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BIBLE BOOK ABBREVIATIONS USED

FOR OLD TESTAMENT BOOKS

Gen	Genesis	Eccl	Ecclesiastes
Ex	Exodus	Song.....	Song of Solomon
Lev.....	Leviticus	Isa.....	Isaiah
Num	Numbers	Jer.....	Jeremiah
Deut.....	Deuteronomy	Lam.....	Lamentations
Josh.....	Joshua	Ezek.....	Ezekiel
Judg.....	Judges	Dan	Daniel
Ruth.....	Ruth	Hos	Hosea
1 Sam.....	1 Samuel	Joel.....	Joel
2 Sam.....	2 Samuel	Am.....	Amos
1 Kings	1 Kings	Ob	Obadiah
2 Kings	2 Kings	Jon.....	Jonah
1 Chron	1 Chronicles	Mic.....	Micah
2 Chron	2 Chronicles	Nah.....	Nahum
Ezra.....	Ezra	Hab.....	Habakkuk
Neh.....	Nehemiah	Zeph.....	Zephaniah
Esther.....	Esther	Hag.....	Haggai
Job.....	Job	Zech.....	Zechariah
Ps	Psalms	Mal.....	Malachi
Prov	Proverbs		

FOR NEW TESTAMENT BOOKS

Matt	Matthew	1 Tim	1 Timothy
Mark.....	Mark	2 Tim	2 Timothy
Luke.....	Luke	Titus.....	Titus
John	John	Philem.....	Philemon
Acts.....	Acts	Heb.....	Hebrews
Rom.....	Romans	James	James
1 Cor.....	1 Corinthians	1 Pet.....	1 Peter
2 Cor.....	2 Corinthians	2 Pet.....	2 Peter
Gal	Galatians	1 John	1 John
Eph	Ephesians	2 John	2 John
Phil	Philippians	3 John	3 John
Col	Colossians	Jude	Jude
1 Thes.....	1 Thessalonians	Rev.....	Revelation
2 Thes.....	2 Thessalonians		

EXAMPLE: 2 Cor 5:17 refers to the book, 2 Corinthians and the scripture found in chapter 5, verse 17. 2 Cor 5:17-6:2 refers to the book 2 Corinthians with the passage starting at chapter 5, verse 17 and going through to chapter 6, verse 2 of that book.

Introduction

Making It Work, what is “It?”

“It” is what you want, and how you are going about getting what “it” you think is best for you and yours. In search of “it”:

- We go to school and we drop out of school;
- We get married and we get divorced or stay single;
- We have children or we don’t have children;

- We become soccer moms and dads, or we do not;
- We get a job and we change a job;
- We spend our free time working or being entertained;
- We go to church or we are practicing atheists and
- We diet or we eat comfort foods.

All of the things we chose to do, or tolerate, or avoid, or seek after, all in search of the all elusive “it.”

The “it” that you plan your life around and devote your soul to, the payoff, the why of life, is the almighty “it.”

That thing or situation that if you had “it” everything would be better, you would be happy, have no cares, people would like you and you would like yourself and others, you would be in the location or locations you want to be, the things you dream to do or be, that for which you would endure anything, the thing that at the end of your life you say, “I got it. That was worth ... it!”

This is the all wonderful “it!”

In the press of the world we live in, what produces the answers we want? How do you hold back the global pressures that threaten our peace? How do you make your dreams come true?

Working hard is not necessarily working smart. Working smart only works if it produces the right things. What does work to produce the best of what we want, of what we really want to enjoy, our “it?”

For years I have sought spiritual truth that transcends astral planes and shapes the fabric of reality. How do you take your best dreams and make them a reality that will stand the test of time?

Please read on, we think we have the answers on how to work the smartest to produce the best “it” for you and your loved ones. This won’t take long, and when you are finished, you tell us. What do you think? Will this work? Is this “it?”

CHAPTER 1

Big To Some, Small To Others

We teach the Good News of God and acquaint people with:

- 1) Their origin in God
- 2) Satan's deception
- 3) Christ's death and resurrection and what it means
- 4) The reality of the Life of Jesus in believers today
- 5) What this can mean for you now, no matter what your spiritual or physical state

No non-Christian religion offers forgiveness for sins, healing for diseases, security for fear, hope for despair, solutions for problems, relief for pain, life for death, miracles of God for impossibilities, purpose for vanity, and God's presence for loneliness – transformation. These blessings comprise the essence of Christ's gospel. That is why people of all religions and races are attracted to our meetings. They listen, they believe and they are blessed.

- Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the one and only spiritual teacher and leader who willingly gave His life to prove His great love for every person on earth.
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the one and only spiritual teacher and leader who came back from the dead to give proof of His noble teachings.
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the one and only spiritual teacher and leader who performs signs, miracles and wonders today to give proof of His powerful words. The founders of ancient religions and even modern ones are dead. They cannot confirm their teachings from their tombs or burial sites.
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the one and only spiritual teacher and leader who is alive in the present. God raised Jesus from the dead and Jesus is alive NOW! Other religious founders, regardless of their nobility, belong to the past. They have been dead for centuries.
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the one and only spiritual teacher and leader who shares His Divine Life NOW with His followers. Dead founders of religions cannot share life that they do not possess.
- Jesus Christ of Nazareth is the one and only spiritual teacher and leader who shares His divine power over and against every negative supernatural power. As soon as people are born again with receipt of the Holy Spirit of Jesus, they can operate in the miracle power of Jesus against the power and works of the devil to make, not just a better life, but heaven on earth.

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All religions of the world are concerned with the past. The Divine Son of God is alive in the present. That is why the message of the gospel WORKS. The living Jesus is the power behind our gospel. Jesus Christ, formerly a carpenter in ancient Nazareth and declared as Lord of lords and King of kings 2000 years ago, is alive NOW!

Millions live in a quandary about God. They seek peace and consolation through religion, philosophy, incantations, self-sacrifice, penance, superstition and other means of spiritual quest.

Thousands of times we have witnessed that when people comprehend the truths expressed in the Bible, new hope and happiness, new life and love, and new peace and power are birthed in them. They come back from the dead with a new beginning for real living. That can take place for you as you hear these words.

The message of the gospel – in its simplicity ^{1Cor 15:3-8; 2 Cor 11:3} is the only answer to the religious dilemmas and delusions of millions of insecure people. And it transfers to day-to-day practical reality.

Christ has ransomed humankind from their fallen state, and has reconciled people to God as His friends and partners. ^{2Cor 5:14-21} In accomplishing this great salvation, ^{Heb 2:3} each human need has been supplied by God's grace for everyone who believes in the wonder of Christ's redemption. ^{Eph 1:13-14}

Redemption simply means the buying back to put under control of the new owner with no past claims. Adam and Eve sold the human race to the devil, and Jesus paid the price to get us back to Father God and to put us back into our purpose. The benefit of this redemption is called salvation.

Each of God's redemptive answers starts in the Garden of Eden because each human dilemma has its roots in Adam and Eve's sin. Then each of these challenges ends in our reconciliation with Christ through His vicarious work of redemption by His blood on our behalf.

Five Facts that Comprise the Good News of God

These facts comprise the essence of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: 1) God's Creation, 2) Satan's Deception, 3) Christ's Substitution, 4) Our Restoration or Salvation, and 5) Our Destiny Now. Paul said: *The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believes.* ^{Rom 1:16} Or believing the accurate gospel releases all the goodness of God into your life. ^{Mark 16:15-29; Acts 14:3; 20:32; Col 3:16}

Announcing these gospel facts transmits God's power to people. ^{Rom 1:16-17} When these truths are heard, faith is born. ^{Rom 10:17} When they are embraced and acted upon, God's Holy Spirit confirms them, ^{Mark 16:20} and miracles result. This is bringing heaven to earth.

That can take place in you as you hear these words. You need not try to make it happen any more than a farmer tries to make the seed grow that he planted. By God's own law, seed procreate themselves. If you ponder these truths reverently and embrace them spiritually, the seed of God's word will be planted in the soil of your heart. That seed will then procreate its miracle harvest in your life.

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Whether you hear truth or read truth, its power is the same. Jesus said, *You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free.* ^{John 8:32}

The Seed – Better than the Touch

In ministry to multitudes, the crowds are so large we cannot touch people when we pray for their healing, although it is scriptural to do so. ^{Mark 16:18, Luke 4:40} Trying to lay hands on suffering people in a multitude can potentially provoke public injury, panic and even riot.

The same is true as we proclaim the love of God's truth over radio, television, the Internet and other media. In none of these can we directly lay hands on those who hear us.

Instead, we announce the facts of the gospel. The people listen. Faith is created in their hearts by the good seeds that are planted in their lives. When they believe God raised Jesus from the dead and embrace Christ as Lord, their lives are transformed, and in many cases, their sicknesses and maladies are miraculously cured right then. The seed procreates its own harvest in the lives of those who believe the truths that they hear.

The same thing can happen as you read or hear this message preached.

Do not try to have enough faith to receive miraculous blessing as you listen. Just relax and allow the seed of God's word to be planted. The Word will produce its harvest in your life. You can experience your miracle while you are listening and pondering these truths.

We do recommend that as you hear these truths, write them down on an index card and refer to them often to keep that seed planted in your heart. The Word of God is also called the medicine of God. So like a good medicine, review these truths 4-6 times a day. There is no limit to the amount of harvest and *zoe* life you can produce from these God-seeds of Scripture.

God's Good Plan

After God created the Universe, He created man. God created Adam and Eve and placed them in a garden of abundance where everything that He made was pleasant and good. ^{Gen 1:31, 2:9} They were His companions and they experienced His fullness.

In God's redemptive plan for human lives, He still wants every person to have happiness and pleasure, energy and strength, peace and love, tranquility and joy, health and dignity, and an abundance of real living. Life to the fullness as only God can conceive it.

But a tragedy interrupted rapport between God and people. The results is that now this world is filled with people fighting depression, struggling to meet obligations, plagued by disease and loneliness, abandoned, insecure, ready to prey on others, bitter, hypocritical and frustrated by problems without solutions.

Many have made irreparable mistakes and have engendered enemies. The psychological diseases of resentment, animosity, pride, envy, jealousy, dishonesty, bitterness, fear and hatred have obstructed success and destroyed happiness in millions of lives.

Start a Miracle Today

God has made provision for every need or desire that you can experience. The devil has twisted and perverted every good thing to a death-dealing alternative. Start believing that God cares as much for you as He does for anyone else. If He loves Jesus; He loves you. Despite whatever makes you seem to be unworthy, God is on your side. A small grain of faith can start a miracle in your life today.

The Garden of Eden exhibited the life-style and circumstances for which God designed you. It was a place of comfort and refuge to go out and make Heaven on Earth. It was a place of rest and refilling to go out and subdue and establish the dominion of God on the earth.

As you listen you will discover the road that leads back to the paradise that was forfeited so long ago by Adam and Eve, but which has been made available again through the sacrificial love of God's Son.

Just as the devil perverted the image of God to Adam and Eve in the Garden, the devil has been distorting the image of God since the dawn of history up until this present day. Jesus Christ came to set the record straight on how God really is and to re-demonstrate what God wants us to have. Jesus opened to us the door of God's unlimited mercy and abundance, through His suffering and death by the cross. Every miracle God performed through Jesus was an example of what God wills for every other person in similar circumstances.

CHAPTER 2

Jesus – The Way Back To God

Satan-The Deceiver, The Killer

When Jesus encountered people who were troubled by sins against themselves, against their neighbors and against God, He performed a special miracle in their lives. He forgave them. Mk2:5-7; Luke 7:47-48; 19:8-10; John 8:3-11

When Jesus came into contact with people who were suffering diseases or who were crippled or paralyzed or died an early death, He performed physical miracles. He healed their bodies. Matt8:16-17; 9:35; Mk 6:55-56; Luke 4:40

When Jesus found people who faced material needs, He performed material miracles and gave alms. He provided for them – even when it required a creative miracle. Matt 14:15-21; 17:24-27; John 13:29

Jesus said: *Satan's purpose is to steal, to kill and to destroy. My purpose is to give Zoe/Life in all its fullness.* John 10:10TLB

STEALING is taking something that belongs to someone else. Satan has done that by conditioning people's minds with a perverted view of God and to accept poverty, lying, fear, rage, spiritual blindness, violence, defeat, bitterness, hopelessness and problems. Through this negative process they have been cheated out of God's bountiful provisions.

KILLING is cutting short someone's life. The devil has done that to mankind through disease and fear, murder and violence, want and distress, tension and failure.

DESTROYING means to spoil and render useless something of value. The plagues of loneliness and addiction, famine and poverty, of sickness and evil, of fear and insecurity have destroyed the influence and happiness of millions whom God intended to be blessed with His fullness.

Jesus came to reveal God to us, John 5:30; 6:38; 14:8-9 and to show us the kind of life God earnestly wills for us. Jesus came to solve our problems, to forgive our sins, to heal our diseases, to empower us for our destinies, to give us success, to walk with us, to surround us with good things, to give us energy and to fill us with His Spirit, *agape* love and real *zoe* life, God's love and life.

NOTE: we are using the original Greek words such as *agape* and *zoe* because they represent concepts far greater and more wonderful than what the words love and life mean today.

Spiritually, God wills that we have peace, tranquility, faith, hope, love, creativity and abundant living.

Physically, God wills that we enjoy healing, energy, physical strength and vigorous health.

Materially, God wills that we experience success, achievement, prosperity and access to the Divine Source of all material provisions.

Through His death on our behalf, Christ became the Way ^{John 14:6} for us to come back to Father God, and for God to come home to us so that He can share with us His abundant life. ^{John 14:23; 2 Cor 6:18}

Connected With God

Traditional religion has fostered a limited concept of God's relationship with people. It suggests that intimacy with Him is reserved for those who live in poverty and self-abasement.

The seed-truths in this message can extricate you from the religious syndrome of mediocrity that has been handed down from negative pontificates of past centuries.

To fulfill God's plan in life, one needs to grasp God's purpose-His will as Jesus did, and learn to be aware of one's infinite value. Fifty-seven times in the gospel of John – in every chapter except three – Jesus spoke of how He was sent by Father God. His life had divine purpose. And ours does too.

When Jesus lives in us, He becomes our new *Zoe* Life source that not only engenders blessings in our own lives, but also in the lives of those around us.

Our thoughts and our words have mysterious power of creating many of the situations that surrounds us. They are seeds that we sow. They inevitably procreate of their own kind. (For more on this get our book: *OK, God, Now What*)

This message can help you become aware of God's high opinion of you. You can discover your roots in Divine Royalty. You can learn to think of yourself as God thinks of you, and talk to yourself as He does – about you in the Bible. You need not try to make this happen other than to put His words in your mouth. It will take place as these truths take root in your thinking.

As you hear this message, be conscious of God's love and of the ransom He paid for you. Be sensitive to how much it has cost Him to make His *Zoe* Life available to you. Respond with a hearty "Yes!" to each truth as you grasp it.

These concepts will render ridiculous the outdated religious notions that link poverty to godliness, burdens to humility, and suffering to sainthood. Life can be fresh, empowered by God's ideals. New, miracle energy can flow into your being as you gain knowledge of the remarkable *zoe* life-style that He eagerly wills for you.

It's Not Too Good to Be True

One great example of God's goodness is the record of the release of the Jewish people from their captivity in Egypt through God's agent of that day, Moses. When Moses was ready to possess the rich land God had prepared for His people as they came out of Egypt, he sent twelve spies to investigate.

Num13 and 14

The majority of them took one look at that wealthy land and fled. They said in essence, "It is too good to be true! It flows with milk and honey! It is too rich for us! Besides, giants are there! We saw them! We felt like grasshoppers! They could destroy us! God brought us here to die, there is no way!

They thought that way. They talked that way. They acted that way. Consequently, they reaped that evil crop. They never inherited the blessings God had intended for them to share. They died in despair.

Only two men saw things like God sees them. Caleb and Joshua saw a land of blessing. Their assessment was: "This is a good land full of abundance. Since we are God's people, He is with us and will help us take it. He wants us to be enriched by His best." The source of their faith was God's written word. They acted on it and they overcame the giants and inherited the Land of Promise.

Joshua and Caleb believed that rich land belonged to royalty. They were not content to leave it in control of the wasters. They were connected with God by their faith in God's promise and ability – God prospered their way.

That can happen to you. If embraced, these seeds of truth will grow in the soil of your heart and will produce a rich harvest in your life.

CHAPTER 3

Seeds of Divine Life

Small Faith Can Seed Big Victories

In the land of the Gadarenes, in ancient Israel, a demon controlled man lived. The Bible says: *No one could bind him, not even with chains which he plucked asunder and broke.* ^{Mark 5:3-5} Demons gave him super physical strength.

David said in the Psalms: *The Lord is the strength of my life.* ^{Ps 27:1} If demons could make a man physically strong enough to break chains and fetters, the Lord can impart physical strength to His children.

When you receive Jesus Christ, you are endowed with new energy. Learn the power of His presence. You cannot lose when you make God your friend.

The gates of hell cannot prevail against you ^{Matt16:38} because God is on your side. Open the doors of your mind to God's way of thinking. He owns everything. And you are His kind of being. As any child is capable to think like their father, you are made to think like God thinks. ^{1Cor2:16; Phil 2:5; 2Cor 10:5}

In the past, you may have been conditioned to conformity and indigence, to sickness and failure, to depression and despair, to vanity and entertainment, to loneliness and dejection. Break the grip of these destructive influences and move ahead with God by identifying with His redemptive blessings.

Your small faith is enough to displace the negative and futile influences that surround you.

Your enemy never wanted me to preach this message, and he certainly never wanted you to hear it, because the truths it contains can lead you to the blessed realm of happy achievement.

As you hear these truths and statements of faith, write them down, repeat them often. As we said before, like medicine 4-6 times a day. In this way you will imprint them on your subconscious mind, your heart, and you will start to automatically adopt new thought patterns and new human behaviors.

You will strike a gold mine of values that can enhance your quality of life. Happiness, success, health and blessing can begin to materialize around you. The Bible says: *Blessings shall come upon you and overtake you.* ^{Deut 28:2RSV} If you travel forty miles per hour, these blessings will travel 50 miles per hour to overtake you. If you travel one thousand miles per hour, these blessings will travel two thousand miles per hour to overtake you. ^{Ps 23}

Words, Thoughts and Deeds Are The Seeds of Your Life

The situation that slowly but inevitably materializes around you is the harvest of the seeds that you have planted in your consistent behaviors. What you think, say and do are the seeds that you constantly sow.

Wise and successful people understand the principle that, to change their environment, the change must begin inside themselves; starting with right words in their mouth and eliminating words that do not produce the God-life or harvest they seek.

God has provided for you every blessing that you can need or desire –in seed form. All you have to do is plant those good seeds-first in yourself, (that can start as you absorb this message), then in other lives around you by what you think, say and do.

Intentional words spoken can become the future thoughts that govern your actions. These new thoughts then proceed or direct new words and actions. So change begins by first controlling what you say to change the thoughts of your heart. You live out of your heart. To change your life you change what is written in your heart. And you start by putting new words in your mouth with repetition. The change occurs as these new words become your new thoughts from your heart.

So change begins as one's thinking is reformed. Paul urged: *Be transformed by the renewing of your mind,* ^{Rom 12:2} *being conformed to the image of Christ* ^{Rom 8:29} *by the light of the knowledge of the gospel.* ² ^{Cor 4:6} *And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.* ^{Eph 4:23-24} *But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.* ^{Rom 13:14}

Your future is determined by what words you speak and imagine today.

When new thoughts are formed within our subconscious and conscious minds through learning and absorbing new truths, they work their way and wield their influence outwardly, from within. Change results from the knowledge that we plant or allow within ourselves, not from outside influences that surround us. Thus in the worst of conditions godly men and women can be developed. And in the best of situations the worst of men and women can be developed.

We cannot change others. We can seed others for change. But we can change ourselves. Improvement takes place as we take into ourselves positive, biblical information. Automatically we become what seed is planted in our hearts. The seed engenders and produces of its own kind. It procreates itself-in us and around us. And the best seed with the best harvest is God's Word.

While powerful, just like with any seed, this process is not instant; effort must continue to see long term change. But with the right seed to the right harvest it will produce the life you always wanted and make what you now have better. This is the power of our redemption in the blood of Jesus.

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This is like a bonsai tree. The deceiver has twisted our minds and it takes steady and continuous effort to straighten that twisted tree into a tall oak of righteousness, straight and strong, seeking only the light and life of God, and no longer twisted and held down by the ways of the world.

The Mysterious Power

The wisest man who ever lived said: *My child, attend [apply your mind] to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Let them not depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart.* Prov 4:20-21

The blessings of happiness, success, health and peace are given to us by God in seed-form. The seed-truths of His Word have miraculous power to procreate themselves-always in multiplied form.

You can realize health instead of living in malady and disease. You can prosper instead of living in penury or poverty.

Every thought, word and action is a seed of some kind. Pick your seeds well and keep planting.

You can be a winner instead of a loser. Sickness will give way to a new source of invigorating health. Destructive and negative thoughts will yield to positivism of a believer with faith in God by His Word.

CHAPTER 4

God At Work

As we have shared these truths of the miracle love and processes of God, we have seen them bear awesome fruit again and again. We have proven repeatedly that God is what He says He is, that He will do what He says He will do, and that the Bible is real and that what it says is true. IT WORKS WHEN YOU WORK IT.

But why do we not see more of God's miracles today? That depends on where you are. The Christian religion has become formalized by theological traditions derived from medieval concepts. As a result, much of the "advanced" Western society relegates God and miracles to legend or superstition.

Instead of applying the message of Christ to the practical needs of our hurting world, religious promoters usually limit Him to the ambiance of their church sanctuaries. (By "religious" I mean people involved in the rituals of Christianity without the reality of Christ's living presence and power.)

Every time I see cancers healed, cripples walk, blind and deaf people restored; every time I see unhappy lives changed, unbelievers transformed, or poverty-stricken families discover God's abundance, I see GOD AT WORK-I see the miracle of His divine seeds procreating themselves. I see His LOVE and LIFE in action. His message works because He loves you and He cannot lie. ^{Titus 1:2; Num 23:19; Rom 11:29; Heb 6:18; James 1:17; Mal 3:6; Hab 2:3; Ps 89:35; 1Sam 15:29}

When I recall the signs, wonders and miracles that we have witnessed, I become so happy that I want to tell everybody in the whole world about God's Good News. The Psalmist urged: *Make known His deeds among the people.* ^{Ps 105:1}

When the Light Turns On

I wish all the world could know how good God is. The Bible says, *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.* ^{Ps 86:15; 111:4; 112:4; 145:8} *Jesus was everywhere moved with compassion.* ^{Matt 9:36; 14:14; 18:27; Mk 1:41; 6:34} Another Bible verse says, *His compassions fail not.* ^{Lam 3:22} Thirty-three times in the book of Psalms it is stated, *His mercy endureth forever.*

Another remarkable verse states: *For you, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon you.* ^{Ps 86:5}

God says, *I will rejoice over you to do you good ... with my whole heart and with my whole soul.* ^{Jer 32:41} God has a very big heart and soul, and it all rejoices over you to do you good!

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Many people think of God as a dominating master who lords it over people with a whip, afflicting and punishing them with sickness, suffering, poverty and failure. They use the Zeus of Greek mythology as their model of God.

This is not true. If you want to know what God is really like, look at Jesus. He is the exact image of God. *Jesus is the express image of Father God's person.* ^{Heb 1:2} God wills that people enjoy His zoe life-style of happiness, success and blessing – physically, emotionally, spiritually and materially.

By hearing this message I believe you will start to re-examine Father God in the light of the New Testament and forget the negative ways you may have thought of Him in the past. The biblical thoughts we proclaim can obliterate from your mind out-moded, negative and toxic thought patterns. You will be *transformed by the renewing of your mind.* ^{Rom 12:2} *Your understanding will be enlightened and you will know the hope of His calling, the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints and the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe – the power that was wrought in Christ when Father God raised Jesus from the dead.* ^{Eph 1:18-20}

God created Adam and Eve, ^{Gen 1:26-27; 5:1-2} to be like Himself, *in His image and likeness*. That is why people search for some kind of spiritual connection with what they may call the Creator, the Divine, or Omnipotent or Universal or Cosmic One or the Universe or the Great Mother. They search through mysticism, philosophy, empty religions, self-negation, penitence or other ceremonial rituals, both secretly and publicly. And they often gain a supernatural power not from God.

This message shows The Way ^{John 14:6} to adoption, unity, identity, friendship, fellowship and partnership with God. Don't quite your day job yet, but as these truths become yours, you will be accessing the power of the Universe, God Himself. And you will be walking in the assurance that above all else, God loves you and finds you of great delight. *He rejoices over you with singing!* ^{Zep 3:17}

The Global Search

Around the world, whether on the busy streets of New York City, Tokyo, or Paris or in the villages and cities of Ecuador, Russia, Africa, or Borneo, humanity searches for a supreme deity. It is written in their faces and in the way they walk. They would give anything to know God is real or to see evidence that He cares about them.

A Hindu businessman said, "I would like to believe that there is a god of some kind, somewhere, but I have no reason to think that one exists, nor that IT would help me or would know about me."

An Eastern philosopher said: "There is no way for human persons to know the Universal One. IT is un-manifest, un-thinkable, and un-approachable-absolute impersonality."

A Hindu teacher said, "If there were an Omnipotent Being, He would be too impersonal to be of any use to me, and I think it would be the greatest of sins to disturb Him on my behalf."

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A noted Hindu philosopher and a Hindu university professor-both searchers for truth-earnestly investigated the truth of Christianity in formal, historic church organizations in India. One of them said: "What a tragedy that Christianity has broken with Christ." The other said: "There would be a world awakening if Christianity and Christ would reunite."

A young Hollander remarked: "We do not mention Jesus Christ any more in our denomination because we believe that he belongs to the past."

A young New Yorker said, "I avoid religion, especially Christianity which does not work. I have found power in the Universe and it manifests its goodness to me. I am still waiting and I know it will come."

These statements express the heart cry of millions. We have only to look in the faces of our own cities with people from all over the world to see their confusion and despair. Our mission is to share with them here at home and around the world the simple but powerful truths of God's *agape* love. We call it the Good News, the gospel.

We have watched the light turn on in their eyes and faces as they have been made aware that God cares for them and their excitement as they walk in His ways to manifest His blessings.

Psychological Infirmities That Destroy Human Persons

God is not a destroying deity who sends infirmity and pain. ^{Luke 9:56; Ps 34:8; 145:8-10; Nah 1:7; Rom 2:4} He does not ordain poverty and lack in people's lives. His fullness is for all who follow Him. ^{Jer 2:7; Joel 2:26; Ecc 5:18-19; Matt 25:29; 1 Sam 2:7-8; Prov 8:17-18; 10:22; 28:19-20; Ps 34:10; 68:19; 104:24, 28; 112:1,3; 3 John 2; 1 Chr 29:11-12}

People plagued by guilt and inner fears poison their own system and often seed themselves for disease and deterioration. They permit their lives to be devastated by the psychological traumas of hatred, jealousy, gossip, envy and greed, which are ruthless forms of self-abuse and of self-destruction.

Their lack of faith in God, in their neighbors, and in themselves causes them to attract defeat, confusion and decadence.

Capable and talented people permit their lives to be wasted. The plague of poverty curses millions who live in a world of abundance.

Bodies that should be vibrant and healthy in service to God and others, deteriorate by inactivity, disease, addiction and depression.

The gnawing, noxious cancers of negativism, resentment, remorse and despair poison the lives of thousands who could otherwise be channels of love and blessing to humanity. God is good and He wills only good for people. He is *Zoe* Life and He yearns for us to share in His *Zoe* Life. He created human persons in *His own image and likeness*, ^{Gen 1:26-27; 5:1-2} so that makes you and me HIS KIND OF BEING! We were created to be His habitation. We can never be satisfied until we reach our destiny in God by Jesus. That is what we are made for.

Making New Discoveries

Nothing is more vital to a person's self-esteem than to discover one's own value. ^{Luke 12:6-7; Ps 8:4-6} Self esteem is that inner sense of worth that causes one to keep going in the face of adversity until they overcome.

Every human is a creation of God. ^{1John4:8, 16} People are the produce of Divine *Agape* Love. This is why hatred and fear are so destructive in human lives. *There is no fear in agape/ love; but perfect agape /love casts out fear.* ^{1John 4:18}

Every human person has divine purpose. God paid a great price for each individual. He wants people near Him. He believes in people just as they are. ^{Matt 6:26; 12:12; John 3:16; 1 Cor 6:20; 1Pet 1:18-19; Rev 1:5} He has opened The Way ^{John 14:6; Act 18:26; 19:9, 23; 22:4; Rom 3:17} for you and me to be successful, happy, productive and blessed.

Some imagine that the process will be painful. In one sense it may be, because for many people, it is traumatic to adjust thinking, to adopt new ideals and to reform language and action patterns. Those things can be painful if change seems threatening, offensive or unsettling.

But for those who set their eye on the prize of walking in the fullness of Christ, it is a joy knowing the process will lead to success in every part of life.

People often develop life-styles and attitudes which result in harmful habits and thought patterns. They decide who and what are to blame for their problems, but almost always excusing themselves. It is difficult for them to realize that their own thoughts, words and deeds are the seeds of their own successes or failures, of their own environment, pleasant or painful, and even of their own physical conditions. ^{Prov 6:2; 21:23; Ps 141:3; James 1:26; 1Pet 3:10; Col 4:6; Prov 15:23; Phil 4:7; 2Tim 1:7; 2Cor 10:5; Phil 4:8; Isa 26:3}

By adjusting one's thinking, vocabulary and actions, anyone can recreate their own environment, if not externally, then internally. And when the internal is right, it can create a new *zoe* life externally.

Adapting to His Way

With a fresh look at life from God's viewpoint, you can discover the wonderful *Zoe* Life that He wills for you. Then as you adapt to His Way, you can experience real Life as God planned it for you. Our goal is to show you the Way. ^{John 14:6} This is true for one just born again, and for anyone looking for more of God.

The greatest insurance on earth is to be connected with God. You cannot fail with Him as your partner. ^{Isa 41:10; 54:17; 55:10-11} His covenant guarantees His blessings. ^{Deut 28:1-4; Ps 89:34; 1Kg 8:56}

The stock market may crash. Wars may rage. Tragedies may occur. Famines, droughts, plagues or material crises may ravage society. But when you are in tune with God, you will not be defeated because He wills His best for His children.

Resolve to embrace these concepts:

- 1) God is good, rich and loving;

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- 2) God does not punish with disease, pain or failure;
- 3) God never desires poverty, lack or need;
- 4) God longs to share His love, health and abundant zoe life with people
- 5) God believes in you-just as you are
- 6) God offers more of Himself to you than you can think or imagine
- 7) God will never leave you or forsake you, and is closer than your breath

Re-focused Outlook

By spending time in God's loving truth, your perspective can be re-focused. The blessings of God's abundant living will become evident in and around you because of the good seeds you will have planted in yourself. They will produce their good harvest in your life, and in the lives of others around you.

That is what our world ministry is all about and it is the reason we publicize God's Message That Works.

CHAPTER 5

Without Clichés or Bigotry

A French teacher, spending her vacation in America visited a Christian ministry.

Since she spoke practically no English, a French translator hosted the lady on her tour of the premises.

Impacted by her visit to this world ministry, she began to pose questions about our “*programme d’évangélisation, religion et doctrine.*”

The translator took advantage of the questions to witness about Christ. She explained the simplicity of our faith: It is Jesus, not a religion, but a Person, the Son of God, who died for our sins, who was raised for our justification, who gives us Eternal Life and who will never leave or forsake us. She emphasized that we can have daily fellowship with God in our lives now.

Questions From France

To the French lady, this seemed too simple to be valid. Her questions were typical of today’s world: “Why evangelize people of other lands as Hindus, Buddhists, and Muslims? They are content in their own religions. How do we know that ours is any better?”

“How can we know that God exists, that Jesus is His Son, or that He was born of a virgin? Why was His death any different from that of any other good man, or His blood any more divine than that of any other prophet or sadhu or holy man? How can we be sure that He was raised from the dead?”

“Doesn’t it seem that life is without purpose and leads to final nothingness? How can one be sure that there is any truth in the Bible?”

She Assured Us That She Was Not a Pagan

Then of course, to reassure her hostess that she was not pagan, she explained, “You know, I have my religion. I feel it is important for children to receive their ‘First Communion.’ After all, we aren’t savages! But anyone who thinks or reads or has average intelligence must ask questions. You see, I’m a divorcee with two children to raise. I wonder about raising them without a father to face an unfortunate future. Why not just end it, once and for all?”

“But if there is a God, and if He is good, why does He permit so much misery and sickness? Why are innocent children born with defects, crippled, etc.? If God can do miracles, why does He not cure every-

one? Probably there is a devil. That would explain a lot of things! But, original sin by Adam and Eve? Isn't that the issue of sexual relations between men and woman?

"The Bible talks of a tree whose fruit was forbidden, of how Adam and Eve deliberately chose to disobey God and of how they ate the forbidden fruit. Consequently, sin, evil and suffering are the results. I suppose that is logical."

Hope in Jesus – The Way

"But, if I simply follow your counsel and decide to believe that God raised Jesus from the dead and confess with my mouth Jesus as Lord, Jesus will come into my heart and guide me and live in me day after day. What are the prayers I should recite? What are the sins I should abstain from? To just come to Jesus, as I am, and believe God raised Him from the dead and He will come and live in me? Is that all? It seems too simple. I think one should first improve oneself. As a divorcee, am I automatically condemned by the church? Can I be helped?"

"In my predicament, are you saying I can pray and know God and talk to Him as a friend? As a Father? And He will help me? Are you sure?"

"Why has no one told me this before? I've been confused for many years. Every time anyone talks to me about religion, I get the impression that they want to enlist me in their church or their denomination. But you! You've talked to me without cliché's or religious bigotry. I have the feeling that there is hope for me, that Jesus is THE WAY that Christians talk about, that the gospel is put in true perspective, and that my life can now have purpose and a good future.

"What you are telling me is that when I say I love someone, it is based on what I think of them right now, and not what they are going to do in the future. When God says He loves me, He knows the beginning from the end, and there is nothing that I have done, that I am now doing, or that I will ever do that will change that love. That love is the special *agape* love of God. Because He knows my future totally, and He still loves me enough to have Jesus buy me back from Satan from every sin I will ever commit - past, present or future.

"And Jesus loved me enough to suffer the total torments of what man and devil could inflict for me. I can do nothing to change that love. I can walk and enjoy it, or ignore it, but His love for me will never change. His *agape* love for me will never diminish for I am valuable to Him. I have worth with God. I am loved by the God of the Universe, and He is ever there for me."

Then she exclaimed, "Oh the wonderful *agape* love of God! Even greater than I cannot help myself for someone I love, Father God cannot help Himself, for He *agape* loves me! And Jesus cannot help Himself, for He *agape* loves me! And Holy Spirit cannot help Himself, for He *agape* loves me! God will never leave me or forsake me and He is ever my Helper. Now that is a future! Who could ignore that?"

She left focused on a newly found life-pattern or model in the person of Jesus Christ. Just like manners in a home, the right actions of Biblical living allow us to live closer to Jesus and appreciate Him

more. The New Testament would be her guide to fortify the decision she had made to believe and follow Jesus.

The Basic Gospel

But first a few key word definitions. Entering into God's great redemption through Jesus is just as legal as any judicial action on earth. So some of the key words of God's great work are legal sounding, and are actually the basis for much of our court systems.

The first word is righteous. This means to have all past sins or crimes with their penalties removed and you are in complete free and legal standing as if you never sinned or will ever sin again. The word righteousness means the nature of doing and being right. Justification is the process of being made righteous and righteousness.

Salvation is a word with much meaning. It means total rescue, healing and restoration into prosperity, protection and well being with all needs supplied in abundance with no pressures or points of lack for your spirit, soul and body. This includes life on earth and with God forever. All of these words of God's great work in Jesus start as legal in nature, and then we learn to walk in them so God can manifest them in the earth through us. We call this going from the legal to the vital.

You can only be right with the God of all creation and enter His great love plan for you through Jesus Christ: John 14:6 *Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the zoe/life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.* If you want to know what Father God is really like, just look at Jesus.

Rom 4:24 *But for us also, to whom (righteousness with God) shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; 25 who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification (being made just as if you had never sinned or will sin again to right standing as a joint heir with Jesus as a son of God).*

1 Cor 15:1 *Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 by which also ye are (being) saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 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.* And this same Jesus is now seated at the right hand of the Father at the throne of the Universe. Acts 2:33; Col 3:1; Heb 1:3, 13

So how do you enter into this salvation relationship with God? Rom 10:8 ... *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 (that is, agree it is true) with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. 12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same*

Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. 13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

The miracles Father God did by Jesus in the gospels proclaimed Jesus as sent from God. The miracles the apostles and other believers did after Jesus' resurrection proclaimed that Jesus was raised from the dead and declared both Lord and Christ. Since Jesus is still alive and declared Lord, He now works miracles and answers prayer.

A Salvation Prayer: "Lord Jesus, I believe You died for my sins, were buried and were raised by Father God on the third day for my justification according to the Scriptures. Jesus, You are Lord. I make you Lord of my life. Come rule and reign in and through me, my King. Baptize me with Your Holy Spirit and fire. Heal every part of my life. Teach me Your truth in love that I may walk to Your glory. Amen! And thank You."

And a Simpler One: "Jesus, God raised You from the dead, You are Lord. Fill me with Your Spirit to walk in love. Thank You!"

This prayer is your initial entry into obeying God and cooperating with Him to release Him into your life. And we join with the Apostle Paul and say:

Rom 16:25 I commit you to God, who is able to make you strong and steady in the Lord, just as the Gospel says, and just as I have told you. This is God's plan of salvation for you Gentiles [non-Jews], kept secret from the beginning of time. But now as the [ancient Jewish] prophets foretold and as God commands, this message is being preached everywhere, so that people all around the world will have faith in Christ and obey him. To God, who alone is wise, be the glory forever through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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Just as you are, God accepts even the smallest portion of believing Him to make you a new creation. Your salvation is by grace and not works. It is a free unearned gift. ^{Eph 2} It is not how good you are, but how good God is. You will never be worthy on your own, so God qualifies you and makes you worthy. This is His plan to get you back into His family and He makes it very easy. He loves you and wants only the best for you.

Step Two

Now that you are born again by the action of God in your spirit, the next step is for you to get water baptized. Matt 28:19 *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:* You also need fellowship with other believers. We recommend you find a local Christian church to join with an active discipleship program, and get water baptized there.

The superior blessing of God when you are made a new creation in God is Holy Spirit now dwelling in your spirit. It is the presence of Holy Spirit that allows Jesus to also live inside you.

Thus, I along with Paul can say: Col 1:25 *Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God; 26 even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: 27 to whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among [all people everywhere]; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: 28 whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man, woman, boy and girl mature in Christ Jesus: 29 whereunto I also labor, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.*

A New Kind of Being

What makes a Christian is Holy Spirit dwelling in a human. This makes you biologically different that those without Holy Spirit. You are a new creation in Jesus.

Holy Spirit is your personal teacher, coach, advisor, friend, helper and source of God's power. His primary tool to mature you into Christ is the Scriptures. His goal is to show you all the things of Jesus you now have, and how to use them to the glory of God. So if you want God's most effective help, spend time in the Bible, especially the New Testament. After all, we are told that Holy Spirit moved upon humans to write what we call the Bible.

The key to effective living is the Words of God contained in the Bible. The Bible printed on paper is the only direct physical connection we have to God. It contains God's words and ways of thinking. When you read it silently or out loud, it can be God speaking to you. For you to grow into the awesome destiny of God's great love plan for you, it is revealed and accessed in the Bible.

There are many modern English translations of the Bible and we recommend for new believers the NEW King James Version (NKJV) of the Bible, and to focus on reading the New Testament first, starting with the Gospel of John. Certainly the venerable King James Version Bible is more than adequate. If you have one, you can start there. If you contact us, we will be happy to provide you Scriptures to get you started.

While the Gospel message is so simple, it is so powerful that it reaches to the highest court in the Universe, the throne of God. Thus some of the concepts are legal in nature. I suggest you get a good dictionary to use as you read your Bible.

The Bible is the source of the good miracle seeds that allow God to manifest in your life, so make daily Bible reading a habit. After a while you will discover that you need some daily Bible promise reminders. So pick a verse that appeals to you and memorize it. Write your memory verse on a card and keep it with you. Many keep it on their mirror in the morning, in their car as they drive, or wherever they frequent each day.

Here is what Holy Spirit says about the Bible: 2 Tim 3:15 ... the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17

that the man [or woman, boy or girl] of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished, (*equipped and maintained*) unto all good works [*so God can manifest heaven on earth through you, in you and around you*].

What Moves God

God honors faith in Him by His covenant promises, which are in the Bible. So if you have a need, base your prayer on scripture for this is what God has bound Himself to honor. ^{Ps 138:2} Need does not allow God to move on your behalf; faith in God by His Word does. Thus the Word of God is your source of what to believe or have faith in, seeds of good life, strength, your shield of protection and comfort, and a weapon to make heaven on earth. Or to put it simply, the Scriptures are your key to all the benefits of God's great salvation in Jesus obtained by our redemption in Christ.

God has made all of Himself legally available to you in Jesus, and given you a sure destination at the end of your life. For this life now, your job is to exercise faith and right labor to make these promises a reality in your life and in the lives of those around you. ^{James 1:21-27}

If you want to know what God is really like, the Bible makes it very plain; look to Jesus. 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 (remitted, obliterated, destroyed) our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.*

Notice Jesus could not sit down until He had accomplished all that was required of Him in His great work of redemption for our salvation. It is legally available to all, but must be entered into by believing the good news of God in Jesus.

So whatever your view of God, He declares that the right view has to include all that Jesus is, not His people who obviously still fail, but Jesus Himself. Seeing Jesus in the gospels is the place to begin knowing what God is really like.

Everything Jesus did was Father God in action. In and through Jesus, God set things the way He wants them. When this message becomes key to your life, you will be also Col 1:12 *giving thanks (continually) unto the Father, which hath made us meet (qualified and enabled us by grace) 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 (remission, purging, obliteration and putting away) of sins: 15 who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature.*

Salvation has two parts, an eternal one with God and our life here on Earth now. The earthly process of salvation is how God finishes the job of making Heaven on Earth, and this is a key to the Lord's Prayer. Matt 6:9 *After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us*

from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: 15 but if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

This includes you forgiving God. Many have opinions about how the world is and ultimately blame God. Forgiving Him for our ignorance and pride is a key part of success. Then include others who have hurt you in any way. Ask God for His grace to do this in you. Remember, God is good, and the devil is not. God cannot do evil. So God is never the source of any evil.

When you believe God unto righteousness, God infuses your spirit by Holy Spirit with His *zoe*/life, destroying the death from the sin of Adam (and your own sin) that was in your spirit. Rom 5:16 *And not as it was by one that sinned (Adam), so is the gift: for the judgment was by one (Adam) to condemnation (death for all men), but the free gift is of many offences unto justification (total removal of all sin, guilt and curse). 17 For if by one man's (Adam's) offence death reigned (to produce all the cruelty, lack, sorrow and death seen in the history of the human race) by one; much more they which (continually) hold onto, receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign (to produce the Kingdom of God on earth for God) in zoe/life by one, Jesus Christ. 18 Therefore as by the offence of one (Adam) judgment (the sentence of spiritual and physical death) came upon all men to condemnation (negative judgment to death); even so by the righteousness of one (Jesus) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of zoe/life.* When you are made new in Jesus, you get *zoe* life.

What Happened?

When you believed God raised Jesus from the dead and confessed Jesus as your Lord:

- You were made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus,
- All your sins were remitted, washed away, put off from you, removed, purged, obliterated and forgiven,
- You were sealed with Holy Spirit as a sign of ownership and authority,
- You were given His Spirit of power, *agape* love and a mind that thinks like Jesus
- You receive eternal *zoe* life in your spirit and the promise of *zoe* life in every part of your life,
- God made Jesus your wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption, so they depend on Jesus and not you,
- You can now move from sin and shame consciousness to God's righteousness and acceptance consciousness,
- You received the seal of your adoption as a child of God,
- You are legally glorified to the place of a son of God and a joint heir with Jesus,

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- You will never be alone again for God is in you and with you forever, and Holy Spirit is sealed in you unto the Day of Redemption,
- Your end with God is assured, you are now God's forever, your journey may be rough, your rewards are up to you working with God, but you will enter His glory and *agape* love forever,
- You are made a king and priest of God and seated in Jesus beside the Father, and
- You entered into the great salvation of God obtained by our redemption in the blood of Jesus.

Eph 1:13 In whom (Jesus) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 which is the earnest (guarantee) of our inheritance until the redemption (taking over full control by God to His pleasure) of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Through your believing and action of faith, God signed your transfer to His Kingdom forever. Now, so that He can release in you all that He has done for you by Jesus, you must major on these redemption-into-salvation truths. The more this becomes part of you, the more you will be: *Col 1:12 giving thanks (continually) unto the Father, which hath made us meet (qualified and enabled by grace) 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 agape/love kingdom of his dear Son: 14 in whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness (remission, obliteration, purging, washing and removal) of sins.*

Jesus' Gospel

Here is a summary of the Gospel Jesus preached. Jesus, the Christ/Messiah, came to demonstrate that now is the Day of Salvation from the evil rule of Satan in the present world system. This was seen in Jesus' preaching of truth, and in the miracles of healing, dead raising, food multiplication, stopping storms and walking on water. This means God solved the problem of how God, by Jesus, through Holy Spirit, can reign on the Earth through men to bring Heaven to Earth and destroy the kingdom of darkness. This restores man to his original position as the vehicle by which God will fill the Universe with the glory of God. Man is the hope of Heaven, and Jesus did the work to make this a past completed potential. When you get born again, with indwelling Holy Spirit, you step into this awesome potential. This is the great love plan of God, the most wonderful destiny possible, and beyond our wildest imagination.

For now God has limited Himself to work through men. Men must pray and act in order for God to get the job done. *Titus 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 14 who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity (wrong thinking), and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of (doing) good works.*

These "good works" include man-level works like prayer, alms and clothing the naked, as well as the God-level works such as healing the sick, casting out demons and raising the dead. Stirring yourself in God to deliver healing is one such good work and gets you operating more in God's great love plan for you.

Making It Work

Upon our initial act of faith, God does His miracle work in making us new creations, installing Holy Spirit in us and then launching us to work with Him to produce heaven on earth. That is our part, renewing our minds so that we work with God as effectively as Jesus did and still does. We enter by grace and are kept by grace and that grace leads us to the works of righteousness that allows God to manifest Himself into the earth.

So yes, there are things you need to do to make and keep yourself effective in God. Just like you need to eat food and exercise every day, you do not grow in God on a starvation diet.

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* (unpersuadableness, murmuring, complaining and fault finding of God).

Phil 2:13 *For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.*

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 labored more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.*

Effectiveness

These labors of and with grace have nothing to do with what Jesus has qualified you for, but they do have everything concerning the quality and effectiveness of how you release the glory of God into the earth. Birthright is one thing, how you actually walk another, but birthright never changes.

The Bible calls this entry of Jesus into our spirit being born again or made a new creation in Jesus. In the instant that we believe God raised Jesus from the dead 2000 years ago; God tells us in the Bible we are made the righteousness of God by Holy Spirit coming to dwell inside our spirit and into a part of our heart. ^{Rom 10:8-13; 2Cor 1:21-22} As we confess with our mouth Jesus is Lord, the rightful ruler, judge and owner of the Universe, we receive His salvation. Or we are "saved."

In this salvation we are now qualified by Jesus to enter into His great redemption and start living our lives as His agents on the earth. Immediately His promises are available to us as summarized here: Mark 16:15 *And he [Jesus] said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.*

Notice that as we proclaim the word of His salvation by grace, Jesus promises to confirm that word with signs and wonders. So the confirmation that Jesus is indeed alive, and His word of grace properly preached in truth, is the miracles and signs Jesus performs as these new believers operate in the name of Jesus.

Making It Work

We have seen 6 year old children receive the simplest version of this message and then minister life and watch Jesus heal people through them. The surest way to obey these commands from Jesus is to start ministering His life right away.

The new believer's first acts of love in overcoming the devil can be casting out demons and healing the sick in the name of Jesus. If you start there in God's power and stay there, it becomes the basis of the rest of your life. *And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.* ^{1Cor2:4}

But with the right seed to the right harvest it will produce the life you always wanted and make what you now have better. This is what God has done for us in Jesus – it is there for the taking!

This is the message that works to set people free into God's great love plan for them. So the issue is not, "How do I make my plan work?" But "How do I make God's great love plan for me work? That is the "it" that I want."

Here are some ways the answer is described. Actually all of Psalm 37 is wonderful full, but here is just the first part.

Ps 37:1 *Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment (for blessing and abundance) as the noonday.*

Prov 3:5 *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. 9 Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: 10 so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.*

Isa 26:3 *Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength.*

Col 3:15 *And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. 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. 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*

CHAPTER 6

The Quest For Truth

The whole world is searching for purpose in life, for reality about God, for evidence that the Bible is true-and if so, how to make a practical application of it.

Society asks: Why is the cross of Christ so important and what does it mean? Why the constant guilt of sin and wrongdoing? What is The Way to find peace with God and have that apply to life on earth? If God is good and if He created man and woman in His image and likeness, ^{Gen 1:26; 5:1-2} as the Bible says, why are the hearts and minds of many people evil, full of hatred, jealousy, envy and murder?

What is the reason for so much poverty and corruption? Why are there so many prayers not answered or late in coming? Why so many religions with so little righteousness? Why so much knowledge with so few answers?

What causes loneliness, depression and suicide? Why are there so many wars, family disruptions, divorces, violence and brutality? Why is it virtually impossible to keep the Ten Commandments?

Can what the Bible calls Salvation be a real, practical experience? Can a human person be re-born? Can one enjoy health, happiness, success and material blessings in this life?

Must one live in poverty in order to have true humility and be close to God? Can sickness and pain be the will of the Heavenly Father when earthly parents never want their children to be sick?

Reject Religious Restraints

Religious tradition has programmed society to believe that God is complex and mysterious. Spiritual uncertainty prevents the majority of Christian from fulfilling the purpose God intends for them in life.

The business world believes in solving problems. But in the world of "religion" one may be counseled to ignore questions of logic and to continue a blindfolded march toward an uncertain future to face an ambiguous God, committing one's life to blind fate.

As a result, millions of people abandon their faith, relegating God, Jesus Christ and the Bible to primitive or medieval delusion and superstition.

It is time to reject false religious limitations and see God as good, as big, as loving and as powerful as His Word says that He is. God will help you seize the reigns of your life and together, you and He, will build a future of heaven on earth.

Jer 32:17 O Lord God! Behold, You have made the heaven and the earth by your power and stretched out arm, and there is nothing too hard for you.

What Value Is The Bible?

The Bible is a supernatural book with records of supernatural events from beginning to end and is the supreme answer for the spiritual reality all people crave. The Old Testament is full of supernatural events of great magnitude. The New Testament is likewise filled with supernatural events from Jesus to ordinary men and women. The Bible contains God's Words for man's success on earth and with God.

The first 400 years of Christian history is a marvel of religious history where impartial and antagonistic Roman administrators record that ordinary Christians did the same miracles as described in Mark 16:15-18. There has always been a trail of supernatural events in accordance with the biblical record up to the modern day. I was recently told that it is on the official records of 53 nations that people have been raised from the dead in the name of Jesus in just the last few years.

For technical and archeological accuracy the Bible is unparalleled in ancient books. Once denigrated as fables, it is now the premier source for archeological exploration in the Middle East. No book comes even close. With such great technical accuracy, it is hard to believe that the spiritual truths alone are only fables.

Perhaps one of the major historical truths of Jesus' resurrection is the lives of the 11 apostles after the reported resurrection of Jesus. To the end of their lives they proclaimed His resurrection and at least 10 of them died rather than recant that resurrection. Men do not die for lies. Men do not suffer deprivation and misery for decades for a lie. And even if one would lie, it is hard to believe all the others would lie.

Besides the 500 or so who saw Him after His resurrection, the primary evidence that Jesus is alive is the miracles ordinary believers did and still do in His name.

We have been privileged to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to people. When this Good News is heard, understood, and believed lives have been lifted from despair to the discovery of new Life and peace. And Jesus has confirmed the accurately presented word of His grace with miracles.

Neither science, industry, religion nor philosophy can satisfy man's quest for God. When faith in Him is repudiated, vain hopes and optimism quickly give place to despair of faith in others and, consequently, people no longer believe in themselves. They become apathetic and pursue life without meaningful purpose.

Without faith in God, people are psychologically vulnerable. They feed on philosophies that seem logical but that lead to emptiness and futility. Solomon said in Prov 14:12: *There is a way that seems right to people, but its end is the way of death.*

Those who live in boredom and despondency may turn to lawlessness, destruction, murder and even suicide in their desperate search for something to fill the void in their lives.

Many ask: “With Modern Science Is There Any Need for God?”

Ecclesiastical orthodoxy has complicated the simplicity of God and His plan with a litany of religious rituals and incantations that offer little or no spiritual satisfaction or manifestation of God into the earth. Without the miracles, signs and wonders, Christianity is just another philosophy.

A young Parisian collegiate asked, “Who needs God in our industrialized world of science?” Yet our most rudimentary problems remain unsolved.

A young businessman in London quipped, “Why do people cling to religion and believe in fables called miracles or life after death? Who needs them when we have the modern genius of medical science?” Yet many ordinary illnesses, such as the common cold, remain without a cure.

A young Brussels philosophy major ridiculed faith in God as she reasoned, “We have the greatest psychological discoveries ever known. We are penetrating the complexities of the human mind until the ills of society can be cured through the miracles of psychoanalysis.” Yet there is a higher rate of suicide per capita, today than ever before in human history – and it is greatest in the “educated” world.

The Toxin That Kills

In spite of all the vaunted claims of science and philosophy, people are at war within themselves. Emotional and psychological factors are destroying more human lives than ever before.

A psychiatrist at the world-famous Johns Hopkins Hospital reported that sixty percent of the patients require mental and spiritual treatment rather than physical.

It is estimated that fifty to eighty-five percent of people are simply transmitting their mental and spiritual sicknesses to their bodies.

A management professional who takes over faltering businesses and gets them back on their feet estimates that ninety-five percent of the problems he encounters are not in the businesses, but are in the persons who manage them.

People become disoriented in life and transmit their inner confusion to their own circumstances. They are perplexed or confused inside themselves and before long, their businesses reflect those maladies. When business managers are re-oriented and re-stabilized on principles of biblical integrity and virtue, their business dilemmas are soon resolved.

Problems in marriages, in families, between neighbors, and in communities reside and smolder inside individuals.

Science at all levels is confirming what God has said, evil thoughts and words kill and righteous thoughts and words give life. ^{Pr 18:21} Replace toxic words and thoughts with godly ones and you will enter you best life possible. Life is truly about seeds, soil and harvests.

To Solve The Problem-Begin At Home

When your own life is in order with God, your husband or wife and family or neighbors will be changed as though by a miracle. It is a psychological fact that what we think we hate in others is really what we despise in ourselves. In fact, it is what we tend to impose upon others.

We can be jealous of only what we secretly desire to be or to have or do. Jealousy is a self confession of what we passively envy.

The problem in one's home or family or job or neighborhood is one's own self. Get that person re-oriented and he or she will discover that they hold the power to re-shape their world. (Get our teaching: *OK, God, Now What?*)

This message is given to seed blessing in the listener. A spiritual refinement can embellish your life as you digest this message, preparing for you the powerful seed-truths that can become integral to your life.

CHAPTER 7

Rising To A New Level

The Way To God's Rich Blessing

Learn to live on the good side of life. One optimist said, "If you can't see the bright side of things, then polish the dull side!"

Instead of being angry at society or relatives or friends, discover that God has created a paradise of blessing for you. This message can lead you into God's fullness and blessing. Here is the essence you need to know.

These are the seven key needs that God resolves in His redemptive blessings through Jesus.

I. Dignity Restored

Instead of living with condemnation because of sin, discover that God has a planned transfer to your account and nature the righteousness and dignity of the greatest Life ever lived-that of Jesus Christ.

II. Peace Recovered

Instead of living in torment with yourself and out of harmony with family and friends; instead of transferring mental anguish to your own body, or your environment; instead of poisoning your own health and destroying your happiness, discover God's miracle plan that can change you. Let Him transfer His overcoming wisdom, peace, tranquility and harmony to you, making you His friend and partner.

III. Signals Refocused

Instead of existing in confusion, making wrong decisions, stumbling into failure and every conceivable trap of defeat, discover that God has a perfect and simple plan to give you direction and guidance in life so that you will enjoy success, blessing, and material abundance.

IV. Health Restored

Instead of resigning yourself to disease and sickness, living vulnerable to the physical plagues that ravage human society, discover God's provision of abundant Life and miracle power to heal you not only of your diseases, maladies and infirmities, but also to keep you and your house in health, physical fitness and long life.

V. Prosperity Regained

Instead of acquiescing to poverty and want; instead of considering yourself a victim of circumstances; instead of consenting to hand-to-mouth existence, discover that God created all the wealth of this world to facilitate your blessing and His work. Embrace Him in partnership for life and learn to appropriate His fullness.

VI. Friendship Resumed

Instead of surrendering to loneliness, discouragement and depression, discover that God wants to become your personal friend and that He wants to live at your house so that you can experience happiness, companionship and comfort with Him as an integral partner in your life.

VII. Victory Retrieved

Instead of trying and failing in life, instead of accepting defeat, disappointment and frustration, never savoring the exuberance of victory and success, make the glorious discovery that God is as winner, and when He is your intimate partner and friend in life, He wills that you always win the prize. Refuse to spend your days drinking the dregs of leftovers.

Think as Big and as Good as God is Big and Good. Think Jesus, health, blessing, success, love and abundant living because this is God's redemptive plan for your life.

The Decline-The Recovery

Adam and Eve sinned against God in the beginning and allowed Satan to interdict their fellowship, communion, health, happiness, blessing and abundance with God. ^{Gen 3}

Because God is righteous, He could not cohabit with sin, and He still cannot. Adam and Eve were banished from God's presence in the garden of Eden ^{Gen 3:23-24} and were separated from Him by their sin.
Isa 59:2

They subjugated themselves to Satan, their new master, when they believed his lying suggestion that God did not mean what He said. ^{Gen 3:1,4,6} Then followed the terrible consequences of sin which devastate human lives and the earth today.

Humanity's Demoralization

1. Instead of forgiveness, there is hatred, malice, suspicion and evil judgment.
2. Instead of peace with God, there is unrest, guilt, inferiority and condemnation in the spirits of people.
3. Instead of the Lord's guidance and direction, there is delusion, deceit and perplexity.
4. Instead of Health and energy, there is disease, sickness and physical suffering.

5. Instead of abundance, there is poverty, famine, destitution and indigence.
6. Instead of God's presence, there is loneliness, estrangement, reclusion and even hostility.
7. Instead of achievement and victory, there is disappointment, intimidation, defeat and enslavement.

God's Redemptive Solution

But God so agape/loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal zoe/life. ^{John 3:16NIV}

Jesus said, *The thief [Satan] comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that you may have zoe/life and have it in abundance-until it overflows.* ^{John 10:10} God's redemptive plan is that we be the beneficiaries of all that HE IS!

When Jesus Christ died in our place, He suffered the penalty that the law of eternal justice prescribed for you and me-death and separation from God! *The soul that sins shall die.* ^{Ezek 18:4,20} *The wages of sin is death.* ^{Rom 6:23} *Jesus Christ paid our fine for us when He gave Himself a ransom for all.* ^{1Tim2:6TLB} and *when we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son.* ^{Rom 5:10}

We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all ... By one offering He perfected forever them that are sanctified ... Where remission of sin is, there is no more offering for sin. ^{Heb 10:10,14,18} Our sins and our transgressions have been punished in Christ, full paid and suffered for with no debt or penalty left. Jesus paid enough to reconcile us and to restore us to God.

In fact Jesus could not have been raised from the dead until every human was fully reconciled and justified to God. ^{Rom 4:25} The greatest tragedy is to get to heaven and discover all the blessing that were never received by faith, and the miseries suffered because these blessings remained in heaven and never brought by faith in God by His Word to earth.

Christ Did It For Us

Jesus did not need to suffer and die; He was sinless, perfect before God. We need never suffer again what Christ suffered in our place. He died as our substitute. We are forever free of sin and the curse of sin. That is Good News. And when we understand it and believe it, God's power confirms it in our lives by miracles of His grace and *agape/love*.

Through Christ's death on the cross in our stead-in our name, He paid the full price to provide all of our basic needs. *He reconciled us to God.* ^{2Cor5:18-19}

Reconciled means more than just no longer at war, but that God can flood your life with His loving abundance to release His glory on earth through you.

CHAPTER 8

What Redemption Means

We will display a brief of humanity's needs along with God's redemptive provisions for those needs. They are expressed so that as you hear them and believe them, God's power can actualize or manifest them in your life.

We call these redemptive provisions because they are bought and paid for by the vicarious suffering, death, burial, resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ is His Great Work by the Cross.

Our fallen, sinful nature died and was buried with Christ so that now we can share His new, resurrection Zoe Life. ^{Gal 2:20} Paul said: *We are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Father, even so we should walk in newness of zoe/life.* ^{Rom 6:4}

The Bible says of Christ: *You have redeemed us to God by your blood.* ^{Rev 5:9} *You agape/loved us, and washed us from our sins in your own blood.* ^{Rev 1:5} *You purged us from our sins.* ^{Heb 1:3} *The Son of man came ... to give his life (soul) as a ransom for many.* ^{Mk 10:45}

When Christ's work of redemption was accomplished on our behalf, *He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high.* ^{Heb 1:3} Our redemption was *fait accompli* 2000 years ago. Now the benefits of that redemption are offered to us in the seeds of His living Word. Jesus said: *The words that I speak unto you are Spirit and Zoe/Life,* ^{John 6:63} *and the seed is the Word of God.* ^{Luke 8:11} *Faith comes by hearing ... the Word of God.* ^{Rom 10:17}

Rising To A New Level of Life

We need to know the redemption provisions of salvation God has provided in the Great Work of Jesus. When you know these truths and how to use them, they will make you free ^{John 8:32} to be and do all God made for you in Jesus.

This is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything, according to His will [or His Word of promise] He hears us; and if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. ^{1 John 5:15-16} This is answered prayer for any need.

The master key to receiving God's redemptive blessings is to realize that they are each bought and fully paid for at extreme price. The instant you believe God raised Jesus from the dead and confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord ^{Rom 10:8-13} they are yours. This is called being born again or the new creation in Jesus. In that instant Holy Spirit comes to live inside you, in your spirit, and by Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father.

Making It Work

Learning what these redemption blessings are and how to use them puts you in the process of growing in Christ both in wisdom and miracle power. Your spirit receives salvation when you are born again. Your body will receive its full salvation at the resurrection. Your soul is in the process of being saved as you live your life on earth in a godly manner. ^{1Pet 1:9; 2:2; James 1:21; Heb 10:39; 13:17} As your soul is saved with proper use of the Word of God, the benefits of salvation will be manifested in your soul and body. ^{3 John 2}

You can receive God's blessings because Christ laid down His life to pay for them in your name and on your behalf. All your sins – past, present and future – were paid for 2000 years ago. Even if you sin after you are made a new creation, that same work 2000 years ago applies to any sin you commit in the future. God treats you only as if you had never sinned or will never sin again. But on earth you have to deal with your sins and the effects of sin.

CHAPTER 9

But What About ... Evil?

Jesus died 2000 years ago and for now there is still evil in this world. Even Christian nations are not perfect; to be sure there are some Christians in those countries doing evil. As one said, "I know Christians and they are not perfect, what about them? Even me, I made a 'profession of faith in Christ' years ago and I still sin and I still feel far from God? Where is the love of God in all this?"

First, for this lifetime, God still gives us free choice. One of the main elements of the devil's rule is the lack of free will. The devil's works such as sickness, poverty and famine are examples where choices are made for you and enforced upon you. God gives you the choice to seek Him and get His power released to set people free.

But part of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is that there is a harvest for every seed sown and a Day of Reckoning for all men. ^{Rom 14:10, 12} This is called the Day of Judgment, and every one must go through it. ^{Matt 12:36; Rom 14:10,12; Acts 17:31; 2Cor 5:10; James 2:12-13} All our life works will be tested by fire on that Day, and that which survives is called gold, silver and jewels. These will be of eternal worth to you and to God. All those works that do not survive that Day are called "wood, hay and stubble" and will be consumed by that fire with no evidence left that they ever existed. ^{1Cor 3:12-15}

What makes gold, silver and jewels is what you and God did together by conscious choice in *agape* love. ^{1 Cor 13:1-3; Matt 7:21-23} These are the good, *zoe* life seeds and their harvest. Those that you did independent of God are those that for you will be destroyed. You may even do powerful works, but without *agape* love, they do not profit you. This testing of our life works is mentioned directly or indirectly in each of the twenty-seven books or letters of the New Testament except four (Philemon, 2 John, 3 John and Titus).

- The Good News is that no matter how you arrive at that Day of Judgment, for the Christian your works will be tested by fire and you, yourself, will be saved of that fire because you are a temple of Holy Spirit. ^{1 Cor 3:15-16}
- The Good News is that all evil will get their recompense.
- The Good News is that when God comes to place His throne on the earth, all evil will have been destroyed. ^{Rev 21, 22}
- The Good News is that the good works you do of *zoe* life will reap a good harvest here on earth and, those done in *agape* love, for that Day.

Making It Work

- The Good News is that now you know the truth, whatever seeds you sow and they bear fruit, you will get the reward of that fruit, good or bad. That is unless you follow Holy Spirit's lead to keep cleaning up the bad seed you sow.

God is very clear about this, especially as this passage is directed to Christians and applies to all mankind equally: *Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting zoe/life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. 10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.* NKJV

This is not something new. Every thought, word and action is a seed of some kind, and a way of maintaining and growing a seed of some kind. And every seed that can grow, will grow. Your life is a reflection of the seeds you have sown or you let others sow in you. If you want to change your life for the long term, you have to change the seeds sown and the soil they grow in.

The wonder of God is that He has not held our evil seeds and harvests against us, but has provided Jesus as The Way to change our seeds and our harvests. As a new creation in Jesus with indwelling Holy Spirit in our heart, God-seeds can grow in us no matter where we are starting from, and that is Good News.

Keeping Fellowship With God

God's fellowship with you includes Him letting you know when you sin, i.e., sow bad seeds. Your fellowship with Him includes you agreeing that Jesus died for it, paid for it and was healed of it when Father God raised Jesus from the dead and you can get that by faith in Jesus' great work. If Jesus was healed of it, so were you. As you receive that healing for that sin and the strength to overcome the temptations to sin again, your faith will allow God to manifest the healing and the attitudes of Jesus in you.

If you will not agree with God that you sinned, one of the first things to go is your joy in the Lord. Your face turns from happy to neutral or sad. ^{Gen 4:5-7; 1 John 1:4-10} You are now out of fellowship or free communion with God. Recovery is simple, agree it was sin, and redeemed in Jesus, and already healed and thank God for your redemption, forgiveness and healing and start walking again in *agape* love.

If you ask Him to forgive you, then you are denying what Jesus already did and what you already have in Jesus, remission or forgiveness of sins by the blood of Jesus. ^{Col 1:14; Eph 1:7} This is why for many, as they pray for forgiveness it can be so hard, they are asking for what they already have.

Instead the proper response is, "Thank You." The more you say "Thank You" the greater these truths get written into the core fabric of your heart. And your joy will increase and continue.

Holy Spirit will convict you that Jesus died, paid for, and was healed of every effect of every sin you will ever commit. The devil will convict you that you are unworthy, your sin is "special" and there is no hope in God. ^{John 16:8} Failure to rely on the work of Jesus' great redemption leaves you with sin con-

sciousness, guilt, condemnation and a twisted view of God. Yes, you need to make restitution and reconciliation for your sins against others,^{Matt 5:23; Mk 11:25} and God will help you.

This is one of the main elements of the renewed covenant in the blood of Jesus that you entered in- to when you were made a new creation. A covenant is greater than a contract and can never be broken. God made a covenant with mankind through Jesus way back with Abraham.^{Gal 3:13-18} I am giving this pas- sage that defines what is called the New Testament because your enemy will try all kinds of ways to keep you from knowing what God has done for you in Jesus.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he (Jesus) 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 (evil thoughts that lead to sins) will I remember no more. 8 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. 19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way, which he hath conse- crated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 and having (Jesus as our) high priest over the house of God; 22 let us draw near (to God) with a true heart in full assurance of faith (in Jesus and His great redemption work), having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

This process of God writing His laws on our hearts and minds is part of the work of Holy Spirit in you now.^{Phil 2:13} This is why we are told we are transformed into the fullness of what God has done for us in Jesus by the renewing of our minds.^{Rom 12:2; Eph 4:20-5:21}

The key is what and how we think. Wrong thinking leads to wrong words and actions, which are evil seeds not empowered by Holy Spirit. So Holy Spirit is at work in you to get you to gladly will and to do those things that sow only good seeds to produce only good fruit.^{Phil 2:13} And if we fall short of the glory of God, while our legal and eternal position is assured, we have to deal with the earthly consequences of evil seeds and potential evil harvests.

Jesus is never going to die again for sins. But as long as you deny this great work, your faith for an- swered prayer and working miracles in the name of Jesus will be hindered. Not by God, but due to your inability to have peace with God and overcome sin consciousness.^{1 John 3:19-22}

Some Things That Will Never Change

But the simple solution to answered prayer and working miracles in the name of Jesus is to know that Jesus died once for all sins 2000 years ago, and the sins you committed yesterday or 10 years ago, or will commit 10 years from now, were all dealt with at the cross and resurrection of Jesus – 2000 years ago.

- Jesus is never going to die for sins again.
- Jesus is never going to take His blood to the heavenly mercy seat again.^{Heb 10:12}

Making It Work

- Jesus will never be whipped and pierced for our healing and prosperity again. ^{Isa 53}
- Jesus will never be resurrected again for our justification. ^{Rom 4:25}
- Jesus will never be glorified again so we can receive Holy Spirit. ^{Rom 8:29-30; John 7:39, 12:16; Gal 3:13-14}
- Jesus never said He will not heal or accept you due to sin, ignorance or any imperfection.
- That part of Jesus' Great Redemption Work is DONE!
- Our job is to agree it is true and receive it, even perhaps for each case as you need to. ^{1Cor 11:20-34} Receive that forgiveness and healing and praise God with thanks.

With fellowship restored so you and God now agree, your communion with God will go back to sweet harmony and your joy in the Lord will be free and easy. This is how to walk in God's blessed happiness. As you learn to walk in the Lord by renewing your mind in these great redemption truths, when you miss the mark, sin, your automatic response will be what we summarize in this ten step process.

Burn-and Heal-It-Now Process

Notice on the Day of Judgment is the all-consuming fire of God, wrath/judgment, for any work of the devil in anyone's life ^{1Cor 3:8-15} that is not already destroyed by this 10-step renewing process (based on: Isa 53; 1 Pet 2:24; Matt 26:26-28; Rom 6:1-13, 25; Rom 13:11-14; Eph 4:20-32; Eph 6:10-20; and Col 3:5-10).

1. Confessing (agreeing with) what Holy Spirit calls sin.
2. Agreeing Jesus died for it and you are forgiven by His blood in the New Covenant 2000 years ago, and, therefore, thanking Him and Father God for sending Jesus.
3. Judging that sin and its consequence was put on Jesus' body and remitted, forgiven by His blood, and healed by His stripes and when He was raised from the dead.
4. Casting out the devil in the situation or yourself.
5. Making any necessary restitution or reconciliation.
6. Putting on your mental self, the new man, made after the image of God in true righteousness and true holiness – the real, born-again, new-creation, you.
7. Receiving/enforcing any healing needed in Jesus' name.
8. Finding specific areas to stop sinning in, confessing that is not your real nature in Jesus and seeing yourself no longer doing that same sin, but, rather, acting like Jesus would.
9. Thanking Father God that He is changing you into being more like Jesus every day (obey Phil 4:4-7 when you struggle with this).
10. Going and helping others get free in the same way. You must go and do acts of *agape*/love because that is what Jesus would do and you have "put on Jesus Christ," and should now act like Him.

This is keeping short accounts with God; and the secret to Christian growth. A contrite heart knows the judgment is there and sure. The only acceptable way to be sorry for your sin is to acknowledge that the Mighty Arm of God, Jesus, bore it for you already, suffered intensely for it, paid for it already and

was healed of it already, so that you thank Him for the healing and then expect to receive that healing, to walk more like Him in *agape* love and power.

Keeping your eye on that Day, while, at the same time, knowing your sins are forgiven is a key to Christian growth: 2 Pet 1:8 *For if these things [of God's divine nature manifested in abundance in your life] 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 [of God's divine nature manifested in abundance in your life] is blind [cannot see or hear God working in his or her life to will and to do of His good pleasure], and cannot see afar off [for harvest in this life and on the Day of Judgment], and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.* This purging of sin is part of our great redemption in Jesus by His blood.

Thus what makes our faith effective is to know and keep in remembrance what Jesus did for us in His great redemption for us. Philem 6 *That the communication (outworked reality of your life with Holy Spirit) of thy faith may become effectual (with powerful life transformation and Holy Spirit signs and wonders) by the acknowledging (learning unto becoming a master craftsman and able to train others to become master craftsmen who do and not just profess) of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus [by the new birth in Jesus that placed you in the renewed covenant of God with man in Jesus].*

The sins of the human race, the race of Adam, are fully purged in the Record Hall of the Supreme Court of Creation. They are so purged there is no record that they ever existed. ^{Col 2:13-15; Ps 103:12} The blood of Jesus is more than sufficient. The legal work of God has been done; it is up to us to exercise the right faith and actions to manifest them into the earth. To keep this redemptive work in continual biblical remembrance is the key.

Paul cried for the mature Christian: Phil 3:7 *But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 9 and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith: 10 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death.*

Making "It" Work

God's answer for you committing sin and for you having sin-consciousness is to change your self-identity into your new creation self, and to use every opportunity when you sin, or you find sin ruling in others, to proclaim His great Redemption in Jesus. So you can apply the ten-step process to yourself or, in faith, apply and pray for that process in others in the ministry of reconciliation.

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 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*

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Jesus Christ (as your new-creation self identity, the new man, made in righteousness and true holiness), and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

Phil 2:5 *Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 but made himself of no reputation [against the pull of the world system and the praise of men], and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.*

Col 3:8 *But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 and have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge (learning, doing as a master craftsmen and teaching others to walk as master craftsmen) after the image of him (God) that created him: 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond nor free: but Christ is all, and in all. 12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and agape/beloved, bowels (attitudes, self-image, self-identity to doing like Jesus) of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these things put on agape/charity, which is the bond of perfectness.*

Eph 4:20 *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, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.*

Eph 5:17 *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 be (continually 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.*

CHAPTER 10

Overcoming Fear and Worry

We are saved to continue the work of Jesus which is to subdue and establish the dominion of the Kingdom of God wherever we are. This is what it means to bring heaven to earth. Thus we will face many temptations by that chief of tempters because everywhere we bring heaven to earth means his kingdom of darkness is subdued and replaced. The temptation could be to have to miss lunch, or people tormenting and trying to kill you for following Jesus.

We are warned that we will have many troubles in this life. *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.* ^{Ps 34:19} *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.* ^{2Tim 3:12; Mat 5:10-12} *Agape/Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 but rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.* ^{1Pet 4:12}

In all cases, you have to hold on to the promises of God that go past death and not let yourself be terrified in the situation. Yes, some will die as martyrs. Yes, your fleshly standards and idolatries will be tested. If it happens, God will help you, with His Spirit of glory. Your new creation man, your new nature, is just like Jesus and understands the right priorities.

Trust in God to produce God's results. You trust by faith actions. Start confessing everything God did for you in Jesus in His great redemption. Watch your heart and mind like a hawk, and, at the slightest anxiety or evil, launch into obeying: Phil 4:4 *Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. 5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand [in power]. 6 Be careful (anxious, fearful, fretful or worried) for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving (in loud shouts, praises and thanks, until you feel thankful and you have written God's inability to lie and His love for you in that situation on your heart) let your requests (requirements, demands and expectations, as due by covenant promise) be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding (because you have done these actions of living trust and faith in God), shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus (as He is released in and by those right behaviors, to build the Kingdom of God, per your requests).*

And he summarizes this with the greatest command for positive thinking I know of: Phil 4:8 *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are **true**, whatsoever things are **honest**, whatsoever things are **just**, whatsoever things are **pure**, whatsoever things are **lovely**, whatsoever things are of **good report**; if there be any **virtue**, and if there be any **praise**, think on these things. 9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me (Paul), do: and the God of peace (who gives victory, as we do*

the right things) *shall be with you* (and be released in and by those right behaviors, to build the Kingdom of God, per your covenant promise requests and controlled right thinking).

As you do these trust actions, not just once or twice, but daily or moment by moment for months (90 days minimum) you write God's Word, His faithfulness and His love on your heart. This is how you hold onto the Word of God to effective results. It is hard work. There is nothing casual about trusting or holding onto God in His promises. They are both words of intense action. As you do this, then the awesome spiritual truths of God's work in Jesus become as real to you as they are to Him.

If you are not working at believing God, you are working at unbelief. This is the reality of seeds and harvests.

We must constantly mutter, speak, chew and sing the Word of God, especially the Word of Christ and the new creation, to keep our minds renewed so that we can identify and lovingly overcome the challenges of every hour and every day.

The Secret is What You Sing About

We gladly obey: Eph 5:17 *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 be (continually being) filled with the Spirit; 19 [by] 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.*

We obey, knowing that as we give way to small anxieties, nagging fears and cares, and also terrible and massive evil circumstances, we make our minds grow less intelligent and less able to trust God. Or, the more we pray, give thanks, praise and rejoice with our minds and our spirits, the more we expand and heal our intellects and ability to hear and work with God.

You may have heard long explanations on faith, but faith is displayed by what you do. As you obey Phil 4:4-9 you will pray, which means to proclaim those scripture promises over the situation and command the devil and his works to go in the name of Jesus, pray for all those involved in the situation, whether it be just yourself or a whole nation, and then enter into thanksgiving until you are thankful.

The key Bible words of thanksgiving, praise, joy, glory and exalt are all active words. They all mean an explosion of human behavior such as dancing, prancing, jumping, arm waving, shouting, singing, yelling, smiling and running. If people cannot see you in thanksgiving, praise or joy from a distance, you are not in these Bible behaviors. This is very different than practiced in most "educated" Western churches.

One of the great heroes of faith constantly referred to in the Bible is Abraham. Abraham grew strong in faith to produce a child in old age as he gave exuberant praise to God. ^{Rom 4:20-21 AMP} As we obey Phil 4:4-9 and Eph 5:17-21 will we grow strong in believing the promises of God over the situations of life to see the loving good of God manifested.

Making It Work

Do how do you get thankful when it looks like your world is falling down around you? Notice that Phil 4:4 commands us to rejoice always. ^{James 1:2} So you can rejoice in what God has said He will do, what He has done, what He is able to do, and what He will do because you have obeyed Phil 4:5.

But I Don't Feel It

Notice thanksgiving, praise and joy are not feelings, but actions that can lead to feelings. We are commanded more than one thousand times in the Bible to fear not, give thanks, praise and rejoice. Nowhere does it say to feel like it first. The closest it comes is to tell us to recall the great works of God to "prime" our actions in glad obedience. ^{Ps 77:6; Heb 10:32; Ps 105:1; 145:12; Rom 9:23}

The best way is to start the behaviors of thanksgiving, praise and joy and keep doing it until that is your feeling. If after a few hours, you still have not achieved freedom then it is time to seek the Lord as to why you have internal resistance to glad obedience. If it is not drugs or physical limitations, often it is some sin you are hiding, offense or unforgiveness against God or someone else.

Will the Real New Man Stand Up? Of Course He Does!

When we get born again we get Holy Spirit who is the mind of Christ. ^{1Cor 2:16} Our new nature only wants to think, speak and do as Jesus would. ^{Eph 4:22-24} This resistance in you is not from God but some enemy stronghold in your mind that needs to be replaced. ^{2Cor 10:3-6} Usually the issue is ignorance of God's Word and/or wrong emotions and attitudes attached to your memories.

Ignorance is resolved with Bible study, and wrong emotions and attitudes are healed with lots of right word repetitions. So Bible study combined with prayer and fasting will help identify the wrong emotions and attitudes. Go through the ten step "Burn and Heal It Now" process as you discover them.

For a shorter term answer to prayer, immersion in this truth of 1-10 days may be enough. But for a longer term lifestyle you need a mind renewing program of at least 90 days to re-align those memories with overcoming and loving emotions and attitudes. (See our book, *OK, God, Now What* for more on this.) You can make this process as part of your normal heart renewing and maintenance program. This is a key element of becoming and staying an effective disciple of Christ.

Remember, God's goal for you is to mature you into Christ: Eph 4:11 *And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 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 (to learn and do as a master craftsman who can equip others to walk as master craftsmen in God as Jesus is), unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness 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: 16 from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in agape/love.*

Notice the purpose of the “professional” ministry in all its forms is to help you the believer grow in unity with the other members of the Body of Christ and do what Jesus did as if Jesus were doing it. And you are to become so filled with *agape* love, and operate in *agape* love that you supply the missing *agape* love among the Body of Christ and into the world in general.

This is included when Jesus said: John 13:34 *A new (or a revitalized) commandment I give unto you, That ye agape/love one another; as I have agape/loved you, that ye also agape/love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have agape/love one to another.*

And as we grow in this *agape* love, fear in any form will no longer have dominion over us. 1 John 4: 18 *There is no fear in agape/love; but perfect agape/love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in agape/love.*

So whether the threat of fear or worry is just in our minds, or very real like a war raging around us, as we learn to walk in this *agape* love we will be free of fear and manifest the grace, power, *agape* love and sound mind of God by His Spirit wherever we are. No wonder Paul says that *the present reign of the Kingdom of God is not seen in religious observances, but is seen in righteousness, peace and joy in Holy Spirit.* ^{Rom 14:17}

Destroying the Destroyer

Jesus came to destroy the greatest evil fear so that all other sources of evil fear could also be destroyed. Heb 2:14 *Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, (Jesus) also himself likewise took part of the same [flesh and blood]; that through death (Jesus) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For verily (Jesus) took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore in all things it behoved (Jesus) to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people [and the entire human race]. 18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted [in any part of life, especially as it pertains to walking like Jesus in the earth].*

If Not Flesh and Blood, Then Who?

Our battle is not against flesh and blood. ^{Eph 6:12; 2Cor10:3} So people, including yourself, are not the issue but the ignorance, lies and deceptions of the devil we believe. Attack ignorance with the truth of whom and what Jesus is and our part in Him. If you find yourself angry at the people involved, you have been deceived. Our battle is not against flesh and blood, but the devil and his works. You don't need to bombard heaven; you are already in the throne room with Jesus. ^{Eph2:6; Col 3:1-3} And if you somehow left, you can come back boldly. ^{Heb 4:16}

The next issue is the blindness and oppressions of the devil in the situation. Command the devil in the name of Jesus for him to obey you as Jesus' representative and command the devil and his works to go, to let the people free. People are not subject to you, but the devil and his forces are. ^{Lk 10:19-20; Phil 2:9-11}

Making It Work

Then command the situation to get right as it needs to be. Keep doing this until you are ready to give thanksgiving. And then give thanks until you are thankful to God that you have the answer based on His promises. Resist the devil and he will flee. ^{James 4:7; 1Pet 5:8-9} That is our job, to exercise the authority of Jesus over that already defeated but still rebellious devil.

So the effective disciple in Christ does not run from evil fear, but roots it out of themselves in this process so they can walk as Jesus walked. ^{1 John 2:6} And at the same time, ourselves even as wounded healers, set others free. It is not about our perfection but Jesus' and the wonder of His Great Redemption!

Here it is summarized again: Rom 5:6 *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly [that's you and me and all mankind]. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his agape/love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his zoe/life. 11 And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the reconciliation.*

To get right with God is to accept the fact that He made you right with Him though Jesus Christ. So the proper response is "Thank You," and not "Will You?" This is the kind of faith that works salvation in your life by His great redemption.

This is the message that works to set people into their best life now!

CHAPTER 11

Prayer Sample

The following prayer is for healing from our book, *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing, Field Manual 2*, and has been used successfully by many. With slight adaptations, it will fit any situation that is not like Heaven on Earth.

To stir yourself up in God, use all of Ephesians saying it out loud in strong and bold declarations, with praise and thanksgiving, then say (with force) the following prayer. You are not battling God; you are battling the source of all evil, the devil and his works. God is your helper as you decide to fight to win for, with, by and through God.

Here are our orders from our Commander in Chief, Jesus Christ: Luke 10:19 *Behold* (stop and make this change your life and world view, and start doing), *I give unto you power* (authority, commission and the resources of heaven) *to tread* (crush until destroyed) *on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power* (ability, strength and works) *of the enemy: 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.*

For this time this is our job. Asking God to do it for you is unfruitful. Asking Him to help you do it is fruitful. But until we are doing it, we are not doing it. It is our job.

Just as with thanksgiving, joy or praise, in preparation for prayer, you can act your way into believing quicker than you can believe your way into acting. Do this first until you begin to feel it. To stir yourself up in God, say Isaiah 53, Psalm 103, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians or Colossians until your confidence in God has grown.

As a devout Jew of His day, Jesus prayed three to six hours every day and then in addition, spent one to four nights a week all night in prayer, scripture recitation, chanting and singing, thanksgiving, praise and rejoicing. If this is what Jesus, the Son of Man, as a man, did, and the other early believers did similar, what are a few hours to us?

Then pray something like this prayer, once or repetitively, as if hitting a rock with a hammer. *Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*^{Jer 23:29}

This sample prayer is for healing, but a few modifications in wording and the appropriate scriptures it will fit any situation that is not like heaven on earth. The exact words are not as important as you knowing you are connected to God, that God can do it, that He will do because He promised per the scripture you are quoting, and that He can do it right now.

Healing Preparation

So for healing or any other thing that is not like heaven on earth, while the symptoms are very physical but the source is spiritual empowered by the devil. Get rid of the devil and healing or correction will come.

Notice God's definition of peace includes miracle healing and calmness achieved by getting rid of the devil. 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.*

Jesus tells us that infirmity of any kind has no right to be on people: Luke 13:10 *And he (Jesus) was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a **spirit of infirmity** (sickness, disease) eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands on her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because that Jesus had healed on the sabbath day, and said unto the people, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the sabbath day. 15 The Lord then answered him, and said, Thou hypocrite, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the stall, and lead him away to watering? 16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day? 17 And when he had said these things, all his adversaries were ashamed: and all the people rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by him.*

Sample Healing Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus, have Holy Spirit pray through me now and fill me with Your dominion, love and compassion for this situation to victory. Thank You, Father! In the name of Jesus, thank You! Yahoo!

(Many like to pray the Our Father right here. Also if you speak in Holy Spirit tongues, do so here.)

Father, in the name of Jesus, I thank You this is already done by the stripes and resurrection of Jesus. For You said: 1 Peter 2:21 *For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to You, Father God, that judgeth righteously: 24 who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: **by whose stripes ye were healed.** 25 For we were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of our souls.*

And, Father, in the name of Jesus, right now, for (person's name), I speak to the devil and take authority over you, devil, and bind you to obey me as Jesus' representative, in the name of Jesus. I speak to this (problem area) and I speak to your body, (person's name), (or situation) and I say, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Lord of Heaven and Earth, that RIGHT NOW, devil I bind you to obey me and I break your power and I command that all works of (the problem) will GO, infection and disease will die, and none of this will ever return. Any pain, I break you and command you to go and never return. In the name of Jesus, fear of this (disease or problem) will leave and not ever return RIGHT NOW, in the name of JESUS, and, (person's name), you will be absolutely healed and normal. You and your body will operate normally, and you will do all things well and normally and you will be a testimony to God. In the name of Jesus, so be it. Receive NOW, in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, by His blood and His stripes. Amen/So Be It!

Father, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Yahweh Rapha, the Lord that heals us, I thank You that You care for us lovingly with mercy and *agape*/love. Praise the power to the name of Jesus, at which every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to Your glory, Father. By Jesus' blood, we are now *a royal priesthood for the nations, to show forth Your praises* (see 2 Pet 1:9), and I thank You, Father: Col 1:12 ... *who 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 Your agape/dear Son: 14 in whom we have redemption through his (Jesus') blood, even the forgiveness (remission, purging and obliteration) of sins.* Eph 1:7 ... *according to the riches of Your grace; for* 2 Cor 2:12 *now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of You, Father God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of You, Father God, in Jesus.* Gal 4:6 *And because we are sons, You, Father God, have sent forth the Spirit of Your Son into my heart, crying, Abba (Daddy), Father.* 2 Tim 1:7 *For You, Father God, have not given me the spirit of fear; but of power (ability), and of agape/love, and of a sound mind.* 2 Cor 1:21 *Now he which stablisheth us ... in Christ, and hath anointed us, is You, Father God; 22 who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.* And, through Jesus, You have commanded us to extend Your kingdom by setting people free of the oppressions and ruler-ship of the devil, all of which You paid for with the soul, body and blood of Jesus. Matt 10:7 *And as I go, I preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 I heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: for freely I have received, freely I give.* Thank You, Father. In the name of Jesus, thank You!

If you do not see the results you need in one hour, repeat three to twenty times an hour, each hour until you do. This is about results and not just saying, "Well, I prayed, let's see what God will do." You are the determining factor, not God. Luke 10:19 *Behold, I give unto YOU power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: 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.*

This word tread includes many steps of dominion until the enemy is subdued. What you tolerate you force God to tolerate, until you will tolerate it no longer, until you get stirred up into His attitude toward any work of the devil: "Out, in the name of Jesus!"

Making It Work

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God ... 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of (miracle working) power, and of agape/love, and of a sound mind [to be, think, speak and do as Jesus would].^{2Tim 1:6-7}

Keep at it, according to: Luke 18:1 *And he (Jesus) spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.* Mark 11:24 *Therefore I (Jesus) say unto you, What things soever ye desire (require, demand and expect as due by covenant promise), when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.* Matt 7:11 *If you then, evil as you are, know how to give good and advantageous gifts to your children, how much more will your Father Who is in heaven [perfect as He is] give good and advantageous things to those who keep on asking Him (requiring, demanding and expecting as due by covenant promise until they get it)! AMP And the way you keep on asking is to do it like Jesus did, commanding the end result to happen by demanding the devil to go and the situation to get like heaven on earth.*

One man took eight hours of constant healing battle to break the flu, and another time it took him only ten seconds. Another took six weeks of thanksgiving to remove a tumor, another thirty seconds. Another straightened club feet in three minutes, and in another case, it took two days of constant commanding battle. The problem was not the issue, but the attitude of the warrior. In all cases, victory went to those who would not give up. According to 1 Corinthians 13, *agape/love* does not give up.

For any delay between you and a promise of God the issue is in ignorance and lies we believe or a devil. Solve ignorance and lies with truth, and command devils to go in the name of Jesus, and the situation to get right in the name of Jesus. Don't talk about the problem, but talk to the problem and tell it to go in the name of Jesus.

The grace to win comes with working to win. God has done His part: 2 Pet 1:2 *Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the (experiential, actually doing it) knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord, 3 according as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto zoe/life 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.*

The milk of the Word is in the teaching; the meat of the Word is in the doing. Right thinking in God's zoe gets us to right doing.

For intercessory type prayers we recommend the prayers found in the Epistles such as in Eph 1 and 3, Col 1 and Heb 13.

If you need any prayer help we will be happy to work with you for whatever needs to be like heaven on earth. See below for our contact information. (Also get our book *Battle Prayer for Divine Healing – Field Manual 2.*)

CHAPTER 12

Next Steps

We have given you some keys to manifesting God in your life through the Lord Jesus Christ, who is THE Way, THE Truth and THE Zoe Life of God, and no man, woman, boy or girl gets to their destiny in God except through, by and with Jesus Christ.

You have felt your heart stir as you have heard the love of these truths. If you paid any attention at all, something happened on the inside because this is truth and love your heart knows is real.

Don't let this moment pass. Call on the Lord and ask Him to resolve whatever issues you have in a way that you can hear and understand. He will answer.

When in doubt or if it seems complicated, major on what Jesus accomplished for you by His cross and resurrection, and go from there. If you got born again as a small child or just recently at 125 years of age, or while listening to this message, God has more of Himself for you. (See our book: *Discovering Our Redemption*)

Most Christians never progress further because they do not put in place a discipleship program to keep the seeds of God's magnificent and abundant life primary in their hearts. The way forward is always the same. Go to the New Testament revelation of what Jesus did and put those truths into your mouth to drive them into your heart and mind. The more you do, the more you will see "it."

Having a Bible that is never devoured is like bags of seed stored away. The potential of releasing God into the earth is there, but never a harvest is made.

The Love of God will not rest until every seed of the Bible reaps a global harvest of Holy Spirit power, *agape* love, mind of Christ, mercy, grace, truth, righteousness, peace, joy, healing and prosperity so the glory of God fills the earth as the waters cover the sea. This is God's great redemption in action.

With the right seeds to the right harvests, they will produce the life you always wanted and make what you now have better. This is what God has done for us in Jesus – "it" is there for the taking!

Jesus said: *Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting zoe/life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.* ^{John 6:2} Here Jesus tells us success is found in labor, time, energy, diligence, courage and focus. We are not called to be just "pew sitters," but those who learn and then go do as Jesus would do.

Jesus said: *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffreth violence* (is released by pressing in as we have described in this message), *and the violent* (those who will work

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for it) *take it by force* (spiritual pressure). ^{Matt 11:12} This process of pressing in is against the your worldly parts of your soul and the continual pull of the world's system. God will help you as you do.

This is repeated again here: Heb 11:6 *But without faith it is impossible to please God: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently (with consistent energy and force) seek him.*

There is nothing magical in this process. Those that you see that have more of God in their lives have labored with the Word of God in Holy Spirit to get what they have of love, spirit, power, and truth. God has done the impossible. He has given everything in Jesus, and He and His benefits, the real "it," are available to all who will seek God rightly.

If You Want to Chat

We at Covenant Peace Fellowship are here to help in any way we can. We have active discipleship groups that will help you become the disciple Jesus has called you to be. We will be glad to go to God with you to let more of His glorious love manifest in your life.

Please feel free to copy and pass this message on to others.

To make this easier we did not quote all the relevant Scriptures that explain this great salvation, but we did include the references as superscripts in the written form of this message. We highly suggest you get the printable version eBook and study these references. The Word of God on these topics is the strongest seeds of His life for you.

If you would like a printable version of this message, or for any other way we can help, please contact us:

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Keep Working the Word so God can Work!

God Bless You and Yours in the Name of Jesus to be more Noble in Him (Acts 17:11-12)

Jesus is Lord of Heaven and Earth!

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