Preach This and Watch the Miracles

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Get ready:

I preached a shorter version of this at a nearby church, and God healed many who had been in that church for years and were still not physically healed. And this church has seen many healings of God in the name of Jesus. This is the longer version with more scripture references. Use what parts you like. Just keep it on the grace of God in Jesus. Acts 14:3 "Long time therefore abode they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands."

As to working in God's power:

It is humbling to realize the issue is not power but believing-faith (same basic word in the Greek; faith is the noun, believe is the verb).

By definition a Christian is one who has Holy Spirit dwelling in them. This is what the word "Christ" means. Eph 1:13 "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your soteria-salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise," Col 1:27 "To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:" Gal 3:13 "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." 2 Cor 1:21 "Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."

We Christians all have the same power: Holy Spirit who operates per our faith. If you have Him you have all of Him = universe creating power. He is the one with whom all things are possible. He is the Spirit of Holiness who raised Jesus from the dead, thus declaring Jesus to be the Son of God with Power. Rom 8:11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

I am learning to rest in Him more per the tools like those found in my two books (FM2 and Championship Affirmations in Christ), and of course the Bible. It is not getting more power (we already have all there is), it is getting more real believing - being fully persuaded in God that releases the power. Mark 9:23 "Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth in God." The limits are set by our believing. The demonstration of our limits is what we actually accomplish with Him. If you do not operate as you need, then go get more believing on Jesus.

If you have the effect of what is commonly called the "Baptism in the Holy Spirit," you have the dunamis-power for you have Him, not part of Him, but all of Him. Just like in marriage, if you relate properly to your spouse, you get all the benefits of your spouse. If you do not relate properly, you make your spouse miserable and the benefits are lacking. In the new creation, we are married-joined to the Lord. 1 Cor 6:17 "But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."

And Holy Spirit is sealed to us. We did not make the seal and we cannot break the seal. The seal is about God and not us. God made it for His property that He paid a great price for, us. Eph 4:30 "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." 1 Cor 6:19 "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Rev 3:7 "... These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth."

The soul is ours to deliver to God on the Day of Judgment to be just like Jesus' soul. Guess where the believing occurs? You got it, in the soul. Heb 10:39 "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition (dying fast or slow under the cruel dominion of the law of sin and death); but of them that believe to the sozo-saving of the soul to bring the will of God to earth." 1 John 5:5 "Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?"

My continual prayer is: Eph 1:17 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty dunamispower, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."

Notice the level of the power we already have in verses 19-22. It is released by our believing. No power, means no believing; little power means little believing; great power, means great believing. It really is that simple.

We can claim all we want, but God is no respecter of persons, and He is not a man that He should lie. Think, speak, act and believe like Jesus in agape-love and you will see God work like He did through Jesus in agape-love. Think, speak, act and believe like less than Jesus, and you will see God work less than He did in Jesus. John 6:28 "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent." Jesus did not say take 3 years of courses and you can do it. If you don't see the works the problem is not God and some strange set of rules. It is our believing something other than the truth of God.

Here is an amazing scripture that some of the modern translations of the Bible translate differently than the KJV due to different Greek text sources. John 9:4 "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world. KJV" Jesus is talking to His disciples. Here is what the Greek says per the newer Greek sources: "WE must works the works of Him that sent me..." Jesus was telling His disciples that we are to work the works of God while we are here, and as we do we are the lights of the world just as He was. I already knew this in my heart, but it is great to find a scripture that actually commands me to stay busy doing His works.

If you doubt the Greek text source, you are to walk like Jesus so your confession is to be His anyway: "I must do the works of Him who sent me." <u>John 20:21</u> "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Father God answers my prayer of Ephesians 1 mostly by persuading me through His word. But I have to keep myself exposed and involved with His word. Scripture wallpaper, memory cards, or pictures on a wall does no good if it is not meditated-chewed all day long. The bedrock for me is the daily Affirmations, spoken out loud and with lots of positive proclamations as I do them.

We have been in Christ long enough (+35 years) to see that those who operate by gifts either don't last long, or the gifts don't operate long. Or worse, they go off into some strange "nevernever land"

My confessions and affirmations in my books are built on more scripture so I think in more scripture and not just "good ideas." Religious words, "good ideas," may work for a time, but do not last.

I have since learned that many who operate consistently in more dunamis-power do similar to the regular Affirmations. Different styles, but all regularly spend hours a day in positive affirmations and scripture confession as acts of worship and mind renewal. And when not doing such communion with God in His word, obey: Eph 5:18 "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Col 3:16 "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Thus the scripture songs I learned so long ago at St. Mary's Catholic Church Prayer Group (thank you Carmen!) during the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of the late 70's are still with me! My repertoire of pure scripture songs has grown, and few others make it in. Goodbye to all those pretty melodies with words that plug my soul with garbage no matter how popular they are today.

It is not so much new revelation as discovering that the "old" revelation was not even scratching the surface, and digging deeper into what has already been revealed of Christ in His word, and thus turning revelation into re-evaluation. Curry Blake says it something like this, "To get more revelation, slow down and chew on each word, individually and then together. Get the meat unto obedience out of it." John 4:34 "Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work." Meat is not learning; it is doing.

It is like a child who finds a sand box, and because they can fill a bucket with sand, thinks they can build real castles. Piles of sand are for children, but brick, mortar, steel, marble or human lives are a bit different. What I thought was such a big deal turns out to be but "dust on the fingers," and not even "a dent to put in a tiny seed" in comparison. There are no shortcuts. Donkeys operate like robots; sons think, talk and agree with God with renewed minds to His glory, and not their own glory. John 14:13 "And whatsoever ye shall aiteo-ask-require, demand and expect as due by covenant promise in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

Asking God to fill you means He will send you to do what He has already commanded you to do. Many are waiting for the "magic wand" to change them, and cry for it often. And God sends us the work He has called us to do. Eph 5:14 "Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. 15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, 16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but *continuously* be *being* filled with the Spirit; 19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; 20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God..." The rest of Ephesians provides more details.

In brief, the New Testament describes that when we get born again we are made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2Cor 5:21) or we get eternal zoe-life. Both terms describe the same new creation. This scripture shows the linkage. Rom 5:18 "Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto **justification-being made righteous** of zoe-life."

And this link between righteousness and zoe-life by promise is repeated in: Rom 8:10 "And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is zoe-life because of righteousness." Gal 3:21 "Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given zoe-life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. 22 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise (*righteousness*, *zoe-life*, *Holy Spirit*) by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe." Gal 3:14 "That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

The free gift makes you the righteousness of God in Jesus up to the level of God's eternal zoe-life with the presence of Holy Spirit Himself. There is no higher level. Doing good works, obeying the Law, takes you up to man's best; lambanoing the gift of Jesus through faith in Jesus makes you the level of God Himself in righteousness. Awesome! Acts 13:38 "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness-remission of sins: 39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses *in doing everything right*."

It is a better covenant in the blood of Jesus: <u>Heb 8:6</u> "But now hath he (*Jesus*) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was

established upon better promises. 7 For if that first covenant (*under Moses*) had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second (*in Jesus*). 8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: 9 Not according to the covenant (*so there is no confusion, the covenant under Moses*) that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant (*the Law by Moses*), and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant (*in the Messiah*) that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. 12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A kainos-new covenant (*in Jesus*), he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away (*except as a teaching tool of the ways of God, but not for righteousness*)."

Paul put it this way in 2 Cor 3. Here is my summary: Yes, the Law has glory and righteousness that allows zoe-life to flow by your works. Do right and live-be blessed and see God's bounty. But the righteousness of Jesus makes you the righteousness of God which far surpasses the righteousness of Moses as does a speck of dust to the solar system. The speck of dust is the Law of Moses by works righteousness, and the solar system is new covenant righteousness in Jesus by faith. And in that dust speck is zoe-life that makes wealth like Solomon and warriors like David's, people raised from the dead, and prophets that defeat whole armies with a word – all the wonders of Hebrews Chapter 11. Awesome for an insignificant speck!

God is even bolder than me. The righteousness of God in Jesus is so great that it is not like a speck of dust to just the solar system, but like a speck of dust to the entire universe! The bounty of His righteousness in Jesus makes the glory of the Law as if it were nothing. 2 Cor 3:9 "For if the ministration of condemnation (do perfectly right and zao-live or fail-sin and die-cursed or be atoned by the blood of animals in the Law of Moses) be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness (by faith in Jesus not based on anything you do) exceed in glory. 10 For even that which was made glorious (Law of Moses) had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth (by faith in Jesus). 11 For if that which is done away (righteousness from perfect works or the blood of bulls and goats in the Law of Moses) was glorious (Holy Spirit with power released into the earth), much more that which remaineth (righteousness by faith in the blood of Jesus) is glorious (Holy Spirit with power released into the earth)." Staggering facts!

For the untrained in Jewish scriptures person (the average Gentile), we are made righteous by believing the Gospel story that God raised Jesus from the dead. <u>Luke 24:45</u> "Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures, 46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: 47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." <u>1 Cor 15:3</u> "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

NOTE: There is no "and" in the original Greek in Luke 24:47, "repentance and remission of sins." The Greek word there is not "and," but "unto" or "into." So verse 47 should read: "And that repentance into/unto remission-total removal, purging of sins should be preached in his name." Repentance here is from living in a way that says Jesus did not totally remove your sin and sin nature in total.

Now this scripture makes far more sense. If you are not growing in God, or at the rate you desire, here is the answer. Of if you want to grow in God faster, here is the Way: 2 Peter 1:8 "For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and **hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins**."

Focus on knowing how truly forgiven you are in Jesus to the righteousness of God in Jesus, focus on the agape-love of that truth, and you grow in true knowledge to walk like Him. Focus on anything else, and your knowledge is "barren and unfruitful." Per John 15, fruitful is lots of answered aiteo-asking prayer.

This is how God says it again: Rom 5:15 "But not as the offence of Adam, so also is the free gift through Jesus Christ. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned as king enforcing the law of sin and death by one; much more they which lambano-receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign as kings for Jesus in zoe-life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of zoe-life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned as king to enforce the law of sin and death unto death, even so might grace reign as king through righteousness unto eternal zoe-life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

This wonderful promise for the Christian, per verse 17, allows those who lambano (receive as if to never let go or be diminished) the abundance of grace to overflowing and the free gift of righteousness through faith in the blood of Jesus to dominate their minds and thus with this righteous attitude actually be a king, a royal agent for Jesus in the authority of a king for Him on earth. This is sealed knowing: Rom 11:29 "For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. 30 For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their (the Jews) unbelief: 31 Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all of mankind."

So no matter what happens you lambano-hold onto-receive-never let go of the abundance of grace to be and do as Jesus would, and lambano knowing you have the irrevocable gift

of righteousness by faith in Jesus, and then you can operate as a king for Him. This is the same as 2 Peter 1 where He says: in verse 9, "But he that lacketh these things *of growing into just like Jesus* is blind, and cannot see afar off, and **hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins**." Or, he has not lambano-ed the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness.

This is also the purpose of communion as stated in 1 Corinthians 11. This is real life. Do it wrong and you are judged as if you are a mere-man, one without Christ. That is what it means to be chastised for not judging the body and blood of Jesus properly in communion. There is no penalty from God, except that failure to lambano His truth means you are lambanoing the antichrist lies because you are lambanoing something all the time whether you are aware of it or not. We, not God, call the penalty by what we fail to do. This is why this warning is in this the scripture, because we determine, among other things, how healthy, prosperous and how long we will live on the earth by how we treat and remember the Lord's death and resurrection until He comes.

So if you sow to the flesh you reap corruption, just like the godless culture around you, and not the zoe-life of the Spirit. Because you deny the benefits of a new creation, you are subjected to living like the rest of your culture. In this case we have to be constantly pulling heaven to us, or paddling upstream against the current of life around us, or we end up with what is already here, the kingdom of darkness. This is what He means when He says: 1 Cor 11:29 "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation-the effects of the law of sin and death with guilt and condemnation and not righteousness in Christ Jesus by grace to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. 30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. 31 For if we would judge ourselves already dead and whole in Jesus, we should not be judged as if we were not in Christ. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world."

One analogy is that once we are new creations, we are like a deep sea diver, if we do not exercise faith to bring in "heavenly" air, we suck in the "death" air of this world system.

Or another is we are in a canoe in a swift river heading up stream, against the flow of the world system. If we slow down, we make no headway; if we stop paddling we go down stream. If we are not digging into God, we are not in a neutral island; at best we are going backwards while facing forwards, or living off the lies of the world system wallowing in unbelief and compromise.

In either case we can rest assured that all those works in our life that are not-like-Jesus will be dealt with by fire on the Day of Judgment. Not our Christian personhood, but our works. 1 Cor 3:13 "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. 14 If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be sozosaved; yet so as by fire." 2 Cor 5:9 "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat

of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences."

This realization of that Day is to impel and guide our allowed thoughts, words and behaviors. Phil 3:13 "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Heb 12:1 "Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Heb 4:9 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

God said it through Jeremiah this way: <u>Jer 2:13</u> "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

Jesus said it this way: <u>John 4:13</u> "Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting zoe-life." <u>John 7:37</u> "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of zao-living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" This was fulfilled on the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2.

If you are not drinking deeply of this water from Jesus, Holy Spirit, who is the author of the Word of God, then you will be "thirsty" in your life and seeking to fill it from another fountain and storing it in a cistern that always leaks and is short – never leaves you satisfied deep in your heart. This is not about whether you are born again, but what kind of "life" you are living in or by.

This source of zoe-life is the word of the scriptures that separates you from the life of the world around us: Eph 5:25 "Husbands, agape-love your wives, even as Christ also agape-loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." 1 John 3:2 "Agape-Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. 3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

Jesus is called the zao-living word or the word made flesh, i.e. the Bible promises made real. <u>John 1:14</u> "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth." Our lives as Christians are to be so ruled and dominated by the grace and truth of the scriptures that we are also "the word made flesh." We are living somebody's word every moment of our lives. Just like that diver either living on clear air of the word of God, or the perverted logic of this evil world system, we need to recognize whose "word" we are living by.

The result will be seen in fruit and works of power. When asked how to work the miracles like He worked, Jesus answered: <u>John 6:28</u> "Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent."

The lack of similar works in the Christian's life means a lack of believing, being fully persuaded on the living word, Jesus and the Father God who sent Him. The solution is to spend more time seeking God in the scriptures, the revelation of God to man how things really are, and Jesus who is the exact revelation of the Father, to get more full persuasion-believing, on Jesus. The more "persuasion" we operate under, the more we believe on Jesus and the more works of God we deliver to bring heaven to earth.

Every moment we live our lives being persuaded of something. God's call is to get persuaded in Him. Rom 4:17 "(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory (thanks and praise before he saw the answer) to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

We have no excuse today with multiple Bible translations. What we desire is what we really do and spend our time in. If we have been satisfied with something other than believing on Jesus, you will produce those fruits and not the Jesus fruits. John 15:5 "I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall aiteo-ask-require, demand, and expect as due by covenant promise what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

The message is clear, our lives reflect what we are really "living" on. We are every day, every moment really living in God by His Spirit in the scriptures, or by the world system and its multiple dead religions, libraries and prophets full of lies. The evidence is what comes out of our mouths and what we really do. Matt 12:34 "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth

speaketh. 35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."

Failure to "live" or get your very life thoughts, words and actions from other than the scriptures as empowered and guided by the Spirit of Life, Holy Spirit, means you, Christian or not, will live by the law of sin and death, and not the law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. Rom 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of zoe-life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is zoe-life and peace."

The Christian has one new spirit, born again of God and united with Holy Spirit and a soul full of past memories and interpretations of life combined with constant voices and thoughts in our minds, feelings, sights in our eyes and imaginations, and sounds in our ears that control our actions. So we Christians are of one nature made of God living in an assault of truth and lies. Based on what we believe and build into our hearts that is what we will do. Rom 10:16 "But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? 17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." We all operate in faith every moment, the issue is it is either faith in God by the word of God that leads to zoe-life and peace, or faith in the world system that leads to cruel enforcement and slavery from the law of sin and death.

The world's failure to turn to Jesus to be free of the law of sin and death means they live in bondage to the law of sin and death in the kingdom of darkness, ruled by Satan. And at the same time they deny God free access to the very people He paid the price of Jesus to redeem from the hand of the devil. It is what we actually think, say and does that determine the outcome of our present life works, no wand on the Day of Judgment. Gal 6:7 "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. 9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

If the Christian does not keep his/her heart turned to the law of the Spirit of zoe-life in Christ Jesus, he/she get ruled, dominated and controlled by the same spirit of darkness that controls the rest of the world. This is not an administrative decision by God to punish you. We do it to ourselves by denying the great work of God in Jesus in every part of our lives. Eph 4:17 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding

darkened, being alienated from *and at enmity with* the zoe-life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ;"

This is also in the meaning of: <u>Isa 53:1</u> "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?" This is not talking about how to quote a scripture, sing a song or to answer a Sunday school question. Believing this and the revelation thereof is to rock your world and change your entire perception of life. When that happens you will be one who, for yourself and others, can go about effectively: <u>Acts 26:18</u> "To open their eyes *to the agape-love of the truth in the Gospel*, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness-*remission-purging*, *obliteration*, *removal* of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in *Jesus*."

This was the kind of revelation that changed Saul to Paul: Gal 1:3 "Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, 4 **Who gave himself for our sins**, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: 5 To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. ...12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. ...15 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, 16 **To reveal his Son in me**, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:"

The "in me" of verse 16 means that the God who melts mountains like He did with Moses at Sinai, He now lives in me. Paul makes a bold claim. He got the things of the revelation of being made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus by faith directly from Jesus. So this is the testimony of Jesus to man, not "theology." And this is why Paul is so intense to the Galatians. He states that they have drifted away from the gift of God into foolish speculations and into doctrines of devils, who "bewitch men." Or to the Christian Hebrews who went back to the temple to get their righteousness from sin by the blood of mere animals, and not the blood of Jesus already shed. Jesus died once for all time; the animals died daily. God now only recognizes the one-time sacrifice of Jesus forever.

Per Luke 24:47, you repent (change your thinking so your life is now different) that you thought there was ever any way to get remission (destruction, obliteration, purging, removal, casting off) of sin by any other way than in Jesus. That word repentance right here has nothing to do with to stop sinning (fighting, drinking, stealing, etc.) as most think of it, but has everything to do with acknowledging that all your sins - past, present and future - were remitted-purged-obliterated in Jesus 2000 years ago, and to now base your life and relationship to God, other people and the devil on this one central fact.

And you drive this into your heart so that if you ask God to forgive you now, you know you are calling His work in Jesus 2000 years ago lacking, so your only response is not, "Will You please forgive...?" but "Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! I have forgiveness in the blood of Jesus now and forever. Jesus did the job and His blood is

sufficient." Eph 1:6 "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the agape-beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness-remission-purging, removal, obliterating, washing, cleansing of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence;"

This is all past tense for us now. Not a scant and bare redemption, forgiveness/remission, but one that is in "riches-wealth beyond imagination – grace, and "abounded" in Godlevel wisdom and prudence, filled to overflowing.

Without shedding of blood there is no remission (destruction, obliteration, purging, removal, casting off, total washing away) of sin, and Jesus is not coming back to shed His blood again, and no other blood will satisfy. There is no other Messiah coming to die again. If Jesus did not get the job done 2000 years ago He has no right to sit at the Father's right hand; He has no basis upon which to intercede for us now; and no one is made righteous to be now born again of Him. Heb 9:22 "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." Rev 1:5 "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that agape-loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood," 1 John 2:2 "And he (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins unto total sin removal and delivery of aggressive grace and blessing: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Heb 12:2 "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God." Heb 1:1 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;" Heb 10:12 "But this man (Jesus), after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18 Now where remission of these (sins and iniquities) is, there is no more offering for sin." This is the new covenant in the blood sacrifice of Jesus.

Either Jesus got the job done or it will never be done, because either His blood did the job or there is not one other's blood that can do the job. It was either done 2000 years ago, or no one is ever going to have their sins remitted. To ask God to forgive you now and not just say thank You is to say Jesus did not do it once, 2000 years ago, and is to call God a liar for that is not what He says in His Bible.

And I have resolved never to call Him a liar again no matter what circumstances look like. 2 Cor 5:16 "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. 17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the world of reconciliation. 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of soteria-salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of soteria-salvation.)."

We are made the righteousness of God beyond what the Law of Moses could do by believing the simple Gospel story with few spiritual details. The only key fact is that God raised Jesus from the dead. Per Rom 10:4 "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. 5 For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall zao-live by them. 6 But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) 7 Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; 9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be sozosaved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto soteria-salvation."

Per Rom 10:10, we are made righteous; receive our justification already given 2000 years ago, by the cross of Jesus and His glorification, when we believe in our heart that God raised Him from the dead. Notice it does not even mention sin. We bring heaven to earth (the more complete meaning of the word salvation) as we put life and not death into our tongues by confessing out loud that Jesus is Lord. To be "sozo-saved" is the process of becoming like heaven. Salvation is the state of being like heaven.

If you are trained in the scriptures, typically a Jew or a Jewish proselyte, then you will learn definition of the title "The Son of God" or "The Christ/Messiah" and thus this now applies to you: John 20:31 "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have zoe-life through his name." 1 John 5:1 "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: ... 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. 11 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal zoe-life, and this zoe-life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath zoe-life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not zoe-life.13 These things

have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal zoe-life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Amazing, the thing that God said is the record, the proof that Jesus is the Son of God, is the zoe-life He gives; yet few even know what this zoe-life is, much less how to trust in it.

Many focus on to stop sinning, and not that they have eternal life. We need balance. The simple message is that if you know what you have become in the new creation, the more you focus on that, the more you will be what you are. 2 Cor 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty to be all God made you to be in the new creation. 18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass-mirror the glory of the Lord (in our faces in that mirror, seeing Jesus live His life, love and power out in us), are changed into the same image (that we have in our mind or being made into Jesus), from glory-Holy Spirit power to glory-Holy Spirit power, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." God will change you as you change your self image into what God made you to be in the new creation, the image Himself in Jesus.

I have made it my personal decree that I will not let anything in this world persuade me that God is a liar and that instead I have eternal-zoe-life because I have the Son for I am born again of the word of God because that is what He says in His word – the Bible tells me so. And what can stop heaven from coming to earth through me? Nothing but my lack of really knowing this in spirit and in truth. I work hard to get my mind fully persuaded in God's truth and agape-love so I can first really believe (know-epignosis) this, and then I just work just as hard, if not harder, to keep my mind in truth and agape-love against all the pull of the world. Other than releasing zoe-life into any situation in all kinds and manner of prayer, my primary job is to get and keep my mind renewed so I do not call God a liar, directly or indirectly, in what thoughts I allow, what and how I speak, and what and how I act or work in this world. Out of this all right behaviors and results follow.

From what little I have seen, based on what I see in me now, it would take at least 10,000 years at the rate I seem to be moving to qualify me as a kindergartner, much less an operating child of God. This is a major priority re-adjustment in my life, and by God's grace, I am on the Way.

So we get born again: (1) the Jewish-learned way, by believing-being persuaded that Jesus is the Christ or the Son of God; or (2) we get born again, made the righteousness of God in Jesus and one in spirit with God, by believing that God raised Jesus from the dead. The first takes scripture training, the second believing the simple Gospel story. The easiest way for either is to demonstrate the power of the Kingdom, get someone healed or some other act of power, and simply say, "See that? That happened because Jesus is alive, paid the price for you, and He loves you."

The harder way is to use the logical arguments of men and do it with the wisdom of men, as we (the Church universal as evidenced in the bulk of Western Christianity) have done for the past 1800 years or so. Our past practice puts the Gospel in this class: 1 Cor 2:5 "That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."

I have discovered that for most of my life I have lived by the wisdom of men and not the power of God. Sure, I have seen a few flickers, a few drops, but not the blazing light or the roaring river that is promised us.

I am awed that even an untrained 5 year old child can demonstrate the Kingdom of God when they are told Jesus will raise the dead if you ask, and then they command, and He does. I don't know if you know of a woman named Heidi Baker, a wonderful woman of God. She started in Africa by getting the little children "saved" in a village with the simple Gospel story that God raised Jesus from the dead, and then have them pray for the deaf in the village. Then the children pray and God heals them. Then, with that miracle in mind, she then works to convert the village. And she does it very well. She will tell you it is the faith of the children that heals the deaf. (Another key is that she works at hearing and being very obedient to the Lord.)

The children do this with almost no training. A few minutes and they are healing the sick in the name of Jesus. Neck Ministries has teenagers healing cancer patients in 2 days. David Hogan has people raising the dead in 1 or 2 days. Curry Blake and Roger Sapp in an afternoon. We have made this thing way too hard!

It takes a renewed adult mind to think and keep thinking like a child. So taking the scriptures at face value and letting them be the rule, and not something more complicated, is a great starting point. I love the way Dan Mohler says it: "Let the scripture define your reality, and do not let your reality try to define the scriptures."

How many people did Jesus not heal because they had sin? Answer – none. How many with palsy, withered arms, blind, maimed and crippled did He not heal in one sitting? Answer - none. What physical oppression of the devil could stand against Jesus, even death? Answer – none! So that is the standard.

How many did Jesus say, "Your theology is not right, I will not heal you." Answer - none. Even the Gentile Centurion's servant and the Canaanite woman's child got healed, both at a distance. When did Jesus ever show it was not the Father's will to heal – never - except for the Canaanite woman who was not of Israel, but she got her desire anyway by great faith-persistence in God's ability and goodness that would not stop or accept a "No," answer (that is solved as we are now commanded to "go into all the world."). How many times did Jesus comment that God was working some special learning in someone's sickness, death or disease? NONE!

God does not define peace as tranquility that puts you to sleep. He defines peace this way: Acts 10:36 "The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:) 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him." Sounds to me like peace means doing good and healing all those oppressed of the devil.

Or to put it simply, God's peace is victory to bringing heaven to earth. Which fits this scripture pretty well: Rom 16:20 "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly-like shattered glass. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you to be and do this. Amen."

Jesus defined peace as God's Kingdom setting people free of the devil, and then He told His disciples to go do the same. <u>Luke 10:19</u> "Behold, I give unto you power-*authority* to tread on-*overcome* serpents and scorpions, and over all the dunamis-power-*ability* of the enemy (*the devil*): and nothing shall by any means hurt you. 20 Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

How many times did Jesus ask permission of the Father to heal anybody? Answer – never. He already knew the Father's will. How many times does it record that Jesus needed a special word to heal anyone? Answer – never. He told His disciples, "Go into the cities and heal the sick." The only qualification to be healed is to be one of "the."

Who did the miracles that Jesus did? This is how Jesus answered: <u>John 14:10</u> "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works."

Notice what Holy Spirit says about us: <u>1 John 4:4</u> "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." Jesus said the same thing about Himself as we are to say about ourselves: The issue is not Who is in you, but how to let Him get out! <u>2 Cor 13:5</u> "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" Reprobate means useless, like garbage, worthy to be thrown away and burned so it is not around anymore, repulsively ineffectual.

What is the example of ministry failure in the Gospels? The disciples could not cast out a demon, Matt 17 and Mark 9. First Jesus shows the Father's will and cures the boy, and then berates the disciples for their unbelief. What is the excuse we have for not being like Jesus – the answer is the same. All other answers miss the mark. So our definition of what believing means may have to change, but the scriptures will not change.

So how do we get faith/believing? Rom 10:17 "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. Matt 4:4 "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not zao-live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Remember Bible prayer is mostly repeating back to God His promises for Him to perform. Modern prayer seems to have a different agenda – pray and know more of what you want by your words. I prefer God's agenda – pray and know more of what God wants by His words.

How do you make your way successful in God and thus in every part of life on earth now? <u>Josh 1:8</u> "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." As a good Hebrew, Jesus did the same.

What did Jesus say to us on how to make our way successful? <u>John 15:7</u> "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall aiteo-ask-*require*, *demand*, *expect as due by covenant promise* what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." <u>John 8:31</u> "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on

him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Or Holy Spirit summarizes it this way. <u>1 John 3:21</u> "Agape-Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God. 22 And whatsoever we aiteo-ask-*require*, *demand*, *expect as due by covenant promise*, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." The issue is not God; it is our confidence in Him.

The issue is our confidence - being fully persuaded that God is able and it is His will, and we have no guilt and condemnation that justifies any reason why God would not keep His word toward you when He did keep His word to Jesus. John 11:41 "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. 42 **And I knew that thou hearest me always**: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. 43 And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."

The writer of 1 John says it this way: 1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal zoe-life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we aiteo-ask-require, demand, expect any thing according to his will, he heareth us: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we aiteo-ask-require, demand and expects as due per covenant promise, we know that we have the petitions that we aiteo-desired-required, demanded and expected of him. 16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall aiteo-ask-require, demand and expect as due by covenant promise, and he shall give him zoe-life for him."

Use this promise motivated by agape-love to get anybody free of any oppression of the devil from sin to sickness to untimely death to poverty. You have to know what is the will of God, that He hears you; and that if He hears you, you have it. None of this has anything to do with God; it is all up to us, not Him. These are our works; do yours and He will do His.

That little 5 year old girl who touched a cancer and it dropped off in 20 minutes, or those 8 African 6-12 year old boys who prayed and healed a deaf woman in about 1 minute tell us all the training we need. The difference between them and me is that I have been listening to "another voice" for +30 years and I "know" some things. 1 Cor 8:1 "Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but agape-charity edifieth. 2 And if any man think that he knoweth anything, he knoweth nothing yet as he ought to know. 3 But if any man agape-love God, the same is known of him."

One thing a child has is pure love with little effort, and little guile or distrust. Tell a child there is a monster behind that door, and they will start to cry. Tell them Father God will heal as they use the name of Jesus because He loves people, they will go find someone to heal.

It is time to go back and fill our minds with His word and let the grace of His reconciliation fill us so when we speak, He can confirm His word of grace. Acts 20:32 "And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." Acts 14:3 "Long time therefore abode

they speaking boldly in the Lord, which gave testimony unto the word of his grace, and granted signs and wonders to be done by their hands."

We release God to bless us as we obey and work to renew our minds. <u>Heb 3:6</u> "But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, **if we hold fast the confidence** and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end. 7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, 8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. 10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in their heart; and they have not known my ways. 11 So I sware in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest.)

THIS IS A MESSAGE TO US CHRISTIANS: 12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the zao-living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. 14 For we are made partakers of Christ-(sharing in the divine attributes), if we hold the beginning of our confidence stedfast unto the end; 15 While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation. 16 For some, when they had heard, did provoke: howbeit not all that came out of Egypt by Moses. 17 But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

19 So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief. 4:1 Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it. 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: **but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it. 3 For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world. 4 For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works. 5 And in this place again, If they shall enter into my rest. 6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached entered not in because of unbelief: 7 Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. 8 For if Jesus-*Joshua* had given them rest, then would he not afterward have spoken of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. 11 Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

If you mix the word of God properly with faith-believing-fully persuaded in spite of the present evidence around you, you can also have rivers dry up before you, and go in and kill giants, destroy walled cities and vast armies. For me this summarizes the right attitude: <u>Heb 4:11</u> "Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

And the next verse leads the way. <u>Heb 4:12</u> "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is

there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Instead of, "I know that scripture and can quote it in 4 different translations and 3 languages," try, "Oh God, the Almighty, You are maker of all things including this word, work in me until I see You, Your power and Your agape-love in such a way that You can deliver Your power and Your agape-love though me as Your child to every person in my life in anyway. I have heard this word many times but I am not satisfied until I see You totally in it. Where I am blind, give me Your light; where my heart is hard, soften it by Your word in Christ. Show me every idolatry where I trust in some other source than You; where pride blinds me to You, wherever I am living for the praise of men and not you, and free me with Your word to trust and love only You. Lord Jesus as I submit myself to Your word, cleanse me to walk in all You have made me to be — Your clear reflection on earth now."

Praying Psalm 119 daily is a Bible ordained path and starting place. This is carried over into the prayers of Ephesians 1, 3 and Colossians 1. This is how worldly adults can learn to operate in the mind of Kingdom children.

If we have excuses of no time, just be sure that you recognize on the Day of Judgment that He who knows the heart will be asking the questions when we are required to give account. Paul preached these words to long time Christians, not new converts. 2 Cor 4:3 "But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost (perishing under the law of sin and death): 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them. 5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." 2 Cor 5:9 "Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences. ...21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 2 Cor 6:1 "We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2 (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of soteria-salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of soteria-salvation.)" 1 Cor 15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me."

Or as God says it yet another way: <u>Heb 13:8</u> "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. ...15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name (per the Greek: making confession *of His truth in Jesus* in His name - italics added). 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

If this fills you with evil fears, that is not God. Here is what Holy Spirit convicts you of: <u>John 16:7</u> "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me - *do not trust in the redeeming power of His blood to know how forgiven you are*; 10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more-*so you can be born again with the indwelling Holy Spirit and Jesus paid the full price so you could be made the righteousness of God in Him and all of His salvation is totally yours now;* 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged-*are you afraid of the devil or his conqueror?*" Where does this fit into the standard begging at the altar scene?

Focus on the agape-love of God as you get into Him in His word. Not just how agape-loved you are, but go set others free. <u>Jude 20</u> "But ye, agape-beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, 21 Keep yourselves in the agape-love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal zoe-life. 22 *So on* some *you can* have-*deliver* compassion, making a difference: 23 And others sozo-save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, 25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

So you have two basic ways to get your believing up to release more Kingdom power so the Gospel is preached the way God designed it. First you are to walk like Jesus in confidence with God. And second, you stir yourself up into His grace and truth until He can move through you. 2 Tim 2:1 "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." 2 Tim 1:6 "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of agape-love, and of a sound mind." 2 Peter 1:13 "Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the dunamis-power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty."

Preaching the Gospel does not mean just getting some people "saved." That is a real limited view, great for evangelists, but what about the ongoing Christian? The Amplified Bible brings out the tenses more accurately. 1 Cor 1:18 "For the story and message of the cross is sheer absurdity and folly to those who are perishing and on their way to perdition, **but to us who are being sozo-saved** it is *or causes* the [manifestation of] the dunamis power of God." AMP 2 Cor 2:15 "For we are the sweet fragrance of Christ [which exhales] unto God, [discernible alike] among those **who are being sozo-saved** and among those who are perishing (not being sozo-saved in the future tense and in the present tense so the devil is dominating them unto death, fast or slow):" AMP The Gospel message saved you and keeps bringing that salvation, saving you, into every part of your life until you bring heaven on earth in every sphere God gives you.

If we are lacking in any manifestation of the power of the age to come now, that means we are lacking at some level the "being sozo-saved" part of the process for the Christian. Salvation has two major parts. One affectionately labeled as "Fire Insurance," or eternal life with God, and second: what is going on in the souls and lives of the Christians right now, in the earth. Both are included in the meaning of sozo (the verb translated as saved, made whole, healed, etc.) and soteria (the noun form translated mostly as salvation). The fuller description is bringing heaven to you, and to the earth the glory of Father God through Jesus. The full Gospel covers both. Right now we are dealing with the earth part and it does make a difference for the eternal part for the Christian.

Remember God defines sozo-whole by heaven, not hell on earth. Whole is to His level, not the level of earth and fallen man. He has a Great Salvation even by heaven's standards! It is so great angels even long to look at it, and you have it when you got born again.

In 1 Cor 3 we, as Christians, are told that our works are going to be tried "on that day." Works that survive that test are called silver, gold and jewels, works that do not survive are called wood, hay and stubble. This is not about you, it is about your works. All mankind has been separated, sanctified from our works by Jesus as a legal fact 2000 years ago. You enter into this or "receive it" now for your life by faith in the finished work of Jesus by the cross. 1 Cor 1:30 "But of him (*Father God*) are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord."

Again the Amplified is helpfully more expansive here. <u>1 Cor 3:15</u> "But if any person's work is burned up [under the test], he will suffer the loss [of it all, losing his reward], though he himself will be sozo-saved, but only as [one who has passed] through fire. [Job 23:10] 16 Do you not discern and understand that you [the whole church at Corinth] are God's temple (His sanctuary), and that God's Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]? 17 If anyone does hurt to God's temple or corrupts it [with false doctrines] or destroys it, God will do hurt to him and bring him to the corruption of death and destroy him (in the judgment of that day). For the temple of God is holy (sacred to Him) and that [temple] you [the believing church and its individual believers] are. 18 Let no person deceive himself. If anyone among you supposes that he is wise in this age, let him become a fool [let him discard his worldly discernment and recognize himself as dull, stupid, and foolish, without true learning and scholarship], that he may become [really] wise. [Isa 5:21.]" AMP

Notice, even though our works are to be tested, we ourselves are already "sozo-saved" per verse 15. Also these works of silver, gold and jewels will be of value to you forever. How I do not know (10 cities verses none?), but Godly enlightened self interest says that should be your focus.

Remember the theme of the whole 1 Corinthians, chapter 3, is on immature, carnal minded Christians and false teaching. Then if you are a false teacher (and who has it perfect anyway and who, especially if you have children, is not a teacher of some kind?) then your false teaching – beliefs, attitudes, perceptions, and preconceived ideas are leading you to wood, hay and stubble that will be destroyed totally on that day. And because you still did them, and thus by definition you actually love what you are doing, then in that judgment you will suffer loss because some

part of your soul still accepts, believes in what you are doing, yet that is not just like Jesus – so it goes up in smoke. Then as God writes the truth into your heart and your mind on that Day, whatever of Jesus you did not walk out in your life, you will learn to hate any evil and agapelove only righteousness. Else who in their right mind would let one who thinks like the devil in our wrong beliefs loose in heaven? The end result would be hell in heaven and that is not in the plan at all.

One goal of the Christian life is that we grow to think just like Jesus: Heb 1:9 "Thou hast agapeloved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows." Isa 7:14 "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good..." If you do not know the goal how can you hit the target. Get the vision right and the results can follow: Ps 119:10 "With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments." Prov 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish (wander aimlessly in the desert of their situation): but he that keepeth the law, happy is he." 1 Tim 1:5 "Now the end of the commandment is agape-charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:"

As a refresher let's make sure we understand the goal: <u>Eph 4:12</u> "For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ**: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in agape-love, **may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ**:"

If you have any other overriding goal, then it is not from Father God. If you deny it is possible, then you and Father God need to spend more time together and get your vision straight, else you will wander in your own desert.

And if you think you have it all together then: 1 John 2:1 "My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 3 And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the agape-love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. 6 **He that saith** he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked."

So if you are not walking like He walked then you are missing it somewhere in your abiding and agape-love, and per 2 Peter 1, you have forgotten your former purging of sin. Holy Spirit reaffirms the standard in verse 6 by first reminding us in the previous verses that our sins are purged, so do not let sin define you or what you are, and what is your relationship to God, but openly confess, agree with God that you are in sin, and then start exercising the faith to get free.

Because even before all this He said: 1 John 1:4 "And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness (mental attitudes that result in sin and enmity toward God, i.e., the flesh or carnal mind), we lie, and do not the truth: 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (even though our walk is not perfect and thus we are sinning all the time and agreeing with God that ii is sin and already under the awesome blood of Jesus). 8 If we say that we have no sin (you cannot hear Holy Spirit say this is a sin that Jesus died for), we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins (agree with Holy Spirit), he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (He has already forgiven you and cannot take back the work He did in Jesus 2000 years ago even if He wanted to, which He does not). 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."

Notice you do not ask for forgiveness, just thank Him for it. Col 1:12 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:" Eph 1:6 "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the agape-beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;"

Holy Spirit is telling us that we can talk freely about our sins, including our lack of power in the way that Jesus walked in it, and even greater things, because He is there to help you. The issue is when we will not call our sin what it is, something Jesus died for, fully paid for and then got us totally healed of so we can walk in Him and make our new identity in Him, we are calling God a lair and not walking in the light of the salvation of Jesus, the Mighty Arm of God, the good news of God.

When we start talking in agape-love and truth then we are on the Way: Rom 13:10 "Agape-Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore agape-love is the fulfilling of the law. 11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our soteria-salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. 14 **But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ** (*in your self identity*), and make not provision for the flesh (*in your self identity*), to fulfil the lusts thereof (*as a result of that false identity*)."

The problem with lack of Kingdom Power is not our sin; it is our not believing the Gospel in every part of life in every moment of every day. Cast off the works of darkness and confess them as already paid for in Jesus or suffer it on the Day of Judgment – your call, not His. The Day of Judgment is an open book test for you to pass. Matt 12:36 "But I (Jesus) say unto you, That every idle-useless, vain word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. 37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be

condemned." <u>John 12:48</u> "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

If your confidence is on how right your walk is, then, when you fail, you will lose confidence for releasing Him to deliver His agape-love. Oops, there went your power with God! He is in you but cannot get out. If your confidence is in the finished work of Christ, then that never changes and you remain confident in His agape-love. It is not about you, that is essentially selfishness, it is about Him. Little children tend to be oblivious to themselves (totally un-self conscious and unselfish) and focus on the moment; and when they pray, they focus on the need and the ability, love and sureness of God to meet it.

This is the same message of Eph 4 and Colossians 3: Eph 4:17 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the zoe-life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. 20 But ye have not so learned Christ; 21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: 22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that **ye put on the new man** (in your self identity), which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness-just like Jesus."

This is what God did to you when He made you a new creation. He did it, not you. You believed the Gospel and He recreated you. You can walk in it, or fight it, but on that Day you will have no arguments and all the garbage of our non-Jesus works will go up in flames! God's cry is – 2 Cor 5:20 "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. 21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him. 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. 2(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation-salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of soteria-salvation.)"

Do you hear God begging us? <u>2 Cor 5:20</u> "...Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Here is God on His knees to us, to me, "If you will hear today?" For this is the Day of Salvation, it will never get any better legally with God, only experientially for you. <u>Ps 78:41</u> "Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. 42 They remembered not his hand, nor the day when he delivered them from the enemy."

The degree (or lack) of power in agape-love I walk in is a direct reflection of the degree of His reconciliation I walk in. <u>Luke 7:47</u> "Wherefore I (*Jesus*) say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she agape-loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same agape-loveth little." I am determined to hear what the Maker of the Universe is begging me to hear, "I am reconciled, my sins are remitted, I am now the righteousness of God in Jesus, now get on with it for others!" "Come Lord Jesus, Come Holy Spirit, come Father of all Grace, come! Blast though

the lies in my heart and get me in Your word and wash me, wash me! Get me in You in Your word and keep me there. Thank You!"

The other alternative to walking in power is to know the power of the name of Jesus as Lord. Mark 9:38 And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbad him, because he followeth not us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a miracle in my name, that can lightly speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is on our part." 1 Cor 13:2 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, and have not agape-charity-love, I am nothing-it does not profit me on that Day."

Notice the first one did miracles, but was not a disciple, yet used the name of Jesus in power. In the second that one can move mountains by faith but has not agape-love. But God's way that makes for silver, gold and jewels on that day is to do all these by agape-love. Gal 5:6 "For [if we are] in Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything *of final value*, but only faith activated and energized and expressed and working through agape-love. AMP

And don't forget this scripture of those who worked miracles and did not know the God of Agape-love. Matt 7:21 "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." The power is there to do good. If you motivation is wrong, but it is aimed at good, zoe-life will do good. If you do it by agape-love, it will profit you. Stay in the word of agape-love.

Hear my confession:

If Jesus obeyed Joshua 1:8 so must I, get me there! Now Father, You have already healed me in this so I receive it now for: <u>Isa 53:1</u> "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? 2 For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 3 He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. 4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

I put on Jesus Christ, I put on my new creation in You, created in true righteousness and true holiness, the real me. My nature is to gladly obey You. I will no longer know myself by my flesh; I will no longer know anyone in my family by my flesh or theirs. I will no longer know Jesus by the mere fleshly picture of the Gospels; I will know You Lord Jesus, as the Risen, Ascended, Glorified and Seated Christ who lives in me right now in POWER! Since I am healed of all rebellion, of all the fall of Adam made of me, of all the lies I walk in, I thank You for Your

salvation in me now. Thank You I hunger for You in Your word, thank You I will get revelation as I go to Your word. Thank You I will walk in more of Your mind as I keep myself in Your word. Thank You for keeping me from getting lost in the just the letter and academic facts, but that I know the scriptures and Your Agape-love and Your Universe Creating, Your resurrection Power! I Know You and Your agape-love. I will know YOU! My mind is no longer filled with me but with You. Thank You! Thank You!

I will never stop coming to Your word. I will never stop at just the letter, but I will see You! More and more You will shatter my old man ideas and beliefs. More and more You will give me light, for I walk in the light and every day I walk in a new day. Old ideas shattered and fallen as dust, more and more of You in spirit and truth. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! Religious lies and doctrines of devils are falling from me more and more. When no one will preach to me the truth, I preach You to me. When no one will preach to me Your redemption, I will preach to me that I have redemption, the remission of sins, and I have been translated out of the kingdom of darkness, of the authority of the devil and all his works, and I am now in the Kingdom of Your Agape Love in Jesus, Hallelujah!. When no one will preach to me the power of the blood of Jesus, I will preach the power of that wonderful, awesome and holy blood; the blood of the Precious and Awesome Lord Jesus Christ! I will open my mouth in agape-love and You will fill it! Thank You, thank You, thank You!

Yes, I will see You move in more power, Yes I will preach Your grace and Yes, YOU WILL CONFIRM YOUR WORD OF GRACE FOR I AM A GRACE GIVING MACHINE IN YOU! THANK YOU!

CONCLUSION:

Do you see it! Do you know it? This is the kind of talk that satisfies God, not "When will You...?" But, "Thank You, I already have it! Eph 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **hath blessed us with all** spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:"

<u>2 Peter 1:2</u> "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 According as his divine power **hath given unto us all things** that pertain unto zoelife and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: 4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." "So I have it in Jesus, and I will see it; I lambano-receive it, thank YOU!"

Do you want powerful faith? Well here is how it comes: <u>Philem 6</u> "That the koinonia-communication of thy faith may become effectual-*dunamis powerful* by the epignosis-acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

And then you are obeying: <u>Heb 13:8</u> "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever. ...15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips making confession *of His truth in Jesus* in His name. 16 But to do good and to koinonia-communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

If you preach this to yourself or others, you will be providing the right words of His mighty work in Jesus that God can confirm. Remember the power is in the Gospel, the word of God. Rom

1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the dunamis-power of God unto soteria-salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall zaolive by faith."

Preach His word and the power is there. <u>John 14:10</u> "Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works." <u>John 5:30</u> "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me." <u>John 8:28</u> "Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

I am not worried about how well I know the word, for to know any word or all of it, then I would know all of God for He is 100% behind His word, and He is totally in any of His word, for it is impossible for God to lie. Any scripture is like a window into God, and the closer you get to Him, the bigger He gets to where He is the only thing there is. It is not in degree of understanding, but in knowing it is His word and He will empower His word to demonstrate His agape-love in Jesus. It is not what I know, but in knowing who He is.

This is how a 5 year old lays hands on a cancer victim and they are healed, or a group of boys in Africa heal a deaf woman. When that child prays, he is not worried about if his prayer is "good enough;" it is trust in the One to whom they pray. They believe in the love!

Or as Holy Spirit said it: Rom 8:37 "Nay, in all these things (anything in this life that does not look like heaven on earth) we are more than conquerors (to make it heaven on earth) through him that agape-loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor zoe-life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the agape-love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So whether you preach or lay hands, it is the same either way. He confirms His word of grace. I just speak it by grace. 2 Cor 4:6 "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the dunamispower may be of God, and not of us."

"Yahoo! It is not about me, but the TREASURE OF HIM IN ME! THE LOVER OF ALL LOVE IS IN ME TO SHOW HIS LOVE through me! Hallelujah! Oh the Wonder of God, Jesus!"

Anyway, this is more of what I was thinking as I spoke at that church, I used far fewer words, but Jesus did confirm the word of His grace with signs and wonders. Hallelujah!

Rev 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

What Jesus did for me, He will do for you. This teaching is my testimony. What Jesus did afterwards is my testimony. Jesus will do it again for you.

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