of the Holy Spirit. He was there even when you didn't feel Him. He was faithful to you even when you were not faithful to Him. He was there during your saddest moments and your happiest moments.

Get to know this divine person in your life, this person called the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ unlimited, only the Holy Spirit can reveal the glorified Christ in and through us. Ministry without demonstrating the person and work of the Holy Spirit can only make Jesus Christ look like a liar. Mark 16:20 records –*'the Lord (Holy Spirit) working with them and confirming the word by miracles'*, ministry without the gifts of the Holy Spirit is suicidal.

He Owns Our Gatherings

The Holy Spirit not only dwells in the ‘assembly’ (gathering) of believers (*John 14:17, 1Cor’3:16*), He owns the assembly. He alone knows what the needs of those present are. He knows their hearts perfectly: *‘for the Spirit searches all things’ even the depths of God’ (1Cor’2:10, Rom’8:26-27)*.

He operates beyond our feelings and intellect; hence we should not worry about impressing anyone other than the Holy Spirit. *1 Corinthian 14:23-25* tells us that true blessing consists of this: that the secrets of the heart be manifested.

Only the Holy Spirit can reveal the secrets that are hidden in the hearts of men (*1Corinthian 2:10*) so as to bring true blessing wherever believers are gathered, lets allow the Holy Spirit.

Church does not have to be Pentecostal by denomination to lay emphasis on the person and working of the Holy Spirit! Truth is you cannot be ‘born again’ without the Holy Spirit, that’s why it’s called being *‘born of the Spirit’*. You cannot be a child of God without the Holy Spirit. You cannot go to heaven without the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the architect of your born again recreated spirit. You

are nothing without the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the answer to the urgency's and emergencies of life. The combined best brains of this world are no match for the Holy Spirit. He is the secret of impact and influence. We can lift our world and solve the most problematic issues if we spend more time with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit needs you to stop being afraid of Him.

Stop hanging your head in shame when you sin. He wants you to know that you were forgiven. He wants you to live as one who was forgiven, not as one who is still seeking forgiveness. He cherishes your company and fellowship. He came down to take us up. He longs for you in ways the human tongue cannot express. Getting personal with the Holy Spirit means you are personal with the creator of time and everything that exists.

It eliminates the consciousness of fear, of guilt and inferiority. He will teach you who you are; you are divine. There are Holy Spirit genes in your DNA; genes that enable you to host God on earth in your body. Genes programmed by God for you to supersede your limitations .genes that enable you to override your circumstances. The environment you create around you is either activating or deactivating these

Spirit genes in your DNA. Keeping around people of faith, joy, and victory will activate the Spirit genes in your life.

To be filled with the Holy Spirit also means actively engaging with the person and power of the Holy Spirit in your day to day life outside the four walls of your Church. Ironically in many churches the desire for contemporary doctrine is becoming more important than the ‘Spirit of truth’. That the Holy Spirit stays with us only when we are going where He wants us to go, and doing what He wants us to do, is wrong teaching.

The men in Luke 24:32 were hopeless and confused yet He was there with them. It is always us who don’t recognize His presence during tough times. When I need assurance of His presence I don’t look at what is happening to me, I look to what happened on the cross.

Why He Will Never Leave You

Atonement is reparation for a wrong or injury; it is a state of being reconciled. It is the reconciliation of God and creation through the sacrificial death of Jesus

Christ and this is why the Holy Spirit is in us to stay. The Old Testament Day of Atonement was a typology of what Christ Jesus has done. The two major rites of the Day of Atonement were; One: The purification of the sanctuary, priesthood and people (*Leviticus 16:16-19, 30, 33, 34*) and Two: The expulsion of Azazel, the scapegoat, with all the sins of the people (*Leviticus 16:10, 20-22*).

The Bible records in **Hebrews 9:19-26**

“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This [is] the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

[It was] therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, [which are] the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the

presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself'.

He Lives In Us Because Of The Blood

Sin is not forgiven just because you changed your ways; any non-Christian can stop misbehaving. I know people who say 'the lord's prayer' everyday, asking Him to 'forgive them their trespasses as they forgive those who trespass against them'. Yet these same forgiveness seeking people continue to care less about what really transpired on the cross. They give God a counterfeit instead of genuine relationship; that's what religion does to people.

Let it be known: if you have not brought blood, your 'repentance' even with behaviour change is all but *'filthy rugs'* - *Isaiah 64:6*; you are simply playing religion. God wants blood and it's no longer the blood of bulls and goats but the blood of Jesus Christ; which is not shed every time you do something bad, it was shed once for a work that was finished - *Romans*

3:25, *Ephesians 1:7*. To a believer, true repentance means becoming a student of what really transpired for you when He died, resurrected, and ascended. It is so much more than distributing iron-sheets and blankets to the needy.

It means to harmonize your life-style with everything that you are in Christ. Scripture records *'Your life is hidden in Christ in God'* *Colossians 3:3*; to agree with this verse demands that you stop referring to yourself as a sinner. There are no sinners saved by grace; those who are saved are no longer sinners, sin does not exist in Christ in God.

Now, since His blood was shed once and for all, it is only right for you to accept once and for all that you are forgiven and you are righteous. This righteousness does not fluctuate based on your performance for it is not a bogus righteousness.

This is what God says concerning you and your sins;

"...in whom we HAVE redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, ACCORDING [in proportion] to the riches [abundant supplies] of his [not our] Grace [Favor undeserved and un earned]"
Ephesians 1:7.

Hallelujah! Am glad he said we HAVE. He has not

said that we will have forgiveness when we confess our sin - but we [already] have; this is something that cannot be taken away from you. It is NOT based on your confession of the wrongs you have done but 'through his BLOOD' - meaning the work of his death on the cross. The Greek word for confess is '*homologeō*' or '*homologia*'; meaning 'to say the same word as' or 'to say the same thing as'. God simply needs you to agree with Him [say the same thing that He says] concerning what Christ has already done about your sin.

Do not be deceived - if God needed you to confess your sins so that you can be forgiven - then you did not need to be born again, like the Catholics and others who simply 'confess' their sin to a 'priest' and believe they are forgiven without being born again.

It also means that you would have to shed blood every time you need to be forgiven, because; - The bible records '*without the shedding of blood there is No remission [removal, scrapping] of sin*' [Hebrews 9:22].

So, saying the same thing that God says concerning your sins every time you sin is an act of faith in the one who shed His blood for the 'remission' (means: removal, scrapping) of your sins. Sin is no longer your problem, ignorance is your problem.

CHAPTER 6



Focus On The New You!

Understanding what transpired on that cross and what it means to be filled with the Holy Spirit demands that you henceforth talk and act as one forgiven, as one reconciled with God, not as one who is every-day seeking forgiveness as though the blood of Jesus Christ is shed every-day.

God did not save you to relate with Him based on how constantly sorry you are for this and that. Your character does not change because you are constantly sorry. Focus on the new you, celebrate the new you that you are in Christ; that is what will affect so much more than just your character.

It does not make sense that Christ, who did not

know how to sin, become the very nature of sin (*2Corinthians 5:21*) and was over punished for sins. In the same manner it does not make common sense that we, who know how to sin, are no longer called sinners, but we are called the righteousness of God in Christ. Just like God cannot be understood in your head; these matters also cannot be understood in your head. These matters are understood only in your heart and not in your head. What Christ has done is greater than your reasoning. Do not be like those people who were asking -

“Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is to bring Christ down from above) or who shall descend into the deep? (that is to bring Christ again from the dead)”- Romans 10:6-10.

In verse 10 the answer is given; *‘for with the heart man believes to righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made to salvation’.*

Shortage Of Believers

We are ‘proof producers’ of His resurrection. I am not talking about great teachings and archaeological discoveries; I am talking about works - with miracles.

Jesus said:

“The works that I do so shall ye (believers) do also: and greater works than these shall ye do’ – (John 14:12).

Do you believe what you preach? Do it. No matter what is your revelation, Jesus Christ is alive and relevant at the ‘action level’. That is where the miracles happen and that is where you need to stay until it happens. Jesus Christ -

“...Went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil - for God was with Him”
Acts 10:38.

If all you are doing is what any hard working religious good mannered person can do, then you are not a believer. One believer is more valuable to God than all the ‘good’ people on the face of the earth. The world’s predicament is due to a shortage of believers and not of Church-going good people.

There is nothing this world needs today more than it needs God’s saving supernatural acts. Be a self-motivated scholar of what the Holy Spirit empowered you to do and do it. Direct Holy Spirit instruction is superior to whatever you can get from a Bible college; many of which have turned into institutions for the

promulgation of unbelief.

You may be living under the illusion that when God will use you in a big way, He will announce it in a big way. He might, but it is more likely that He will not. The supernatural may not always be spectacular but if you are consistent you will be ready for the spectacular.

You Are Miracle Ground

So, why is it that so many believers default on their potential to do the impossible by God's power in their lives? They feel that they should leave the 'big stuff' to the spiritual 'pros' and celebrity pastors. They feel like they are doing their part as long as they stay out of trouble, make a living and give some money to the church. This is an unacceptable existence for the Bride of Christ. You may work in the educational, legal, medical, financial or some other industry. Nevertheless, no matter who pays your salary, you are working with God.

Wherever your work relates to your ministry, whatever you are good at relates to your calling. The components of your assignment are the sources of

your significance. Everywhere you set your foot is miracle ground, where you can speak and act on behalf of Jesus Christ.

You might think you are unimpressive and unqualified; however, God performs the most impressive feats with the most unimpressive people. So that everybody can know it is God who makes him or her 'burn'. There is no other way to live if you are going to be part of what God is doing in this generation. It is time to add your own acts to the Acts of the Apostles. You are one of a kind. He married you to separate you. You are distinct, and peculiar. Speak and act as one filled with the Holy Spirit, -

*"...Show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" **1Peter 2:9**.*

Speak Gods word to every circumstantial barrier. You are not like those who are ever learning but never conforming to the actualization of what they are being taught - (2Timothy 3:7). They attend every Church meeting, they cheer the preacher, but they make no personal resolutions from what they learn, their experience never goes beyond the emotional level.

You are different! When God ordered for you He

didn't order for regular. You are a mountain. You are a sea. You are a tree that is becoming an indomitable forest. You are a lion. You are an eagle. You are a wind. You.

You Are A Healer

What He did is what He wants you to do; **John 20:21** records -'As the father has sent me so do I send you'. If there is ever any dispute in your heart concerning Gods will or calling for your life, simply read the gospels, and then start to do everything that Jesus tells us to do. You don't have to wonder what the will of God is; you don't need a dream or a vision to tell you when you are ready.

The disciples of our lord were commissioned and commanded to heal the sick and raise the dead; **Matthew 10:8** records

"...Heal the sick, cleans the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons, freely you have received freely give".

A true disciple of Jesus has never changed. Disciples are not only those who walked with Jesus in the Bible; a disciple today is anyone who dares to do what Jesus told us to do.

John8:31 records;

“If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed”.

If the gospel is the number one priority in your life then you are a true disciple and true disciples are miracle workers. The power is in the gospel, not in reasoning or arguing with people.

Love

Love informs the operation of anything that the Holy Spirit has enabled us to do. The gift of the Holy Spirit cannot be operated contrary to love or it will be a manipulation. This is the essence of (**1Corinthians 13:1-3**), and then in **verses 4 to 7** Paul gives us insight into what true love is all about.

The ministration or operation of any supernatural gift contrary to love is equivalent to witchcraft whether it is being done in the name of Jesus Christ. According to **verse 8** tongues will cease; meaning someday when Jesus Christ returns the importance or benefits of speaking in tongues will be no more.

Meanwhile (until that day) **1 Corinthians 14:39** records ‘do not forbid to speak with tongues’.

Believers throughout this chapter are encouraged to pray in tongues for their personal spiritual edification more than they pray with their understanding; And to seek interpretation of the tongues for the edification of the Church.

CHAPTER 7



He Is The Spirit Of Grace

“Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably” Hebrews 12:28 (KJV)

For you to serve God acceptably and sacredly your service **MUST** be done in the Spirit of Grace. The (equipment’s, elements, properties or accreditations of divine grace must be evidenced in your service in order for your service to produce God’s kind and God’s size of results.

There are those who are zealous to serve God but zeal alone does not qualify your service in the eyes of God neither does having a lot of information or scripture’s qualify your service in the eyes of God. **Colossians**

1:6 records

“This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace”.

Note here that what is ‘bearing fruit’ and changing people’s lives as it changes your own life is ‘the truth about God’s wonderful grace’ (the Spirit of Grace). It’s the understanding of not just the elementaries but grace in all it’s truths. Grace and truth is the dispensation in which we are;-

*“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth” **John 1:14 (KJV)**.*

*“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” **John 1:17 (KJV)**.*

APOLLOS

Acts 18:24 (KJV) records

“And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexa-

ndria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus”.

Apollos is serving with ‘results’ (eloquent with crowd appeal) but why is his service or so called service not acceptable to God? Because he is trying to serve God between two dispensations which is impossible.

What happens when your service is not acceptable to God? Your Church or ministry becomes a destiny trap for those who come to you. This is what happened with the Galatians, in chapter 3 verse 5 it’s evident they still had manifestation of the Spirit or miracles, but no multiplication will take place. The key word is multiplication not of money or material things because even deception can be organized and can have structures.

What God multiplies is Grace (**2Peter 1:2**) and the Holy Spirit is the -”Spirit of Grace” (**Hebrews 10:29**). The principal manifestation of the Spirit of grace for ministry or service is the multiplication of ‘Sons’ or people that are able to do what you are doing or greater works than what you have done (**John 14:12**).

Apollos had results but not God’s kind or size of results. In (**Acts 18:26**) if he wasn’t humble enough to accept the help of Aquila and Priscilla he would

remain stuck with the results of deception or what Jesus called the 'yeast of the Pharisees' (**Matthew 16:6**). What yeast does to bread is the character of a ministry or service that is not powered by the Spirit of Grace. Such a ministry swells but doesn't grow. The counterfeit of being Spirit filled' is being 'puffed up'; that's the word that Paul uses twice in - **1 Corinthians 4:18-20 (KJV)**

"Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power. For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power".

To be 'puffed up' is synonymous with what yeast does to bread; yeast meaning deceptive results. Ministry architecture, technology, accreditations, personal academic credentials or emphasis on excellence, are yeast when they become substitute for the gift of the Holy Spirit. You are simply puffing yourself up with everything that didn't matter the day you were filled with the Holy Spirit for the first time.

Understand The Dispensation

Serving God acceptably or sacredly is serving God in the Spirit of ‘Grace and truth” short of which you will be as a priest of the Mosaic law trying to serve God in the post cross dispensation. You will be as one trying to help God, one trying to get something from God by serving Him. You will be as one trying to earn forgiveness for many sins or sin’s of your parents by serving God. You will be as a professional clergyman serving God as a Job.

You might be the most sincere, honest and well-meaning person but that doesn’t qualify your service in the eyes of God. Your good name or reputation does not qualify your service in this dispensation. Paul never had a good name or reputation, and throughout his service most believers and some of the Apostles didn’t accept him, but he served God acceptably because his ministry was powered by the Spirit of Grace (**1Corinthians.15:10, Galatians 1:12**).

Ignorance of Gods Grace is simply the reason why most Christians disqualify themselves and leave the ministry or serving God to who they think are a chosen few or are better qualified. Most Christians want to feel worthy and in good books with everyone

before they believe that God is ready to work with them in a special way.

There has been a switch from the performance based and performance oriented dispensation of Moses to the dispensation of grace and truth. **Hebrews 7:18** records *“Yes, the old requirement about the priesthood was set aside because it was weak and useless”*. ‘The Old’ meaning that there is a ‘new’ (or current) and the old is being described as ‘weak and useless’ or ineffective.

You will not work with the Holy Spirit to cause changes around you or even in your own life with the mindset of the old dispensation described as weak and ineffective or useless. The old or previous dispensation mindset makes you useless to yourself and to your generation. The old dispensation ended at the cross when Jesus said ***‘IT IS FINISHED’!*** (That’s where the new testament begins, not in Matthew chapter one.) **Hebrews 9:17 (KJV)** records

“For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth”

Everything Jesus said and did before the cross was introducing people to what He has come to do. Placing demands on them and setting standards that

would only be possible in the new dispensation by the Spirit of Grace in those who will believe.

The biggest highlight or theme of the new dispensation is not the forgiveness of our sins. He dealt with your sins only as a means to an end. He wants you to move on from that elementary school.

Awake To Righteousness

Sin is 'a nature', **Ephesians 2:3 (KJV)** records;

“Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; AND WERE BY NATURE the children of wrath, even as others”.

This nature expresses itself in a certain way or causes you to do certain things. Righteousness too is a nature, **Ephesians 4:24 (KJV)** records;

“And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness”.

This nature too expresses itself in a certain way or causes you to do certain things. Both nature's do not co-exist in the life of the believer, the believer 'in the Spirit' **Romans 8:9 (KJV)** records;

“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”

That’s where his ‘real life’ is. **1 Corinthians 15:34 (KJV)** records “*wake to righteousness, and sin not*”. To ‘awake to righteousness’ to identify only with the Spirit. Everything about you in the flesh is no longer relevant in describing who you are and what your potential is. You are a holy spirit and that is not changing or fluctuating based on your daily performance.

Awakening to righteousness means to express in words the consciousness of who you are. This consciousness will totally usurp supplant and eradicate the stench of the dead sin nature that is in the flesh, fasting alone cannot do it.

So, what is the biggest highlight or theme of the New dispensation? It’s the revelation and glorification of Jesus Christ above creature in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. It’s our oneness with Christ in His death, consummated in the ‘breaking of bread’ (holy communion) which we do relentlessly.

It’s us doing greater works than what He did in the gospels because now He is glorified and we have been glorified with Him. The Holy Spirit is the ‘glorified

Christ', He is Jesus Christ unlimited, we are in a '*koinonia*' with the Holy Spirit. Your acceptable service under the new dispensation is to 'be-being filled' with the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18-19**).

Give Him All Your Time

Two great men of God known all over the world were asked what they would do if God allowed them to go back to their young day's and start again: they both said they'd travel less around the world and spend most of their time in prayer learning from the Holy Spirit.

What these two men of God are saying is that if you spent 99 percent of your time in prayer and learning from the Holy Spirit, the 1 percent time for ministry will be pure raw Holy Spirit in action as though Jesus Christ Himself was the one preaching. These men are admitting that what took them twenty years was possible in twenty day's or weeks. It's called God's size and God's kind of results.

Do you have a passion to help people? The best way to help people is to help yourself. Get 'drunk with the Holy Spirit, do not be a mere charismatic,

be a 'crazymatic'. Spend 'crazy time' with the Holy Spirit, live on earth as if you are already in heaven. In this dispensation your service is the service of the Holy Spirit. Your PHD needs the Holy Spirit. The eloquent, clever, talented or famous man or woman needs the Holy Spirit. The man or woman with a lot of money needs the Holy Spirit.

Acts Of The Holy Spirit

“Having carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I also have decided to write a careful account for you, most honorable Theophilus”

Luke 1:3

“In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach” **Acts 1:1**

Luke, 'the author of Acts' was a Roman spy who became a believer while conducting his work. He was deployed by the Roman ruler called Theophilus to investigate the roots and spread of Christianity.

To make thorough report on the lives of those men who walked with Jesus. Luke didn't call it Acts of the Apostles, he simply wrote a long letter, a report

to Theophilus. That title is the work of those who compiled and printed the Bible. The true title therefore can be the ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Jesus introduces to us a new dispensation of serving God. He starts by forbidding the disciples from engaging in any ministry activity until they have been filled with the Holy Spirit - (**Acts 1:4-5,8**).

Your acceptable service under the new dispensation starts with the Holy Spirit because the Holy Spirit is the doer of Gods work.

When He Sent Me He Sent Himself

Ephesians 4:7 (KJV) records

“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ”

The gift is the Holy Spirit, but in other version's the word 'gift' may not appear because grace is the gift and the gift is the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Grace). In (verse 8) He is no longer 'gift' singular but 'gifts' referring to His diverse abilities apportioned in all of us so that we may serve God acceptably, then (verse 11) in the original KJV reads “And He gave some, Apostle's.

The Apostle is a gift, he is not merely gifted to be an Apostle or called to be an Apostle. He is the gift wrapped in a physical body that might have weaknesses like any other. So is the prophet, evangelist, teacher and pastor.

It is a truth for Paul to call himself an Apostle but the greater truth is that the first and only Apostle is the Holy Spirit; He was sent to us. When He sends you He sends Himself (**Matthew 10:40**). The first and only teacher is the Holy Spirit (**John 14:26, 1John 2:27**). And if you think about it, how can I teach without the Holy Spirit?

CHAPTER 8



He Is The Power To Create Wealth

Genesis 1:27-28.

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth”

The blessing (power to be fruitful or productive), to gain property and to build anything financial or material is inherent in every human being. God ordered the earth and everything in it to yield its riches to the man that He created because this man

is the representative of God on earth. This blessing is irrespective of whether the man cares about God or not. The action, activity, or energy that results into fruitfulness, productivity and financial or material multiplication progresses with access to appropriate information or skills earned by any kind of education. Again this is irrespective of whether the person cares about God or not. God has therefore empowered ‘mankind’ (Adam) to be influential over every creature.

What Went Wrong

Mankind, by deception, was plunged into identity crisis. He became a hostage, a slave to the appetites of his physical senses, using the same power of God’s blessing to serve the agenda of a new master called Satan. God would be contradicting Himself if He ever made anyone to become poor.

Financial-material lack or poverty cannot be blamed on Satan either. Satan has no vested interest in people who have no money. Anyone therefore can make money and have lots of it whether you believe in God or not.

Restraining Power

“And thou say in thine heart, My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that gives thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day” Deuteronomy 8:17-18.

Being Filled with the Holy Spirit means that you are no longer a hostage of Satan to do his bidding. Money does not do to you what it does to the unbeliever. The unbeliever cannot remember God, cannot restrain himself, and money simply amplifies all the appetites that come with being a slave to Satan. Money-power is simply a amplifier of wickedness or righteousness.

Prepare For Extreme Wealth

I am talking about receiving a very large amount of money suddenly, expected or unexpected. Do not even imagine that it will disappear quickly, that you will make foolish decisions, or that it could take the place of God in your life. Being filled with the Holy Spirit means that you are capable of handling it in a way that honors who you are. (Proverbs 13:11, 20-

21) happens only with unbelievers, money cannot do such a thing to you. While “the love of money is the root of all evil” (Tim.6:10) and “you cannot serve both God and money” (Matt.6:24), having a lot of money suddenly is in and of itself not a problem. Thinking it is, can keep you back from being a greater blessing to others. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit means that you are knowledgeable financially by the power of the Holy Spirit who will guide you to ‘wise counsel’ (Prov.11:14). The Holy Spirit has already positioned true believers in your life who challenge your thinking and can help you.

You’re More Than a Stewart

Being filled with the Holy Spirit means that He has made you also an heir (Galatians 4:7). Everything that the Holy Spirit owns belongs to you as well because you belong to the Holy Spirit. Our eternal inheritance as co-heirs with Christ is here in this life and in the life after - (Mark 10:30). It means that all the money you just received belongs to you the same way that it belongs to God. You are therefore more than a steward, you are a ‘joint-heir’, a co-owner. You no longer give the mere 10% (tithe).

What you are willing to give for the sake of the gospel, is what you give without reluctance, compulsion or coercion. You give freely and cheerfully (2Cor.9:7) in portions that are sacrificial because you are giving to yourself, “for as he is, so are we in this world” (1John 4:17). The cause of the Holy Spirit is your cause in this world, you represent His interests in the earth, and “therefore we are ambassadors for Christ” (2Corinthians.5:20).

Your business in this world is His business. You are not anybody’s ministry partner or financier; you are a coworker with the Holy Spirit, a fellow laborer with other ministers of the gospel (that’s why you partner with them). You are a world changer, the Holy Spirit’s bullion van for the salvation of as many people as possible. You are not living your life merely for the comfort of material things.

The Holy Spirit’s mission in the earth is your mission. The Holy Spirit’s money is your money and your money is His money. You are not going to sit by and let people perish without hearing the gospel.

Strife

“And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south. And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. And he went on his journeys from the south even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD. And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s cattle and the herdsmen of Lot’s cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land” (Genesis 13:1-7).

Abraham knew well that where there is strife he was going to loose everything. It wasn’t even between Abraham and his cousin Lot but between the people who worked for them. Abraham rather called his cousin Lot and told him ‘you pick whatever you want and go your way, because as long as our servants are fighting each other, we are going to loose everything to our real enemies’ (Genesis 13:8-11). Strife is a

robber of Gods blessing, it can erase the blessing. Particularly I am referring to strife in the heart (James 3:14), unresolved conflicts in the heart, something you have between you and somebody no matter what they did to you, can cause you to loose the money-blessing. Where there is unity there is ‘anointing’ (God commands the blessing).

Psalms 133:1-3 records

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment - for there the LORD commanded the blessing”.

If you can do your part to live in peace with the people in your life, the Holy Spirit has already commanded the blessing for especially you. Its unstoppable because it is commanded. Seek peace with people and keep the peace for your own good, no matter what it was.

Root Of Bitterness

“Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many” **Hebrew 12:15 NLT**

The “root of bitterness” grows in people who were hurt and they did not deal with it properly. Every one can be hurt, even Jesus was hurt, but the question is how we deal with it. This “root of bitterness” produces fruit or behavior, thinking or talking bitterness, because every root has fruit. A bitter person must infect other people, bitterness spreads like COVID.

Bitterness does not affect only you, it affects everyone with whom you come into contact. Bitterness affects people physically, emotionally, psychologically, financially etc

What are the symptoms of the root of bitterness?

When people have a root of bitterness they get angry easily, anything can make them angry. They speak badly even to husband wife or children, and anyone who tries to correct them can become their enemy, they feel like you are always blaming them. They can curse, they hate, they have envy and jealousy. Bitterness can also cause physical sickness, diseases, mental illness, and emotional instability. Bitterness hardens your heart on the inside and makes you look ugly on the outside. Many of these symptoms may

be treated by doctors by it must be dealt with from the root. You must understand that the only cure for bitterness and anger is forgiveness. Bitterness is focused on what has been done to you. To break up bitterness, you must also be willing to look at what you have done to others. People hurt you but you also have hurt people.

Accept correction, it will be worse for you if you hate the people that love you. Treat people, especially those you live with, the same way that you want them to treat you. Speak to them with respect and love the same way that you would like them to speak to you. Don't be the one always correcting others but you don't want them to correct you. You must admit that you are also responsible.

Find those you have hurt, confess your sin and first seek their forgiveness. You must be willing to get the log out of your own eye before you examining your neighbor's eye.

The Bible records in **Matthew 7:3-5 (NLT)**

And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your

own eye Hypocrite! First get rid of the log from your own eye; then perhaps you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

How To Uproot Bitterness

First understand what bitterness is. Bitterness is unresolved, unforgiven anger and resentment. Anger changes from what you feel and it becomes like your religion or belief. Very spiritual Church people can be very bitter at the same time, they become witches without knowing.

You can also become bitter out of a belief that God will not punish the people who hurt you, that God does not hear your plea, or that He does not care about your plight. Since God is apparently not going to intervene in your circumstances, you stand in as judge, jury, and executioner in the lives of other people. Bitter people can carry the same burdens or symptoms as angry people, but bitterness is much more serious. When anger matures it becomes bitterness.

Spiritual Immaturity

The culture we live in today makes the Church look like we are on the defensive **but the contrary is true**. We look like we are defending our values, mocked, laughed at, and in some cases, even outlawed. Our belief about the family and about what matters in life is being challenged by an increasingly secular culture; but it is the ‘devils’ who are threatened by us.

Sometimes physically it looks like evil will prevail; No, it won’t. Jesus said of His church, “All the powers of hell will not conquer it” (**Matthew 16:18**).

Subsequently, spiritually immature believers get upset with the churches’. They might say, they’re bitter toward the church leaders. They may have been mistreated. Or, maybe someone representing the church did something bad or did a horrible thing in the name of the church, and there is no excuse for that.

Then again, it could be that someone who is supposedly bitter toward the church feels that way because they lived in disobedience. They did something wrong. And then they faced the repercussions of it in the church. Maybe they were told to not do what they were doing any longer, so they’re angry at the church.

The church has its strengths, and the church has its weaknesses. But no matter what, Jesus Christ established it, and as Christians, we are a part of it.

We need to love the church, support the church, and be a functioning part of the church. If you are looking for a hypocrite-free church, then your search is over because there is no such thing as a hypocrite-free church. Every church has hypocrites, because, every church is made up of human beings who fall short. We all have our shortcomings. We all have our flaws. In spite of all this the Church is built on Christ, “the Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16). The apostle Paul wrote,

“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have and that foundation is Jesus Christ” (1Corinthians 3:11).

What Is Your Story?

Perhaps you struggle with the same type of bitterness. Sometimes women and men who have lost children to illness or accident blame God for their loss. “God, how could you take my beloved child from me? Don’t you know how much I loved him? How could you do this to me?” An abandoned spouse may become bitter

as they wonder: “God, don’t you see how much I am struggling to raise these kids while he is out living the high life? How can you let him get away with this? I am the one who was faithful, and now I am the one who is miserable while he has it made! Don’t you care about me? Why aren’t you punishing him?”

Bitterness can also come when people around you are succeeding but you are not. When evil people are succeeding and you ask “God, I am an honest businessman, and my business is failing! How can you let them succeed? I have a wife and kids to feed, God; why are you doing this to me?” The couple that has no child can be bitter when they see families with several children and they cannot seem to have even one. “God, why don’t you let us have even one child when these other people have so many! It isn’t fair that we can’t have even one child to love while so many are being aborted and abandoned! God, why are you doing this to us?”

Bitterness grows, the more you think about what has been done to you, people who mistreated or cheated you, made you suffer, things you suffered on your own, losses you have incurred, the root of bitterness grows deeper and deeper when you think on these things.

Do You Want The Cure For Bitterness?

You must understand that the only cure for bitterness and anger is forgiveness. It must begin at your home, in your house. Start with yourself and seek God's help in revealing the contents of your heart in relation to how you have sinned against others. **Psalm 139:23-24 (NLT)** records;

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life”.

There needs to be a willingness on your part to forsake your sin of bitterness. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of malicious behavior. And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. **Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT)**. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT)**

In forgiving others, it is important to remember a few important rules: When I forgive, I resolve never to bring this circumstance or situation up again to the one I forgave, to anyone else, or even to myself.

It is a closed book. If you are going to pattern your forgiveness after that of the Lord, then you will choose to remember no more the sin committed against you. But what if you are bitter toward God? And you really think that it is God who has hurt you and caused you pain?

My dear friend, please take hold of this truth: God is the sovereign God of the entire universe. It is His, and He does with it what He wishes, and it is always good. In fact, it is always very good! He is a father and He is your father. If He gave His one and only begotten Son to be hurt instead of you, why do you think He would hurt you. Stop blaming God for what the devil has done, and simply the level of truth in your life, truth makes you free.

You Are Miracle Ground

So, why is it that so many believers default on their potential to do the impossible by God's power in their lives? They feel that they should leave the 'big stuff' to the spiritual 'pros' and celebrity pastors. They feel like they are doing their part as long as they stay out of trouble, make a living and give some money to the church. This is an unacceptable existence for anyone

filled with the Holy Spirit. You may work in the educational, legal, medical, financial or some other industry.

Nevertheless, no matter who pays your salary, you are working with God. Wherever your work relates to your ministry, whatever you are good at relates to your calling. The components of your assignment are the sources of your significance. Everywhere you set your foot is miracle ground, where you can speak and act on behalf of Jesus Christ. You might think you are unimpressive and unqualified; however, God performs the most impressive feats with the most unimpressive people. So that everybody can know it is God who makes him or her 'burn'.

There is no other way to live if you are going to be part of what God is doing in this generation. It is time to add your own acts to the Acts of the Apostles. You Are One Of A Kind. He filled you with the Holy Spirit to separate you. You are distinct, and peculiar. Speak and act as one filled with the Holy Spirit, - "*Show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light*" **1Peter 2:9**.

Speak Gods word to every circumstantial barrier. You are not like those who are ever learning but never conforming to the actualization of what they are being

taught - (2Timothy 3:7). They attend every Church meeting, they cheer the preacher, but they make no personal resolutions from what they learn, their experience never goes beyond the emotional level. You are different! When God ordered for you He didn't order for regular. You are a mountain. You are a sea. You are a tree that is becoming an indomitable forest. You are a lion. You are an eagle. You are a wind.

SALVATION

The journey to experiencing the Holy Spirit and the love of God starts with one putting their faith in Jesus Christ by accepting Him as Lord and Saviour. The word states:

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.
(Romans 10:9-10, NIV)

This confession can be made through the following prayer by faith:

Dear Lord Jesus, today I acknowledge that You gave your life for my sin. I believe with my heart that You were raised by God from the dead and I receive Your gift of salvation right now by faith. Thank You for revealing Your love and grace to me. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

After saying this prayer, you are now born-again. However, to enjoy this journey more, Jesus promised us the gift of the Holy Spirit. He said that when the Spirit comes, He will guide you into all things. Therefore, by faith through prayer, you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide you on this new journey you have started.

Father, I thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit. I thank You that You desire that I live a victorious Christian life. So today I receive the Holy Spirit in my life by faith, to the glory of Your name. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Having said these prayers by faith, you have embarked on a personal journey with Christ.