



Footsteps of Faith

PRICELESS TRUTHS FOR A FIRM
FOUNDATION IN CHRIST

A DAILY DEVOTIONAL

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1

Embracing the New

It is a new day, a new week, and a new dawn ushering us into new dimensions of good tidings and great joy. Alleluia! We must avoid clichés like “It’s my day to be intentional,” as we can be intentional in doing the wrong things — what we perceive to be right, but not aligned with God’s truth or His perfect will.

God’s good and permissive will is not for mature believers. Instead, strive for His perfect will always, and be prepared to pay the necessary price for it, as it will ultimately benefit you.

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.” (Ephesians 5:15)

Reject the crowd mindset, the multitude spirit, the bandwagon mentality, and the trends, including the popular but superficial "Jesus way" that often accompanies them. Be bold with God's truth, stand firm on it, and have the courage to walk alone if necessary. As long as you are aligned with God's perfect will, others will eventually catch up.

Above all, wisdom is profitable for direction, but ensure you gain understanding, which is the right application of wisdom — in this case, God's wisdom. Learn from the errors of Solomon and seek to understand the successes and failures of those who have gone before you.

When you are afraid, remember that perfect love casts out all fear. It leaves no doubt in you. Allow the fruit of the Spirit, love, to be borne in you, and you will stand firm even in adversity. (Only John, the beloved disciple, withstood the fear of Jesus' crucifixion among the twelve.)



Prayer Focus

May your love for God increase and your capacity to love be fully activated as His perfect love is borne in you.





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Living as Ambassadors:

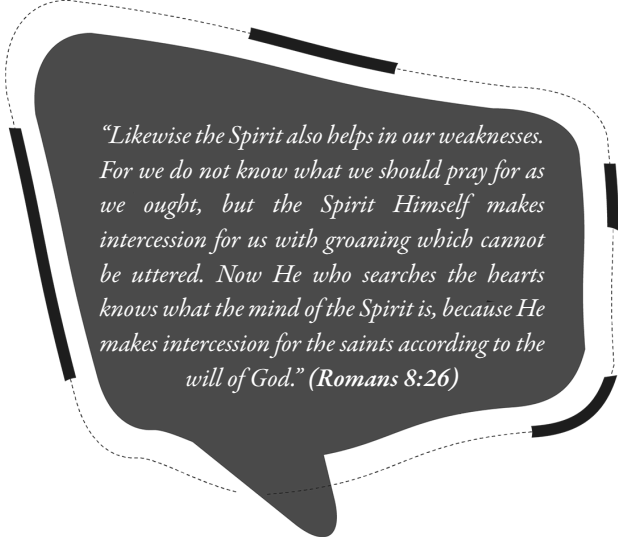
PRAYER, POWER, AND GOD'S WILL



“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

(Matthew 6:9)

When the disciples asked Jesus how they should pray, He provided them with a model prayer. This model stood until His death and resurrection. After the resurrection, through the Holy Spirit, their prayers were to take a different turn as they would then be led by the Spirit.



“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.” (Romans 8:26)

Returning to our opening verse, note that while the Father's location was Heaven, He now dwells in us, earthen vessels. His kingdom — Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost — has come to us. The expectation, according to the prayer focus, is that the Lord's will be done on earth. This means that God's realm, His governing system, and His will/purpose are now our responsibility to express and carry out as His ambassadors and models of Christ by the Holy Ghost, who knows God's will.

NOTE: Prayer is no longer a religious practice but now a spiritual exercise.

Prayer Focus

Thank you, Father, for the gift of salvation and the Holy Ghost, who leads and guides me to pray and do Your will as required of me as a representative of Christ. May men see and give You glory.





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Your No.1 Priority



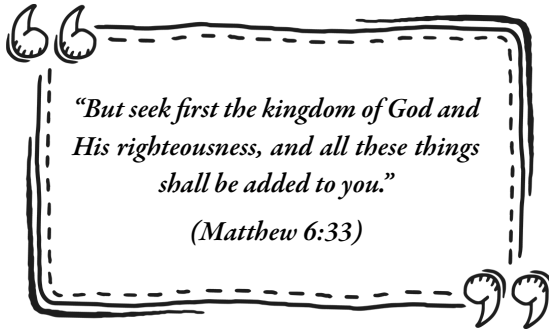
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(Romans 8:26 - 27)

Jesus (paraphrased), warned His disciples against certain prayers: those of the hypocrites who pray in synagogues to be seen, and repetitive prayers like those of the heathen. He emphasized that God knows our needs even before we pray. Hence, Apostle Paul, speaking to the Romans, revealed the perfect way to pray: Spirit-led prayer.

Therefore, the primary purpose of prayer, beyond communion with the

Father as our opening texts highlight, is to discern and align with God's will by His Spirit, rather than focusing solely on our own needs or predicaments. Knowing and aligning with God's will ensures that our needs are met without constant petitioning.



Matthew 6:33, paraphrased, might as well read, *“Keep your focus on God’s priorities, and watch how He takes care of your life.”* Beloved, let us remember that our needs are subordinate to God’s overarching purpose. We were created for His pleasure and to fulfill His plans. Therefore, prioritize His kingdom and righteousness—doing what is right in His sight—above our own self-seeking and self-satisfying agendas.

Prayer Focus

*Holy Spirit, I yield to your nudging to stay on course
with God's purpose for therein I am fulfilled.*

**PRAY IN THE SPIRIT FOR AT LEAST AN
HOUR DAILY.**

STUDY THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS.





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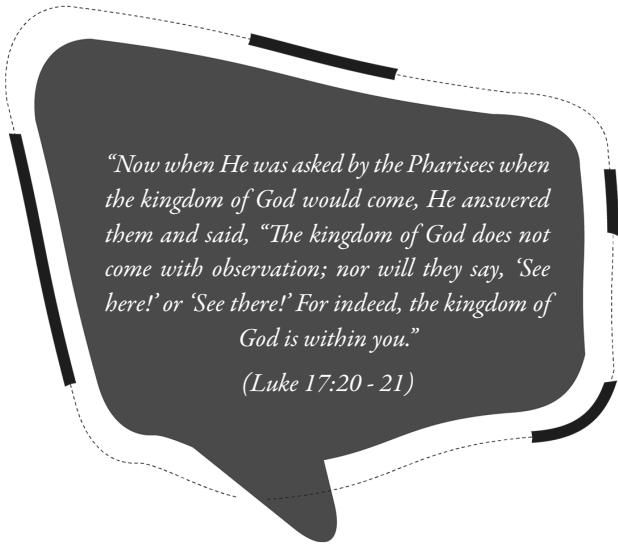
Understanding the Kingdom



“Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”
(Matthew 6:10)

The kingdom of God is here! It is not only our state of righteousness, peace, and joy but also how we attained it, recognizing that nothing exists in isolation.

The Kingdom is not defined by a specific geographical location but by a realm — the city Abraham sought, whose king is God. It is where divinity converges with humanity, the very temple and dwelling place of God. This place is within each of us.



“Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you.”

(Luke 17:20 - 21)

When you hear “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” understand that you are the earth and God is the heaven. Embrace this truth: ***“Thy will be done in me as You will it.”*** Moreover, let your life reflect Him, a full expression of His presence.

Prayer Focus

Father Lord, as I align fully to your will and beyond. With Your Spirit, the Holy Spirit, I am transformed into a full expression of You in the name of Jesus. AMEN!

PRAY AT LEAST 1 HOUR DAILY IN THE SPIRIT.

STUDY THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS.





5

Prayer is Serious Business



“And when you come before God, don’t turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for fifteen minutes of fame! Do you think God sits in a box seat? “Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

(Matthew 6:5 - 6)

Prayer, as you can see, is serious business to Jesus and not an exercise in futility. It is crucial to understand that beyond our prayers being answered, how those prayers are offered matters greatly. For us, prayer is not just a task or a routine; it defines who we are.

*“And He said to them, “It is written,
‘My house shall be called a house of
prayer,”
(Matthew 21:13)*

*“Do you not know that you are the
temple of God and that the Spirit of
God dwells in you?”
(1 Corinthians 3:16)*

It is undeniable proof that we are not merely God’s temple — His very dwelling place — but also the ark of His presence, bearing His Spirit. Prayer, therefore, harmonizes divinity and humanity, bridging the seen and unseen realms to bring manifestations into being. Hence, we must avoid hypocrisy with its insincere pretenses, deceit, and the folly it brings.

Prayer is a Spirit to spirit communication between God and us, which must be honest and sincere, devoid of our flesh, yet in the body but completely ruled by the Spirit. Prayer is not for showmanship or to show off our religious prowess. Prayer is not a religious act but deep spirituality that ought to be carried out with this understanding. Prayer is our life style. Note that our crowd prayer, church prayer or fellowship prayer/bandwagon should never supersede nor count more than our personal time with God.

Prayer Focus

Thank You, Lord, for by Your Spirit You have drawn me close to You. I yield up myself to commune with You always as a lifestyle to the end that I not only lay hold of Your truth but manifest same.

PRAY AT LEAST 1 HOUR A DAY IN THE SPIRIT.

STUDY THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS.





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Prayer by God's Design



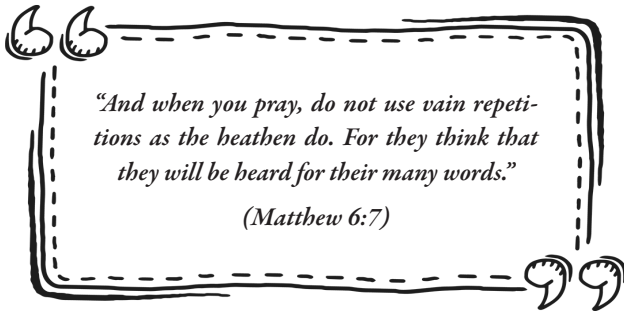
“The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant.

They are full of formulas, programs, and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Do not fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father...

(Matthew 6:7 - 13 MSG)

I love how the Message version captured our opening verse. If you were to assess yourself, what would the outcome be? Have you positioned yourself correctly? Can you confidently say that your understanding and approach to prayer align with God's standards?



The NKJV portrays vain repetitions as common among many, and Jesus warns us in the next verse not to emulate them, for the Father already knows our needs before we ask. Therefore, He not only advises simplicity in our prayers but also provides us with a template that focuses primarily on GOD'S KINGDOM AND HIS PURPOSE as the correct approach to prayer. God's will takes precedence over our needs.

For every born-again believer, or shall I say, new creation, the days of "my needs," "my will," "my way of doing things," and "this is how or who I am" are gone. We relinquished these desires on the altar of sacrifice when we said Yes to Jesus and embraced our new nature in Him. We no longer seek our own pleasure but His; His pleasure has become our delight. Remember, all things are made by Him, for Him, and for His pleasure. Therefore, we are the very objects of His worship and pleasure.

To approach prayer perfectly, not by worldly standards but according to God's design, we have been given the Holy Spirit — the Custodian of God's truth, the Keeper of His secrets, and the Discerner of His will. It is imperative that we activate the Holy Spirit within us. This is why we read and study the Word: to fully align ourselves with His superior guidance and to live a life that is purposed by God and centered on Christ, which is a life of victory.

Reflecting on my childhood in my father's house, prayer was taken seriously. My sisters and I memorized prayers so that when called upon, our prayers would be clear and sincere.

My daily prayer still begins like this:

“Father Lord, we thy humble children are gathered in Your presence to pray. Thank You for forgiving our sins; for though our sins be as red as crimson or as dark as scarlet, You, Lord, shall wash us as white as snow...” Looking back, I chuckle now. Sin consciousness was the order of the day, but God freed me from mere religion.”

Today, I urge us to heed Jesus' admonitions: leave behind religious practices and embrace the Christ-centered life, led by the Spirit. Shed the old ways completely and fully embrace this life in Christ, working to live it out daily and disciple others to do the same.

Prayer Focus

Holy Ghost, I acknowledge You as my helper to lead and guide me in the way I should go and so, in You I live, move, and have my being. Have Your way!

**PRAY AT LEAST 1 HOUR IN THE SPIRIT
DAILY.**

STUDY THE BOOK OF EPHESIANS.



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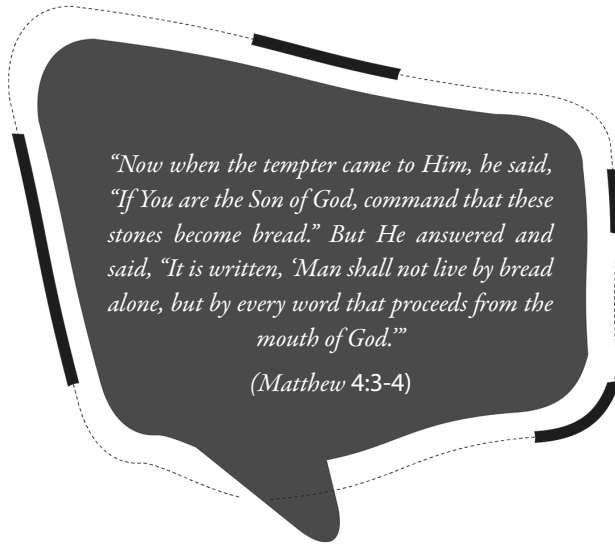
Bread of Life



*"Give us this day our daily bread."
(Matthew 6:11)*

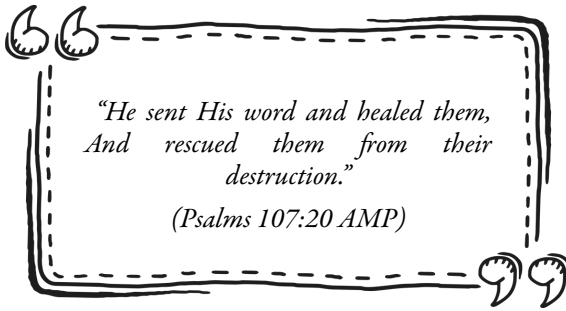
The opening verse is a crucial part of the model prayer taught by Jesus. His teachings took various forms: some were given as parables with explanations reserved for His disciples, some had their meanings immediately apparent, and others required cross-referencing with other scriptures.

In this context, from a hermeneutical perspective (Bible interpretation), it is appropriate to connect this verse with another scripture or explore its implications further, particularly concerning the word "bread."



When you look closely at the response of Jesus, you will find that He did not dispute bread in the context the tempter put it, instead, He put the Word above that kind of bread that feeds the body/mind, flesh as a whole but not the spirit, which is the very essence of man. We live in a world system where the tempter is supposedly the ruler and has the primary duty of keeping everyone and everything subject to his rule. Therefore, he constantly keeps your gaze on his kind of bread, which can translate to every form of materialism that feeds the flesh and every means to get it such as your job, business, those we depend on, etc.

Jesus is urging us to rise above mere physical sustenance and seek that which nourishes the spirit — the very essence of LIFE itself. Therefore, He emphatically tells us today to petition the Father for His Word. This Word provides eternal life and keeps us whole.



Ask the Lord for your matching word today and refuse to lean heavily on things that seek to satisfy the flesh and not the spirit that translates to life.

Prayer Focus

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

(Psalms 119:105 AMP)

I refuse to go a day without the fellowship of
THE WORD.



8

Our Saviour and Salvation



*“Give us this day our daily bread.”
(Matthew 6:11)*

It is important to note that while Jesus came as our Savior, He embodies our salvation. Accepting Jesus as our Savior is the beginning of our journey into the full experience of salvation. Receiving Jesus is a single moment, but discovering the depths of what it means to have Him in our lives unfolds over time. He is the whole that reveals itself in parts.

Beloved, although we are saved once by believing in and confessing the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus, and accepting Him as our Lord, our salvation is an ongoing process in Christ. It continues until His return, which will be the crowning of our salvation—the salvation of our body. This means that being saved, which might seem final, is not an end

but a means to an end. It is a progressive journey, with each day revealing new aspects of our salvation.

I took this route to open our eyes to our opening text that “Give us this day our daily bread” has more than a surface meaning and extends beyond receiving the daily word from the mouth of God. “This,” being a definite article that precedes the day, points to a day singled out above other days. This suggests that “this day” in the text is a remarkable day, a day to be remembered, a day to note amongst other days. It refers to that special day set aside for a certain occurrence. The light in this context is that the bread received on that day is the whole bread that breaks into parts, and that whole bread is JESUS (the Word).

Jesus was telling them to pray to the Father to give them the Savior, who is their salvation. Verse 10 says, “Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” which cannot be possible unless the Savior is given and embraced totally as our salvation. Only then, can we access and live daily in the riches it holds. To receive Him is to receive His word that daily renews our minds, transforming us into His very image. He is that Word, and we must partake of Him daily to reflect His likeness.

NOTE: SAVIOUR AND SALVATION

Though both are nouns, ‘Saviour’ refers to the one who delivers, while ‘salvation’ points to the action undertaken by the Saviour to deliver and preserve another from harm. Jesus is the means by which we are daily delivered and preserved. He is both the end and the means to that end.

Prayer Focus

*I stay focused on my Saviour for He is my Salvation.
I receive the Word and eat of it daily, renewing my
mind until I am fully transformed.*

**PRAY AT LEAST AN HOUR DAILY IN THE
SPIRIT.**

RUMINATE ON TODAY'S WORD.





9

Christ Our Daily Bread



“However, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks— And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, “Rabbi, when did You come here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.””

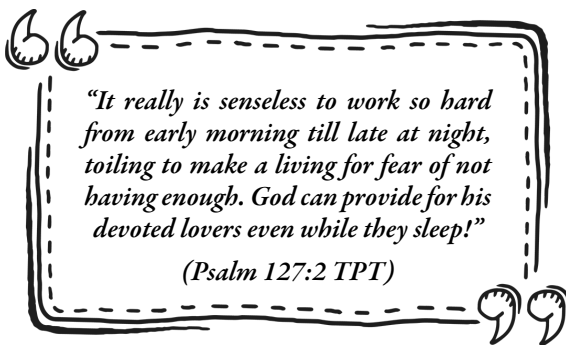
(John 6:23-27)

Jesus is the very bread, not just of life, but the bread that sets Matthew 6:10 into effect. This means that this bread has the ability to bring the heavens and the earth into synergy bringing redemption, reconciliation, and restoration. Hence, this bread, called Jesus (the Word), is much more

important than the shadow bread we chase, as seen in Matthew 4:4 (the turning of stone to bread).

In our opening texts, Jesus rebukes and admonishes the people, knowing that they gather around Him not as the very bread or even the bread giver, but for their selfish desires. This is the plight of man—always seeking the thing that seems to satisfy and not the satisfaction itself. Shadow boxing is what I choose to call it, and it is a miserable life.

Brethren, it is then labour in futility to go for or settle for things beyond the things, which are unseen, as the unseen things are more real, and govern the seen realm. This is why God gave us the Holy Spirit to be with each one of us in a way Jesus, bodily, could not. The Holy Ghost works it all out in us, beyond the bread for food, which has no ability to sustain and perishes because it is time-bound, to that which makes for life eternal and not only sustains but yields abundance for every good work.



Beloved, Abba has bequeathed to us an unusual grace that allows us to be productive even in our stillness. Imagine the possibilities when we move in synergy with Him by His Spirit—walking on water and doing the impossible become achievable as we walk in the divine purpose of God. All that we do must be according to the will of God. Only then will we

ask and it will be given, seek and find, and knock and it will be opened to us—granting us full access!

Now, genuinely ask yourself, why do you seek Him?

Prayer Focus

*Your genuine answer determines your prayer point,
for the choice is ours either to go for the Living Bread
or the bread made with yeast (a type and a shadow).*

The choice is yours.

**PRAY AT LEAST AN HOUR DAILY IN THE
SPIRIT.**

STUDY EXODUS 16.



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A Well Watered Garden



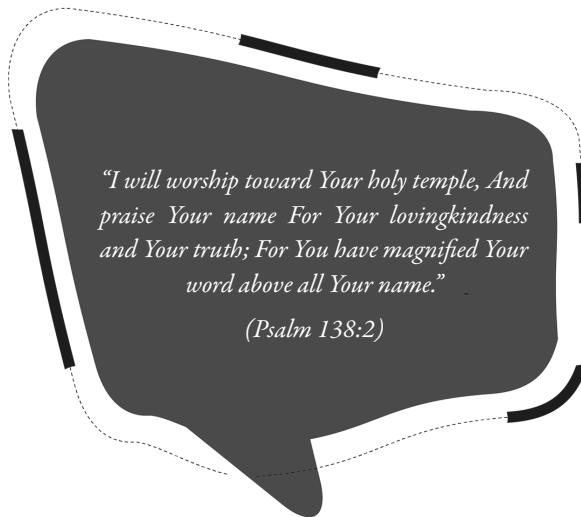
“When the Israelites saw it, they said one to another, Manna [What is it?]. For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, This is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat. [John 6:31, 33.] This is what the Lord has commanded: Let every man gather of it as much as he will need, an omer for each person, according to the number of your persons; take it, every man for those in his tent. The [people] did so, and gathered, some more, some less. When they measured it with an omer, he who gathered much had nothing over, and he who gathered little had no lack; each gathered according to his need. Moses said, Let none of it be left until morning.”

(Exodus 16:15-19 AMPC)

God recommended and provided the Israelites with manna daily. God showed them how to eat the bread He made plain to them, which meant

gathering only what they needed per day and nothing more. This implied an underlining promise of a steady supply and the wholesomeness made that whatever was collected sustained the people until the next supply, which usually fell the following day.

However, as we do even today with the Lord's instructions, we hear what we choose to hear and do what we choose to do. Worse off, we bend the Word to suit us. When it comes to any material supply, we get so greedy, gather more than we need, and stack these earthly possessions only for moths to find their way in and destroy them. This greed follows negatively in all we set out to do, forgetting that He who has promised is faithful — the Faithful One! Would it not be better if we were 'greedy' in our knowledge of the One who has promised us all things?



God, Himself, has given a high place to His Word beyond His name for with His Word is His INTEGRITY. He has held up His Word in high honour/esteem and we ought to follow suit. As His children, we must stop writing our script and doing as it pleases us. Rather, we take Him at

His Word, knowing He will never fail us but do us good.

The one who ordained, scripted, and orchestrated our lives is God Himself, trust Him totally to know that whatsoever is needed for us to live well and above border is well provided for us in Christ just as He provided manna for the Israelites.

The Israelites had never seen manna and so they enquired what it was. Moses answered in our opening text, "THIS IS THE BREAD THE LORD HAS GIVEN TO EAT." This is THE BREAD OF LIFE as captured in John 6:35 NKJV;

"And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst.

"And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to the border of the land of Canaan."

(Exodus 16:35)

Beloved, our daily fellowship with the Word opens us up to the riches it holds on a daily basis and we should never go a day without Jesus. Do so desirous of the power He holds -the power locked in Him and the revelations He unlocks to us. Look at the resultant effect of aligning with Him and going through with Him to get what we need:

"And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not worn out on you, and your sandals have not worn out on your feet. You have not eaten bread, nor have you drunk wine or similar drink, that you may know that I am the Lord your God."

(Deuteronomy 29:5)

Beloved, when we allow the Word who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life to be our guide and lead us, our lives are perfected such that we like David

to be our guide and lead us, our lives are perfected such that we like David will exclaim, "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want!" The Lord must be more than enough for us. In Him (Christ), the fullness of God dwells. Hold him at His Word and live a great life here on earth.

Prayer Focus

*Incline my heart to Your testimonies, and not to
covetousness. Turn away my eyes from looking at
worthless things, And revive me in Your way.
Establish Your word to Your servant, Who is devoted
to fearing You” (Psalm 119:36-38)*

CONFESSION

*I am a well-watered garden, living in full supply,
lacking nothing as I blossom and flourish like the
cedar of Lebanon.*

**PRAY IN THE SPIRIT AT LEAST 1 HOUR
DAILY.**





11

A Generational Inheritance



“Jesus responded, “The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the real bread. The Bread of God came down out of heaven and is giving life to the world.”

(John 6:32-33 MSG)

Jesus clarified that the whole melodrama about Moses and the manna was a pointer to Himself, the real bread. Just like the manna, the bread the Father is offering us from heaven is Jesus himself and not His shadow. Religion, we must know, majors on the minor and in it is the power to keep us away from seeking what God would have us seek.

We move in circles but remain comfortable because we seem to be moving forward. However, movement does not always translate to progress except we are taking steps in the right direction. Jesus, today, is

“I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore, you shall choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding closely to Him; for He is your life [your good life, your abundant life, your fulfillment] and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the Lord promised (swore) to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob”

(Deutronomy 30:19-20 AMP)

Our choices shape our lives, and while we might think they only affect us, they impact our generation and descendants, starting with our children. When the word "generation" is used, it often sounds distant, but it is immediate. Generation simply refers to you and your children, both born and unborn.

The choice between life and death translates to a choice between blessing and curse. In Deuteronomy 30, God carefully guides us to choose life so we not only live in abundance but also enter the Promised Land. The Promised Land, which is Christ to us who now believe, holds all the promises of God as "YES" and "AMEN." No lack!

Jesus, in making sure we get the picture the Father painted for us, goes on to explain the mission of THE BREAD we eat or are to eat (for those who are not eating it /partaking).

“The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].”

(John 10:10 AMP)

The devil and the world system can never offer you anything that makes for life; all their promises bring to death, and though it may seem glamorous and right at first contact, it is subtle and seductive in nature. Scripture has it that there is a way that seems right unto man but the end thereof is destruction. Whatever pathway you are walking on and lifestyle you have chosen, think deeply what the long time effect will be to you and your children (born and unborn).

“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it and indulge it will eat its fruit and bear the consequences of their words.”

(Proverbs 18:21 AMP)

The choice of either death or life are not far-fetched but starts with the thoughts that trump your mind on a daily basis. For some of us, it is earthy things like people, money, adventures, and material things—things that are accessories here on earth—not the life as we have expiry date). From thoughts to meditation, are they consistent with Philippians 4:8? It goes on to our confessions, that is, what we say which then control our actions.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God [that is, His remarkable, overwhelming gift of grace to believers] is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. “

(Romans 6:23 AMP)

This verse highlights the end of the choice we make. What will it be for you and yours?

“Cast away from you all your transgressions which you have committed [against Me], and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! For why should you die, O house of Israel?”

(Ezekiel 18:31 AMP)

This is only achievable by eating and having fellowship with the bread of life, Jesus (by loving the Lord your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding closely to Him); for He is your life [your good life, your abundant life, your fulfillment] as seen in our Deuteronomy text.

Prayer Focus

Refuse to be an infidel by building defense and providing for yourself and your generation things with no eternal value. Instead, build up yourself in Christ and lay him as a foundation for those who follow you.

PRAY AT LEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN THE SPIRIT. MEDITATE ON TODAY'S WORD WITH AN OPEN HEART.





12

Jesus, Our Eternal Life



“Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

(John 11: 25- 26 NKJV)

“You don’t have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?”

(John 11: 25 – 26 MSG)

This Scripture has preoccupied my thoughts. It is amazing how starting on a line of thought can open up so much more. Beloved, Jesus is not just The Word but The Way. Once you are persuaded about this, you are ready for the ride of your life—and this life is eternal life. Imagine a life of bliss

that has no end. JESUS IS THAT VERY LIFE, and yet we hesitate.

Look again at the scripture above; it is as clear as possible when He says to Martha (paraphrasing), *You should not be waiting for an end before you enter into the life of God's reality or realm—NO. The very door, the gateway into those possibilities, is not just through me but also in me.* Jesus was saying, “Right here and now, if you believe, then it’s yours.” It was not about the cessation of breath or life, as you know it, but the continuity of the hereafter. For that, you need not die.

Beloved, the only reason believers experience death in that sense is that our bodies are not yet saved, though our spirits are saved. This is to say that entering bodily into that realm will come to light when Jesus returns. Then our bodies will be transformed, and if we truly gaze into that mirror, beholding His glory (see 2 Corinthians 3:18), then just as He appears, we too will look like Him.

Fear not, beloved, for in His life that we now have, death is vanquished. So, relax and live for him because His call upon us is a call unto life. Because we died with him and are raised together with him, we live in, with, and for him. Alleluia! This life is not a truth for someday but for today and now. As immortality surely swallows mortality, and divinity swallows up humanity, what is left is simply “divine.” Glory!

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

(1 Corinthians 15: 54 NKJV)

Beloved, once we receive Jesus , we come alive in him as His Spirit comes in synergy with ours to bring it into the very life of God but our body is

not yet in that state so we need to keep washing by the Word until it's finally put at ease on His return. "And everyone who has this hope [confidently placed] in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure (holy, undefiled, guiltless)."

(1 John 3:2-3 AMP)

Our opening text, "I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE" not only quickens us to eat of THE BREAD OF LIFE and to keep eating it but it leaves the taste of His Word that says "*For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure*" (Philippians 2:13).

Give it up already; Jesus is our everything. God gave us His Son; He poured Him out to us as that old, or will I say ancient, wine—not our 20-year, 30-year, or 100-year drinks we often throw around at parties. Whomsoever eats and drinks of Him receives both His Word and Spirit. EAT AND DRINK THEREOF, COME OUT FROM AMONGST THE DEAD, AND CROSS FULLY INTO THIS LIFE. HESITATE NO MORE!

Prayer Focus

*Meditate on today's devotion and pray what He lays
in your heart.*

**PRAY ATLEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN
THE SPIRIT.**



13

Our Greatest Secret



[18] And the Lord God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

(Genesis 2:18 NKJV)

"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—"

(John 14: 15-16 NKJV)

Our second opening text depicts the two trees in the garden: the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, which represents a debased, fleshly, worldly mindset with Eve as a model, and the Tree of Life, which represents the God/Christ perspective with the Holy Ghost as our model. In the beginning, God made all things, including Adam.

After creating animals and the land, sea, and air occupants, God found Adam to be alone with no companion, and the picture was not complete. He then put Adam to sleep and, from Adam's rib, made Eve as his helpmeet—another of the same kind to fulfill purpose.

This would have been a perfect picture if that helper did not fall or fail, and then turned out to be a shadow of the perfect Helper Jesus (The Bread of Life and Regenerated Adam or last Adam) would offer us. The mission became dead on arrival as this helper (Eve) was operating from a different frequency not of God. The serpent initiated her into a different diet before she was schooled.

Her husband as her head was to teach her but when he did not, the serpent distracted her from the real reason (PURPOSE) she was created, beholding her beauty just as she beheld the beauty of the tree she ate from. She learnt from her teacher to look down rather than up. Be careful not to have a model outside of Jesus. Many of us find ourselves in this category just as Eve. For as long as we eat the bread of flesh which is our continuous indulgence in worldliness, Life will elude us.

Having established this fact, God decided not to continue the practice of picking and choosing for us. After all, we are free moral agents with the ability to make good choices, despite our origin being the tree of knowledge of good and evil. This means that even in his fallen state, man has the ability to do good and make the right choice, even if he is not born again or regenerated. Therefore, no one will have an excuse in that sense. SCARY? You do not have to be scared, especially if you do the right thing by using your choice to say NO to the tree of knowledge of good and evil and fully embrace the tree of life. Eat from it so your words are spirit, life, potent, and never dropping to the ground without fulfilling their purpose, just like God your Father.

In Genesis 6:3, God decided He would no longer strive with man because man was flesh and would need to lose himself to follow Him. How, you may ask? By eating the right diet—the Bread of Life—that gives life, which in turn becomes the light by which our true state is revealed.

We see by this light and so do others. Since then, man's flesh has always gotten in the way, as seen in the wantonness that followed the Old Testament, where people fulfilled their fleshly desires and their own wills rather than God's will. As a result, the reason for the creation of man was not fulfilled. God delivered them many times, but man always fell short. It is like feasting on the wrong diet and expecting to be slim and healthy... laughable!

Though the battle is won, living on earth is no small feat. Jesus, our Savior, the Word, the Bread of Life, came in the flesh, understanding our plight—our inability to resist the flesh, which also represents the world system feeding on their bread. He took our place and paid the price for us, something we could not do ourselves, having lost our authority in God, which is the will to do right in the right way. He won back our authority to set us back on course. Before His departure in bodily form on earth, Jesus promised a more fitting Helper—the real and actual help—the Holy Ghost, God's divine enablement, ability, and capacity, who is to teach us to live in the perfect will of God.

On this, Jesus established the communion (flesh and blood) as a constant reminder for us, the diet to stay on in order to live a fulfilled life in the perfect will of God. To chaperone this course, the Holy Ghost, the *Allos parakletos* (Another of same kind) was given just as Eve was another of the same stock of Adam. A race that is now wiped off in the Book of Life, as Christ is now, our race.

Beloved, embrace your Helper, the Holy Ghost, our present truth.

Though our lives have their foundation in the Word, the Holy Ghost is the compass by which we navigate life in the world. We no longer have to look up to the hills for help or to anyone else in that sense. The Holy Ghost, our helper, lives right here in us.

NOTE: We must eat of the tree of life, which makes bread; fully activate this God-purposed dimension, our truth, and reality.

Prayer Focus

Pray about whatever the Holy Ghost lays in your heart.

Study our opening texts and John 16:7-8.

**PRAY AT LEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN
THE SPIRIT.**





14

By Their Fruits



“The serpent was clever, more clever than any wild animal God had made. He spoke to the Woman: “Do I understand that God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden?” The Woman said to the serpent, “Not at all. We can eat from the trees in the garden. It’s only about the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘Don’t eat from it; don’t even touch it or you’ll die.’” The serpent told the Woman, “You won’t die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you’ll see what’s really going on. You’ll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil.” When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she’d know everything!—she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate. Immediately the two of them did “see what’s really going on”—saw themselves naked! They sewed fig leaves together as makeshift clothes for themselves.”

(Genesis 3: 1 -7 MSG)

Scripture says that evil communications corrupt good manners. Our communications significantly influence our minds, inform our decisions,

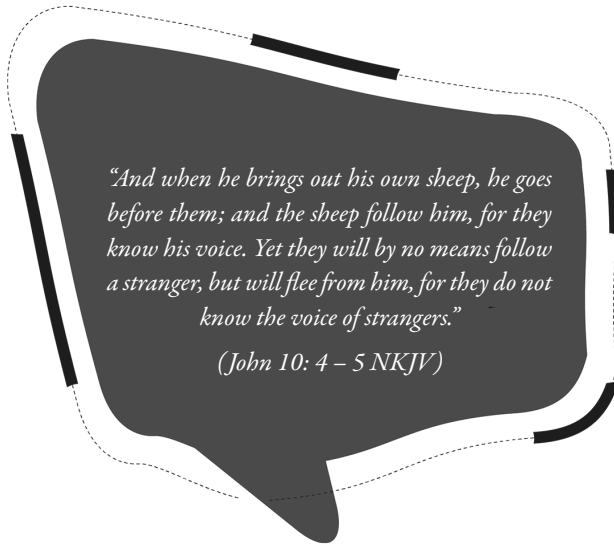
and define our actions. We must also understand that words are seeds planted and will surely bring a harvest, either good or bad. It is crucial, therefore, to be mindful of the company we keep, the things we listen to, and how much we let them interfere in our lives. Eve opened the door to the devil; he not only entered but also took absolute control of her household. He determined when they ate and what they ate, keeping them engaged with a supply that lured their hearts and souls away from God, ultimately leading to their destruction.

The fact that you cannot see the end of the journey you are traveling is why you must carefully weigh the odds before embarking on it. Adam and Eve succumbed to the seducing spirit of the devil, defying the Lord's instructions and altering the original plan of God. Take note that man is led away by the desires of their heart, so we must be mindful of the thoughts we entertain and be quick to repent when we fall.

By indulging the devil and eating from him, Eve issued a death sentence upon herself and Adam. We must understand that whom we follow determines what follows us. No wonder Jesus said, *"My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand"* (John 10:27-28 NKJV).

When we eat of the True Bread, Jesus the Word, we gain eternal life and are led by the Spirit of God, for where the Word goes, He goes. As confident as Jesus is, and as promising as this sounds, the determining factor lies with us to maintain a level playing field with Him in trust, rather than depending on our own understanding. This is important because we can prematurely unlock gateways that the Lord is not yet ready to open for us, seeing that we are not mature enough to handle them.

God is our Shepherd and Father and knows what we need at any given time, including the information we can handle. Adam and Eve not only failed the first test of submission but also opened themselves to the ways of the flesh, which align with the world's operations rather than a Spirit-led life. Our fruits or outcomes are in line with the seed sown in us: Life or Death.



Who you follow and the fruit you produce reveal your diet—what you have been focusing on, consuming, and manifesting. We must regularly evaluate our hearts, lives, and actions to avoid falling prey to deception.

Prayer Focus

Pray as led.

**PRAY AT LEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN
THE SPIRIT.**



15

Overcoming the Devil's Deceptions



“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

(Genesis 3:1-5 NKJV)

Our text begins by revealing the tempter as someone clever enough to twist, manipulate, and distort things or events to achieve his desired outcome. Just as this aspect is made clear, so is the nature of Eve revealed. Where, you may ask? In verses 2 and 3, her response to the serpent shows

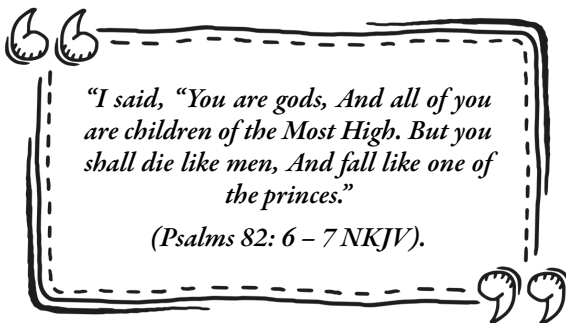
this. I paraphrase: if you eat of the tree of knowledge, you shall surely die.

These verses reveal that the first man and woman were of not only the God-class and realm but also possessed the immortality of God. They were as God, and if they consumed a certain kind of meal or followed a specific diet, that divine nature would be lost to them.

This nature of immortality in righteousness could only be maintained by aligning themselves with the One who had given it and who daily supplied the nourishment required to retain their identity. They were to do this by submitting to God's plans and purposes, trusting that He who made them was able to keep them. It is a simple biblical truth: whomever we submit to in obedience, we become slaves to such.

Genesis 3:4-5: The serpent's response clearly reveals his plan to strip mankind of God's immortality and the authority God had given them. He repeated what God said but twisted it. We must understand that the devil often tells the truth but distorts it, presenting it in a way that confuses and misleads.

He manipulates our minds with seductive words, causing us to see through a distorted lens rather than the clear-cut truth. He presented Eve with an identity that made her seem less than God, as though she were of a different class of being—like himself, not of God. Beloved, we often mistakenly think it is humility to view ourselves as anything less than being as God made us, but that is the devil's lie.

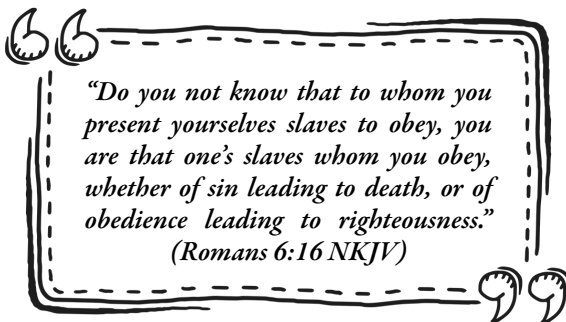


*"I said, "You are gods, And all of you are children of the Most High. But you shall die like men, And fall like one of the princes."
(Psalms 82: 6 – 7 NKJV).*

Adam and Eve were already like God, living as one with no death or contamination, until the serpent slithered in. Are you certain of your identity in Christ? Have you made peace with it, and does it dominate your daily consciousness? That's why it is essential to feast on the right diet—the very Bread of Truth that infuses the life of God in us. This life becomes the light that shines within, bringing clarity to our identity and purpose in Him and revealing the same to a dying world.

Beloved, the moment we begin to doubt our identity, surely the enemy gains ground as seen in subsequent verse; *“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”* (Genesis 3: 6-7 NKJV).

We must understand that just as faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God, doubt also comes by hearing a twisted version of God's Word. Therefore, we must stay rooted in what is true, avoiding the enemy's lies, whether they're yesterday's twisted truth or outright deception aimed at undermining our identity and leading to death. There is no middle ground; it is either Life or Death, and the choice is ours. Remember, whichever nourishment we choose, we also choose the one who provides it.



“Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness.”
(Romans 6:16 NKJV)

Though the devil is full of tricks, he has no new ones. If we refuse to align with his maneuvers and manipulations, we can be free of him, just as Jesus resisted by speaking the Truth, filled with the Holy Ghost, and the devil fled from Him. During those 40 days in the wilderness, Jesus was nourished with the Bread that gives Life. Until you feed on the True Bread, your identity in Christ will remain unclear, allowing the devil, who has already lost, to continue parading his deceit as if he were still in charge.

BELOVED, RESTRICT YOURSELVES TO BE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, FEEDING ON HIS TRUTH LEST YE FALL. CONFINE YOURSELF TO THAT TRUTH AND ENSURE TO STAY WITHIN ITS CONFINES. RESTRICT YOURSELVES TO HIS TIMING, FOR HE IS NEVER LATE AND FIND CONTENTMENT IN THAT WHICH HE GIVES PER TIME KNOWING THAT ALL THINGS ARE YOURS BUT YOU MUST COME TO MATURITY.

Prayer Focus

Pray as you are led.

**PRAY AT LEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN
THE SPIRIT.**





16

Trust the Fatherhood of God



“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.”

(Genesis 3: 6 -7 NKJV)

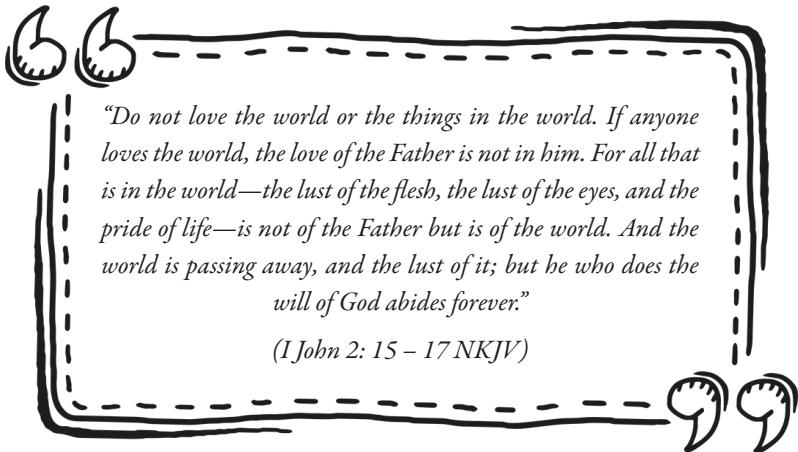
When we look into what was or what has been, it is never to dwell on the past or open the can of worms it holds. Rather, it is to learn from the past so we do not walk in error hence our looking into Genesis 3. The end of our time on earth as we know it is already here and the scriptures lay bare of a falling away and that they that think they stand should take heed lest they fall.

Beloved, I advise us as the body of Christ to not just walk circumspectly as the wise in these days but to do so with ALL humility and total submission to the Holy Ghost. We must be led by Him so we do not yield ourselves to the devil. You must know that no one operates in a vacuum and in this life, there are only two choices.

In our opening text, Eve's conversation with the devil can be broken down into three key areas: the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the pride of life. These temptations continue to plague humanity, as we often pursue what has already been given, unable to discern between what is true and what is Truth.

We constantly seek to satisfy the desires of our hearts rather than focusing on God's purpose for our lives. We parade our personal accomplishments as though there is no afterlife, when in reality, we should be more concerned with pursuing things of eternal value rather than indulging in the temporary.

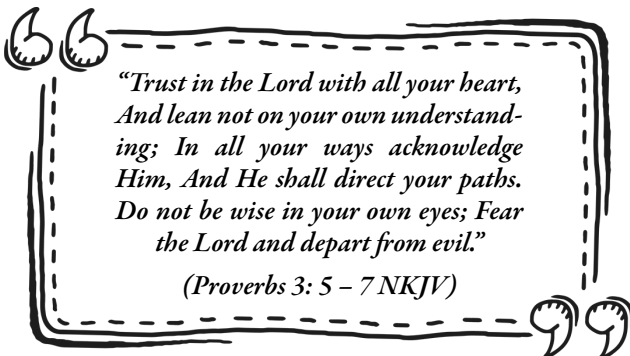
Am I saying we should not strive for great accomplishments on earth? Not at all. Nevertheless, we must do so without losing our sense of purpose, ensuring that our material prosperity—if I may put it that way—aligns with the prosperity of our souls, lest we lose our souls in the process.



Prioritizing the will of the Father is crucial, as our fruits reveal who our Father is and what sustenance we have been consuming. In the garden, there were two trees, yet Eve never considered the Tree of Life. Perhaps it did not appear as attractive or desirable as the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil, leading her to pursue the latter. Our text notes that Eve saw the tree was good for food. By what judgment did she arrive at this conclusion? Through what lens did she view it? Her desire was to gain wisdom, thinking it would make her like God. Yet, she was already like God—though not conscious or confident of it, much like many of us in Christ.

We are often dead to the truth, and for others, our consciences are seared because we refuse to submit to the process and system that produced us: THE WORD, THE TRUE BREAD. We must find, understand, and stand rooted in the things laid out for us, knowing that ALL THINGS ARE OURS.

Our diet however, must come from the Tree of Life, which may not appear desirable but contains the very life of God—eternal life. In it is also God’s purpose so that when you are fully awakened to your full identity, you can stay conscious of it and walk perfectly in it. God has the responsibility of Fatherhood over us, trust that He knows all things and as such knows what we need per time and that which He hasn’t given us, we don’t lust after lest we are drawn by their beauty and not the death it holds.



*“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understand-
ing; In all your ways acknowledge
Him, And He shall direct your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear
the Lord and depart from evil.”*

(Proverbs 3: 5 – 7 NKJV)

Prayer Focus

Pray as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Meditate on the verses in the text.

**PRAY ATLEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN
THE SPIRIT.**



17

The Greatest Commandment



“Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” Jesus said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

(Matthew 22: 35-40 NKJV)

The Ten Commandments, as we understand them, have not been abolished but are fundamentally based on the principle of love. When this principle is properly embraced, it makes daily life much easier to navigate. The true concept of love transcends religious dogma, becoming a reality we must fully embrace. The fruit of receiving the Spirit of God

through salvation and being filled with Him is love. Once this fruit is borne, other qualities such as kindness, goodness, and perseverance naturally follow. In essence, the message of the Gospel is a message of love, centered on God. The perfect law of liberty is simply a love-centered walk.

With the above in mind, and having previously discussed what Apostle John explains as our Love for God—the first and greatest commandment, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and mind"—the command now becomes clearer. Let us first clarify what it means to command. In summary, God's command involves firmly ordering, authoritatively instructing, and placing a demand on His own to adhere strictly to the given parameters. This underscores the importance of hearing Him, as without it, obedience to His instructions cannot be properly achieved. Obedience stems from hearing and being deeply acquainted with the One who instructs us, and it requires a wholehearted commitment.

Beloved, we are called to love God in a way that may seem foolish to this dying world. This kind of love should draw the world to Him and revive many in that love. The first commandment to love God with all our heart means to prioritize Him above all else, giving Him the first and only place in our lives, setting our affection and focus solely on Him without wavering or considering other options.

To love Him with all our soul means surrendering our old life and worldly desires, embracing the life He offers us. Loving Him with our entire mind involves submitting our knowledge, understanding, and intellect to Him, fully embracing His instructions, teachings, and wisdom, and yielding entirely to His guidance and leadership.

We must commit to this love with complete sincerity and absolute devotion, not merely as an afterthought. James in Scripture instructs us

not to be hearers only but doers of God's word. However, how we act on this command is crucial. Our actions must be not just willing but wholehearted, not passive but effective. Our commitment should be visible and evident. We must engage all our strength, bringing every fiber of our being into submission to God, making Him our central focus and guiding force in life.

Prayer Focus

Pray as you are led in the Spirit.

**Meditate on His love. Ensure to pray in tongues
at least an hour daily.**



18

Love Thy Neighbour



“This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

(Matthew 22: 38-40 NKJV)

I hope that with the clarification that God is love, we understand that love transcends all definitions and labels that humanity might attach to it. The previous discussion provided some insight into this, and today we move forward to the second commandment. We must remember that when God gives a command, there is no room for negotiation or exploring other options, as His orders and laws are absolute.

The second commandment, though simple, is as weighty as the first, and it can be easier said than practiced. This is why we have the Holy Ghost

to guide and direct those who yield to Him.

"Love your neighbor as yourself" might be understood as "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." For those in Christ, our perspective should be transformed; we no longer see as the world sees but operate from the life and mind of Christ. Therefore, the way God sees and loves us should be the way we see and love others. This means our kindness, courtesy, and consideration should not be limited to fellow believers, those within our circle of influence, or those we naturally love. Instead, it should extend to everyone, including those who hate us, those who mistreat strangers, the world, and us in general.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect."

(Matthew 5: 43-48 NKJV)

"For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another."

(Romans 12:3-5 NKJV)

“Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”

(Matthew 7: 12 NKJV)

Beloved, refuse to conform to the ways of the world, lest you be mistaken for one of them. Instead, let your words and actions reflect the truth of God, drawing the world to Him. May the mind that was in Christ also be in us, making us models of His divine life and truth, and great ambassadors of Christ. As members of one big family, let us relate to Abba, our father, as such.

Prayer Focus

Pray in the Spirit as led for at least an hour daily.

Meditate on 1 Corinthians 13 (the whole chapter).



19

The Two Dimensions of Love



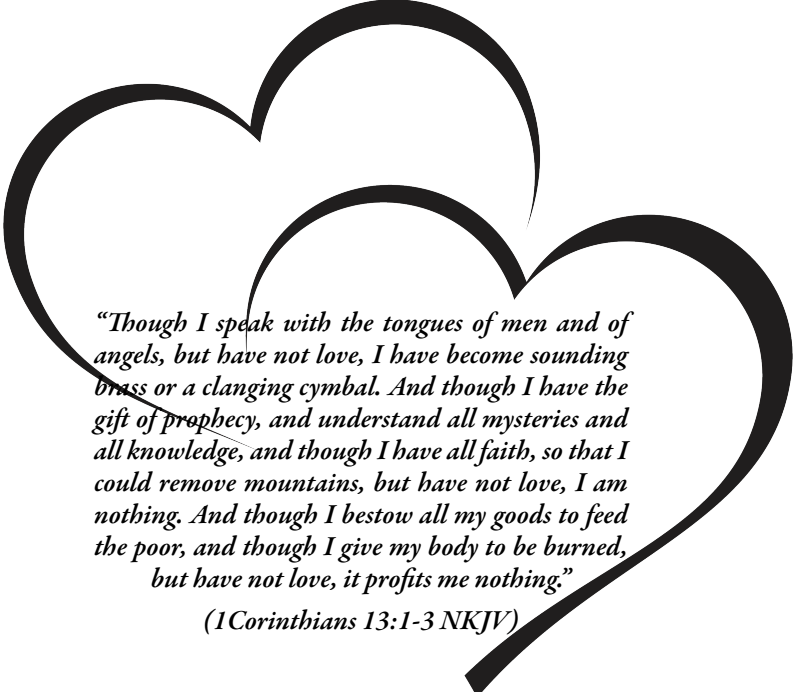
“This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

(Matthew 22: 38-40 NKJV)

Have you ever noticed how something you read before suddenly reveals a new dimension? For me, these scriptures have been an eye-opener. This has been my experience while writing on these verses. One insight that has become clear to me is that love is no trivial matter—love is God. We diminish God when we reduce love to mere feelings, emotions, perversions, infatuations, obsessions, or any form of lust. Although love might seem straightforward in theory—loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself—the application of this command proves far more complex. It is through this understanding that we truly grasp the

profound burden and significance of love.

While 1 Corinthians 13 is a lengthy passage that cannot be fully covered here; I appreciate how Apostle Paul dismantles our common perceptions of love. He shows that many things we consider as love—such as occasional charitable acts, birthday gifts, visits to orphanages, and running charitable organizations—are just superficial displays, akin to painted sepulchers. Here are the opening verses:



“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.”

(1 Corinthians 13:1-3 NKJV)

We have a lot of unlearning and repenting to do, as we seem to have misunderstood the essence of love. No one can truly claim to love without knowing God—in the truest sense. Scripture often mentions that Love (God) compels us; it acts upon us like a force, guiding us beyond our natural capabilities to undertake actions we might never have considered, or even imagined ourselves doing. This love transforms mere sympathy and compassion into genuine empathy. Empathy immerses you

in the pain and circumstances of others, leading to authentic responses to their needs.

For example, when God called me to minister to condemned male prisoners in Maximum Security Prisons—a story I can't fully share just yet—my fears were overcome, and no amount of discouragement could sway me. The power and force behind this calling were far beyond my own strength, and ultimately, the goal was achieved. I remember being deeply moved in my room (my term for being spiritually overwhelmed) and hearing Abba say to me, "Love is beyond words; it is a compulsion, and a force to be reckoned with." My perception of love changed from that day forward.

As I reflected on our opening text, verse 40 struck me profoundly. It reveals that all the law and prophets depend on these two commandments: loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves. This realization made it clear that the essence of the law and prophets is fundamentally about these commandments. They are intended to inspire and motivate us to love and honor others and ourselves in the same way God loves us. This is only achievable if we prioritize God and uphold Him above all else.

Beloved, everything done in the flesh is flesh hence refuse every carnality and false representations for we must do all things in love both in words and action. Love must be our inspiration and motivation always for everything done in love is done in God.

Do you not know that our salvation is a reconciliation with Him that brings us back into Him (God)? Now begin to act accordingly; act as one whose father loves by extending that same love to others as one in Him, from Him and as He will. This is a charge for us today.

Prayer Focus

*Meditate on 1 Corinthians 13 and other scriptures
that deal on these commandments.*

**PRAY ATLEAST ONE HOUR DAILY IN
THE SPIRIT.**



20

Love: The Hallmark of Godliness



“For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.”

(Matthew 5: 46-48 NKJV)

Love, I believe, is a powerful force that leads us to places and people we might not have chosen otherwise. It transcends human will and opens our eyes to see beyond our own imagination, aligning us with God's perspective and embracing others as He does. Many influences drive our decisions and actions, but without the guiding force of Love (God), these influences can lead us to self-destruct and separate us from our divine nature and from God and His people.

Man, left to his own devices, is often his own worst enemy, as the nature

of sin tends to bring about self-destruction. The devil exploits this by turning man against himself to achieve his downfall. Therefore, every child of God who bears His Spirit must not only seek to harness spiritual gifts like miracles or prophecy but more importantly, must embody the fruit of the Spirit, beginning with Love (God). True godliness is reflected in our actions of love.



“You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.”

(Matthew 7:16 -17 NKJV)

Love realigns us with God’s perfect will for Himself, for us, and for others. Without it, we cannot function fully in Him. We are commanded to be perfect as our Father is perfect, and love is the vehicle that transforms us into that perfect, spotless image. This perfection is underscored in our opening text: *“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect” (Matthew 5:48)*. Jesus urges us this way for we cannot be of Him or His bride if we do not complete Him wholly for the head and body must be a perfect match. See this scripture:

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that

she should be holy and without blemish.”

(Ephesians 5:25 -27 NKJV)

Love is the water by which we are cleansed, sanctified, and prepared for our groom. Love (God) is the bedrock and foundation of our faith. It is the reason for our calling, our existence, and our redemption. Love is the gospel, the message, and the essence of our story. It opens doors to God, serving as our ticket to success, our means to stand firm, and our way to breakthrough and growth. Love, not money, is everything. It is our trading currency. Love is God, and when we have God, we have everything. Therefore, He says, "Seek Me first; seek My perfection." Love is the balance, our establishment, and our assurance. Love is your certificate and license to operate in God's realm and His kingdom. LOVE IS... (fill in the blank).

The insatiability and restlessness of man arise from not knowing or having Love (God). When your eyes are opened to this truth, you will surely find rest. Today, as you meditate on Love, I pray that your heart opens fully to this truth. May you journey in God (Love) as you ought, to, finding rest in Him and living out this truth. As my Pastor, Dr. Andy Osakwe, might say, "We must arrive at the consciousness of our hypostatic union with the Holy Ghost, who is God Himself, and together become one spirit."

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

(Ephesians 4: 1-6 NKJV)

Prayer Focus

Pray in tongues daily! Stand on the word!



21

Living in the Love Cycle



“And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold. But he who endures to the end shall be saved.”

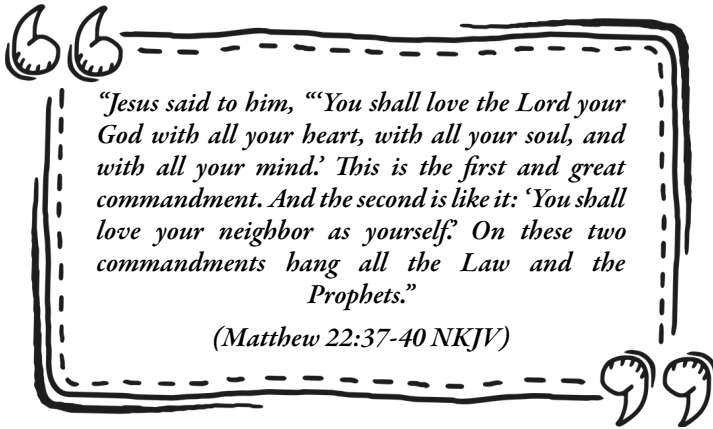
(Matthew 24: 12 -13 NKJV)

Without further ado, we conclude our discussion on love with an understanding that aligns with God's divine intention, despite the upheavals of today's world. We must remember that nothing is new under the sun and that the world's issues are cyclical. The only way to break free from these recurring cycles is through Christ. To say we are in Christ is to say we operate within the love and realm of God. This means embracing Love not as the world defines it, but as God intends.

God does not merely speak of love; He acts it out. He loved the world so much that He gave His only begotten Son, offering us a way to escape the

wickedness of the world. To break free from the evil cycle of the world, we must be immersed in the love cycle of God (Christ). Love is not just a state of being; it is spoken, acted upon, and must be visibly evident.

Hear me; until you love, you have not believed for Faith that works is faith borne out of love. Faith without works might as well read, Faith without Love is dead for love is the wheels by which Faith moves.



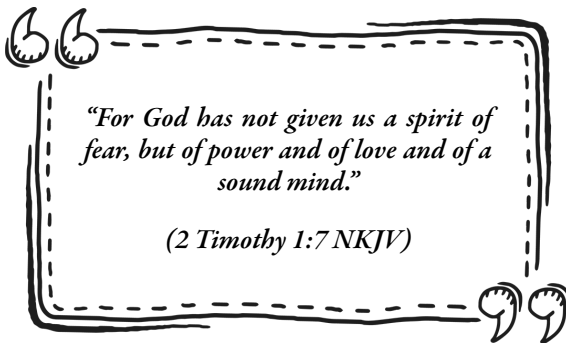
Justice cannot be fully done to our opening text without examining our main text. Verse 40 states that the law and the prophets hang on the two commandments, making it clear that, in Christianity, love is a fundamental issue. Our journey into salvation begins with love—it is not merely a matter for mature believers or confined to marriage, but the very foundation of our faith.

Love must be taught from infancy; from the birth of our children, we should model and teach them what love is. Understanding love from an early age helps prevent them from misinterpreting or misrepresenting it. If the law is built upon love, then lawlessness is simply the absence of it. It follows that lawlessness prevails because many lack love (and by extension, God).

Returning to our opening text, verse 13 says, "He who endures to the end shall be saved." This means that those who persist in love, despite the world's distractions and trials, will find salvation. In Christ, we must steadfastly reject the world's definitions of love, which often lead to hurt and confusion due to misinformation. Do not let the world define or confine you; instead, let Jesus be our standard, God be our realm, and the Holy Ghost be our teacher.

Understanding that God is love and viewing love as He does will alleviate fear, for our love should not be a reaction but an inherent nature. People may argue that it is harder to love in these challenging times, but if Jesus had entertained such thoughts, the cross would never have been realized.

Avoid such negative thoughts and focus on godly thoughts and imaginations (Philippians 4:8). The true test of love occurs in dark times, and it shines brightest against the backdrop of darkness. Those who hold fast to true love will endure the trials of the coming years as we approach the end of time. Our love must be tested by fire; thus, we must ask ourselves: what will remain—Love or Lawlessness?



Finally, brethren, fear not for the spirit we are imparted is a loving spirit and we must follow the sequence as laid out by Apostle Paul. By the

Spirit, let love and all it comes with be borne in you (**Galatians 5:22**), be quick to forgive, empathetic and see the best in people before you interplay with power. Use it first to conquer your own mindset and desires or else power in your hands will become destructive. When you then take up power be sure the mind of Christ is established in you.

Upon this scale, weigh your love and your love walk so you can harness and invoke the full blessing of being in Christ. **BELOVED, WHEN LOVE IS BORNE, IT BECOMES OUR PERFECTION, SO BE PERFECT AS GOD IS, FOR PERFECT LOVE CASTETH OUT ALL FEARS, DETHRONES INCONSISTENT ARGUMENTS, PROMOTES GODLINESS AND GODLY CONNECTIONS WITH ONE ANOTHER.**

Pray in tongues, and make a commitment to forgive past hurts. Meditate on love. Choose godliness (love) over lawlessness (godlessness) and please remember, “I love you is I God you (I see and take you as God does).”

I LOVE YOU ALL.

22

Breaking Free from Worldly Priorities



“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

(Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV)

This scripture challenges the comfort zones that the children of God often retreat into—comfort zones that, though they may seem appealing, are often fabricated rather than divinely inspired. Just as the Apostle Paul realized that all his earthly achievements were ultimately transient and lacked eternal value, we too must come to this realization. We are in the world but not of it; therefore, we should not place our confidence or attachment in the fleeting things of the flesh. Like grass that withers, these earthly things fade away, while only that which is eternal endures.

“For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh. Though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other man thinketh that he hath whereof he might trust in the flesh, I more: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; touching the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:”

(Philippians 3: 3-9 NKJV)

Beloved, take a moment to reflect on verses 3 to 9. Apostle Paul is speaking about what people often take pride in today—certificates, prestigious jobs, successful businesses, significant wealth, luxury cars, grand homes, high status in church or community, dual citizenship, and even untouchable legal privileges like those of a Roman citizen. Despite his unparalleled achievements and prestigious background, Paul regards them as nothing more than “dung”—the waste of animals used for fertilizer.

In comparison to Christ, he considers all these earthly accomplishments as mere excrement, insignificant and worthless. Philippians 3 challenges us to reconsider everything we unconsciously idolize and elevate above God. We often give more time and priority to worldly matters than to God and His purposes, failing to place Him at the center of our lives.

Beloved, we must commit to breaking free from the world's mindset, where earthly achievements are overvalued and lacking in eternal

significance. We often prioritize titles and accolades while neglecting the profound reality of sonship and the pursuit of spiritual goals. For instance, let me share a personal story: In 2019, I planned a special trip to Israel for 2020 with a few close friends to celebrate my 40th birthday. I wanted something extraordinary, and my friends were excited to join me. We even made deposits for the trip before the lockdown. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we cancelled the trip, and I was left wondering why, especially since I thought I had heard God's direction clearly.

God explained that the trip's true purpose was not a physical journey to Israel but a spiritual one. He intended for me to lead my friends on a Bible study journey, which gave birth to DAILY DOSE OF THE WORD and WORD CRUISE. I was guided to read the entire Bible before my birthday, a journey I completed alongside others. This experience reminded me that spiritual destinations and divine plans often transcend our earthly expectations.

Prayer Focus

May God be paramount in all your decisions and all you set out to do. It is your season to press forward.

**STUDY YOUR BIBLE AND PRAY IN
TONGUES!**



23

Bridging the Gap:

GUIDING OTHERS TOWARDS SPIRITUAL MATURITY



“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”

(Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV)

Our opening scripture serves as a wake-up call that should resonate in our consciousness daily, guiding our actions and decisions. It helps us to keep our flesh in check while allowing the spirit to take precedence, ensuring we do not lose sight of what truly matters. As mature children of God, we are called to set our minds and affections on things above, not on earthly matters (Colossians 3:2-3).

Beloved, without delving too deeply into the specifics of what or who is considered "earthly," we must recognize that Apostle Paul addressed issues relevant to his time. It is important to understand that while Paul spoke to the issues of his day, the task of discerning the undertones and deeper meanings in his words is the responsibility of those who are mature in their faith.

As sons of God, custodians of the Spirit of Truth, knowledge, and all revelation, we must find balance in both communication and understanding. We should not forget that there are still babes among us—those who have not yet come into the fullness of truth or even begun their journey toward it. We must be willing to give our backs as bridges, helping to ferry them across the same paths we were once led.

"Earthly things," then, represent the values, virtues, materialism, and individuals who uphold the standards of this world over Christ. This includes anxieties over meeting needs, having food to eat, and other worldly concerns. Beloved, if His eyes are on the sparrows, know that His eyes have never left you. He remembers you; you are ever before Him, within His purview.

"Therefore I tell you, stop being worried or anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted) about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, as to what you will wear. Is life not more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow [seed] nor reap [the harvest] nor gather [the crops] into barns, and yet your heavenly Father keeps feeding them. Are you not worth much more than they? And who of you by worrying can add one hour to [the length of] his life? And why are you worried about clothes? See how the lilies and wildflowers of the field grow; they do not labor nor do they spin [wool to make clothing], yet I say to you that not even Solomon in all his glory and splendor dressed himself like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive and green today and tomorrow is [cut and] thrown [as fuel] into the furnace, will

He not much more clothe you? You of little faith! Therefore do not worry or be anxious (perpetually uneasy, distracted), saying, ‘What are we going to eat?’ or ‘What are we going to drink?’ or ‘What are we going to wear?’ For the [pagan] Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; [but do not worry,] for your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But first and most importantly seek (aim at, strive after) His kingdom and His righteousness [His way of doing and being right—the attitude and character of God], and all these things will be given to you also.”

(Matthew 6: 25-33 AMP)

Beloved, without minimizing your pain or the challenges that seem to limit and bind you, know that freedom awaits you as you set your mind, desires, and affections on things above—on the God within you. He has deemed you worthy His vessel and through your yielding and total submission to His Spirit, the treasures within you will be unlocked, allowing them to find full expression for the advancement of His kingdom.

“But we have this precious treasure [the good news about salvation] in [unworthy] earthen vessels [of human frailty], so that the grandeur and surpassing greatness of the power will be [shown to be] from God [His sufficiency] and not from ourselves.”

(2 Corinthians 4: 7 AMP)

“I will give you the treasures of darkness [the boarded treasures] And the hidden riches of secret places, So that you may know that it is I, The Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you (Cyrus the Great) by your name.”

(Isaiah 45:3 AMP)

God is not about to do something new; He has already done it. He is waiting for us to align ourselves with spiritual truth in line with His kingdom to bring it into manifestation. That is why He says, “MARCH FORWARD, PRESS FORWARD.” For some, this may mean returning to the places where you fell or left off. For others, it may require revisiting certain instructions you have set aside. You might think you are meant to be a Peter or Paul in the church, but perhaps your calling is more like Stephen's.

Our wealth of knowledge does not determine our appointment or place of service—God's purpose does. You may be the richest and most connected, but that might mean your role is to serve as protocol, using your humility to draw people to God. On the other hand, you may be full of the Spirit, yet your calling is to wait tables rather than to be the general overseer or deliverance minister.

“The suggestion pleased the whole congregation; and they selected Stephen, a man full of faith [in Christ Jesus], and [filled with and led by] the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas (Nikolaos), a proselyte (Gentile convert) from Antioch. They brought these men before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them [to dedicate and commission them for this service].”(Acts 6: 5 – 6 AMP) Or even be as Daniel; “young men without blemish and handsome in appearance, skillful in all wisdom, endowed with intelligence and discernment, and quick to understand, competent to stand [in the presence of the king] and able to serve in the king's palace. He also ordered Ashpenaz to teach them the literature and language of the Chaldeans.” (Daniel 1:4 AMP)

Imagine the qualifications required to serve as a waiter in a palace, and then consider Jesus, who, as eternal excellence and King, was willing to hang on a tree—a symbol of curse—for our redemption. He calls us to die, not physically, but to our flesh, so that our spirit can thrive, enabling us to rule and reign with Him eternally. PONDER ON THIS AND

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS! Remember, callings and purposes are ordained by God, and not driven by our feelings.

Prayer Focus

*Study the word, meditate on truth and pray in the
Holy Ghost!*



24

Kingdom Focus:

LIVING AS HEAVENLY CITIZENS ON EARTH



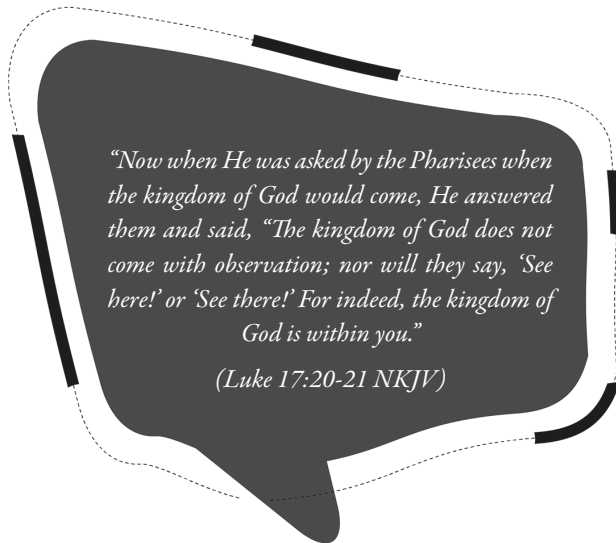
*“Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”
(Philippians 3:13-14 NKJV).*

Advancing God's kingdom is of paramount importance to Him. This is why He urges us to MARCH FORWARD, particularly in how our value system and disposition align with the principles of the kingdom. The goal is not only to establish the kingdom but also to see it expand as a true reflection of heaven. Although we live on earth, our identity and standards are of a divine nature, belonging to the realm of God rather

than being shaped by earthly values.

To press forward means embracing God's kingdom in its entirety. We are chosen and appointed as kings and priests to administer God's justice and intercede on behalf of others. Our role as kings and priests is not grounded in earthly realms but in God's kingdom, where He reigns as King of kings. Just as Abraham sought a city with God as its King and lived in tents, our focus should be on the eternal city that awaits us, rather than being anchored to earthly comforts.

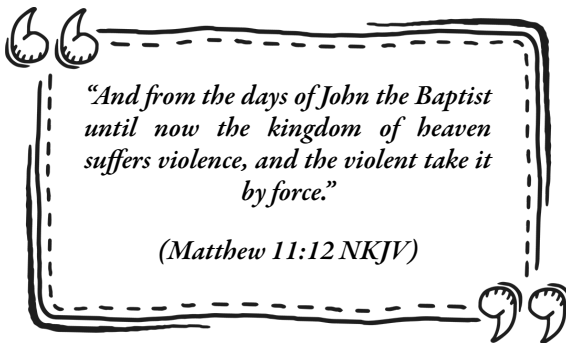
What is God's Kingdom and where is it located? John the Baptist had also shouted loudly that the Kingdom was coming, giving rise to the people asking Jesus when it was coming and where it was...so let's look at Jesus' response to these...



Beloved the Kingdom of God is not first a realm for the natural eyes nor a physical location but WITHIN US. Right in us is first this kingdom. In an argument, Apostle Paul admonishes this; *"Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them*

and said, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘See here!’ or ‘See there!’ For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:20 – 21 NKJV). While for better understanding, The Message version holds thus, *“God’s kingdom isn’t a matter of what you put in your stomach, for goodness’ sake. It’s what God does with your life as he sets it right, puts it together, and completes it with joy. Your task is to single-mindedly serve Christ. Do that and you’ll kill two birds with one stone: pleasing the God above you and proving your worth to the people around you” (Romans 14: 17-18 MSG).*

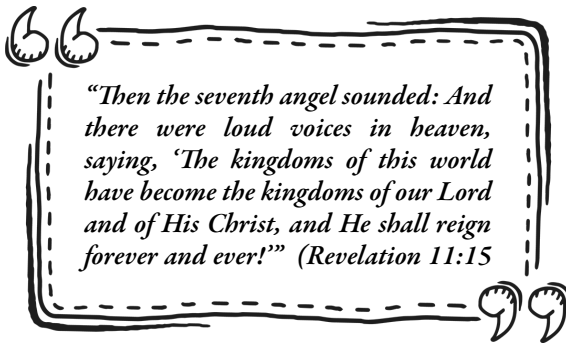
It is essential to recognize that the Kingdom of God has already come to us through His presence within us. This presence translates into embodying the realm of Righteousness, Peace, and Joy in the Holy Ghost—the very essence of God’s kingdom. For the body of Christ, to which you and I belong, pressing forward means fully understanding and embracing our roles as kings and priests. We are called first to establish and govern God’s realm within ourselves before we see its manifestation on earth. Everything prior to Jesus’ arrival resisted the establishment of this divine realm.



Throughout history, there has been an ongoing struggle for the establishment of this divine realm. However, we have been given the

Holy Ghost to support and sustain us. The daily challenges and obstacles we encounter are designed to disrupt our true nature of righteousness, our inner peace, and our joy. Even amidst life's storms and turbulence, we must remain unshaken because the One within us is greater than any external threat.

Our joy is not dictated by external circumstances but by the presence of God within us. This Kingdom, empowered by the Holy Ghost, requires its establishment within us first. It demands that we fiercely defend this realm from any force that challenges it. Beloved, as we reflect on today's message and seek to understand the Kingdom we have been called into; let us take note of this significant truth:



There is only one Kingdom and that is the Kingdom of God. This verse 15 talks about a superficial kingdom the world with the aid of its former ruler satan built for themselves. There is no kingdom of darkness as well for satan is no king nor has he ever been but keeps us thinking such to offer us what is not there nor was ever in his possession. One Kingdom, ONE KING with his sons as kings and Him replicating His government on earth is our inheritance in God through Jesus.

“For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of

Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

(Isaiah 9:6 -7 NKJV)

JESUS was then the vehicle to usher in this Kingdom and the Holy Ghost implanted in us chaperones it within us and we all together jointly establish our world in like manner of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost!

Meditate on this truth, and yield to the Holy Ghost’s tutelage!



25

Understanding the Kingdom



“Then the seventh angel sounded [his trumpet]; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom (dominion, rule) of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.”

(Revelation 11:15 AMP)

The Kingdom is not about to be ours, it is ours and I reiterate that there is only one Kingdom as every other is superficial, make believe and like quicksand will give way. It is to this end that God instructs us of the futility in pursuing things that cannot and would not hold fast rather than that, which is strong and will not sway. In (*Matthew 6:33 AMP*), Jesus says, “Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.”

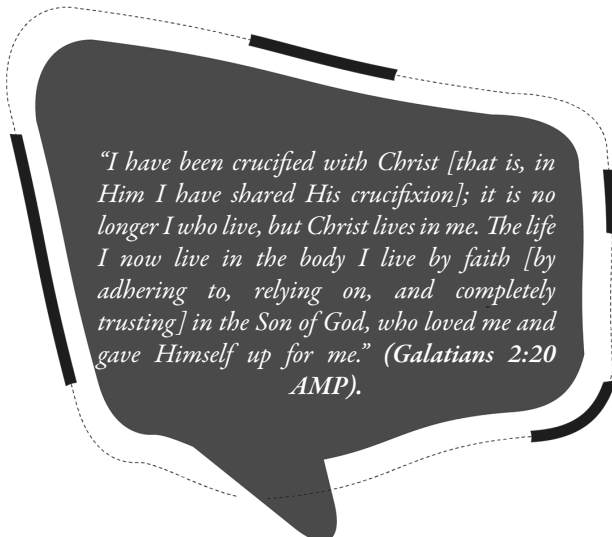
I dare to say it is an all-inclusive statement or rather COMMAND for us

to SEEK GOD and when you find Him you have found His Kingdom and in so doing His nature opens up to you (righteousness in which you find peace and joy). Just as the fruit of the spirit is LOVE, and then when borne, others flow out of it, so, is the Kingdom. Righteousness is the seat from which peace and joy flows.

In this chapter, we must purpose in our hearts to march forward. I intend to simplify our journey so we can make tremendous progress; SEEK THE REALM OF LOVE SO YOU CAN LIVE RIGHT IN PEACE AND JOY. That is what Jesus was saying. He made known that this is much more important than any other thing; more than food to eat, cloth to wear, religious postures, positions and adornment, marriage, money etc. For unless one operates in this realm and understanding one cannot thrive successfully by God's standard.

From our opening text;

THIS REALM OF GOD IS NO LONGER, FOR THE LORD ALONE, BUT FOR HIM AND HIS CHRIST THAT IS JESUS JOINED WITH HIS BODY IN ONENESS WITH GOD FOR HE HAS PREVAILED FOR US. This is to say that Kingdom Advancement begins where "I" is laid to rest and "WE" is upheld for it is no longer "I" that lives but Christ that lives in me.



"I have been crucified with Christ [that is, in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body I live by faith [by adhering to, relying on, and completely trusting] in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me." (Galatians 2:20 AMP).

Christ is now our present, future and focus. Christ is not just a person; He is a body, concept, system, vehicle and a force. Christ is our calling, our message, our truth and reality. Christ is us, you and I, all of us joined together with Jesus as our not I, short of you nor vice versa. Christ is a place and yet a family, it is a realm: Christ is us in union, as Pastor Andy Osakwe of Summit Bible Church, Nigeria will say, “It is us in hypostatic union with the Holy Ghost.”

Beloved, to march forward is to know and embrace Christ fully. Christ is as much Jesus as it is you and I. Christ is the spirit of the wholesome truth of God, the revelation of ages that have been and to come. The very crown of the ages to come hidden for us, and the very treasure locked in us. He is the fulfillment of prophecies told of us of which His blood purchased for us, hence, Christ will rule and reign forever.

Prayer Focus

Meditate on Christ. Pray seriously in the Holy Ghost.

PRAYER: *Repeat as you pray, “Holy Ghost guide me into the truth for thy word is truth.”*



26

Christ in Us



*“Christ is my rock, my refuge, my stronghold,
Firm as the tree’s root that clutches the land.
He, who has faith, builds without worry,
Not like the man who builds upon sand,
I set my house on a solid foundation,
Christ is my rock, the root of my soul’s recreation.”*

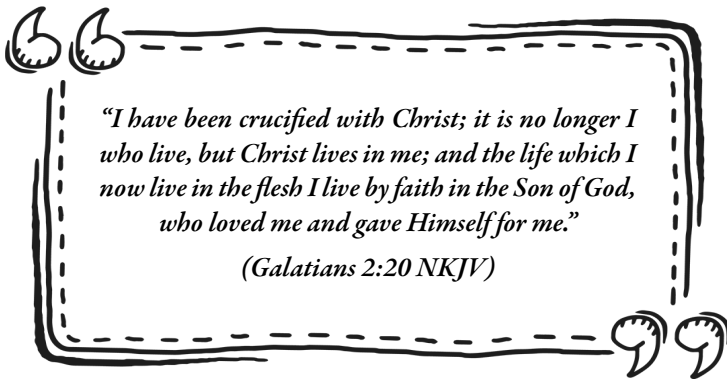
As a young Catholic, this was one of my favorite hymns growing up. I remember how my feminine baritone voice thunders once it gets to, “I set my house on a solid foundation.” You must know I was not conscious of the meaning then but daily as I now feast on the word while also writing, I find meaning in everything that never really meant anything.

WHAT, WHERE OR WHO THEN IS CHRIST?

“CHRIST” in simple terms means, “Anointed one”. Christ is not the surname of Jesus as you have “Ifeoma Jack” but Jesus, the Anointed One. Christ is in reference to the anointing of God upon Him. It is the indication that Jesus is not just from God but also of God because one

can come from but not of for example we are in the world but not of the world. This simply put means the anointing of God on Jesus makes that He is separate, consecrated unto good works to the end and He has no other agenda, identity, functionality outside of God. He holds no other value system nor ulterior motive outside of the demands of Christ.

Christ is the anointing on Jesus that is now on us by the redemption package. Furthermore on this line of thought, it is a state of being that implies that Jesus paid our debt of sin in full and now we are forgiven, adopted into God's family and are filled with the Holy Ghost by whom the life and power is on operation in us and through us. Christ hence is our new life.



The old you as you knew it was gone the moment you received Jesus thus Christ in you is the real you. It is no longer you that lives but Christ that now lives in you. This is to say that the very anointing that was on Jesus that enabled and qualified Him to be and to do is Christ hence the Holy Ghost. It is safe then to say that Christ is not just God, the Word but God, the Spirit. On a daily basis, when we see the word Christ, we think Jesus but today I wish to boldly tell you that as Jesus is the architect and His life the pattern of Christ, the Holy Ghost is the driving force and we are the expressions and now abode of Christ, all in tandem.

Finally, looking at *John 1:1-5 NKJV*, “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*”

In, through and by the word (Jesus) who was, is and is to come, all things were made and have life. This dimension of Jesus reveals the eternity hatched in Christ. Christ is eternal; an unstoppable force and a movement that transcends all realms, life, as we know it and death.

Prayer Focus

Say with me, "I am Christ, an unstoppable force that transcends human living and understanding. There is much more to me and so I cannot be limited in understanding nor capacity... Amen."

**MEDITATE ON THIS TRUTH, FIND TIME
TO PRAISE GOD EVEN AS YOU PRAY IN
THE HOLYGHOST.**



27

Towards Oneness



[21] that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. [22] And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: [23] I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

(John 17:21-23 NKJV)

Those who are close to me will know that aside Isaiah 2:2-3, John 17 especially with THE PASSION TRANSLATION is one of my best chapters in the Bible. This bias is because it is not just another chapter but what I call the Will and Last Testament of Jesus. You must know that for a will to be valid, the testator must be dead. It is also a reminder that tugs at the heart what Jesus did for us, having laid His life down for us to be joint heirs together with Him in the Father.

The death of Jesus on the cross was a full reconciliation ushering us into this new life in Christ we now have. Jesus postulates here that for the world to come to the awakening or knowledge that the Father sent Him,

we ought to be one as seen in verse 21b. He further showed His desire by His death that we be one as the oneness of the Trinity that is, the ‘a’ part. Hence, the death of Jesus for our sins will be in futility, if it does not bring us together. It is by our coming together just as the trinity is together that the world will truly come to know that God sent the Son.

A point to note here is that, the world knows that unity amongst brethren is not a walk in the park except we all find a common ground in God and in this case is CHRIST. Only then can the Unity of Faith be upheld and the Father, finally find the desired quorum to sit and to rightly govern His affairs here on earth.

This is what the Apostles exemplified in Acts 2; they prayed and waited not because the intention was to keep them for that long. It was to the end that they were in one accord, arrived at same focus, oneness, where everyone can genuinely set apart their individualism, desires, needs, differences and arrive at oneness so that they could establish the Kingdom of God and its culture.

Verse 23, is a major point of concern. This verse expounds on the Christ dimension as a “WE” thing and not individualistic pursuit. WE TOGETHER WITH THEM (CHRIST) that’s Jesus and the Holy Ghost as joinder, the bridge, the rallying point. Jesus reiterates again that the world may know that You have sent me and have loved them as You have loved me.

Jesus makes loud that our ONENESS is of great essence and proof to a dying world of the assurance of the love of God that now mantles us just as it was seen in Jesus. This ONENESS is not achievable except the Holy Ghost is fully activated in us (Christ consciousness) to the end love is borne as a fruit in us and our individual operation stem from it. Love then becomes the magnet that pulls us together enough for our eyes to be single in one Faith.

Prayer Focus

Say with me; Holy Spirit, I yield my members fully to You. Help my understanding as I delve into deeper truth. Indeed You are in us working it together.

Pray in the Holy Ghost.





28

Established in Christ



“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NKJV)

Christ is our consciousness, our thought pattern, our mandate, our drive to the end that we fulfill the purpose of God on earth and not be left out from enjoying the treasures that lie within. Christ is God’s solution to escape the darkness of this world hence Christ (Jesus) is that place the righteous runs into and they are saved. Christ is the Godhead and the body joined together in one piece. It is not just a place but also a state of being, our posture, position and disposition.

Christ is the answer to many problems as pertained to life and in the verse before our opening texts; *“For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was*

preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us” (2 Corinthians 1:19-20 NKJV). Every promise that God had made were answered in Jesus and He is still our answer.

Beloved, in our opening text, we can see that it is not just God’s intention that we are established in Christ but He went ahead to establish us, anoint us and seal us with His Holy Spirit as our guarantee. If this does not excite you, I do not know what will for the very essence of the sacrifice of Jesus is to bring us into God’s beloved. He weaved us together with his perfect love that provoked forgiveness and redemption. Hence, Christ is not achievable outside the Holy Spirit so much as we know that the Kingdom of God is not crafted outside of the same Spirit. We can then say that the Kingdom of God is Righteousness, Peace and Joy in Christ or the Kingdom of God is Christ. Chew on this.

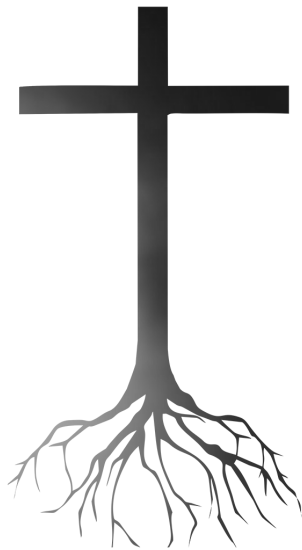
I round off today with this verse; *“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily” (Colossians 2:9 NKJV).* In Christ, we joined with the fullness of the Godhead (not just God the Father, nor the Son nor His Spirit) dwell and are sealed off. Christ is not then a phenomenon but an established Truth, a God-realm that accommodates divinity and humanity in one suit without which it will never have been possible to be one with God nor attain His righteousness and Holiness. Christ is the Emmanuel (God with us) captured by Isaiah in his prophecy of the birth of a Son. It is the union of our faith, and our oneness with God. Glory!

Prayer Focus

SAY THIS WITH ME: I am fully established, anointed and sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit of promise. We are Christ and fulfilled in Him, for herein is our satisfaction.

Receive this prayer as your truth and dilly-dally no more. Pray in the Holy Ghost, pray fervently and without ceasing!





29

From Birth to Resurrection: THE COMPLETE REVELATION OF JESUS

Beloved, we often dwell on the phrase "Jesus died for us," which has become almost a cliché. While this truth is profound, it is like building a beautiful house and then only admiring the entrance gate without ever stepping inside to enjoy all it has to offer. If we never enter, the work inside is wasted. This analogy applies to our salvation package. Yes, Jesus died for us, but the full glory of the story begins with His birth, continues with His death for our redemption, and reaches its greatest triumph in His resurrection. Alleluia!

The fullness of the revelation of Jesus is encapsulated in the name "Christ." To truly know and experience the entirety of Jesus—His coming in the flesh and His sacrificial death—we must embrace Christ and the boundless love He embodies. The Gospel, a love story that displays the

relentless love of a Father for His own, points us to one central truth: Christ.

Apostle Paul emphasized the core of everything Jesus stood for—and still stands for—which is Christ. This became Paul's mission and is now ours as well: to preach Christ crucified, revealing the complete and perfected work accomplished on the cross, sealed with the words, "It is finished." This was done to bring us all into the divine family, the God Clan, through Christ.

“God didn’t send me out to collect a following for myself, but to preach the Message of what he has done, collecting a following for him. And he didn’t send me to do it with a lot of fancy rhetoric of my own, lest the powerful action at the center—Christ on the Cross—be trivialized into mere words. The Message that points to Christ on the Cross seems like sheer silliness to those hell-bent on destruction, but for those on the way of salvation it makes perfect sense. This is the way God works, and most powerfully as it turns out. It’s written, I’ll turn conventional wisdom on its head, I’ll expose so-called experts as shams. So where can you find someone truly wise, truly educated, truly intelligent in this day and age? Hasn’t God exposed it all as pretentious nonsense? Since the world in all its fancy wisdom never had a clue when it came to knowing God, God in his wisdom took delight in using what the world considered stupid—preaching, of all things!—to bring those who trust him into the way of salvation.”

(1 Corinthians 1:17-21 MSG)

Beloved, while it’s natural to feel emotional when reflecting on how a holy man died for a sinful world—imagining Him carrying the weight of our sins, nailed to the cross along with all our afflictions, forgiven and forgotten—remember, that’s not where the story ends. For as long as there is a night, there is always a dawn...

“And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart [the very center and core of

your being] may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], so that you will know and cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God's people), and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is in us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength which He produced in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,"

(Ephesians 1:18 -20 AMP)

HIS DEATH WILL BE IN FUTILITY IF WE DO NOT PACK UP WHERE WE CAMPED AND FOLLOW CHRIST. MEDITATE AND PRAY EARNESTLY TODAY.



30

Redeemed & Ready PUSHING FORWARD IN CHRIST



“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole.” He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.”

(Galatians 3: 13-14 NIV)

What great joy fills my heart every time this scripture comes to mind! We, who are in Christ, should all share in this joy, knowing that we have been redeemed from the curse of the law. The symptoms of the curse that we may experience at times are merely the result of False Evidence Appearing Real (FEAR).

Apostle Paul emphasizes in our opening text that this redemption was

accomplished so that the promise made to Abraham would extend to all people, not just the Jews. By faith, we receive this promise in the person of the Holy Spirit. He is promised to everyone, but only those who believe will He make His home with. This offer remains open until Jesus returns.

Beloved, everything that has hindered your movement, restricted your progress, or held you back is gone. It is time to push forward!

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”

(1 Peter 1: 3-5 NKJV)

Not only are we in Christ redeemed and have the promise in the Holy Ghost but every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places is now ours. What a glory we have in Christ Jesus. Would you not greatly rejoice that all things pertaining to life and godliness we already have with and in us.

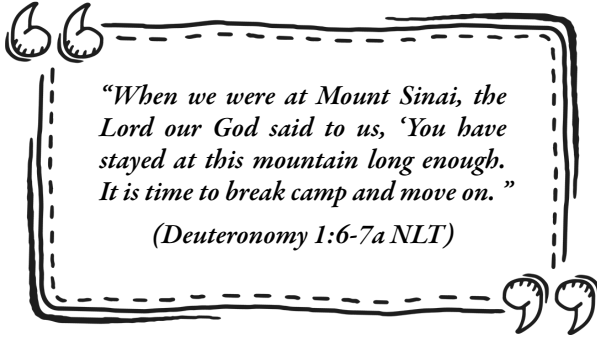
“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.”

(Ephesians 1: 3 NIV)

“Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:2-4 NKJV)

Beloved, now that you understand what has been done for you and that

you are in Christ, securely positioned in Him, purpose in your heart to move forward with determination. Advance significantly and strategically—it is time to break camp and embrace the progress you are destined for! **BREAK CAMP!**



“When we were at Mount Sinai, the Lord our God said to us, ‘You have stayed at this mountain long enough. It is time to break camp and move on.’”

(Deuteronomy 1:6-7a NLT)

Prayer Focus

*Push, press whichever but by all means in Christ,
take bold steps of faith, praying and following up
with faith actions!*



31

Advancing in Christ: FROM SPIRITUAL MILK TO SOLID FOOD



[1] And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. [2] For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. [3] I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. [4] And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, [5] that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 2:1-5 NKJV)

Beloved, it is time to move forward. We can no longer remain as babes, merely drinking milk; we must grow into maturity, ready for the weightier matters of life. Remaining fixated on "Jesus died for us" or "Our sins are forgiven" without progressing beyond this is detrimental. Such fixation can trap us in stagnation, while believers say things like, "I want

to make Heaven" or "I am striving to make Heaven," which are clichés that keep us from achieving greater feats for God and ourselves. We are meant to live a higher-powered life in His Grace and Wisdom.

A more glorious life awaits us in Christ, but too often, we reach the gates and stop there. The greatest fear of man is the fear of the unknown, leading many to prefer the comfort of self-pity rather than venture into new, unfamiliar territories guided by the Holy Spirit. This fear causes us to move in circles without real progress, as movement alone does not equate to advancement. To truly access and advance into the fullness of Christ, we must rely on the guidance and teaching of the Holy Spirit. He is our tutor, helper, and so much more than we realize.

Our opening text reveals a profound insight: Apostle Paul, though not physically present with Jesus, received the same truth through the Holy Spirit. He went beyond the foundational teachings of the disciples, embracing deeper revelations and demonstrating a wisdom that seemed almost beyond reach.

Verse 4 says, *"And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power..."*

Often, this verse is associated with miracles like the blind seeing and the deaf hearing, but Paul's point here was different. He indicated that his words were not merely persuasive but were infused with Spirit and power. This means they were faith-inspired, life-giving words with the necessary power to effect change and bring about transformation.

An example of this transformation is seen in the story of the woman at the well in John 4. After a single encounter with Jesus, she experienced a profound shift in her mind and spirit, leading to her repentance and transforming her into a powerful evangelist who brought others to Christ.

Beloved, while God desires to heal us and meet our needs, He also aims for us to reach a state of wholeness in Christ, aligning with the standard

He has pre-designed for us. This journey is not a communal ascent but a personal one, where each individual fulfills their purpose in Him. Collectively, we are to actualize His purpose, which is the essence of our being in Christ.

Prayer Focus

Fervent prayers and devotion to study is required in this season. Remember it is a strategic season.



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The New Creation Reality: EMBRACING OUR CHRIST-LIKE IDENTITY



[13] But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. [14] For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, [15] having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, [16] and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. [17] And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. [18] For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

(Ephesians 2:13-18 NKJV)

Christ is the central message for the New Creation man, and it is the

responsibility of all whom God has appointed and chosen—those who have come into the Light of Christ—to enlighten others about our current identity in Him. The emphasis here is on "NOW."

Too often, we are caught up in discussions about the past and fail to focus on whom we are today. This Truth, which should be central in any Jesus-centered (Word-based) church and life, is frequently overlooked. Until we fully embrace and enforce this Truth, the manifestation of the Sons of God that we seek will remain unrealized.

This is a tactic of the devil to keep us distracted from our identity. Just as we saw with Adam and Eve, he distorts our perception and keeps us in a state where he maintains control—a master of distortion who offers us distorted images of our true state instead of the clarity and precision that the life of God provides.

Until we confront this battle and move beyond the devil's deceptions, we risk remaining stagnant, unable to make genuine progress or advance significantly. This distraction also serves to highlight our differences rather than uniting us in our shared identity in Christ.

Take, for example, a common scenario among women: you run into a friend at the mall whom you have not seen in a while. She is well dressed and looking glamorous, but instead of complimenting her, many might point out what is out of place rather than what is in place. This simple act often reveals the true state of one's heart.

God, however, desires that we focus on what is working, on what unites us, rather than on what divides us. He would rather we channel our collective strength to build a formidable entity called **Christ**, where we are all one with the Godhead, instead of being at odds with each other, celebrating our conquests over one another—a behavior that is, in fact, demonic.

Consider the story of the Tower of Babel, where fallen men, not even seeking redemption, managed to come together in agreement to build a

Ziggurat—a unified front, despite their darkness. Yet, we who are filled with God and led by the Holy Spirit still struggle to embrace our common front. This is not rocket science, but it is a crucial challenge. Until we sincerely seek God's purpose, we may not achieve this unity—God forbid.

In *Acts 2:1 NKJV* it says, "*When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.*" We see that the Spirit did not find rest upon them until they were in one accord. This unity should be our template, guiding us to keep our focus singular—on Christ, who unifies us—putting aside our differences in what is called "Unity in Diversity."

Apostle Paul emphasized this when he wrote, "*But we preach Christ crucified*" (*1 Corinthians 1:23-24, AMP*). He described this message as "a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Gentiles," but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ is the power and wisdom of God.

Paul was subtly pointing out that he, along with all disciples of Jesus Christ who had received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, had transcended their previous identities as Jews or Greeks. They had ascended to a higher realm—the New Creation in Christ. Where they were once Jew or Greek, through baptism, they became neither; they became Christ. This is clearly stated in *Galatians 3:27-28 NKJV*: "*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*"

This is the very essence of Apostle Paul's message on *Christ Crucified*. The crucifixion was not just about reconciling us with the Father through the forgiveness of our sins and our redemption; it was about bringing us into a place of *oneness*, where Jesus is the Head and we are the Body—Christ. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus ushered us into a unity that we

could never have achieved on our own. He broke down the walls that separated us, tore off the veils, uprooted the stagnation and limitations—the very manifestations of death and the flesh—and brought us into the life and liberty found in Him.

We are called to *put on Christ*, which may seem like foolishness to the wisdom of this world, but to us, it is the very wisdom of God—a mystery revealed through Jesus in His life and death. For example, He redefined family as those bonded not just by earthly blood, but by the same spiritual blood and Spirit.

If then we claim to be of the same faith, the same Father, and bonded by the same blood, we have no choice but to accept this day that we are **one in Christ, hence we are Christ and this henceforth is our message.**

- Christ is God's kingdom, the city whose King is God.
- Christ is our realm, our place of refuge of which we are all kings and priests.
- Christ is our new identity.
- Christ is our network.

THE NEW CREATION MAN IS NOT A REGENERATED HUMAN RACE BUT A CHRIST RACE.

May this humble offering serve as a light on our journey toward greater understanding and unity in Christ.

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