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Introduction

Spiritual Relationship, is an interesting look at the *anointing* of the Christian life, and how it relies upon the "Armor of the Prince of Peace".

The spontaneity and presence of God's Spirit in *our lives* is the only Gospel ... that is respected in this book.

Our traditions may have robbed us of the "Gospel of Light": the *Spiritual relationship* that Jesus and the apostles of the early church spoke of. (St. John chs.14,15,16)

As we look at the authority of the **Spirit Word**, and the testament that is found in Christ, a whole new realm of the eternal becomes apparent.

Introductions to some *new understandings* are brought out for those who are seeking "God's life", as they are encouraged to become acquainted with ... the "*Spirit of Truth*".

The suggestion in the **Review pages** of this book, is that you might "hear" what the Spirit is saying, and diligently make it your own, that you might bring forth good fruit unto the glory of the Father. (St. Luke ch.8)

- *Bill C.*



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Armor – Relationship 1

Part 1

When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus about the *Spiritual* "armor" of God, he put it into a *relationship* setting. (Ephesians ch.6)

Relationship: not a gospel about legend, sacrifice, and substitution.

And, because the armor is not part of a "legend" type gospel ... it doesn't get talked about much in our culture.

Is it important? It's probably one of the most important teachings ... for the protection of *ministry* and *stewardship*.

The early apostles preached,

"the promise is unto you, and to your children".
(Acts ch.2)

They were preaching about *you* having a *relationship* with the *Spirit of God*, and with *humanity* ... around you.

Somehow, the gospel that we have heard has changed the *promise* to mean ... "going to heaven when you die".

The gospel that Jesus and the early apostles preached had a salvation that began ..."now". An experience. *A relationship.*

When we read about Jesus coming to *redeem* people, we think that means that he "paid the price for our sins". But, when you "redeem" something, ... you *take it back*. (now)

We will talk more about the place of God's *forgiveness* in the sight of all, and how that His power and *intention* is moving all around us, ... and within us.

This is not a book that is heavy on the gospel of "substitution"; but rather we are focused on the *knowledge* of God's *presence*.

This is about *light*, and understanding. (Ephesians chs.1,2, and 3)

Being saved from the wrath of God ... is not so much that God is angry, and pouting; and that someone had to make Him feel better by "beating up" Jesus. This is absurd. And to have this for an understanding is to not understand the nature of God's word.

Remember, that the "Supreme Justice" hinges upon God's Spirit Word. (St. Matthew 4:4)

When God sends forth His *Word*, and people don't walk in it, that is sin. No matter how many sacrifices you make, it will not change ... this point of Justice.

To worry about sins past is to not understand God's *forgiveness*, or the scriptures that have stated that He would "forget our sins", and not hold them against us, if we would only turn our lives to Him. (Romans chs.4,5,6, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 3:15, Galatians ch.3, James 2:17-26, Psalms 32:5,6, Hebrews 10:16,17, Acts 13:38-49)

The issue ... is to learn "obedience". To "walk in the *light*".

The Cross (is about obedience, not sacrifice)

When we see Jesus (who walked in this gospel) hanging on the cross, we see a picture of *obedience* to *Spirit Word*. (St. Mark 14:35,36, Romans 5:19 and ch.6, Ephesians 5:2, and Hebrews 10:7,9)

We are redeemed as we come into "this knowledge". (Isaiah 53:11) Pause, and read what Paul had to say in Romans ch.6, and ch.8.

I can still hear those that are advocating "blood sacrifice", as they quote scriptures like: (Hebrews 9:22)

"Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins"

This scripture goes on to explain ... that we are talking about Hebrew law, introduced by Moses. The writer, writing to the Hebrew people, who have been practicing "blood sacrifice", is acknowledging how they believed in these rituals for years, and explains that there is a "better way" of communicating with God.

Just as the prophets of old ... have heard from God many times, in many ways (ch.1:1); even now, God has spoken again to humanity.

The writer is explaining to the people who were practicing "blood sacrifice", and under their religious law, that it is over. There is the *revelation* of God's Spirit ... in Christ. (Heb. chs.1,2) And then, he goes on to say ...

"For the Word of God is alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, ... and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (relationship)

Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but, all things are naked and open unto Him with whom we have to do.

Seeing then that we have a great "high priest" that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sinning.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy, ... and find grace to help in time of need."

- Hebrews 4:12-16

The writer goes on to explain *how* Christ approached God; that being through the Spirit (light); and *how* that the Hebrew people should allow their consciences to be freed from these dead religious rituals of sacrifice.

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish (guilt) to God, purge your conscience from dead works, to serve the living God."

- Hebrews 9:14

"Then said he, Yes, I have come to do Your will, O God. The first is taken away that the second may be established.

The Holy Ghost also is a witness to us; for after that He had said before, This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days says the LORD, I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; and their sins and iniquities I will remember no more."

- Hebrews 10:9,15

Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way (through the Spirit - ch.9:14) which he has consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (this is for these Hebrews - ch.2:16,17)

And having a high priest over the household of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. (repentance, water baptism)

He that despised Moses' law, died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Of how much sorer punishment do you suppose shall he be thought worthy, who has trodden under foot the Son of God (the Word expressed), and has counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and has done despite unto the Spirit of grace ?” (“through which” he offered himself, in obedience - ch.9:14)

- Hebrews 10:9,15-22, 28,29

Jews, the last "blood sacrifice" that you will ever have to look for is the one of the child that was born to your nation, was anointed of *the Spirit*, and hung dying on a cross ... as an obedient minister, and high priest of your people.

Now, this Word (this Christ) has become a "light" to the Gentile nations ... of the world. (Isaiah 55:5, ch.60:3, ch.62:1,2)

We don't seek a "blood sacrifice". But rather, we seek the Spirit of God. (listen ... to the early apostle)

"But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

- Romans 8:11,14

In the letter to the Hebrews the writer explains how Jesus (being of the Hebrew people) was called to bring light to the nation of Israel. And even his obedience to the Spirit Word, through his blood, makes him a mediator of the old Hebrew way into the promised "inheritance of the saints in light". (He is a mediator for the Hebrews who were under the first testament: but, he is a "light" to the Gentiles)

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, ... they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

- Hebrews 9:15

New Testament Gospel

There is a story told in the scriptures (Acts ch.10) of how this gospel was experienced ... amongst other Gentile people.

Cornelius, a soldier, was spoken to by God through an angel ... that he would be *introduced* to the Gospel of Christ. He was to call for a man named Peter who was staying at a town close by.

I just want to mention that when God is doing something, He has His own plans, and His own way of doing it. He has His people that He uses. In this case, He was sending a man of one religion to talk to a man of another religion. (How could this be ? See: Peter's argument - Acts 10:9-16)

As you follow the story it is evident that Peter and the other apostles (Acts ch.10:45, ch.11:1-18) knew only that Jesus was sent to the Hebrews. But, the part of the story that I want to point out will floor you. It will cut across what you have been *taught* ... the gospel is.

You are going to have to open your mind for this one, and acknowledge ... that God is God. (of all Creation)

Peter had an experience with God ... that would open his mind to the vastness of God. He was not only the God of the Jews.

Look at the first words ... out of Peter's mouth. (Acts 10:34-45)

"Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation, he that fears Him, and works righteousness, is accepted with Him. (others are accepted, as well, through obedience of faith)

The "word" ... which "God" sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (God is Lord of all):

That "word", I say you know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached;

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

And we are witnesses of all things which he did, both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Him, God raised up the third day and showed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses

chosen before of God, even to us who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God ... the judge of the living and the dead. ("to be" was added in. – KJV There is one judge, ... Isaiah 45:17-25, Romans 14:11,12, ... and that is God)

To him, give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believes in him ... shall receive forgiveness of sins. (comp: St. John 5:24)

While Peter yet spoke these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard ... the word.

And they (of the Hebrews) which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because on the Gentiles also was poured out "the gift of the Holy Ghost".

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.

Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well ... as we ?

And, he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. (Gk. "Kurios" - God, Supreme) "

Now the fact is, that when Peter first opened his mouth to share his revelation, it reveals not only his understanding of the gospel; but this understanding was also carried forward to the founders of the early church ... at the first conferences in Jerusalem. (Acts 11:1-18)

"And the apostles, and brethren that were in Judea, heard that the Gentiles ... had also received the word of God." (again: St. John 5:24, ch.14:10)

Peter addressed them, laying out the story of how three men had come to invite him to speak at the house of Cornelius, because they had been told by an angel that he had the *word of God*, ... whereby they should ... be saved.

What was the message ?

It was obviously the message about the Spirit of God. (the same message that Jesus was to bring – Acts 1:4,5,8, ... and that the apostles preached Acts 2:38,39)

"And as I began to speak, (Peter says), the Holy Ghost fell on them ... as on us at the beginning.

Then, I remembered the word of the Lord (St. Mark 1:8, Acts 1:5), how that He said, John indeed

baptized with water; but you shall be baptized ... with the Holy Ghost.

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

When they heard these things, they held their peace and glorified God, saying, Then has God also to the Gentiles granted repentance ... unto life."

- Acts 11:1-18

(Stay with me now, ... I'm taking you somewhere)

Peter's revelation of the gospel is that it is without borders, and is for all nations. There is no mention of "blood sacrifice" for sin here: but rather that God honors those who turn to Him, and are *obedient* in their works.

There is something emerging, ... that shows us what this gospel is. **(St. John 3:19-21)**

Do you remember when Peter had his visitation from God, where the "unclean animals" were presented to him ? (Acts 10:10-15) He argued with the "voice" as to what was clean, and what was unclean. (He was arguing about scripture)

But the "voice" said, Peter, "What God has *cleansed*, ... do not call common".

(Now, I suppose, according to us, he should have judged this voice by "scripture", but he didn't)

What God has *cleansed*. What God ... has "forgiven".

When will we see the gospel for what it is ?

(Jesus, too, also argued about scripture with the devil, while he was in the wilderness; ... and every one of his answers were about "present tense" hearing, serving, and worshiping. - St. Matthew ch.4)

What you will see emerging in these next few pages ... is the *gospel of Christ*.

That old gospel that "segregates", disqualifies, and judges, didn't come from the Spirit of God. It's not a gospel of forgiveness, and doesn't have the *Spirit* of forgiveness. It's legalistic, and powerless: and if you are not part of their organization ... you are going to hell.

Preach *forgiveness* by grace: for in Christ, you will find this Spirit.

What we now see emerging is the fulfillment of prophecy regarding "forgiveness", and the "outpouring of the Spirit of God", *through* what we know of as the ... Christ ministry. (Acts 10:43)

Ordained of God

Do you remember what Peter preached to the Gentiles ?

"And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was "ordained of God".

- Acts 10:42

What was God's anointing for Jesus ? What was he ordained of God to be ? He was to be the "Christ". (St. Luke 2:10,11, 26,32; ch.3:16; and ch.4:17-21)

His ministry was to baptize with the Holy Ghost. God would do a *new thing*. He would put His Word in the minds and hearts of the people. (through His Spirit of truth)

The prophets spoke of *the "light"* that would arise in this earth.

God would build for Himself a *Spiritual* habitation on the earth. The Kingdom of God would be *revealed*. Christ (and the body of Christ) would ... be birthed by the Spirit of God.

The "*Word*" would become flesh, ... and dwell amongst us.

The promise of the *Holy Spirit* ... is for the people. (here)

(Peter preached)

"Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he has shed forth this which you see and hear.

Then Peter said, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins, and you shall receive ... the gift of the Holy Ghost."

- Acts 2:33,38

(Paul preached)

"Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of the God should first have been spoken to you: (the Jews) but, seeing you put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, then we turn to the Gentiles.

For so has the Lord commanded us saying, I have set you to be a light of the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. ("light", not "sacrifice")

And when the Gentiles heard this, ... they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region. And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost."

- Acts 13:46-49,52

When Paul, and Barnabas, preached at Lystra, a crippled man was healed. This caused an uproar in the city, and the people thought that the gods had come to visit them.

"Then the priest of Jupiter, which was before their city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the people.

Which when the apostles heard of it, they protested and ran in amongst the people, crying out and saying,

Sirs, why do you do these things ? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that you should turn from these vanities unto the

living God which made heaven and earth and the sea and all things that are therein.

Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

Nevertheless, He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, and gave us rain from heaven, ... and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

- Acts 14:13-17

What is Paul preaching ? He's preaching about turning from your empty religious practices (which have an upward flow) unto the living God. (which has a downward flow of "grace" towards His creation)

They were not turning people to Jesus, but rather to the *message* of Jesus pertaining to the Spirit of God's gracious *presence*, and forgiveness, and restoration. **(St. John 17:8,17)**

Listen to Paul's preaching at Antioch ...

"Be it known unto you, ... men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins; and by him all that believe (in God's forgiveness) are justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses.

And when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious converts followed Paul

and Barnabas, ... who speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God."

- Acts 13:38,39,43

The Word of the Lord (that was preached)

You are "forgiven". Continue ... in the grace of God.

There is no mention of Jesus dying for their sins. (as in a "sacrifice")

Rather, the message of the apostles in the book of Acts was that of turning to God (not Jesus): identifying with the word of the Christ in preparation and baptism, and reaching for the *promise of the Spirit of God*.

"They abode there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony ... unto the word of His grace, and granted signs and wonders ... to be done by their hands. And there, they ... preached the gospel."

- Acts 14:3,7

They were preaching *the message* of Christ, the redeemer, the savior, the *light*, the "word".
(St. John 1:1-18, and Proverbs 8:20-36)

The gospel of forgiveness came out of a man named Jesus, who said, as he read from the prophecy of Isaiah, ...

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ... to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

- St. Luke 4:18,19

He paid the price (of his own blood) to redeem us with the *Word* of the gospel. And it is by this "Word" of the Spirit of truth that we are restored to *relationship* ... with God's fellowship *presence*.

"And if you call on the Father, who without respect of persons (judges according to every man's work) pass the time of your dwelling here in fear: (obedience)

Forasmuch as you know ... that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain behavior (received by tradition

from your fathers): but with the precious blood of Christ, ... as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; ... that your faith and hope might be in God.

Seeing that you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unpretended love of the brethren, see that you love one another ... with a pure heart fervently:

Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God ... which lives and abides forever.

For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the bloom thereof falls away:

But, the word of the Lord endures forever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you."

*- 1 Peter 1:17-25
(also: St. John 5:24)*

The Christ that the prophets spoke of will bring attention to the *light* of God's grace and *presence*: ... not the other way around.

Listen to what the apostle Peter had to say ...

"Forasmuch then as Christ has suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise ... with the same mind: for he that has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but ... to the will of God.

Use hospitality one to another ... without grudging.

As every man has received the gift (Spirit blessing), even so, minister the same one to another as good stewards of the manifold ... grace of God.

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God. If any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives, that "God" in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him (God) be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

- 1 Peter 4:1,2,9-11

The Jerusalem Conference (Acts ch.15)

There had been such a stir of the Spirit of God that religion was uncomfortably being broken, and fragmented.

Paul, and Barnabas, were having problems with some of the Jewish leaders: and Peter couldn't help but remember his own confrontations, and upsets. The old "wineskin" of religion was being ruptured, as the grace of God was moving throughout the regions.

A conference was arranged in Jerusalem (vs.6), and amidst heated debate Peter rose up and made his *declaration*:

"Men and brethren, you know how that a good while ago God made a choice among us that the Gentiles by my mouth should hear the word of the gospel, ... and believe.

And God, who knows the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as He did unto us; and put no difference between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith."

- Acts 15:7-9

What was the "key issue" ? Acceptance. And it's still the key issue, today, amongst organized religion.

Why do we feel that it's important for us to be the "judge", when the word of the gospel ... is

to direct people to God's grace, and forgiveness, and *presence* ?

It's the "word of life" that is important; not the traditional issues of a religion.

The message that Jesus preached, was to turn to God, and to believe in the *words of life* ... that were coming forth through the Spirit. (St. John 5:24, Revelation 19:10) And, he showed this "grace" as he ministered (by the *Spirit of God*) to the people.

We are to be a "light" in this world: a *light* of God's presence. If we don't walk in the "light" of God's presence, then it's hard to be that "light"; and all we have to offer ... is our religious opinion.

We've grown accustomed to how we see religion promoted, and it's hard for us "to shake it". We don't know what to do.

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one, shall many be made righteous."

- Romans 5:19

The reason we get involved in these legalistic, will-worshipping, religions, is that they are politically driven.

When religions have been "politicized", they went big.

The Jews, the Muslims, and the Christians, all have their "political" histories of expansion, agenda, and wars. (ironically enough, even Jesus preached ... "the Kingdom of God")

But, when you politicize religion it becomes "legalistic", and you lose the freedom of "spirituality".

Just as the early apostles recognized, ... the insights that prophets had were good for the most part, and almost a necessity for us to *learn* if we are to mature as humans.

Most people just get on the religious train bound for heaven, and hang around with folks ... that they think are going to heaven. But, that isn't what I am talking about, here.

I'm talking about *knowing* the Spirit of God.
(St. John 17:3)



Realization from the Holy Spirit

Take time, review, hear, ... and write

What about this <i>Previous Section</i> ... ? part ?	Be "specific"	Which

This page is not for Questions & Answers, but rather for "Realization" that comes to you from the Holy Spirit. Take time to also read the Scriptures referred to. The Holy Spirit has much to say to you. You are His. As we build upon "realization", write what the Lord speaks to you, and shows you. It's important to "your" growth. (Ephesians 1:17-20)



Armor – Relationship 2

Part 2

The *words* that come to us, that are from the *Spirit of God*, will bring us to the *light of salvation*. For you see, salvation is not about "qualifying to go to heaven", it's about coming from darkness into light; and being reconciled into relationship with the Spirit of God.

We want to learn about dominion, and stewardship; and the power to be witnesses, *after* the Holy Ghost has come upon us.

If all it took was a legalistic gospel, where Jesus is the "blood sacrifice" for sin, then the Jews would have been set. They would have stopped their blood sacrifices, and believed in the "blood sacrifice" of Jesus, and they would have been saved.

But that isn't the gospel of Christ. It's the one that the fourth century Roman church taught us. But, it's not the gospel of Christ.

The prophets said that he would save the people from their sins (sinful ways), not just pay the price for their sins. God, in His grace, would forgive sins, and restore men unto Himself through the saving *light* of His Spirit. (we call this the ... *Christ* anointing)

The early church preached ...

"Save yourself from this untoward generation, be free of your sin (disobedient ways), cleanse through the waters of baptism, for the promise of the Holy Ghost is unto you, and to your children.

Now, is the day of salvation. Now, is the acceptable time."

The "Spiritual" Flow

If you are going to be found "in" Christ, as many scriptures refer to, then you must understand what that means.

The purpose of Christ is to reconcile, redeem, or bring back, people to a "relationship" with the Spirit of God.

The authority of this Christ ... is the *Spirit* of God.

God's focus, and attention, is towards the earthly creation.

The flow of the Spirit of grace is towards people, and earthly situations.

You may have wonderful realizations of God, as His child; but the flow of the Christ anointing has *a purpose* in this earth. (St. Luke 4:18-21)

Why have we sat in churches, trying to get the flow to go upward, when "*in Christ*" ... it is an "outpouring" to the earthly events of our generation ? (Acts ch.2, St. John 4:14,24, ch.5:23,24, ch.6:44,63, ch.7:37-39)

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches".

- Revelation 3:22

1. There is a religion that sacrifices to God. They are not "in Christ".
2. There is a religion that offers "worship to" God: but don't know how to hear Him. They are not "in Christ".
3. There is a religion that seeks to find their inner peace. They meditate and are introspective; but, are unaware of the purposes of Christ.

Then, there is the *expressive flow*; not to anyone, or any place. But rather, it stands on its own. It is self-sufficient, and all Supreme; and all we can do is to acknowledge it, and get in with it. It is the *Spirit of God*.

"The wind blows where it will, and we hear the sound thereof, but we cannot tell its origin, or its destination. So is everyone that is born of the Spirit."

- St. John 3:8

"God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in Spirit (Spirit intelligence) and in truth (Spirit truth)."

- St. John 4:24

We need to forget about "self", and religion, and be birthed of the Spirit. Loosen up. Move in *obedient* faith. (Romans chs.4,5, and ch.8, Hebrews ch.11)

"I and the Father are one", Jesus said.

- St. John 10:30

The apostle Paul wrote to the people of the church at Ephesus:

"Redeem the time. Understand what the will of the Lord is.

Be filled with the Spirit; speaking to yourselves in Psalms, and hymns, and Spiritual songs, singing, and making melody in your heart to the Lord; giving thanks always for all things unto God, the Father, ... in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

submitting yourselves one to another ... in the fear God."

- Ephesians 5:16-21

What Paul was referring to ... was to have a "joyous harmony" with the Spirit. Let the *thoughts* of the Spirit renew your mind.

"Not by works of righteousness which ... we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost."

- Titus 3:5

Eternal Life

Eternal life is "ongoing". It is a quickening of the Spirit of God: a coming alive ... unto the *Spiritual*.

It has been said that people walk around "dead" in their trespasses and sins.

As the Spirit of God moves throughout the earth, He is harvesting a people that *relate* to Him. Part of each generation dies off; and part is quickened by *the Spirit* unto eternal life. (Romans ch.8)

Many religious people don't understand the difference between legend, and "Spirituality".

We need to ask ourselves *where* we place our values.

Some folks are willing to praise Jesus, and talk about him, but ... ignore the presence of the Spirit of God.

If we actually opened ourselves to His presence, and really believed that He goes before us, and behind us, ... to accomplish His will; then we would act differently and believe differently.

We would probably *listen* to Him, and endeavor to be good stewards of His.

But instead, many of us practice "legend religion", make our own plans, and try to do things for God, ... who we don't even know.

Listen to this ...

"O LORD, You have searched me, and known me. You know when I sit down, and when I get up. You understand my thoughts afar off. You surround my path, and my laying down, and are acquainted ... with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but LORD You have knowledge of it altogether. You have beset me behind, and before, and laid Your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Where shall I go from Your Spirit ? Or, where shall I flee from Your presence ?

Search me, O God, and know my heart: test me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

- Psalms 139 (part)

We have been quick to preach about the anger of God, but have almost totally missed the "light" of the Gospel, and *the promise of the Father*.

The blood is not about "getting saved". The blood is a purifying agent for those priests who would serve God, and recognize His *word* and *light*. (the testament in the blood - St. John ch.1, St. Luke 22:20, 2 Corinthians 3:6)

If we look at the blood as an agent of purification, and that our faith in this blood is the same as us having faith in his "ministry and word" for our priestly service, ... then we will begin to understand the *call* of the gospel. (1Peter 1:14-22, Hebrews chs. 9,10, Revelation 1:5,6, ch.7:14-17, ch.19)

Our Fellowship

Sharing one another's couch, and fellowshiping ... into the fields of "grace": this is the call of each believer "priest". (1 Corinthians ch.12, Ephesians ch.4)

The realization of the Spiritual is to discern the realm of *Spirit word*. (God intelligence)
There is a continuity of *grace*.

This is why it is so important for us to leave the realm of religion, and man's attempt at salvation; ... and to learn to experience the character ... of God's *intelligent* grace.

Why do we speak of grace, forgiveness, love, *Word*, life, confidence, and faith ? It's because the "energies" of God flow in these highways.

To recognize the presence of Spiritual intelligence, ... is to approach the birth of Spiritual ministry. (St. John chs.14,15,16)

When we speak of reconciliation to God we speak of *relationship* ... that has Spiritual *intent*. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21)

Fellowship, if it's sensitive, and *Spiritual*, can be very "helpful". (Ephesians ch.4, 1 Peter ch.3, 1,2,3 John, etc.)

When you read scriptures, let them minister to you to help you to become wise unto *salvation*, and to encourage your faith in the presence of the Spirit of God. But be careful at this point, that it doesn't take the place of the presence of the Spirit of God. Don't let legalism, and opinion, quench the Spirit. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 5:19)

Many so called fellowship meetings ... are not fellowship meetings. We don't learn to walk the Spiritual highways.

We are not born again by blood. (St. John 1:12-14, ch.3:3-8, 1 Peter 1:23-25) Salvation is not by blood; but by Spirit Word. (1 Peter 1:21-25)

Spiritual gifts are not by blood; but rather, operate by "obedient faith".

To recognize the "blood of Christ", ... is to recognize the *Word* of the Father. (St. John ch.6)

We walk in the name of Jesus Christ because we believe that he walked in the *Word of the Father*. His anointing was of the Father. (St. Luke 4:17-21, Romans ch.8, St. John 5:24, and ch.14)

When we relate to the Spirit of God, just as when we relate to a human boss, or manager, we must give attention to our *relationship* so that we can learn and become *familiar* with how he operates. The problem with most people that walk in darkness ... is that they never *knew* Him.

It's just like it states in scripture about the children of Israel, and Moses. It says that the people knew about the "acts" of God; but Moses knew His "ways". (Psalms 103:7)

The Spirit Contradicts - Written Scripture

In a "legalistic" religion, everything is judged by a Book. In the Kingdom of God, the *Word* of God is *alive*, ... and proceeds from the mouth of God. These are two very different roads ... to walk.

When we read the story of Jesus being tested by Satan in the wilderness, we see that Satan holds to "acceptance", and "written word", as a basis for our religious life-style: but every answer that Jesus gave was a *relationship* answer. (St. Matthew ch.4)

Remember, that Satan was challenging *sonship*, which is the true *gospel* of Christ.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"

- Romans 8:14

Satan is not afraid of "legalism", for he has a spirit of accusation, and legalism suits him just fine. He is the "accuser" of the brethren; but lacks "the ministry of the Christ". (Revelation ch.12:10,11)

In Revelation 12:10,11, we see the power of the Christ revealed. This is a great picture of the royal priesthood of the Kingdom of God. (1 Peter ch.2)

The priests who had purified themselves (by the blood of the lamb), had presented their bodies a living sacrifice unto God (Romans ch.12), and they overcame, not only by their "preparation", and "identification" (Revelation 19:13-15), but by the word of their testimony, ... which is the Spirit of prophecy. (Revelation 19:10) They are led by the "proceeding" Word of God. (Revelation 19:11-16)

Was Satan wrong when he quoted scripture in these situations ? No. He quoted it correctly, he was just not in "harmony" with the Spirit of

God. He was not led of the *Spirit Word*. In this way, the Spirit of God contradicts written Word.

It's very dangerous to have people judging prophecy by scripture, when they don't know the mind of the Spirit. In this way, the Spirit is quenched. (1 Thessalonians 5:5-28)

Rather, the apostle Paul said, it is better to rely upon "other prophetic ministry". (1 Corinthians 14:29)

The apostle John wrote to the churches throughout Asia, that they should "hear what the Spirit was saying to the church". (Revelation chs.2,3)

I don't think that God contradicts Himself: but I do think that because we don't understand the *fullness*, and *intent*, of Word, ... we can be "out of order", quickly.

"But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of Spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter."

- Romans 7:6

In the book of Acts we read the story of Peter's encounter as God was preparing him to go to the house of Cornelius.

God showed Peter (in a vision) a variety of animals, and other creeping things, and told him to rise up, take them, and eat them.

Well immediately, Peter's "scriptural training" came to the rescue, and he said, "No". God had to break him of his legalism, ... to be able to use him freely. (Acts 10:11-17)

If Peter would have had his way, the gospel wouldn't have been spread to the other nations. It took a revelation from the *Spirit of God* in order for the *gospel* to go forward.

Again in the book of Acts (ch.15) we are taken to an early conference in Jerusalem, where the apostles met to try to come to terms with what ... *God* was doing.

And again, former scripture is challenged as they come into the realization of Spiritual Word, and intent. For them to "leave off" with much of their scriptural teachings was a "huge" decision.

Did God contradict Himself ? No. Most times former prophets have spoken of these things, but our religions have "limited" us. (Acts 15:15-18,28)

Paul's letter to the Galatians is about this very issue.

"He therefore that ministers to you the Spirit, and works miracles among you, is it done by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith ?"

- Galatians 3:5

Peter, as he wrote his second general letter to the believers said this:

"Wherefore, I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though you know them, and be established in the present truth.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him ... in the holy mount.

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

For the "prophecy" came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved ... by the Holy Ghost."

- 2 Peter 1:12,16,18-21

There are some important lessons in Peter's letter as he addresses issues like "present truth", ... and "private interpretation".

I think, as in most of our discussions, we have shown the strength of fellowship, and the importance of looking for prophetic *word flow* from the group, rather than a single individual.

There is something about *Word* proceeding from more than one mouth that gives a bigger, and more clear message.

Most times *prophetic* word builds, and enlarges, because of the superior wisdom behind it.

Good *word* comes forth from a group that fellowships in the light, and understanding,

of *the Spirit*. It affects concern for one another, and for the Kingdom of God, which is here now to show *direction* to the creation.

These are people that will effect not only the church, but also the "civil society" that they are a part of. They are a *light* in a dark world. (St. Matthew 5:13-20)

Civil Society

When we look in the gospels, and follow the ministry of Jesus, we see a constant problem between the Pharisees, ... and Jesus.

The Pharisees were not only religious leaders, but also civic leaders for the people of Israel.

They ran the schools for the people, as well as the local synagogues. They were religious and well-meaning "civil" authorities, but they were not in *harmony* with the Spirit of God.

Did they adhere to scripture ? Yes. Did they understand scripture ? Well, (?) they ... thought they did: and that made it awkward.

Jesus, on the other hand, was *hearing* the Spirit of God, and doing the things that God directed him to do. (see: St. John 3:1-21, ch.14:10)

Does God respect "civil" society ? Yes, that's what the ten commandments are all about.

Many of our civil societies were born out of a movement of God's people, all throughout history. But, here is where the problem is found. God wants to have a light in these societies that would direct their growth in a "living" way: and when the *light* becomes legalistic, and out of touch, darkness prevails, and justice is perverted.

As one studies references to the "armor of God", it will soon be discovered that the discussion for the most part deals with our *relationship* to society, and the *influence* that we have in that society: ... even out from our own homes. (Ephesians ch.6)

The "expectation" of a society comes from the laws that are enforced. But, the "spirit" of a society comes from the heart of man.

The Spirit of God is a Spirit of grace and truth; and that is the true Spirit that drives a flourishing culture. (St. John 1:17)

This is what Jesus meant, when he said that the laws rest upon these two ideas:

"Love God with everything that you are, and your neighbor as yourself"

- St. Matthew 22:37-40

Will of man - creative; but, must submit to Spirituality

Opinion - a clergyman gives his opinion. If we believe it, that may be good. But it does not replace Spirit.

Outreach - religious outreach and missionary work may be futile ... if it doesn't lead to Spirit.

This starts with ourselves, as we share Spirit and *light*, not ... "opinion".

Opinion can introduce one to community, ... but not to the Kingdom of God. We may get too excited about propagating our beliefs; when we should maybe ... become more excited about sensitivity, compassion, encouragement, and *Spiritual leading*.

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Quick Study

What Do These Scriptures Mean ?

"But now the righteousness of God ... is manifested. Even the righteousness of God ... by faith of Jesus Christ.

Being justified freely by God's grace through the redemption (calling back) ... that is in Christ Jesus. (comp: Isaiah 53:10,11)

Whom God has set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare His (God's) righteousness ... for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; to declare I say at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of those that believe in Jesus. (that believe in the Word that came forth, the message - St. John 5:24. We are justified by the "law of faith" - Romans 3:27)

- Romans 3:21-31

This scripture is about God's righteousness, as He *freely* forgives our sins, and justifies us, as we believe in His word. (the message of Jesus - Isaiah 53:11,12, and St. John 5:24, ch.6:63)

The prophet Isaiah (chs.52,53) envisions God's righteous servant struggling through the darkness of man's sinful plight, taking upon himself the burdens, and oppositions, of their sins and sicknesses.

"Who has believed our report (message) ?"

- Isaiah 53:1

God shall see the travail of his soul, and be satisfied: and by his "knowledge" shall My righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. He bare the sin of many, and made "intercession" for the transgressors. (ch.53:11,12)

This is not forgiveness because of "blood sacrifice". This is forgiveness through the light of his obedient faith (knowledge) ... to the extent of his blood shed.

This word "knowledge" that is used in Isaiah's prophecy comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to be acquainted with".

So, for him to be an "intercessor", he must be acquainted with God's Spirit (first of all), and man in his sin and sickness.

(here's a couple of scriptures that might help)

Remember, that the testimony of Jesus is not that he was a "sacrifice" (although, he did suffer opposition to death), but rather:

"the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy"

- Revelation 19:10

This is why it was important for the disciples to understand what Jesus was saying (in St. John 14,15,16) and to stay in Jerusalem until they too *related* to the anointing of the *Holy Spirit* ... so that they might be *witnesses* unto the Christ ministry. (Acts 1:4,5,8)

Look at these scriptures.

"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous."

- Romans 5:19

"In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then said I, (Jesus) Lo, I come ... to do your will O God."

- Hebrews 10:6,7

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works ... to serve the living God."

- Hebrews 9:14

We are not looking for a "sacrifice for sin": but rather, the message is "obedience of faith".

Unless our salvation finds this "obedience of faith", we remain lost. That's why we are born again of the *Spirit*, and by the *Word*. (St. John 3:1-8,19-21, 1 Peter 1:13-25, and Romans 6:16)

When we take communion, and drink of the cup, we are partaking ... of the "offering of obedience" of Jesus Christ: the testament. (1 Corinthians 10:16-18, 2 Corinthians 3:2-6)

"And from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, (now, the next part is the "obedience of faith")

And has made us kings and priests ... unto God and his Father; to Him (God) be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

- Revelation 1:5,6

"Now, you are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you" (this is prior to the cross)

- St. John 15:3

"And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

- Revelation 19:8

"And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down ...

And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, (this is the identification to obedience), and by the word of their testimony (Spirit Word - Revelation 19:10); and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Identification) "

- Revelation 12:10,11

"I am he that lives, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, ... and have the keys of hell and of death."

- Revelation 1:18

"I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him (God) that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed ... from death unto life."

- St. John 5:24

"For flesh and blood has not revealed it unto you, but my Father which is in heaven. (God is Spirit)

Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not ... prevail against it.

And I will give unto you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven: and whatsoever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

- St. Matthew 16:17-19

"Do you not know, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience ... unto righteousness ? "

- Romans 6:16

**Very
Important !**

Gospel Summary

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, ... but after the Spirit.

For they that are after the flesh ... do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be Spiritually minded ... is life and peace.

Because the carnal mind strives against the intent of God: for it is not subject to the word of God's Spirit, neither indeed will ever be. So, they that are in the flesh, cannot please God.

But, you 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 (God's anointing, and intent), ... he is none of His.

And, if Christ be in you, ... the body is considered dead because of sin; ... but, the Spirit is life ... because of righteousness.

But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you. (make your body do things, differently)

Therefore, brethren, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if you live after the flesh, you shall die: but, if you through the Spirit do put to death the deeds of the body, you shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, ... they are the sons of God.

For you have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but, you have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we acknowledge God as our Father. The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are ... the children of God.

And if children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with, that we may be also glorified together.

So, the Spirit also helps our weaknesses: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but, the Spirit makes intercession for us. And He that searches the hearts knows what the mind (intent) of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints ... according to the will of God.

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purposes."

- Romans ch.8 (part)

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Spiritual Vision



Armor – Relationship 3

Part 3

Most of us have learned to offer nothing. We are prone to nurture death; and not to *awaken* our neighbor to *Spiritual* things. We need to learn to be a little bit more provocative, and to *nurture* life.

"I say unto you, he that ... hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

- St. John 5:24

"It is the Spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are Spirit, and they are life."

- St. John 6:63

We are looking for the *priesthood* of a society. The only true priesthood has the anointing of *God's Spirit* upon their service. This is called righteousness.

Faith in a sacrifice leaves you nowhere, when it comes to *relationship* with the Spirit of God.

"In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin ... God has had no pleasure."

Then said I, (Jesus) Lo, I come ... to do Your will, O God."

- Hebrews 10:6,7

Jesus did not fight against the law, or former scriptures, but rather against the corruption of how ... it was handled.

He said ...

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ... to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."

- St. Luke 4:18,19

True Worship and Relationship

The idea of "worship", for the most part, ... is merely to show respect for, and to reverence: but what we fail to consider is that ... it is an emotion. (and it's catchy)

Worship isn't always right, or proper, even when it's to God. There have been many times when religious people have worshiped

God in huge celebration for "events" that were against His intention.

Worship is an emotion that can be driven to act, even when it has no truth. (Colossians chs.1-4)

Jesus said, ...

"The hour will come, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship in Spirit and in truth."

- St John 4:23,24

We should wait upon the Spirit of God for His *present* truth; and let our expression be one of *obedience*, and Spiritual harmony with God, and with one another. That is true worship and *relationship*. (Colossians 3:10-17, Ephesians 5:6-20)

1. The Gospel of "Sacrifice"

This is the Christian gospel that we are the most familiar with, because it's the one that the Roman Catholic church has preached since its conception.

It believes that every one is born a sinner (original sin), and that Jesus died upon the cross "in our place" ... so that we might have forgiveness. It doesn't believe that we are "justified freely" by God's grace ... as we turn to Him in repentance.

There was a time in our modern history when this gospel was challenged by Martin Luther, who had a revelation that man is saved by faith (*sola*, alone). But, the sacrificial gospel is still being preached ... to this day.

Because much of the scripture that we have was written from a converted Jewish perspective, the subject of "sin sacrifice" is referred to quite often.

One would do well to think about Revelation (chs.2,3); and realize that amidst all our fellowship, and religious works, that we are to *hear* what *the Spirit* is saying.

When you return to Isaiah's prophecy, he didn't speak of a blood sacrifice, but rather, a "light" that would arise through much persecution and opposition. In fact, even a "light to the Gentiles" of the world. (Acts 13:46-52)

The anguished, intercessory, "soul" of God's servant would be an offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10) ... and,

"by his knowledge shall My righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (intercession)"

- Isaiah 53:11,12

"for the testimony of Jesus ... is the spirit of prophecy"

- Revelation 19:10

2. The Gospel of "Light"

This gospel is the message to the lost world. It speaks of revelation, and hearing the word of the Spirit of God. It's the gospel that Peter preached on the day of Pentecost: the one that returns people to present *relationship* with the *Spirit of God*.

This gospel is the message that Jesus preached as he went about ministering to the people. (St. John 4:23,24, ch.5:24, ch.6:63)

It's the gospel of God's forgiveness, and restoration, for the listener that will "turn to Him". (New life, "born again")

3. The Gospel of "Obedient Faith"

This gospel is preached to the believer. It's the restoration of stewardship, ordination, Spiritual ministry, and purpose.

It's the message that Jesus lived, and that we should live: the gospel of *sonship*. (Romans ch.8, St. John 3:19, ch. 4:24, Acts 2:38-40)

- "Draw nigh unto God"
- "Full assurance of faith"
- "Forgiveness of sins"
- "This is the message"
- The gospel stays perpetual in this state of forgiveness. It is the anointing of salvation.

- "This is the condemnation ... that *light* is come into the world, and men loved darkness ... rather than *light*"

- "Repent, and be baptized, and save yourself from this untoward generation. For the promise of the Holy Spirit is unto you, and your children ..."

- God is a Spirit. And they that worship Him, must worship Him in Spirit and in truth.

What we are missing in our Christian message is the obedience of faith. We need to be reconciled ... to *God's Spirit*.

When Jesus went into the temple, and found the activity of business, and religion, ... he said the Father's house must be a "House of prayer". (Spiritual communication)

What do we see in our culture ? Do we see the Spirit of God directing the Body of Christ through His giftings: or, do we see a side-show of religion ?

"Obedience of faith" ... is to be our gospel.

Our forgiveness comes from God's *grace* that is found in His *character*; not because somebody made Him feel better.

God loved us while we were yet sinners; and the "message of Jesus" was one of God's *presence*. It is by this personal *knowledge* of God's presence that we can experience the gospel of salvation (Isaiah 53:11, St. John 17:3) and empowerment. (Acts 1:8)

When Jesus and the early apostles ministered, their *message* was always the same. *Relationship* ... with the Spirit.

And now, *we* have this word of reconciliation, and are led and empowered by the *same* Spirit of God. (Romans ch.8, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21)

The event of Jesus dying on the cross was not a religious ritual, where a group of people offered him to an angry God so that they might be forgiven. But his *obedience*, as he suffered opposition, was an illustration of a "first-fruits" offering that the whole world could enter into.

The testament was in his blood, and broken body. (1 Corinthians 11:25)

It is by the testament of this faith, and obedience, that we acknowledge our covenant with God. (Hebrews 9:14, ch.10, Exodus ch.24)

Sin is the experience of a person leaving the stewardship of "walking in the light" ... to enter the self-indulgence of greed, self-promotion, and disobedience.

The first-fruits offering ... is the offering of our best to God ... in obedience to the light that He gives us.

This has nothing to do with substitution: but rather revelation and obedience of our faith.

"He justified many ... by his knowledge"

The early apostles "got it": but our church needs to grow into it. (Revelation 3:20-22)

"obedience ... and not sacrifice"

You won't find an understanding of the armor of God in a group that preaches "blood sacrifice", and substitution. They pray for everything to be ... covered in the blood.

Faith is not so much doctrinal, ... as it is experiential.

Legalism will be challenged by many things; but I urge you to come into *relationship* with the Spirit of God; for your doctrines are empty ... without it.

We have fellowship with one another ... as we walk in the *light* of the Spirit of God. (1 John ch.1) Come home to the Father.

Grieve not the Holy Spirit.

It may be that your doctrines are being challenged; but He may be trying to free you from the darkness of your soul.

Become a lover of the Spirit of God. Chase those away that would hinder the *light* in you. These are they that the apostle spoke of:

"Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."

- 2 Timothy 3:5

There was a Priest

There was a priest who came to Jesus to question him. He was convinced that his own doctrines were all correct; but what Jesus had ... was *Spiritual presence*. That was different.

Jesus said: ...

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

For that which is born of the flesh, is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit, is Spirit."

- St. John 3:3,6

You will find the power of God, and the Armor of Christ, as you realize your Sonship, and your *relationship* to the Spirit of God.

You must be born again, not just forgiven; for the promise of the *Holy Ghost* is for you, and your children. (Acts 2:38-40)

Jesus Christ

Why do we do these things ... in the name of Jesus Christ ? It's because the preaching of this message came *through* him. He initiated this "light". He was the *Word* manifested to us. To recognize Jesus and his ministry ... is to recognize the *Word* of the Father. (St. John 5:23,24) But we also must know that the Father, Himself, loves us. (St. John 16:26,27)

It is the Father who initiates our salvation, and His Spirit will bring *realization* to us.

We have seen Jesus as a sacrifice for sin: but most of us don't know what *his message* was.

We have prayed for God's blessing to come down to our religion: when we should just give ourselves to God, whether it be here, or elsewhere.

Be at peace. Be at one. Be in harmony.

Stay put, and you will lose the "light". The dogmas of faith are like a canker, and there is a continual soreness.

Prove your works, whether they be of God, or not. (St. John 3:19)

Sink into the lowest regions of reality. These are the roads of ministry that are found beneath all "the chatter".

Legalism, and pride of knowledge, works destruction; and doesn't understand the Spirit world.

Do you know the gospel that Jesus preached ?

We need to get into the lower regions: the simple regions.

Jesus *knew* the Father. Everywhere he went ... he worked with Him.

He said,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised. To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (the now generation)"

- St. Luke 4:18,19

What was the "message" of Jesus ? What was the ordination of Jesus ? What was he about ?

We have a people who just replace God with Jesus; and they don't know why.

The Disciplines of the Christ

Some people can be "led" through good times, but when they are in a battle they get angry, and they can't function Spiritually.

Some are gracious in battles, but in good times they can't hear the Lord. They get self-obsessed.

We need to mature, ... to be free to walk in both. The early apostle (Paul) said he had learned to be content ... in all situations. (Philippians 4:11-13, Romans ch.8) He had released himself to the *Christ anointing*. (the *life* of Romans ch.8)

Warfare

Someone says, "the strategy of warfare has changed over the years. Tanks and ground warfare have given way to the superiority of "air attack", and guided missiles. Air power, is your strength."

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But, what about when everyone is living below, ... doing whatever they want. You have just cut yourself off, and are out of touch.

So, this leads us to the power of "communication".

Communication. Not visible armor. Not cumbersome weapons. But communication, along with air power. The power of *idea*. (St. John 1:16-18)

The soldiers of Christ look like everyone else. It's just that they *hear*, and *speak*, the Word of God's Spirit.

The Kingdom of God is within you, and is powerful. It has all the power of the Creator. It is *His Spirit*, His intent, His life.

We need to recognize the importance of this *Word*, "idea", and vision. And if we don't *communicate* ... it will not be released to effect those around us.

This communication is the grace of the Christ ministry. This grace is eternal. It has always been, and always will be. It didn't start with Jesus: he lived out from it.

"And take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: praying always in the Spirit"

- Ephesians 6:17,18

Moses

Moses had encountered the voice of God. He had a prophetic anointing. He felt a call to *raise up* the nation of Israel.

He did all kinds of little things socially to try to make things right. But, he was up against the power of Egypt, the momentum of the situation, and the hurts and failings of the Israelites. It was all overwhelming, but not too much for God: and God was about to teach him a lesson.

The "Burning Bush" (Exodus ch.3)

The story of the "burning bush" is unique because it's the Spiritual encounter that Moses had that empowered his call to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. For Moses, it would teach him to recognize the power of God ... where he stood.

This presence opened up all that was to be dealt with in the situation. For when we get to know the "presence of God", we begin to realize that out from *this presence* flows the Supremacy, and *creativity*, of the Maker.

The Bush was burning, but it wasn't natural. The ground was holy, and had many memories of God's creation from over the years of time. It's God's ground.

The first lesson that Moses would learn is the "truth of the ground". He would see many more things "on the ground" that were not natural. God had to teach him, ...

"The ground whereon you stand is holy"

The ground holds many memories, strongholds, blessings, and curses. Even when psychics, and mediums, are called upon, ... the ground reveals its memories.

God had said to Cain, "the voice of your brother's blood cries unto Me from the ground". (Genesis 4:10)

The ground was cursed because of Adam and Eve's sin. (Genesis 3:17)

God promised the Israelites that wherever the soles of their feet would tread, He would give them that land. (Deuteronomy 11:22-32)

We need to learn to see the presence and power of God *where we stand*. (Ephesians 6:12-15)

Many times, it's not by carnal means that God delivers His people; but rather by the staff of a shepherd. He leads by *idea*. (Spirit Word)

When you show *leadership* you will bear fruit. The first chapter of Proverbs shows all kinds of "idea leadership".

- *prophetic*

"Don't fear the world. For I have planted you (a righteous seed) in a fertile soil. Let the "light of God" emerge from your soul, O little one. I love you.

Don't fear where you ... are planted."

* **Be Careful of Religion**

Be careful, that what you feel blessed about is of the *Spirit of God*. (the idea of God)

Emotion, keeps ideology alive. Any ideology.

Pilgrimages, festivals, and holy days, keep religion alive.

Mourning ceremonies, ... keep revenge alive.

Be careful, that what you hear is of *the Spirit*. Most crowds are manipulated by one of the above. It takes *time alone* to experience ... the Spirit of God.

A "Perverted" Gospel

In our culture the popular understanding of the Christian gospel is that a person "invites Jesus into his (or her) heart, ... and then is saved".

This is not the true gospel; and none of the old prophets, Jesus, or the early apostles, preached this message to a single person.

Where did it come from ? Here it is. Only one scripture; and that scripture ... has been taken out of its context.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

To him that overcomes, ... will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father ... in His throne.

He that has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches."

- Revelation 3:20-22

This scripture is a Spiritual revelation that the apostle John had about the church at Laodicea. (it's not the gospel to the world)

In John's vision, there was an angel who bore witness to the Word of God, the testimony of Jesus Christ, and the Spirit of prophecy. (Revelation 1:1-3)

John had a *Spiritual* experience, ... and he had a *Word* for the Laodicean church.

They were to overcome their apathy, seek the true gold, white raiment, and new *vision*. (righteousness - ch.19:8) They (this church), being at one with the message, and Spiritual anointing of Christ, should seek to be in harmony with him, and ... hear what *the Spirit* says to the church.

The carelessness of those who have perverted the gospel has led people to (1) invite Jesus into their heart (2) pray to Jesus (3) worship Jesus (4) and never understand the gospel of reconciliation, and obedience, to the Spirit of God: ... the true gospel of salvation. (it almost borderlines on blasphemy - Isaiah ch.45)

What did the early apostles preach ?

Paul, the early apostle wrote to the Roman church ...

"If the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in you.

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

- Romans 8:11,14

We also have a record of what Peter preached ...

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, ... and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call. Save yourself from this untoward generation."

- Acts 2:38-40

We know what Jesus preached ...

"The hour comes, and now is, when the true worshipers shall worship the Father in Spirit and in truth: for the Father seeks such to worship Him.

God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth."

- St. John 4:23,24

See also: St. John chs.14,15,16

Worshipping God in Spirit, and in truth, ... is the protective "helmet" of salvation. (Ephesians 6:17)

Self-indulgence

I have a friend, who, when he would visit ... I just knew that he wanted to experience "all the best" for himself. He had grown into the lifestyle of "self-indulgences".

Now, fasting is a discipline that controls "self-indulgences", and helps us to make room for the *ideas* of the Spirit of God. (Isaiah ch.58)

Self-indulgence is a dangerous thing, and will effect the truths of what we believe, and the decisions of what we do.

Self-indulgent people ... believe what they want to believe.

Why? Because, ... they're "*self-indulgent*".

When one joins a Christian group, that's not to be taken as a *substitute* for fruitfulness.

Fruit-bearing is a result of "giving of yourself" ... in this world.

When one reads the revelations of Isaiah, or the apostles, that isn't a substitute for a *personal* revelation from the *Spirit of God*.

Ministries born out of human effort, and not of *Spiritual obedience*, minister no Spiritual life; and are prone to make people even more selfish and lost.

It's hard to encourage *Spiritual* growth in others, if you give no place to the Spirit of God.

The grace of giving (generosity) ... is corrected by *Spirit* truth.

Inspired by grace, corrected by Spirit truth: then, *taking* as directed, and *walking* in love, are the foundations of our understanding of *ministry*.

True ministry is seed, and it will grow after it has been planted. Handle with care. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Some people join a church group, and think that ... that's what the gospel is about. Then, if they don't like that group they move to another one. But tell me about their "relationship" with the Spirit of God when they're at home, or elsewhere. That's what the gospel is about: Spiritual relationship.

When we are children, we have no veil that separates others from our innocent being. But, as we grow older, and take on the wisdom of this world, a "veil" is hung outside of our lives that would prevent those others from relating to our being.

When we become as little children, the veil is torn in half; and others may commune with us to *experience* the seed of *life* that the Holy Spirit has placed within us. (that is fellowship, fruitfulness)

You have to have an *identity* before you can bear fruit. That's what baptism, conversion, and hearing the Spirit, are all about.

Baptism, identifies you with the source of your message. Conversion, identifies you with the character of your Master. Hearing, identifies you with the expression of your being.

You must "be", ... before you can bear fruit.
(St. John ch.15)

The cross was not a "religious offering". It was a "Roman execution", ... driven by Jewish fear of a threat to their religion, and a political desire ... to keep the peace.

The *word* was here. The "light" had risen. The controversy was on. In this way, the suffering intercessor was made manifest, and salvation was exposed. (Isaiah ch.53)

You don't invite Jesus into your heart. You *respond* to the *Spirit of truth* ... that is in your heart.

Spiritual armor is for the battle. When you read about the armor in Isaiah (ch.59), and Ephesians (ch.6), it is ... *present*.

As Jesus faced the cross, ... it changed to become his altar.

Each of us have our own altars so that the "light" may be manifested in this earth. That's the expression of our stewardship, ... so that others may know this "unique grace".

The truth of the Spirit will educate this grace.
(your ministry)

See your ministry as "grace". Then, you will feed My sheep, rather than to just tell them things.

"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner ... shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.

But you shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.

For your shame you shall have double: and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

For I the LORD love judgment. I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God: for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with garments, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels."

- Isaiah 61:1-10

Grace and Truth (St. John 1:16-18)

We have thought that our ministries were "truth" based. But rather, they are "grace" based; and out of this "charismata" flows the gifts of the Spirit; and the *personality* of the Spirit.

When one only preaches truth, they build an "intellectual" fundamentalist. True fruit is

born of the flow of *Spiritual* grace. If you are barren, it's because of the lack of this *Spiritual* grace.

"The words that I speak unto you ... are Spirit and life". (St. John 6:63)

We need to make room for the Spirit of grace in our lives to nurture the *realization* of God's *presence* in people that we interact with.

As in the gospel of John (chs.14,15,16), the *Spirit of truth* leads, guides, and corrects.

Correction is not always negative. It may release one from bondage, and lead one into *liberty*. It may release you from fear, and lead you to *boldness*.

"They that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength" (that's grace) ...

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We walk into a beautiful place of worship, hear awesome music, and are impressed by dressed-up clergy. But I want to warn you to back off from this fallacy, for our security is not found in this extravagance. If we look into history, the most "pompous" religions are found in the dark ages. Keep it simple. Keep it real. Keep it *Spiritual*.

We must grow in the grace of the Spirit so that our "being" might also minister this grace to others ... for *their* salvation.

Worship is the *expression* of your person. How you use that ... will well serve you.

"For the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but, righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost. For he that in these things serves Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

Let us therefore ... follow after the things that make for peace, and things wherewith ... one may edify another.

It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby your brother stumbles, or is offended, or is made weak.

Do you have faith ? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he that condemns not himself ... in that thing which he allows. And he that doubts is damned if he eat, because he eats not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin."

- Romans 14:17-23

“Having your loins gird about with truth”

- Ephesians 6:14

Much of our anxiety comes from our loins. Much of our confidence, lack of confidence, personality, aggressiveness, humility, characteristics, and notions, flirtations, meanness, compromise, loyalty, lovemaking, gestures, walking, and attitudes, comes from our "loins".

“Have them gird about with "truth" (the Spirit) that you might be able to stand in the day of testing”.

So now,

You just took away "that" ... that you might have "this". Let the Spirit decide. God created your appetites: but let the Spirit decide ... how they should *actively* exist.

I have pleaded for the character of God's grace, and His forgiveness, to be seen by those who will repent. This also, is the message of the Christ gospel.

This area of your anxieties ... is that area which destroys your peace.

Come home to the Holy Spirit, and let Him strengthen you. Let Him plant "eternal life" ... in these areas.

Ventures belong to Him. Prophecy into that mass. Call into "being" that which is nought.

Comfort one another with the grace that I will give you. Take on life ... in the puniest form.

Substance abuse, marriage breakdowns, ... all come from seeds of after-thoughts. Let Him have these. Let Him minister to them. May the grace of Christ give you understanding.

Some appetites are not true; and He does not take your true appetites from you. But, He does give you peace, as He directs your true appetites, and removes the lies.

When we pray, we do not direct the Spirit. The Spirit directs us. Give in obedience.

Harmony attitudes ... are rejoicing, and contentment, towards "Spirit Word". Walk in ... your revelation.

(that's relationship)

Realization from the Holy Spirit

Take time, review, hear, ... and write

What about this <i>Previous Section</i> ... ? part ?	Be "specific"	Which

This page is not for Questions & Answers, but rather for "Realization" that comes to you from the Holy Spirit. Take time to also read the Scriptures referred to. The Holy Spirit has much to say to you. You are His. As we build upon "realization", write what the Lord speaks to you, and shows you. It's important to "your" growth. (Ephesians 1:17-20)





Your Ministry



Armor – Your Ministry Part 4

Your ministry is going to become established in this earth. You are going to be very successful. You are going to be a millionaire.

But, wait a minute. What about the Lord's prayer ?

"Our Father, ... Your kingdom come"

O.K., your ministry will be established, but it will be trivial in matter.

Is it really important whether *your ministry* is big, or small ?

Remember ...

"Your will be done ... in earth ... as it is in heaven"

Vision, prior to birth. Don't get lost in the vitality of life. We fight it, we always do. We don't see things from the same perspective as God does, and sometimes we just don't "get it". We have to trust Him ... for *His* great intelligence.

Integrity (the beginning of real ministry)

Integrity, is actually about "relationship". It comes from the same Latin word as "integrate".

As we integrate into the community around us, our love and fellowship is described as our "integrity". But even our integrity needs to come forth as God's creation. We are His expression of "light". (big, or small)

Just imagine looking at someone's soul. It is frustrated, has pride, has fear, has insecurity. It is without form, and is void, so it tries to fit in with those around it.

Many people fall into this scenario, and miss their destiny, and their true ministry.

We are just like the earth (Genesis 1:1) at the outset of creation. We are there, but we need the Creator to make something out of us.

The Spirit of God that is hovering over us is the Spirit of *vision*, and plan. One part of creation comes, and then another part; and soon we see a picture of what God can do. And, what He creates ... has life. It is perpetual. It is ongoing, with understanding, and *new beginnings*. For He is the Creator.

Manifest for this Purpose

"Behold, what manner of love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew Him not.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be: but, we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.

Little children, let no man deceive you: ... he that does righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sins from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Whosoever is born of God does not practice sin; for His Spirit remains in him: and he will not sin, because he is born of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother. (see also: St. Matthew ch.7)

My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but, in deed (grace), and in truth. (Ministry - St. John 1:17)

And he that keeps His word dwells in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abides in us, by His Spirit which He has given us."

- 1 John ch.3 (part)

Jesus read from the Prophet Isaiah ...

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the LORD."

- St. Luke 4:18,19

"And when the evening was come they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with "word", (Spirit Word - St. Matthew 10:20, ch.12:28) and healed all that were sick: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, he himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses. (Isaiah 53:4,5)"

- St. Matthew 8:16,17

We need to question ourselves, Are we in the same ministry that Jesus was ? Do we know what the *Christ* anointing is ? Or, are we just going from one "self-centered" religious seminar, to the next ? Do we wait upon the

voice of God's Spirit; and are we obedient ?
Or, does the business of religion lead us ?

"And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves.

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you have made it a den of thieves.

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And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were especially displeased. And said unto him, Do you hear what they are saying ?

And Jesus said unto them, Yes, have you never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings God has perfected praise ? And he left them, and went out of the city into Bethany; and he lodged there.

Now, in the morning as he returned into the city, ... he was hungry. And when he saw a fig tree in the way he came to it and found nothing thereon but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on

you from this time on, and forever. And presently the fig tree withered away."

- St. Matthew 21:12-19

Dominion Over Nations and Kindreds

It is important for us to realize that we are not just "forgiven", (which is great in itself), but God has a purpose for His creation.

He has not only forgiven us, but He has adopted us as a "royal priesthood", and children. He will rule, and take dominion over all of His creation; and He has invited us to be a part of this. In fact, it's His purpose for us. (Ephesians ch.1, 1 Peter ch.2, and Romans ch.8)

First, we recognize that God is the Ruler of all life. Then, as we turn to Him, we find our purpose in His Kingdom, as His Spirit directs us. (Acts 2:38,39) We realize that God has an "intention". For most of us, this has not been a part of our gospel.

"After this I looked, and saw a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations, and people, and tongues, that stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice,

saying, Salvation to our God that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And the angels stood round about the throne, and the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God.

Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto God ... forever and ever. Amen."

*- Revelation 7:9-12
(see also: ch.19)*

"And he said unto me, You must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

*- Revelation 10:11
(see also: ch.11)*

"And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child ... was caught up unto God, and to His throne.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the Kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the "word of their testimony" (prophecy); and they loved not their lives unto the death."

- Revelation 12:5,10,11

* the "Spirit of Prophecy" ... even through blood. The example of obedience. (Revelation 19:10) Warfare !

"Oneness" (in God's Kingdom)

"And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it. And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations (also) into it."

*- Revelation 21:24,26
(see also: ch.22)*

Redemption (when God takes you back)

Redemption is based upon a "born again" experience. It's when God takes your hand off of the natural equipment, and gives you the *light* ... to use the *Spiritual equipment*.

Redemption is not based upon our "doings", our habits, or our religious opinions, and chosen beliefs.

The "new birth" is brought into effect by our expression. This chosen expression is called faith. It is our expression of the Spirit of God ... within us.

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God"

Jesus came to baptize with the Holy Ghost. He was commissioned to *redeem* mankind. (Romans 8:2)

The world is full of people who are walking around lost. They never knew that they were supposed to have a relationship with *God's Spirit*. (St. John 4:19-26)

As we read scriptures, we discover that self-ambition led Adam and Eve to disobey the "voice of the Spirit"; and so, sin entered into the world. Soon, it became the common trend to live life without Spiritual relationship, as children grew in the footsteps of their parents. (Romans 5:19, ch. 6:11-13,16,22,23, Romans ch.8, St. John ch.3)

What Must We Do to be Saved ? (they asked)

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the LORD our God shall call.

And with many other words he did testify, and exhort, saying, Save yourselves ... from this untoward generation.

Then, they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them ... about three thousand souls."

- Acts 2:38-41

Repent - at this point, you are changing from your learned "self government" ... to God's *Spirit* government.

Be baptized - unload the "sin habit", take on the truth of the word of Christ.

For the "promise" is unto you. The *Spirit* of life. The "Christ anointing".

Friendship

Friendship is close to "fruit-bearing". Friendship is the concert of life. (Do you know how much graciousness is in friendship? How much protection-ism?)

Friendship is a close thing to Godliness. Do you get it? (look) ...

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.

And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the foreigner shall be your plowmen and your gardeners.

But, you shall be named the priests of the LORD: men shall call you the ministers of our God: you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall you boast yourselves.

For your shame, you shall have double; and for confusion, they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore, in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery ... for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed."

- Isaiah 61:3-9

It's not about "me". It's not about "what I know". (as if God needed my knowledge)

Ho ! Ho ! Ho !

When will we figure it out, and be released into the *new* life.

Do you get it ?

I could see the truth, ... and how people were "missing" it. (maybe something like Jesus, when he was 12 yrs. old, and debating in the Temple. 18 years passed; and he learned ... "to be")

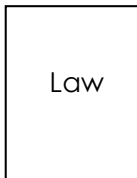
This isn't about our ambition, or "us" doing it. This reconciliation is of the Father. It's His. He is interested in His people. (St. John 14:10)

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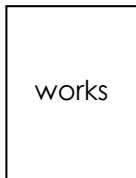
When there is no more worship of "self", ... then the resurrection births us into *His Kingdom*, and into His useful eternal purposes. We will come to a place of unloading even our religious agendas, so that we might make room for *Spiritual ministry*.

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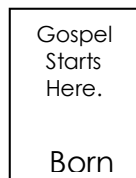
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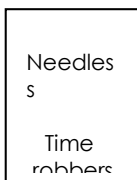
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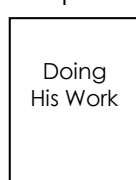
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Understanding
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Dominion
Stewardship
Sonship

Stages of Spiritual Development

This next group of six is more conscious of “God” than the first. The word “acquiesce” becomes important, not only in our convictions, but also in our acts, and expressions. We lose our own need to be a judge, or to act, as we patiently wait upon the intention of God’s Spirit ... in a given situation. (abide)

Many good people reach this stage, and can’t lose the need to judge (become critical): or they turn everything over to God, without waiting for direction ... as His steward. (faithfulness)

The
School
of the
Spirit

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Intimacy

Grace

Love

Signs

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(power)

Miracles

*This is not a relationship ... to the Scriptures; but rather, the relationship ... of the Scriptures.

The Armor

As we look at the previous pages, it's evident that the Spiritual armor is experienced, starting at level three. (of the first 6 Stages)

1. The soldier learns to take orders;
... "hearing and obeying".
2. The soldier "unloads" the old armor,
... and perceptions.
3. The soldier takes on "new armor"
4. "Dominion and Stewardship"

In the battle, he/she abides in the "call of God" ... even in the midst of distress.

Faith is placed in the directing of the Spirit, as factual events are on the way.

Joy, and realization, ... will come.

Giving, Forgiving, Misgiving

"And if you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul, then, shall your light rise in obscurity, and your darkness shall be as the noon day :

And the LORD shall guide you continually, ... and satisfy your soul in drought, and make healthy your bones: and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."

- Isaiah 58:10,11

The *real* Body of Christ has this *Spiritual anointing* that Isaiah spoke of.

It's the flow of life. It's the "light" that shines in dark places ... so that men, and women, might find *true relationship* with God.

It is introduced to somebody's life, and brings *blessing* to God's Creation.

Giving - is "creation" power. It should be God's intent expressed. It's not bad to want to give, it's the experience of God's creative power.

Mis-giving - doesn't land. It just hovers. It is a crippled offense. It robs. It steals. It scorns. It judges. It hurts God's creation. We want to turn this upon another; ... and maybe, even many. It is motivated in an evil atmosphere.

Forgiving - is the power to go on. It's the *confidence* to go on walking with the Creator.

Don't stop. Be open to the direction of God's intention.

The confidence to go on. It's the shield of faith that quenches the "fiery darts" of misgiving. (these antagonistic needles of evil)

Don't get caught up in the realm of mis-giving. It is meant to destroy. It is scornful, and hard on the beauty of God's creation.

Bring *light* to the situation. Preach forgiveness to those who will repent. Bring God's intended *Word* of Salvation, and grace. (The shield of faith. The helmet of salvation.)

Keep the Body of Christ pure ... and *functioning* in the "fellowship" of strength and grace. There is no choice. It's *a call*. It's a *call* ... to the "born again" ... experience.

When you understand *forgiveness*, you will want to do it more. It will lead you to the *light* of justice, creative value, and protection.

Synthetic religion misses relationship with the Spirit of God. Some folks just learn the stories, and believe in a "legend" ... rather than being "born again" of the Spirit of God.

"Jesus said unto him, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

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

Marvel not that I said unto you, ... you must be born again."

- St. John 3:3,6,7

When we get to know *the Holy Spirit* ... our understanding of intercession will change. We will understand that God wants to save people. He is calling people. We don't have to pray that God will save people. He wants to.

We will learn that the intercession takes place between us and the lost; not us, and God. (thus, an awakening to Spiritual ministry)

In most cultures of the world, human beings have ways that they take "little escapes" from their everyday stresses. For some, it's known as "tripp'n".

Some people find their escapes in drugs, or alcohol. Others, in music, stories, art, or conversation.

Be careful, that your ministry is not just a facilitator of "tripp'n". Keep it simple, and *Spirit led*.

Why does God forgive ? Because He loves His creation. It's His "offspring". That's why we can pray ...

"Our Father, who is in heaven. Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom come. Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for Yours is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."

- St. Matthew 6:9-14

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Breaking Dependency

Human Despondency (an understanding)

The *salvation* that is presented by Christ is *purposed* to break despondency. (Isaiah ch.61, St. Luke 4:16-21) It's the call back to relationship with the *Spirit of wisdom*, and *life*.

Despondency is a result of discouragement, hopelessness, and loss. It's a curse. It doesn't understand forgiveness. It's judgmental, and condemning. Its purpose is not to restore: whereas, the message of salvation is to *restore*.

If we understood that despondency is the darkness that covers the earth, then we would see *salvation* differently. We would depend upon its intention to *set free* from the many forms of depression that curses people.

The pathway that leads into this bondage is our rejection towards the Spirit of God. We have learned to do things on our own, apart from God's input.

It is evident from the account in Genesis (ch.3), that the *judgment* that came forth in the Garden of Eden for their conduct was despondency; and it effected all of creation.

He said to the woman that He would multiply her sorrow in conception, and the bringing

forth of children. She would feel at a loss, and her desire would be towards her husband, and he would rule over her. (Genesis 3:16) This doesn't sound like the blessing of God.

And to the man He said, you will have sorrow in "industry". Even that around you will not bring forth blessing to you, but you will have to toil for it. (Genesis 3:17-19) He went from eating the fruit of the garden (his stewardship reward), to toiling for the herb of the weedy ground. (striving)

The woman lost her authority, and the man lost his blessing. Both were introduced to sorrow, loss, and despondency.

Who brings forth children ? The woman. How are these children brought forth ? In sorrow. They are conditioned for nine months ... as they are formed in the womb.

What they have to look forward to in industry is sorrow, as they strive to make their way in the world.

What is the curse ? Sorrow. Worry. Grief. Despondency. (Ecclesiastes 1:18, Proverbs 15:13-15 - sorrow, afflicted, humbled, distressed)

"For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God. For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who has subjected the same in hope, ...

Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together ... until now."

- Romans 8:19-22

The whole creation waits for the *manifestation* of the sons of God.

What do you think the gospel is about ? It's about people turning back to the Spirit of God, and allowing the harmony of this relationship to take place in their lives. (Acts 2:38-47)

"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."

- Romans 8:14

As we move forward in the Spirit, and blessing of God, even our surroundings will be affected: because where God is *manifested*, *creative power* is manifested.

The oil of joy will be spilled upon people. (Isaiah 61:3) The world of the *beatitudes* will become evident. (St. Matthew ch.5)

The correction, and *direction*, of the *Spirit Word* ... will lead. (Romans ch.8)

There will come new intelligence, awakening, sobriety from drunkenness, and taking on of *Spirit*.



As we behold the nightmarish things around us, and pray for them, God will expose the fallen nature of the enemy, and give *us* understanding ... so that we might *speak* forth His advice in faithfulness.

Victory, in the sliminess of *loss*. Faith, in the fear of falling short. Confidence and *vision* where there was once short-sightedness.

Where there is despondency, unfaithfulness, *disobedience*, heaviness, drugs, liberalism, slipperiness, sliminess, and perversion, ... God will intervene ... through His children.

The Spirit of God assures us ...

"I will be with you when it happens; and I will be with you when it doesn't happen.

Despondency - the archangel of heaven, who fell from grace. Fear is in the pith of her soul. (she begets) Men, you carry it from the womb of the unregenerate.

Despondency is a heaviness. You need to see her in all of her lethargic points. She's a "nevers" ville. She'll "do" over again, and twice over. Never let her ride. Help to carry the burden of the *community*.

For she has attacked so many." (see: 1 Peter 2:13-15)

"For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold ... no water."

- Jeremiah 2:13

"For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles,

and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD. My soul shall be joyful in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, and as a bride adorns with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations."

- Isaiah 61:8-11

"Yet, the LORD will command His loving kindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life."

- Psalms 42:8

The light of Life is from above, but the industrious of a nation is on its feet. (Rise up)

We have thought that sin was our problem: but salvation isn't about disobedience. Forgiveness ... is for disobedience.

Salvation is about deliverance, restoration, and healing. It's about growth into dominion, stewardship, and ministry. (see: Isaiah ch.61)

"And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

- Isaiah 61:4

When we first experience forgiveness, and the restoring grace of *salvation*, our attention is fixed upon what is going on in "our" lives.

Sometimes our experience is "joyous", and sometimes, it feels like we are visiting ... hurt, and depression. (the "hangover" from our life)

As we experience God, peace and confidence surround our souls. But, as we experience the areas of our lives that He is healing and restoring ... it is heavy.

God wants to take us into His regions of light, but He also wants to take us into our regions of loss, so that healing and restoration might take place. As we are released, and growth takes place, the *effect* of our salvation is "seen". (Joel 2:12-32, Psalms 132)

"We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we now have received our "Spiritual relationship".

For as by one man's disobedience (Adam's), many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one (Jesus Christ), many are made righteous. (Righteous way of life, obedience of faith)"

- Romans 5:11,19

As we mature, we will find our joy in God's life. We will learn to find our excitement in what *His Spirit* is doing as He ministers to the lost of this world, and uses *us* for His glory.

After all, this is what repentance is all about. The call of the gospel is to turn back to *Him*; and He will pour out the promise of His salvation. (Joel 2:12-32, Acts 2:38-40, Romans ch.8)

We are not to challenge Him with our religious ideas; but rather learn "obedience of faith", and the rejoicing of harmony.

3 Stages of God's Revelation (Hebrews ch.9)

1. Altar of Sacrifice - this is the place of "conscience". If our conscience is not condemned, we have the beginning of relationship. (Hebrews 9:14)

2. Tabernacle of Ordinance - the place of our "obedience", and our priestly function, as His sons. (stewards) Ministry.

3. Most Holy Place - this is the place of God's "communing Presence". The place of our "intercessory" ministry. (the Christ ministry - Romans ch.12)

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As we contemplate the experience of these three areas of our relationship with God, we see that this "calling" is of a much greater scope than just a mere adjustment of our conduct; or a new opinion about which religion is right.

Don't get excited about scriptural phrases, but rather find your importance in relationship.

"That God, the Father of glory, may give unto you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation ... in the knowledge of Him:

The eyes of your understanding being enlightened, ... that you may know what is the hope of His calling ... "

- Ephesians 1:17-18

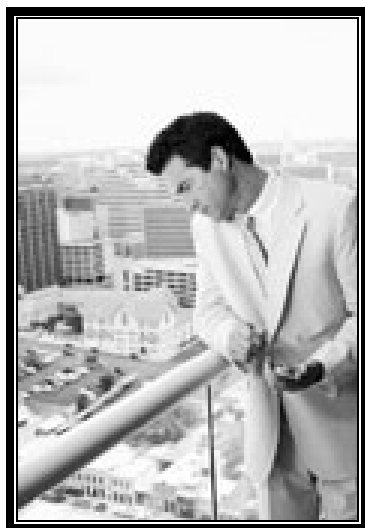
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Armor – Adaptability

Part 5

What we might refer to as the "call of God" upon a person's life is actually the predetermined *Word* of God that is written in their souls ... long before their birth. (Jeremiah 1:4,5, Ephesians 1:3,4)

There is a record of an early Christian document (140 A.D.) that may help us to see what I'm saying. Justin Martyr, in his first document to the Roman Senate, explained it like this:

"To any thoughtful person, would anything appear more incredible than if we were not in the body, and someone were to say that it was possible that from a small drop of human seed ... bones and sinews and flesh be formed into a shape such as we see ?

For let this now be said hypothetically: if you yourselves were not such as you now are, and born of such parents (and causes), and one were to show you human seed, and a picture of a man, and were to say with confidence that from such a substance such a being could be produced, ... would you believe before you saw the actual production ?

No one will dare to deny that such a statement ... would surpass belief.

In the same way then, you are now questioning, ... because you have never seen a dead man rise again. But, as at first you would not have believed it possible that such persons could be produced from the small drop, ... and yet, now you see them thus produced.

So also, you should judge that it is not impossible that the bodies of men, after they have been dissolved, and like seeds resolved into earth, should in God's appointed time, rise again, and put on incorruption.

It is better to believe even what is impossible to our own nature, and to men, ... than to be unbelieving like the rest of the world."

The gospel of the Kingdom of God ... is not just about the forgiveness of sin; it's a *wake-up call* to come to the Light.

The Savior came forth as *the Word*: the *light* which lights every man. (St. John 1:1-18, Proverbs ch.8) And now, this *Word* is committed unto us as we move forth in a world where most people walk in oblivion. (darkness) (see: 2 Corinthians ch.5)

We are to awake their *realization* to the *Word* that is written in their hearts so that they too ... might walk with God. (this is the *realization* of St. John 3:21)

As we awake unto righteousness we are called to be *light*, and to call people out of darkness. (read: St. Matthew 5:14-16, Romans 13:11, 1 Corinthians ch.15, Ephesians 5:8-17, and 1 Thessalonians ch.5)

If everyone is only willing to tolerate others, then our sense of *direction*, and truth, is lost to *our* generation.

We are not sent to be judgmental, nor propagate religion, but rather to be a *witness* ... unto the "Word of the Spirit". (light)

Truth is in salvation. Let the *Spirit of truth* ... be heard.

Flexibility

There is flexibility in "warfare strategy".

In the Kingdom of God we don't take up a "written" instruction and march into a *Spiritual battle* with a carnal "concerned look" on our face. That's religion. It's not what we are talking about, here.

We deliver the message of His *Spirit of truth*, or we don't do anything. (sometimes it's heavy, light, concerned, thankful, questioning, correcting, or reassuring) That which is born of the *Spirit* is

Spirit, and that which is born of the flesh, is flesh. (St. John 3:1-8, Romans ch.8)

The Seed

The seed is the *Word*. And when we look at it, we wonder "what is in that little thing" ?

There is a whole DNA blueprint in that seed. It grows up into something. It's the expression of *Word*. The power of the Word. The power of the Creator's *Word*.

And, when the great Resurrection comes, the dust of the DNA will be raised up ... unto the Judgment verdict.

Now is the Time

Now is the time that we are relating to the Spirit of our Creator. Either we are caught up in the distractions of this world, or we have come to the *light*. Either we are walking in faith as the *Spirit Word* directs us: or we are wasting this precious time.

The prophetic poem that we previously looked at says, ...

"I see a crowded courtroom; and the name of one is called.

The Great Judge looks down ... upon that spirit, and says, "Tell Me your story, and introduce to Me who you are.

I will give you seventy years ... to demonstrate for Me. Go on, let's begin."

The courtroom is silent as the story unfolds. The spirit tells it all.

This is the Day of Judgment that you are living in, and may you never fall."

Truth

What most people call "truth", is nothing more than opinion. The only real truth is found in "the Spirit of truth". Let me give you an example.

The story is told of the ... Exodus of the Israelites from Egypt.

Moses, leading the Israelite people, was being chased by the Egyptian army. As the crowd kept moving, they found themselves up against the Red Sea ... with no escape.

I can just see the worried people coming to Moses, and in fear saying, "Now what, Moses ? We're trapped ! We're all going to die !" And it did look like that. That was the truth.

Or, so you thought.

Moses cried out to God. (and) God spoke to Moses.

"Stretch forth your rod (walking stick) over the Red Sea (where I'm telling you to walk)"

Remember, he was there because ... God led him there.

Well when he did, the Sea parted, the people passed through, and the Egyptian army was drowned behind them.

What is the truth ? I ask you again, what is the truth ? You see, when we are born of the *Spirit*, our judgment has a different source ... for how we determine truth. (Romans 8:28)

We walk according to ... *His* purpose. And when we do, things work out for eternal betterment, both now, and forever.

In the case of Moses and the Israelites, it wasn't just them that God saw. It was them plus all of His future promises, and intentions, for the future generations. They were carrying the seed of His Word. And for that matter, they were carrying the seed of the Jewish Christ, and the nation of Israel, and the "former promises" that He had made to Abraham.

Some of the things that we are *going through* are not just about us. God has an eternal plan that we need to learn to walk in. We are to be faithful stewards of His Word; for in the "seed of man" lies the greatest scripture ever written.

When God looks at *the people* ... He sees beyond what we see.

In Revelation (chs.2,3) ... it is continually repeated that God "knows" what is going on, and He wants all of us to "hear what the Spirit" ... would say to the churches.

We must *maintain* receiving, and believing, the Spirit of truth: for that is the Christ anointing.

Jesus told a parable about the Sower going out, and sowing the Word of the Spirit. Some fell on deaf ears, other upon distracted hearts, and some on *good* ground. (St. Luke 8:4-18)

The trial is on. We are living in the Day of your Judgment.

Here it is ...

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God ... shall call."

- Acts 2:38,39

"For if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you."

- St. Matthew 17:20

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things that are unseen."

- Hebrews 11:1

"So then, faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

- Romans 10:17

"Seeing that we are encompassed about ... with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily besets us, and let us run with patience the race that is set ... before us.

Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him ... endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied, and faint in your minds."

- Hebrews 12:1-3

"This charge I commit unto you my son, ...according to the prophecies which went before on you, that you, by them, might war a good warfare: holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith ... have made shipwreck."

- 1 Timothy 1:18-19

Jesus – and the *Spiritual* Life

When we look at the life of Jesus, we can't help but see that everything was about Spirituality. He said, "I do nothing of myself; the Father *directs* everything that I do". (St. John 14:10)

As he began his ministry ... it was important for him to do things to fulfill all righteousness, and to be anointed of the Holy Spirit. (St. Matthew 3:13-17, ch.4:13-17)

As he was directed into "testing times" in the wilderness, his answers were always ones of relationship to the Spirit of God. (St. Matthew 4:1-11)

As he ministered, it was important to him to "be" the expression of the *Spirit Word* ... that came to him.

When he preached about the Kingdom of God, it was with the understanding that it is the Spirit Word of God that rules ... here in His creation, now.

How much more plain can this be; and yet people still get caught up in a "form of religion", not knowing the Spirit of God.

What kind of floor are we walking around on ?
What is our *experience* with Spirituality ?
With the tests ? With the building ? With
the training ? Are we walking in
Spirituality ?

Are we being stretched by extreme measures,
so that we may *grow* ... from faith to faith ?

What we are talking about is *not* about "head
knowledge". This gospel is about Spirituality.
It's a new realm. It's a different realm.
It's about stewardship, and our *Spiritual
management* in this earth.

The ancient Zoroastrian religion preached ...
that as spirits, we had the opportunity to
come to earth, or not. If we came, it was to do
battle, to work with the Spirit of God, and to
bring forth, and establish His Kingdom ... in
this world.

God is setting up His Kingdom with power
over all the Spiritual realms; and we are His
Sons, and His Daughters. (Romans ch.8)

When the Sower sows the Word of the Spirit
in our hearts, and minds; ... what do we do
with it ? (St. Luke 8:4-21)

As we lay aside the weights, cares, and distractions, and run to obtain the "prize"; ... what kind of floor is under our feet ?

Are your feet shod "properly" ? Are you *suitable* in your function ? Are you ready ? Where is your ministering functioning ? How ... is your ministering functioning ?

What Spirit are you of ? Remember the Prince of Peace ? Remember the Gospel ? What attitude ... are you of ?

Grace gives you ability. Truth gives you justice. This that results, as it is expressed confidently, is righteousness. (St. John 1:14,16-18)

(preparation)

Your habitual practices will effect your warfare. (I'm speaking of your daily activities) Can you change ? Will you stop ?

Will you give more time to the *Spirit of God*, and daily preparation ?

We are called to function in different places:

- the hardwood floor of the affluent, and rich
- the marble floors of Kings, and institutions
- the pavement, and concrete, of the streets of the city
- the earth roads of the rural areas

In all of these areas we are presenting the gospel of peace; but we need to be *prepared* in our "functionality". We need to know what we are doing, and *be* in a state of *readiness*.

We receive tests from the Lord for many different reasons: but sometimes it's just to see if we can "change".

What are your answers when tested ? Do they come from the *Spirit of God* ? Are you "born again" of the Spirit ?

Is the enemy fighting you: or is God's Spirit ?
Can you change ?

Can you say, "I and the Father, are one" ? (St. John chs.14,15,16)

Preparation, and testing, happens all the time.
(Are you ready ?)

Performance Religion

It has been a popular comment that we avoid the thought of "performance religion", where we believe that we have to do things to please God.

This argument has been made so that we establish the fact that our righteousness is found in Christ. (and someone says, Amen)

But, I want to re-visit this statement.

If we believe that because we are living a certain way because of our opinion, and that that produces righteousness, then I think that "performance religion" is a fallacy. (Isaiah ch.1)

It's not the name of our religion that is important, or how many sacrifices that we make for God.

Also, to believe that Jesus died upon the cross to establish my righteousness is equally wrong. When will we understand the statement, "Obedience is better than sacrifice" ?

There is nothing wrong with "performance religion". It is expected. (Hebrews 10:4-25)

The problem that we may encounter ... is "our source".

If we try to be righteous out of a source of "living according to principles, and laws, and doing the best that we can", we have missed the point.

Our righteous way of life is found in ... "obedience to the voice of the Spirit". (Hebrews 10:7,16-25) Repentance, and *obedience* to the Holy Spirit, is performance. (Isaiah ch.61, James 1:21-25)

Filled With the Spirit

Being "filled", is a reference to what areas of our life, and *how many* areas of our life, we are allowing the Holy Spirit to be in control of.

Some areas of our life, ... we choose to manage ourselves.

We are filled with accusations, wrong decisions, anxieties, and fears.

In times of meditation, and fellowship with the Holy Spirit, these areas will come to light; and the Holy Spirit will minister grace, and

take up residence, so that we can form new habits.

When we are together in a group, our "fellowship" should be conducive to this grace. This *renewing* is a process, and takes time. We learn to walk in it.

"Born of the Spirit": it's like the wind. We are *directed* by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of truth, and *light*, is our *guide*. (study: St. John chs.1,3,14,15,16, and Proverbs ch.8)

What we are used to seeing ... is a teacher at the front of a room, teaching about right conduct. Then, we go and try to do "our best" ... still not knowing the grace of the Holy Spirit.

To be "filled with the Spirit", simply means that. The Spirit Word becomes our counselor, and healer, in all areas of our life, until we are "filled" in every area.

*"A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth:
but, the soul of the transgressors shall eat violence"*

- Proverbs 13:2
(See also: Ephesians 5:1-21)

The Prince of Peace

The Prince of Peace is also known ... as *the Word*. (Revelation ch.19)

The only ones that need be afraid are the war-mongers who are *motivated* by ... the spirits of darkness.

The peace that the Holy Spirit brings is not one of *corrupt tolerance*; but rather of *Creation light*. (St. John 14:27)

He is the *eternal Word* of all holy scripture; as men of God are moved to write their visions. (Proverbs ch.8, St. John ch.1)

"For God is my King of old, working salvation in the midst of the earth.

You did divide the sea by Your strength: You broke the heads of the dragons ... in the waters.

You broke the heads of the dragon in pieces, and gave him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness.

You did cleave the fountain, and the flood: You dried up mighty rivers.

The day is Yours, the night also is Yours: You have prepared the light, and the Sun.

You have set all the borders of the earth: You have made summer, and winter.

Remember this, that the enemy has reproached, O LORD, and that the foolish people ... have blasphemed Your name.

O, deliver not the soul of Your turtledove unto the multitude of the wicked: forget not the congregation of Your poor, forever.

Have respect unto the covenant: for the dark places of the earth are full of the inhabitations of cruelty.

O, let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor, and needy, praise Your name."

- Psalm 74:12-21

"Yea, all kings shall fall down before Him: all nations shall serve Him."

- Psalm 72:11

"I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works ... that He has done.

For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children: that the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born who should arise and declare them to their children: that they might set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments:

And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation; a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not steadfast with God. Even the children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle.

They kept not the covenant of God, and refused to walk in His law (Word); and forgot His works, and His wonders, that He had showed them. Marvelous things He did in the sight of their fathers in the land of Egypt, ... in the field of Zoan."

- Psalm 78:2-12

Anxiety (the "canker" from within)

Those who have experienced a trauma, whether it be divorce, rape, robbery, embarrassment, etc., ... may have a deep wound within ... that manifests itself in *anxiety*.

We walk around year after year ...
subconsciously *carrying this tension*.

It occupies our minds, habitually, and even
causes us to create situations that will feed
this anxiety. And the older we get, all kinds of
fears, and bitternesses, develop.

Be free ... of it. Let the Spirit of God ... heal
you.

The Kingdom of God creates a "peaceful
state", and a calm, prosperous, ... society.

The armor that we are addressing is not for
warring against people. Our war is not
with people. We need to love people.

*"For we wrestle not against flesh, and blood; ... but
against principalities, against powers, against the
rulers of the darkness of this world, and against
spiritual wickedness in outer regions".*

- Ephesians 6:12

*"The Kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and
joy, in the Holy Ghost".*

- Romans 14:17

This armor is for enabling us to stand ... *against* spiritual attack.

The weapons of our warfare ... are not carnal, but Spiritual. (see: 2 Corinthians 10:4)

Change (Salvation)

Because of "life", ... what we *perceive* to be truth, changes.

Movement changes truth. Realization, and perception, changes what we hold to be truth.

There is only one author, and definer, of truth, and that is the Spirit of truth that emanates from God. Everything proceeds from *Word*, ... which is the expression, and formation, of vision.

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; He will come ... and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a deer, and the tongue of the mute shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert."

- Isaiah 35:4-6

"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn ..."

- Isaiah 61:1,2

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Armor – The Calling

Part 6

The 7 Powers of Despondency

The soul that is free of these finds salvation, and the Christ *restoration*. They have been referred to in many of the early writings, (St. John chs.1,3, Romans chs.6,7,8), and are probably a necessity to look at in order for us to understand "the call" of the Christ gospel.

These powers that bring the soul into bondage are: darkness, desire, ignorance, excitement of death, kingdom of the flesh, foolish wisdom of the flesh, ... and wrathful wisdom.

1. "Darkness" - the opposite is "light".
(St. John ch.1 and ch.3)
2. "Desire" - the opposite is "contentment",
and "peace", "harmony of Spirit"
(St. John 14:27, Philippians 4:11)
3. "Ignorance" - the opposite is "the
knowing". Spiritual understanding.
(Ephesians 1:18, 1 Corinthians ch.2)
4. "Excitement of death" - the opposite is
oneness of Spirit. (not desire and fear of loss)
Excitement of *Spirit* "life". (St. John 5:24,
Romans ch.8)

5. "Kingdom of the flesh" - the alternative is the Kingdom of God, the Great Spirit.
(St. Matthew 6:9-13, Romans 8:12-14)

6. "Foolish wisdom of the flesh" - the alternative is the wisdom of the Spirit
(St. John 14:16,17, Romans ch.8,
1 Corinthians ch.2)

7. "Wrathful wisdom" - the alternative is wisdom of the Spirit, the Spirit of love, ... God's *salvation*.
(Ephesians 2:1-8)
 1. The slayer of men
 2. The conqueror of space

* Consider these dead, and overcome, that you might "live".

Most of us have learned to live out our lives out of some, or all, of these ways of thinking, depending upon who we've learned with. We tend to form a "decision making" habit.

For example, a business person may make many of their decisions out of a 7-3-2 pattern. They may not call #2, desire; they may call it "aspiring to greatness". But, these carnal bondages linger just the same; and it would do that person well to learn to *worship God*, instead of self.

For us to learn to make our decisions out of the Word of the *Spirit of God* is a radical change. It's a "born again" experience, and means that we have to get to know *Him*.

Jesus referred to this when he spoke of a person seeing *light* in the midst of darkness. The person is challenged to show an interest in the *light*, and get to know what is coming out from God's light. This would obviously expel their ignorance, and they would gain *Spirit* understanding.

Some people avoid the *light*, and love the ignorance, for that is the cloak that covers their ambitious "desire".

What Jesus said when explaining this was ...

"This is the condemnation. Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

For every one that does evil hates the light, neither comes to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved (and he might have to change)

But, he that does truth comes to the light that his deeds may be made manifest ... that they are wrought in God."

- St. John 3:19-21

The first three powers are the ones that the person struggles with ... prior to turning their life back to God.

When we get past the first three, and enter into relationship with the Spirit of God, we find the next three replaced with *Spirit* wisdom, understanding, vision, prophecy, and many of the conversion powers that we experience as we abide in *fellowship* with Him in the "born again" life.

As we pass # seven, the intercessory ministry of Christ, and the salvation ministry of the Holy Spirit, open to us through His Spirit of grace, and love. We are called into this ministry of *light* in this world. (2 Corinthians 5:17-21, and ch.6)

The *Sonship of God* is within us. The "old nature" must be considered dead.

Rise up, Son of man, and ... walk in the *light of God*.

- a visionThe Book of Revelation (the Christ gospel)

"After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude which no man could number of all nations, tribes, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation is of God, who sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshiped God. Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, Who are these that are arrayed in white robes ? And where did they come from ? And I said unto him, Sir, you know. And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore, they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sits upon the throne shall dwell among them.

They shall neither hunger anymore, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the sun light on them, nor heat. (drought)

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” (comp: Jeremiah ch.2)

- Revelation 7:9-17

As we contemplate this vision, there are some realizations that should become evident.

First, we are before the throne of God. (one God) Secondly, the Lamb, is seated in the midst of His throne. (He is "at one" with the Father. He is the "Word of the Father". His testimony is the "Spirit of prophecy")

When we see ourselves "in Christ", we see ourselves seated here with him, in the same "expression" of unity, quickened by the Spirit of God. (Colossians ch.1, Ephesians chs.1,2) This is salvation. (Revelation 7:10)

Our robes (priestly garments) are washed in the blood of the lamb. (through his ministry of "Spirit word", which we abide in. The testament. - St. John 5:22-24, and ch.15:3)

If we went to Revelation ch.19, our robes are seen as our garments of salvation (Revelation 19:1-21), "righteousness" (vs.8), "obedience" (vs.13), and our identification with "dominion". (vs.19-21)

What a vision. What a look into the reality of the bigger picture.

As we begin to understand the struggle of our soul in this temporary life, and contemplate the "seven powers of despondency" that we speak of, ... the book of Revelation will open to us in new directions.

As we see John's vision, and see why it would be important to share it with the churches, the depth of this vision will be brought to light.

We have always tried to look at it from a future, or historical perspective, but we must remind ourselves ... that it is a vision.

Look, as we open the vision, and see the triumph of the "salvation" experience. The Spirit of God will take you to a new position of understanding as you revisit these scenes.

The Larger Picture (Revelation chs.4 -10)

See the seven spirits that stand before the throne of God. (ch.4:5,11) The book containing the already written story of this world and salvation, sealed with seven seals. (ch.5) If you want to know the story, they must be opened. (this is the Spirit of revelation, the call of the gospel, the "light", the power to open the seals)

You will see a glimpse of the seven keys (ch.5:12), and how that after the "outpourings of the vials" upon the earth, the seventh one is the revelation of the intercessory Christ salvation.

Seven "Vials" Upon the Earth (chs.5-10)

The first six "outpourings" deal with man, and his struggles. (chs.5-7)

Sound familiar ? Compare the first six "outpourings" to the struggles of the first six "powers of despondency that plague our soul. (beginning of this section)

Then, the seventh is the revelation of the Christ ... who opens all seven; and conquers

"all seven". (chs.8-10) (This is the picture of the Christ "salvation", brought about by the "Spirit Word")

If you take these back to the smaller picture of what we see going on in our lives, and compare the seven outpourings of power with the seven powers of despondency, a new understanding will open up to you.

These tests are ordained of God, and will be in this world until God changes that. Can *you* take orders in the *midst* of the battle, and the powers that would be against you ?

Can you be led by the "*Word*" ? (see: Revelation ch.19) Are you ... an "overcomer" ? (Revelation chs.2,3)

These seven powers are also hidden in the revelation to the seven churches that John saw (chs.2,3), and in each case, there is the promise of a variety of "blessings" to those who "overcome", ... and "hear the Spirit".

Salvation is a process, ... with a purpose. (Ephesians 1:17-23)

the SoulBabylon is Fallen (Revelation ch.18)

This is a picture of the carnal city of our soul. And, do you know what ? One can achieve great things in this life. (if God allows) But you won't find the *life* that we are talking about until you are willing to "give it up", and submit to the leadership of the *Spirit Word* of God.

And, if you don't give it up to God, there are "others" that will be happy to strive for you. (ch.18)

See how great Babylon was. (ch.18) But, it was full of misery, and sadly pales in comparison to the glory of the Kingdom of God that John saw in the rest of the vision.

The "great whore" is the soul (ch.17), and the "beast" is the kingdom of the flesh, and man's carnal ideas that will support her.

But, Salvation comes ! And he cried saying, "Babylon ... is fallen"

"And the fruits that your soul lusted after are departed from you, and all the things which were dainty, and goodly, are departed from you, and you shall find them no more at all.

Rejoice over her, heaven, and all the holy apostles, and prophets; for God has avenged you on her."

- Revelation 18:14,20

Then we see (ch.19) the marriage of our soul to the Lamb, led by the *Word* of God through the Christ salvation (vs.9-21); and then, the negative powers judged by the "sword of the Spirit". (present tense, proceeding prophecy - vs.10,15,21)

Behold, all things become "new". (Revelation chs.20-22)

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit would say"

We are called to minister unto the souls of men. Our warfare is not *carnal*, but mighty (through God) to the pulling down of strongholds.

"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought ... to the obedience of Christ."

- 2 Corinthians 10:5

We do this by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We do this by the *Word of the Spirit*. (St. John 14:10, 1 Corinthians 14:24,25, 1 Peter 4:11)

People try to wield Scripture as being the "sword of the Spirit", but it doesn't work. Satan used Scripture when he attempted to ruin Jesus' ministry; and over time, many false prophets have used scripture.

The power that breaks the deception is the *Spirit of truth*.

The Spirit that ministers through you prophetically is the same Spirit that will bring *salvation* to the person's soul.

Your Christianity is only as good as your relationship with the Spirit of God ... in the midst of social interaction.

What you *speak* is either eternal, or temporal. (St. John 6:63)

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The Power of Touch

The power of *touch*, in ministry, can be easily overlooked if we are not aware of its great mystery.

Our intuition understands it, and even shudders at the power of it, but many times we don't use it.

Just imagine yourself at a social affair with someone you love. You gaze across the room at your mate and notice that someone of the opposite sex is flirting with them. You anxiously watch for awhile, and everything is not too bad until the other person begins to "touch" them; and then you become very upset. What just happened? What went off inside of you?

We know that there is a power; and yet, we don't give it much thought. In many cases, we walk around seldom touching the ones that we care for the most. I'm not advocating that we run around touching people all the time; but if we are ministering along with the Holy Spirit, we should once again consider what goes on with *a touch*.

The story is told of a woman who was sick, touching the clothing of Jesus so that she could be made whole.

Jesus *touched* the hand of Peter's mother-in-law, and the fever left her.

It's recorded in Mark's gospel (ch.6:56) that people would touch Jesus, and ... they would be healed.

Other times, the apostles laid hands upon the sick, and they recovered. (Acts 28:8)

They laid hands upon new Christians, and they received the Holy Ghost baptism, prophesied, and spoke with tongues. (Acts 19:6)

A "touch" is contact. It's the linking of two. Our body immediately reaches out to "interpret the experience" of the other; and something flows between.

Possibly one of the hindrances to an effective ministry through "touch" ... is that we view ourselves as just ourselves. We don't see the Spirit of God as dwelling in *us*. So when we touch someone, we think that it's just us touching the person.

If we communed with the *Holy Spirit* within us more, then we would know the Spirit's *intent*; and when we touched somebody, the *Spirit of God* would fulfill ministry ... to that person.

Your ministry is as powerful as your resident "virtue". The practice of *being the light* ... is the *abiding* life that Jesus taught His disciples to live.

"Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in me ?

The words that I speak unto you, I speak not of myself: but, the Father that dwells in me, ... He does the works."

- St. John 14:10

"And you has He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein, in times past you walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience:

Among whom also we all had our conduct 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.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for His great love wherewith He loved us, even when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together with Christ, (by grace you are saved); and has raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace ... in His kindness toward us ... through Christ Jesus.

For by grace you are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

Now therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; in Whom (God) all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy temple in the LORD:

In whom you also are built together for a habitation of God through the Spirit."

- Ephesians 2:1-10,18-22

"Whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given unto me by the effectual working of His power.

Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, ... is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world has been hid in God ... who created all things:

to the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be made known by the church the many-sided wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose which He brought about in Christ Jesus: (We are the Lamb that opens the seals of Revelation ch.5)

In Whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him. For this cause, I bow my knees before the Father, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man;

That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what the breadth, and length, and depth, and height is; and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding and abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,

Unto Him be glory in the church in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever.

- Ephesians 3:7-21

The fall of mankind (Genesis ch.3) is "passion" gone wild, or "life" gone wild. (St. John 3:19-21)

Life is not of matter, and if not kept in check, will destroy matter. (our bodies are made of "matter")

If it is kept in check with the Spirit of God it will *revive*, and *create*, matter; for the Spirit of God moves quickly and freely through these pathways.

What we are looking for is "design" to control the passion; and that design is found in the intelligence of the Spirit, which we call "light", or "Word". (not historical Bible, but present "Word" of the Spirit of God. The scriptures are to make us wise unto this salvation - 2 Timothy 3:15, St. John 3:19-21, 1 Corinthians ch.2)

The Lamb (Revelation chs.5,7,12,14,19,21,22)

"And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, I heard saying,

Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever." (Dominion - Ephesians 1:17-22, ch.2:1-6)

- Revelation 5:13

Purposed from before the creation of the world, mankind that is *at one* with God ... is the Lamb. (Son of man)

We are the ones who are obedient to the redeeming call of the Spirit of God ... to mankind. (Revelation 12:11)

We are bringing all nations before God's throne in worship.

The problem that many of us face is that we get hung up on sectarian *terminology* that we have gained from our "learning experiences". And so, we have Spiritual people saying the same thing, but using different terminology.

Who is worthy ... to open the seals to the mystery of the "powers that war against the soul" ?

Yes, the Lamb: those that are *at one* with God, and who are giving of themselves to His redeeming purposes.

That's why ... they are worthy to open *this understanding*.

The Holy Books

"I am the God of all the Holy Books. You need to Relax."

Much of our missionary work has not resulted in people having a relationship with God; but has been merely a promotion of sectarianism.

(If you asked them what God was saying, they would be looking in their handbook. They don't "know" God)

The Christ

Contrary to popular belief, Christ is *not* Jesus' second name.

In Jewish history, King Saul ... would have been a Christ, Moses, would have been a Christ, King David would have been a Christ, etc.

The Christian writers teach that the church is the body of Christ; and that we are in Christ, and have received the ministry of Christ. (Romans ch.8, 2 Corinthians ch.5, Ephesians chs.1-6)

To qualify for the title of Christ, every one of them must be anointed of God to be God's person of leadership for their generation.

The term Christ is the Greek equivalent to the Hebrew term Messiah, and simply means "anointed one".

If you didn't want to use Jewish terminology, you might call that person a "Spiritually anointed light".

From the beginning of mankind, God has always had His chosen, ... to have a "light" for the people.

The gospels bring out the point that one would come forth from the lineage of David, and he would be a Messiah (Christ) to the people.

As the apostle Paul pointed out in one of his writings (Romans chs.4,9,11), it's not the natural lineage that is important to the Spiritual realm many times; but rather, of the same faith, and purpose. (God's anointing, the call)

The Christ that we are talking about is of the Spiritual faith, and purpose, of God: and is anointed of God's Spirit to fulfill His intention. (he is *the Word*)

The Plurality of "Christ"

Jesus, from the beginning, always saw the *redeeming factor*, and the *plurality* of Christ.

He said, ...

"Except a kernel of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abides alone"

- St. John 12:24

"It glorifies the Father when you bear much fruit, so shall you be my disciples"

- St. John 15:8

"The works that I do, you shall do also; and greater works than these ... you will do"

- St. John 14:12

Isaiah wrote,

"The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for He has anointed me to preach the gospel ..."

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations"

- Isaiah ch.61

Paul wrote,

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purposes."

For whom He did foreknow, He also did purpose for their destiny that they should be conformed to the image of His Son (see vs.14), that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

As it is written, For your sake we are killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. (the Lamb)

But, in all things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (the throne - Ephesians 2:6)

- Romans 8:28,29,36

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Important

Peter's Revelation

Many people have quoted Peter as saying,

** "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (speaking of Jesus, ... only)*

- Acts 4:12

First, was Peter right ? Do we believe that everything that came out of Peter's mouth is unquestionable ? (Follow the accounts of his life, and contrary experiences with Jesus)

It was also Peter who said,

*"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto you do well that you take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. (interpretation - Gk. *E'pilusis* - to solve further, to explain)*

For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

- 2 Peter 1:19-21

What Peter is sharing here is what the apostles of the early church believed; that the explanation of the mystery of the gospel comes from "the church" ... as it moves *prophetically* with the Spirit of God.

Paul, the early apostle, also wrote about it in several of his letters, to this effect ...

"Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

For you may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted." (compare with St. John 14:26)

- 1 Corinthians 14:29,31

"Now therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone; in Whom (God) all the building fitly framed together grows unto a holy temple in the Lord:

In God you also are built together for a habitation of God ... through the Spirit.

How that by revelation He (God) made known unto me the mystery; which in other ages was not made

known unto the sons of men, (Proverbs ch.8), as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets ... by the Spirit."

- Ephesians 2:19-22, ch.3:3,5

The early apostles didn't have the attitude that "everything" that they said and did was 100%, and unchangeable. (This is a doctrine that emerged from the political church of the Roman empire, when they made the apostles, and writings, into gods, and Gods word)

The early apostles believed in fellowship and growth, and got together to try to get an understanding of what the Spirit of God was saying and doing. (thus, the early conferences in Acts)

The "situation" of one church may be different from that of another.

The "perception" that one church receives, may differ to that of another.

The "calling" of one church may differ ... from another.

Peter made statements that would be later challenged by the Spirit of God: much in the same way that we have our growth experiences.

After making statements in Acts ch.4 that would limit the gospel, he had a revelation in Acts ch.10 that would open his understanding and change the way the gospel would be promoted. (Acts chs.11-15 we continuously see the use of "word of the Lord", and "God's grace")

This is God's gospel that was promoted through Jesus as His "light", and later through the early missionaries as His "light". It is the "salvation" of the Christ ministry. (St. John 5:24)

Here's Peter's revelation that would open his mind to God's call. (It wasn't exactly the same as Jesus' mission)

"On the next day, as they went on their journey, and came near unto the city, Peter went up onto the housetop to pray about the six hour. He became very hungry, and would have eaten: but, while they made ready, he fell into a trance, and saw heaven opened, and a "vessel" being let down to him, like a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth: wherein were all

manner of four-footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

And there came a voice to him, Rise Peter, kill and eat. But Peter said, Not so Lord, for I have never eaten anything that was common or unclean. And the voice spoke unto him again the second time,

What God has cleansed do not call common. This was done three times: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.



“Now, while Peter doubted in himself what this vision that he had seen should mean, ... the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, and asked whether Simon Peter was there.

While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, There are three men looking for you. Arise, and go down and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them. (so, Peter went down, and met them)

And they said, Cornelius, a just man, and one that fears God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house, and to hear words from you.

And the next day Peter went, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

And Peter said unto them, You know that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or to come unto one of another nation, but, God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

And Cornelius said unto him, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, Cornelius, your prayer is heard, and your alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. Send therefore to Joppa, and call Peter; he is staying in the house of Simon the tanner by the sea side: who when he comes shall speak unto you.

Immediately therefore, I sent for you; and you have done well that you have come. Now therefore, we are all here present before God, to hear all the things that you are commanded of God.

** Then Peter opened his mouth and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: but in every nation he that fears Him and works righteousness, is accepted with Him. (This is contrary to Acts 4:12. It's his new revelation)*

The word which God sent ... unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: that word, I say you know, which was published throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."

- Acts 10:9-38 (part)

No matter how you look at this account, the issue is about the outpouring of the Holy Ghost. This is the topic that went all the way to the Jerusalem conference. (chs.11,15)

Peter had to come to a realization that he must stop condemning people ... whom God had accepted.

God would anoint a people for Himself out of all Gentile nations, who would also be a *light* of His gospel. (Acts 15:14,17,18) These people would speak, and minister, as the *Spirit of God* directed them. They would have the "*Word of the LORD*". The gospel. (Acts 2:16-18)

I ask you which is more important; whether they speak with Jewish terminology, or whether they speak out of the Spirit of God ? (in the tongues of all nations)

We must get past our "sectarianism", and turn to the God of *all* creation. (Acts 14:15,16, ch.17:23-30)

"He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit would say"

- Revelation chs.2,3

We Need Deliverance From

1. The "tradition of the world" (of man)
2. Self-preoccupation
3. Willful ignorance

4. Legalism
5. Sectarianism
6. Heavenly gain (Lucifer's ambition)

7. Our identity (separate from God)

* Our goal is to enter into the "Dance of the Creator".

Jesus said, "I and the Father ... are one"

the Spot (blemish, fault)

"How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself "without spot" to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God."

- Hebrews 9:14
(see also 2 Peter 3:13-18)

We know what physical blemishes look like; but, what about *Spiritual* blemishes? They are oddities to the Spirit of God, and weaknesses. The small book of Jude (in the Bible) gives a great description of what they look like; but, it could be just things that cripple *our works*.

1. Inhibition ... rather than "boldness"
2. Fear of falling short, rather than confidence
3. Greed ... rather than glory
4. Selfishness ... rather than "oneness"

(Most of these are driven by the fourth power, "excitement of death" - pg.136)



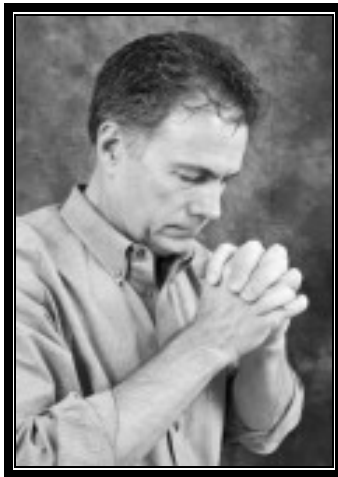
Realization from the Holy Spirit

Take time, review, hear, ... and write

What about this <i>Previous Section</i> ... ? part ?	Be "specific"	Which

This page is not for Questions & Answers, but rather for "Realization" that comes to you from the Holy Spirit. Take time to also read the Scriptures referred to. The Holy Spirit has much to say to you. You are His. As we build upon "realization", write what the Lord speaks to you, and shows you. It's important to "your" growth. (Ephesians 1:17-20)





Spiritual Vision



Armor – Our Works

Part 7

We create our *works* out of *obedience* to the *Spirit of God*. This is the "obedience of *our* faith".

Some are sowers. Some are waterers. Some are harvesters.

The waterers diffuse the thoughts of the enemy.

Jesus was a waterer. He was "light". And He did expel darkness.

Paul, the early apostle, said ...

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.

So then, neither is he that planted anything, neither he that waters; but God, ... who gives the increase.

Now, he that plants and he that waters are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are laborers together with God: and you are God's field (garden); you are God's building.

According to the grace of God, which is given unto me, as a wise master-builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But, let every man take heed how he builds thereupon."

- 1 Corinthians 3:6-10

Psalms 45

"My heart is realizing (gushing) a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made, pertaining to the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

You are fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into your lips: therefore, God has blessed you forever.

Gird your sword upon Your thigh O Most Mighty, with Your glory and Your majesty.

And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things.

Your arrows (Spirit word) are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby ... the people fall under You.

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: the scepter of Your Kingdom is a right scepter.

You love righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore, God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness above your fellows.

All your garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made you glad.

Kings' daughters were among your honorable women; upon your right hand ... did stand the queen in gold of Ophir."

(God will establish, and bless, your works)

- Psalms 45 (part)

Our Strength

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

*God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, and that right early.*

*The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: He
uttered His voice, and the earth melted.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is
our refuge.*

*Come behold the works of the LORD, what
desolations He has made in the earth.*

*He makes wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in sunder;
He burns the chariot in the fire.*

*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted
among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.*

*The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is
our refuge."*

- Psalms 46

The Flow of Spirit Life

1. Discovery - "creativity" comes from neutrality
2. Perception - God can give perception from anything, or even any religion. We call that truth.

3. Connectivity - relationship with God's Spirit
4. Placidity - peace, contentment, harmony.
The "contrary" struggle is over.

Our Works

"Is any sick among you ? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he has committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

Confess your faults to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

(Righteous works are those that are at harmony with the Spirit of God as He "performs" His purposes)

Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit. (Read these accounts in 1 Kings chs.17,18, as he was led by the Spirit of God, ... and was looked after by God)

Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know that he which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

- James 5:14-20

Do You Do Works ?

"What does it profit, my brethren, though a man say he has faith, and has not works ? Can faith save him ?

If a brother, or sister, is naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, and be warmed and filled; but you don't give them the things which are needful to the body; what does it profit ?

Even so, faith if it has not works is dead, being alone.

A man may say, You have faith, and I have works: show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble. Will you understand, O vain man, that faith without works ... is dead ?

You see then, how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only.

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

- James 2:14-26 (part)

I Will Direct Their Works

"For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. (Spirit flow ... to people)

And their seed shall be known among the Nations, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the LORD has blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks ... with ornaments, and as a bride adorns ... with her jewels. (these are your works)

For as the earth brings forth her bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the LORD God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." (by His inspiration)

- Isaiah 61:8-11

"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because the LORD has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion (God's city), to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

And they shall build up the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

- Isaiah 61:1-4

Resting in the Vision

At the beginning of Genesis (chs.1,2) we have two accounts of Creation. The first account is the *Spiritual vision*. The second, is the "bringing it forth". (after ch.2:4,5) The seventh day "rest" that is mentioned is the *resting in the vision*. (ch.2:1-3) We call it hope, confidence, faith. (Hebrews chs.3,4) It's as good as done. We walk in it, and continue to

bring it forth. (Remember this Sabbath to keep it holy)

The temptation story (Genesis ch.3) illustrates how a man, or woman, will leave the *vision* of God to pursue their own wisdom, and interests. When they exercised this ambition, and anxiety, ... sickness, and death, followed.

Even today, when a child is born, ... we teach them to eat from the Tree of Knowledge of good and evil, just like others, ... rather than to walk in the *vision* of God's destiny. That's the whore-ish soul riding upon the beast (kingdom of this world Revelation ch.17. The same subtle beast that tempted Eve - Genesis 3:1 "serpent" - (Heb) na'chash - the root meaning, worldly "insightful practicalness")

(We need to return to God's vision. It does work)

Today, is the Day of Salvation

"O come let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. (be in "harmony" with God)

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.

*For the LORD is a great God, and a great King
above all gods.*

*In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the
strength of the hills is His also.*

*The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands
formed the dry land.*

*O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel
before the LORD our maker. For He is our God;
and we are the people of His pasture, and the
sheep of His hand.*

*Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your
heart as to provoke Him, ... as in the day of
temptation in the wilderness: when your fathers
tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work.*

*Forty years long I was grieved with that generation,
and said, It is a people that do err in their heart: ...
they have not known My ways: unto whom I swore
in My wrath that they should not enter into My
rest."*

- Psalms 95

Purpose

As we see in the first four chapters of Genesis, the woman's purpose is to "beget", and to be a suitable "help" to man; while man's purpose is to be a "steward", and "inspiration" in God's

business. Adam initiated the place of dwelling, and industry, (at God's direction), and even named the animals.

When they sinned, the conscience of their *purpose* was marred, and then came sorrow, independence, worry, and despondency, ... even to "frustration", and affliction.

For us to be created in the image of God, and to follow after His likeness in dominion activity (Genesis 1:26,27), we must be the face of God, and demonstrate the flexible, healing, "oil of joy", of His character. (Isaiah 61:1-3)

With the despondency of the wounded conscience that has been deceived by lies, and arrogance, this role becomes impossible. We have sinned. We feel separated. We hear only the noise of the world. But, because of God's grace, He speaks to us through His own *Spirit*; and once again, as we respond in faith, He purifies our souls, and restores our intended purpose.

The Word of God, which is the sword of the Spirit, leads our restoration into *being*. (analyze it. - St. Luke 8:11-18, Hebrews 4:9-12) Take this calling on. It's the image of God.

This *Word* is not scripture: it is the *Spirit* breathing *light* and *faith* into your wounded conscience. His presence is ever near.

"Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto a true love of the brethren, see that you love one another with a pure heart fervently:

Being born again, not of the natural, but by the eternal, by the Word of God, which is alive (here), and abides forever.

All people are as grass, and all the glory of man as the bloom of grass. The grass withers, and the bloom thereof falls away: but the Word of the LORD endures forever. This is the gospel."

- 1 Peter 1:22-25

The "logos" (manifested Word)

The Greek term "logos" is translated to English as "the Word".

When the apostle John spoke of Jesus, he said that he was the Word *expressing* in flesh, for all the world to see.

The question has always been debated, Was he fully God ? Was he fully man ?

Let's take the easy one. "Was he fully man ?"

Well, we do know that he wasn't fully every man, or every woman; and didn't live every person's life here, in this earth.

And, while in the flesh of man, Jesus was not fully God, as in a Spiritual omnipresent way. In fact, he always attributed his works to the Father, who is a Spirit.

But, we do know that what John was saying is that the *Word* was God (St. John 1:1, Proverbs ch.8), ... Who is the way, the truth, and the life. (compare carefully: - St. John 14:6,10 to Proverbs 8:32-36)

What we are looking at is the "virgin" soul being the *resting place* of the Spirit Word. (of God)

This is why our soul is "born again" by the Word of the Spirit; and we must leave off with the "afflicted soul". This is one who is "begotten of the Holy Ghost". Jesus is the "first born" among many brethren. (Romans ch.8)

"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."

- St. John 1:14

As we read the first chapter of John, we can't help but see that there is on one hand, the *source* of light, and on the other hand, the audience ... who beholds that light.

The audience is never the source.

All the pieces of the "armor of light" ... are about connection to "Source". David wrote a song that went like this,

"Blessed be the LORD my strength, who teaches my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

My goodness, and my fortress: my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and He in whom I trust; who subdues my people under me."

- Psalms 144:1,2
(also: Psalms 28:7, 84:9-12)

The audience does not decide "our ministry".

Our present *creativity* is born of God. Our warfare is born of God. Our *light* is born of God. We are "offsprings" of His initiating *Word*.

We need to learn not to be captivated by our audience; but rather by the *light* that is birthed by the *Spirit realm*.

Giving - a state of mind about God's intention

Mis-Giving - a state of mind about relationship

For-Giving - a state of mind ... for the future

Coming Out

It's hard to minister to someone that you are not tolerant of.

In the past, you have thought that if someone would just change their ways ... you could minister to them.

But, I say that *being* is the answer. Abiding in the Father's anointing: not legalistic judgment.

This is the "grace" wherein we stand. (Romans ch.5) We are dead to "self-idea": and alive to His *intention*.

Learning to "be", ... so that you become obvious.

Just as other "individuals" are coming out of the closet, and making their statement: even so, is the *real* Christian.

Just hang loose and "be". (grow in His grace)
It's not always about doing. (a "light" ... is)

The Wind

"The wind blows, ... so is everyone that is born of the Spirit"

We are as close to God as breath. God moves "in" the breath of the day. (Genesis 3:8 - "cool" should have been translated breath - Heb. ru'wach)
Our state of being lost is because of our darkness, or lack of *realization*.

God moves in the breath (spirit) of the day; and our goal is to be *at one* with Him.

The Winds

Winds - the pillars of the universe that supports the heavenly lights.

Wind picks up water out of the great reservoirs (oceans), and transports these waters to rain upon the earth.

Wind massages nature for both sleep, and growth. Wind transports both heat, and cold.

Wind transports seed, disease, nutrition, death, and life; atmospheres of pleasure, expectancy, curse, and sorrows.

God says, "I will give you a living soul, and I will give you a purpose".

Breath is our *stewardship* of God in action in this earth. It begins when we take our first breath in: and it ends when we let our last one go.

On these "breaths" flow the blessings, or cursings; helps, or hindrances; lies, or truths; death, or life; salvation, or damnation; desires, requests, harmony, and intentions.

Now, how close are you to God ? That's right, as close as your breath. He is with you, and in you. (St. John 14:17)

We *are* already in existence. (Genesis 2:7,8)

God's "Intention" (is an armor)

In Psalms 105, we see how God is "protective" of *His plans*, and His people.

He moves in His plan, adjusts how history will be made, opens the mind of the heathen, and directs the mind of the heathen. (heathen - masses, people, foreigners)

He plants his man, or woman, of purpose until the time of His "*word*". (Read: Psalms 105 - you'll enjoy it)

God has plans. He has His own "intentions".

When we lose sight of *His vision* that we are involved with we begin to be afraid; and we tend to cover our nakedness with carnality, common sense, and "unrighteousness".

We need to return to the place where God meets man; the point of repentance. Desolate of our own ambition, but ready to *live* as His steward.

This is the beginning of His "righteousness", and *His* "works".

The Bondage of Indulgence

We may have the best of intentions, but as long as we walk the road of “self-indulgence”, we have holes in our armor. It's a bondage that we need to be released from continuously through prayer, vision, fasting, giving, and self-discipline.

The importance of support for one another, bold leadership, and *Spiritual ministry*, comes alive as we understand the true role of the church.

Much of what we call "church fellowship" is nothing more than a form of "self-indulgence". It looks like bold faith, but it's not a service that leads to *Spirituality*.

And yet, on the other hand, as we understand this weakness, we'll see how the weak, and needy, are longing for it; and so we pierce their armor with the indulgences of peace, joy, love, etc. The goal should always be *reconciliation* to the *Spirit of God* so that they might grow. That would be true love, and support.

We could take a lesson from the story that Luke tells us of the birth of Jesus. (St. Luke ch.2)

As the shepherds had a *Spiritual* encounter, they became active for God: Mary *pondered* the things which had been told her: and others *prophesied*.

If we would just give people a chance to have a *Spiritual experience*, we couldn't hold them down.

"Because You have been my help, therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.

My soul follows hard after You: Your right hand upholds me.

But, those that seek my soul to destroy it shall go into the lower parts of the earth.

They shall fall by the sword: they shall be a portion for foxes.

But, the king shall rejoice in God; every one that swears by Him shall glory: but the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped."

- Psalms 63:7-11

There is nothing wrong with appetites, and desires; they are God given, and under His direction will enable us to serve.

We have written men and women off as being hopeless sinners: not able to live as a *steward* of God.

The doctrine of substitution, being taught by the political Christian church, is a distraction to righteousness, and keeps people at a loss. It teaches people that our righteousness is found in Jesus, because he died on the cross as our savior. (that's where it stops) So, we now have people praying to Jesus, instead of knowing *God's Spirit* and *salvation* in their own lives. (see: Reconciliation to God - 2 Corinthians 5:14-21, Romans ch.8)

What they are calling righteousness ... may also be called "works of good intention".

The righteousness that is *born of the Spirit* often is ... quite different in its expression than what we would have chosen.

If we would stop to hear what the message was *that Jesus was preaching* ... we would have the possibility of identifying with this *Word* that was being expressed.

"Truthfully, I say unto you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, has everlasting

life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."

- St. John 5:24

The early apostles preached ...

"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and "you" shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

- Acts 2:38

This is *identification* with the *message* of the messenger; and owning it so that we might come into relationship with the Spirit of God.

Identification with the Word of God's Spirit is the first step of righteousness. His righteousness is born out of His Spirit's direction, and it is our *obedient faith* that brings it forth.

Atonement, and the "finished work of Jesus Christ", is a belief that is true; but it falls short of the new birth if it stops at the death of Jesus on the cross, or even the resurrection after the cross.

Some hold that the death of Jesus was to satisfy God's holy honor.

This is not so, until one *identifies* personally with the death that was at the cross.

God's holy honor is satisfied in much more than punishment. God's holy honor is satisfied in forgiveness, restoration, Spirit ministry, Christ's intercessory prayer, the yielded will, the reflection of His image. This comes through having the faith of Jesus.

Some hold that the death of Jesus has destroyed the work, and power, of Satan.

This is not so ... until one identifies with the "obedience of faith" that was at the cross.

One asks, "if dying out to self is all that is needed, then any holy man, or woman, prior to Jesus, or since Jesus, would be considered righteous before God ? "

(for the answer read: Romans 4:1-9, Acts 10:34,35, Hebrews ch.11, Romans ch.8)

It takes more than just dying out to self, or a dedication to a way of life.

So now, we are introduced to the *intent*, the "Christ", the "Spirit".

The applause of the angels when just one sinner comes to repentance ... is for the glorious righteousness of God.

Salvation happens not at the point of death; ... but when God's Spirit "picks you up", and you experience *new birth* unto His intention, His kingdom, and His "righteous expressions". (our *Spirit inspired* "works")

But also, this death, this desolation of the will, is the altar that God calls every man or woman, boy or girl, to.

God's intent, and His developing plan of salvation, is found in *His Word expressed*. (St. John 3:16,33, Romans 6:23, ch.3:23)

The redeeming power of the *Word*; the expression of God, with His love at the heart of it, ... reveals His righteousness.

The cross would be nothing if it wasn't for the *Spirit Word* that accompanied it, and the expression of it through obedient faith.

As we see the importance of *entering into* the Word of the Spirit, and identify with God's saving grace, ... it is then that we walk in the *light* of His glory, and His Kingdom. This is the *message* of Christ.

"And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us"

The Word of God is the Word of Creation. It is the power of the Supernatural. It flows through ministry, and expression. It flows through the believers to bring forth the Kingdom of God, and the light of God, in this earth. Let's get excited, and see what destiny this life holds for us, as we obey.

How many are still waiting for the rapture ?
How many are still disgusted at the world ?

We need a fresh baptism of God's love, and obedient righteousness; not carnal belief.

We need to see "the flow". We need to preach the Kingdom.

Righteousness belongs unto the LORD. It's the right way of doing things, in relation to His intent. These works are not born of our righteousness.

The breastplate of Righteousness is our identification with God's army, and our protection. It's the presentation of our "obedience of faith".

The glove that holds the Sword is "understanding". It is also protection, and gives *grip* to our obedience.

We need to have an understanding of what we are about to speak; and have an obedience to handle the thrust of the message. (the grip)

Do it well. Look good. Tame yourself. Bring it into subjection. Be skillful.
Listen to *the Spirit*.

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Armor – it's Ours

Part 8

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To the Pastor

Give people "voice and dignity", within "government boundary". The "crowd" is the flourishing *fruit bearing* vineyard.

Don't only lead. Let them exercise. Encourage them to exercise. Keep the vineyard, or garden, "fresh" and able to bear fruit. Don't be like some preachers, who even tell them what words to repeat, songs to sing, lessons to learn, and what time to start and stop.

If the people are to take advantage of the "armor of God", it would imply their intention to do battle, and warfare. It would imply their intention to *stand* as a victorious light in this great world momentum; and let the enemy "fall" around them.

There is wisdom in these words because of *practicality*. Practicality ... has a place in *winning*.

It's now, or never. It's about calling up the *present*, and coming to "realization". Be "awake". (like Gideon's army - Judges chs.6-8)

The Present

Most people talk in the "past", or the "future". Worse than that, they think and plan in the past and the future. Worse than that, they want you to do the same.

Sometimes, a *small* decision to act, or not to act, is more important than we think; and *changes the course* of "events".

God's Spiritual armor is for protection. It's for protecting one's "being". We are the salt, and light, as we walk in obedience.

Becoming a "friend" of God (harmony)

Writing books, or even reading books, is just another play on intellect, and can lead to pride, ... and arrogance.

The *thought flow* from God's Spirit is meant for *intent* purposes. It is sown into our person so that we might *be*.

This "being" is an expression of *Word*. It is *active* faith.

The *Word* becomes flesh, and dwells among men. It is the "eloquent light" for all to see. The potent utterance ... with *intent*.

How we see *blessing* is how our faith functions: and "faith function" ... is the function of life.

Jesus said, "if my *Word* abides in you" (my "life function" abides in you), your joy will be full. (St. John 15:7-11)

But, listen now. If you already have a "style" for your religion ? If it must fit the Book, or at least your opinion of the Book, ... then I don't think you will get very far with God. (He's not your subordinate)

Being in harmony with the Spirit of God in the "present tense", and being a friend of God, ... is the fruit of true repentance.

The Art of "Being" (life, light)

When we have an experience with God, it's natural to want to immediately build a shrine, or do something good for God, like start a movement, or an organization. But to be able

to experience, and just "be", or to develop into a person that lives in this "light", is the new life that we are talking about. (there is no obligation - see: St. Luke 9:28-36)

Every experience isn't necessarily a call to duty. Free yourself from it, and find yourself in worship and faith.

You are "called", so let your light shine. Many times when we add ambition to this light it will be hidden under the darkness of man-made striving.

A "Call" (that's different)

Now, a "call", that's different. Even though it's made up of daily events, it has more of a structure.

"Take a reed in your hand, and write." (like the prophets of old)

Sometimes the lessons that we learn from this writing can become important to us to keep us on the pathway.

Let it be understood that "ambition" is a tool of Satan to tear down one's light, and cause striving

with one another. Guilt shows up, and condemning: ... all because of strife.

Ambition is a "guiltless" sin, and yet it is a sin of the devil. It's as witchcraft.

Be "desolate". Let it be known to another ... that your tongue is under the forgery of the devil. He dwells there to lie, but his purposeful events have no power in the Kingdom of God. There is no room for his ambition there. (Habakkuk ch.1, Isaiah 65:2)

There are those that struggle to change the form of religion. They think that "different" ... is the essence of revival.

Where are we ? (they ask) This is the struggle that precludes "being". Once you "are", ... the where won't matter.

Being the image of the omnipresent God, is abiding in the true "rest".

3 Traps

1. Same - always the same.
2. Change - always going to "be".
3. Nevers-ville - futuristic, can't do it.

(And yet, "likeness" is another form of "the same")

These three have to be quiet: and we must learn to lend, and give, and "be" a home, ... out of *Spiritual* source.

Pure Spiritual vision is polluted by the "toil" of our imagination, which we have grown accustomed to in this world.

Part of overcoming the lower nature is to adventurously enter into ... this *new* rest.
(that's faith)

To the Ambitious Mind

Cronies are there. Witches are "placed" there (beside you) to see if they can cause you harm. (but, we say to them)

Be "defiantly" weak in all that you do. Your work is of the devil. It will not come to pass. It will not come to bear "fruit". It is evil.

Your children obey them that are nought. What a waste of good bread. Your days are numbered, because you have taught them to obey.

Yieldedness, is the temptation of sin; and on the other hand the righteous voice scolds from above: ... neither here, ... nor there, ... but right in the midst of you, as one that "sees".

Be good to yourself in all that you do. Come forth ... to "pride in it". It can weigh you ... with success.

Knowledge burns, ... but the Spirit gives life. It will burn with fire all around you, and shall be in you.

Hatred is the way of explaining the "temptation". If you hate to do it, it probably is.

Forgotten it will be. Faith is in it to forgive: but give yourself a break.

Do it unto others ... and they will forgive you.

Bless-ed be the best. The sky is on the way. Habitual practice will charm.

The "events" are placed in the shadow: in the Hand of the Almighty. They will be. There is no strength in them. You are forgotten; but they will be.

"Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house against a house falls"

- St. Luke 11:17

If you could get an army to destroy themselves, that would be a success.

- eg. - dissent and arguing
- confusion (disobeying, or not hearing orders)
 - deceit (destroy confidence in each other)
 - jealousy (competitiveness)
 - self promotion
 - indulgences
 - "shut out" except for "self" satisfaction

What good is armor, when an army is self-destructing ?

When we walk, and live, in the *vision* of God, ... there is no neutrality. (St. Luke 11:21-26)

How we treat those around us, is either encouraging, or discouraging.

(Armor of Light - Romans 13:12, Armor of Righteousness - 2 Corinthians 6:7, Armor of God - Ephesians 6:10-19)

The Elements of the World

1. Divine intelligence - Spirit word, vision
2. Air, Wind - so is every one that is born of the Spirit
3. Fire - needs the air movement, and the earthly element. Acid, heat, a product of air, and other earthly elements. It produces light, and heat
4. Water - (carnal ability) a flowing earthly element. The ability to flow, learn, socialize, move, etc.
5. Earth - appeals to all the senses. It is the lowest planet-consciousness, and very much a collection of creation. An interpretation, an opinion.

* Fire - is our symbol of revival. (Acts 2:3) It's the mingling of #1,2 with #4,5

Redeemed people walk in #1,2. The lost of the earth walk in #4,5

(St. John 3:5-8)

Give Honor

Sacrifice to *grow*. Honor ...

1. God (Spiritual structure)
2. The Saints (fellowship structure)
3. The Ancestors (family structure)
4. Your neighbor (social structure)
5. The Creation, animals, etc.
(environmental "stewardship" structure)

*Compare these to the corresponding # in the top 5.
(on previous page)

Isaiah's Vision (700-800 years prior to Jesus)

*"And their seed shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the people: ... all that
see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the
seed which the LORD has blessed."*

- Isaiah 61:9

You'll see, tomorrow: returning people from
curse ... to "liberty".

Because of the "sorrow", there is a radical
desire to "self comfort", and "appease" (sin);
and "wrathful wisdom".

The Gospel Anointing (is of the Spirit)

There has always been a "light" - Proverbs
ch.8

(to the lost) ...

"The Spirit of the LORD God is upon me; because the Lord has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek (anayv - Heb. - depressed); He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn;

(to the found) ...

To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

And they shall build up the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations."

- Isaiah 61:1-4

Jesus (the light)

"Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: when as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child ... of the Holy Ghost."

- St. Matthew 1:18

"And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness does not overtake it"

- St. John 1:5

We Are the Light

"But you brethren, are not in darkness, that the Day of the LORD should overtake you as a thief.

You are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

Therefore, let us not sleep as others do; but, let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken, are drunken in the night.

But let us, who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake, or sleep, ... we should live together with him.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, ... and edify one another, even as you also do."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:4-11



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