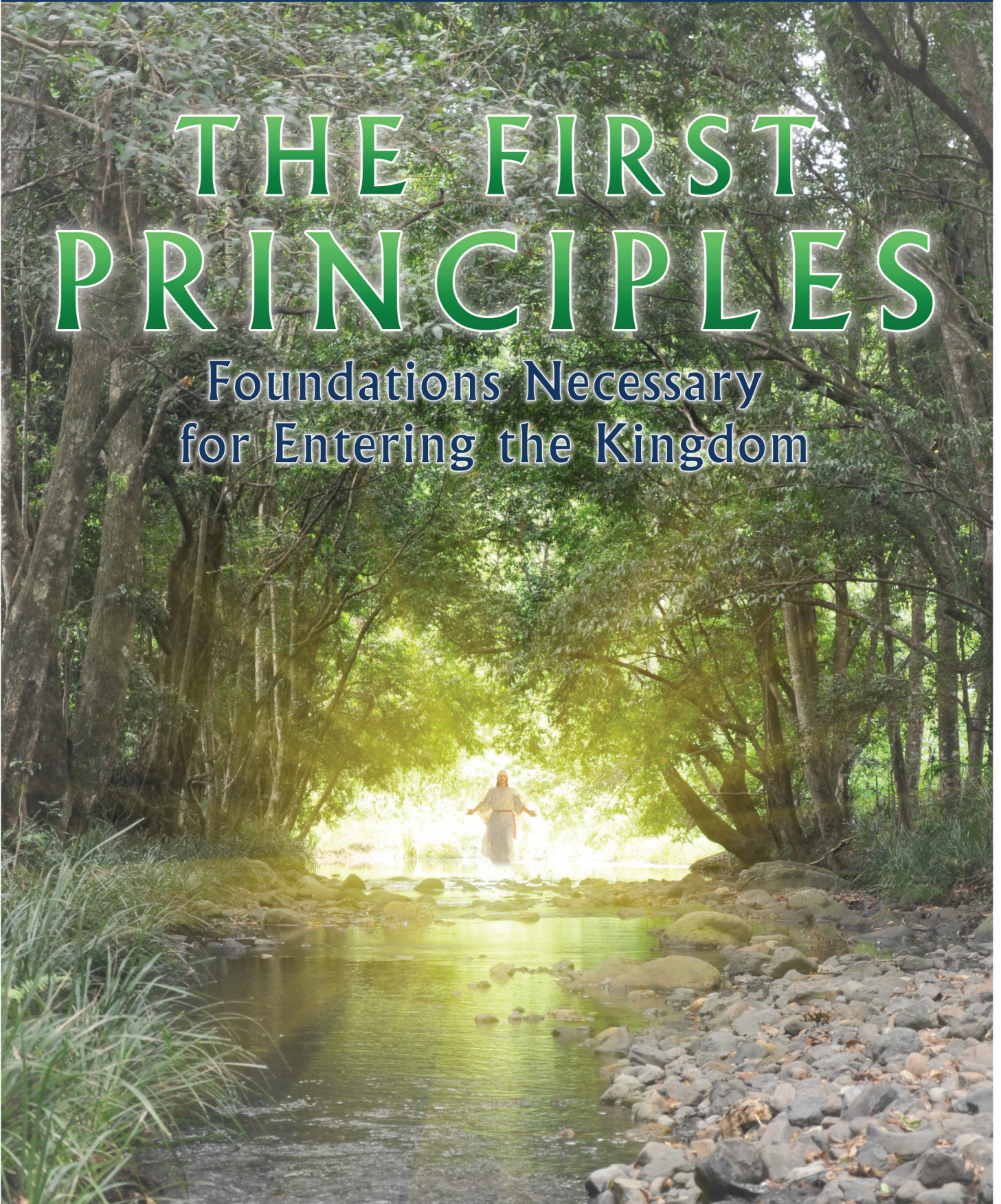


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# Foreword

The purpose of these studies is to take a fresh look at the foundations that are required to be laid in our lives in order that we may understand what is necessary for us to enter and live in the Kingdom of God. In many years of ministering in conferences around the world, I have been amazed at the lack of understanding when it comes to the basic foundations that God requires of us in order to live in the Kingdom of God.

There is a difference between being born again and living in Kingdom realities. This may be a surprise to many of you! However, walking in the realm of Kingdom realities which are not of this world (*John 18:36*), is supposed to be the norm for Christians.

We are living in times of great darkness and great light, at a time when the end-time harvests are about to be reaped. While the thought of great harvests of souls is wonderful, the responsibility that this brings upon the church is awe-inspiring. We need to be prepared to teach and train a whole new generation in the ways of God, bringing them into maturity quickly.

The purpose of the **Academy of Light** is that of making material, information, and prophetic insight available for this generation that will help them to adequately reap the coming harvests and prepare a bride for the coming of the Lord. Foundations are important; Jesus said that if we don't have the right foundations laid in our lives in these end-times, our house will be blown away, (*Matthew 7:22-27*). In order to survive the days that lie ahead -- days of great darkness as well as days of great light -- we need to make sure that the proper foundations are firmly established in our lives.

Revelation is progressive, which means

that this generation will have a greater understanding of the scriptures because greater revelation will be given to this last generation. As we look at these foundations let's keep our hearts open to greater understanding of what some have called the *basic foundations*. However, there is nothing basic about foundations; they are essential for us to build upon and if we have inadequate foundations, the building will collapse under pressure.

## Dreams and Visions

We are told that a prominent phenomenon of this end-time generation will be a generation who will see visions and dreams (*Joel 2:28*).

We have often heard said, "It was only a dream" this term is often used to convey the impression that the experience wasn't real. We need to understand that the language of heaven is not just expressed in the spoken word. In the realm of heaven visual communication is very real. God uses pictures to convey truth and understanding, this language of vision is often a superior form of communication than that of the spoken word. Visions and dreams transcend the natural realm into the spiritual realm and when this happens, the dream or vision is real, even more real than the physical realm. The Apostle John transcended this physical realm into the spiritual realm while on the island of Patmos. *Revelation 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet*. In this experience John saw the Lord, heard His voice, and was shown around heaven by one of the Old Testament prophets. In this manual I will share a few visions that serve to convey truth in a different way.



# The Journey Begins

When you accept the Lord as your savior and are born again, this is just the beginning of a Journey into the Kingdom of God. So many Christians are born again but never proceed any further into the Kingdom. The *New Birth* is the beginning of a Journey into the Kingdom of God. In order to proceed, further foundations have to first be laid for you to build upon. This is the beginning of a Journey which is supposed to culminate with intimacy with Jesus as your friend.

This journey is pictured in the Old Testament with the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land. However, most died in the wilderness and they did not complete the journey, falling short of their destiny. They were God's people, but they never made it to their Promised Land. It took another generation to complete the journey.

This is a picture of many Christians today.

As a teacher it is your job to get new Christians to complete the Journey and you have to show them the way. It took Moses 80 years to gain insight into and learn the ways of God, but it only took a short time to teach the ways of God to Joshua.

God said that in these end times He would do a quick work. We are living in days where acceleration is a reality -- what

it took us many years to learn, this generation will learn and walk in realms that the former generation never dreamed

were possible. This often has been a problem in the past to Christians who have spent years maturing in the things of God and then suddenly see a whole generation catch up and go beyond them within a short time. The temptation, then, is to reject what God is doing with the new generation -- or at least become resentful -- because of what has had taken years in order to come into maturity. It is true that so often those former generations had paid a great price for what they had come into and we don't devalue this in any way. But, many in this generation will go to heights that no other generation has, and will do so because of the great grace that God will pour out in these last days. If the pupil goes beyond the teacher, that is a great compliment to the teacher! We will have to watch our attitudes and be blessed to see a whole generation eclipse what the former generation had in God.

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**Jesus spoke a parable concerning this:**

*For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a penny a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, And said unto them; Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the*

*The coming harvest will net a generation of young people who will be like no other generation. They will experiences the fullness of God and walk with God like no other generation. You have to teach, train and prepare them and many will go on to levels in God that you have not yet experienced. Which means: you have done your job well.*

*eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing idle, and saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle?*

*They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us.*

*He saith unto them,*

*Go ye also into the vineyard; and whatsoever is right, that shall ye receive.*

*So when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and give them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they supposed that they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny.*

*And when they had received it, they murmured against the goodman of the house, Saying, These last have wrought but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day.*

*But he answered one of them, and said, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a penny? Take that thine is, and go thy way: I will give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many be called, but few chosen.*

*Matthew 20:1-16*

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**Yes, God is doing a quick work -- so let's not resent it**

***Foundations that pass the test of time***

*Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

*1 Corinthians 3:12-13*

The Apostle Paul states in these verses of scripture that we can have different foundations; Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, or Wood, Hay and Stubble. Paul is talking to Spirit-filled Christians and is making it clear to us that if we build our Christian lives on wrong foundations which Paul

lists as hay, wood and stubble, the consequences will be devastating.

### **Jesus said it differently yet is saying the same thing**

*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

Matthew 7:24-27

We are now in what the Bible states as “Perilous Times” 2 Timothy 3:1 -- times of darkness as well as great light (see Isaiah chapter 60). If we are to survive the times that are ahead of us, our foundations must be securely laid in our lives as a definite living experience.

### **Hearing and Doing**

Many hear the word of God and that is as far as it goes; there is no commitment, no pledge to do the word. These Christians are ever learning about God and the things of God but never experiencing those things.

*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

2 Timothy 3:7

The English word knowledge here is from the Greek word *epignosis*, which has a greater and more fuller meaning than the English word. The Greek word has the meaning of knowledge gained through encountering or experiencing it.

This is what Paul is saying in this verse. Some are forever learning but do not make it a reality in their lives: they don't experience it. It is important that we *do* the word of God. Doing the word lays a good foundation, a strong foundation. **We have to commit to doing God's Word.**

### **God's Word -- a sure foundation**

*Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.*

Isaiah 28:16

*Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.*

Hebrews 11:3

God's words, the Scriptures, are Unchanging, Eternal, Immovable, and we must believe God's Word even when we don't understand it. We must take it at face value and never try to change it, water it down, or explain it away. Theologians have the tendency to spiritualize the Word of God when they don't understand it. Or, often, they will place it in a time zone beyond the immediate;

placing it either in heaven or in the millennium. However, God's Word is true from the beginning and Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever, *Hebrews 13:8*. God's Word is true, He cannot lie. His Word is irrefutable. God keeps every promise, and what He says He will do.

*For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us.*

*2 Corinthians 1:20*

*If you are teaching this to others you need to make this very clear and make sure that your hearers understand this truth. If this foundation is not firmly in place you cannot proceed any further.*

This foundation stone must be laid in our lives in a way that it cannot

be shaken by doubt or unbelief. This may seem elementary to you, but I am amazed at how many Christians are plagued with unbelief. God's word is true whether we understand it or not.

### *Believing comes before seeing*

*Hebrews 11:3* tells us that through faith we understand. It is not that we believe it because

we understand it. Believing God's words is a foundation stone that opens the door to you understanding God's Word.

We walk by faith and not by natural sight. You have to believe you can do what God says in order to be able to do it. If you believe you can walk with God as Enoch did, then it is possible

for you.

If you are teaching this to others you need to make this very clear and make sure that your hearers understand this truth. If this foundation is not firmly in place you cannot proceed any further.

Jesus is truth, His word is sure and you can only start to build when this foundation, this truth, is laid as a reality in your life.

It is important for you to understand that before you can teach effectively, you must have experienced the truth you are teaching. It must be a reality in your life.

### *Testing the foundations*

Knowledge of the scriptures is not enough; you must experience the truth and walk in it. We must first encounter truth as a revelation.

### **Two Greek words are used in the Bible for the word Knowledge:**

**Gk gnosis** which means intellectual knowledge learned through the mind and study.

**Gk epi-gnosis** which is knowledge gained through an encounter with the source of knowledge.

One denotes intellectual knowledge gained through study and experience and the other means knowledge gained through revelation; a divine encounter.

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Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge (gnosis) puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

I Corinthians 8:1

For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. (Not according to epi-gnosis knowledge derived though a divine encounter).

Romans 10:2

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (epi-gnosis).

Ephesians 1:17

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: (epi-gnosis)

Colossians 3:10

**Revelation, in essence, is light;** it is a power and this encounter with light and power changes us. Intellectual knowledge does not have the power to change you into the likeness of Jesus. We need an encounter with

light in the person of Jesus.

**All things of spiritual worth come to us this way**

According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge (epi-gnosis) of him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

II Peter 1:3

***Each foundational truth must be experienced***

The testing comes in experiences of life. God allows situations to occur in our lives which are tests; these tests are designed to expose you to a situation which will test whether you are walking in the truth, or not.

**You must pass the tests before you can move on. God's dealings in our lives have to do with tests which we must pass before we move on to the next level. God will not allow us to move on until the foundation stones are carefully and securely laid in our lives.**

# Notes

# Let Us Go On

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.*

Hebrews 6:1-3

The Apostle Paul in this passage of scriptures tells us that the Christian life is a journey. His words “let us go on” indicate that the Christian life involves constantly moving on. However, to move on we have to lay the proper foundations in our lives, first. Paul here lists those foundations which are necessary in order for us to move on.

Notice: verse three “If God permit”. This phrase implies that qualifying is necessary for us to move on to the next level in the Kingdom. It is only when these six foundations become a reality, in which we walk in daily, that God will permit us to move on.

## *Let us go on to perfection*

This word perfection is from the Greek word, teleiotes; which has the meaning of completeness to finish the journey. The Apostle Paul here is talking about a process of finishing a journey.

Many Christians live their entire lives

in a mediocre, limited experience of their salvation. They lay and experience some of the foundations, but not all of them, and usually their experience is limited to the denomination they belong to. For instance, some experience salvation and water baptism and remain in the experience of those two foundations, thus limiting their experience and walk in the Kingdom of God. Some experience baptism in water and in the Holy Spirit and camp at that level unable to move on because all the foundations are not laid and experienced in their lives.

**The Apostle Paul had difficulties with the Corinthian church because they had not moved on.**

*And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.*

1 Corinthians 3:1-2

## *These six foundations are known as the doctrine or teachings of Christ*

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on.*

Hebrews 6:1

The teachings of Jesus become the

foundation which we build upon rock:

Matthew 7:24

*Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.*

Acts 4:10-11

*Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a*

Only when the foundation is properly laid can we move on.

**The six foundations are listed as:**

- Repentance from dead works
- Faith towards God
- The doctrine of baptisms
- Laying on of hands
- The resurrection of the dead
- Eternal judgment

# The First Foundation

## Repentance from dead works

The voyage into the Kingdom of God starts with repentance; it is a turning point from our world, our little kingdom, to His Kingdom. Salvation starts with repentance and is fully realized by continuous repentance.

*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*

Mark 1:15

We enter the kingdom through repentance and believing the Gospel. However, while many understand this, what is not commonly understood is that this first step is one of a continuous experience; it must become a way of life. The attitude of repentance needs to be built into our lives as an ongoing experience. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to continue to bring us to repentance.

*And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;*

John 16:8-10

The Apostle John when writing to the New Testament church around AD 90 talks about the need of continuous repentance. John makes it clear

that if we are to walk in continuous fellowship with the Lord we have to walk a life of constant repentance.

*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.*

1 John 1:8-10

*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*

1 John 2:1

As we embark upon our walk into the Kingdom of God, He begins to require of us a greater level of purity and this involves the Holy Spirit convicting us of sin. As we begin to walk in greater light and understanding of God's ways and requirements, we become aware through the conviction of the Holy Spirit of areas in our lives which God requires of us to make changes. Up to this point we were not aware that many of these things in our lives are sin. It is then we become accountable for those sins; to whom much is given much is required. This is a process that we need to co-operate with.

*But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.*

*Proverbs 4:18*

*The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.*

*Isaiah 26:7*

*And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he that knew not, and*

*did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much*

*is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.*

*Luke 12:47-48*

**In order to walk in the light and have ongoing fellowship with the Lord we have to have a lifestyle of repentance.**

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

*1 John 1:7*

As God begins to convict us of sin we have to repent. The further we walk into the Kingdom the more of the way of purity He requires of us in order for us to walk in the Spirit with Him.

The way becomes narrower as we proceed and as the Lord brings

holiness and purity into our lives. This is not to limit us in any way, but to free us from the pull of this world so that we may walk in the realm of the Lord; which is a spirit realm.

**Sovereign experiences in God are not a sign or indicator of our spirituality or purity.**

Sovereign experiences are usually one of our experiences, but to walk in that realm requires a pure heart. Sovereign experiences are like grapes from the Promised Land; they reveal what is possible for us. But to actual walk in that realm requires circumcision of heart. See: *Joshua 5:1-9*

*In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.*

*Colossians 2:11*

**It is God's intention that we walk with Him in the Spirit and not just have sovereign experiences of, and with the Lord. To walk in the light and have fellowship with the Lord continuously requires that we embrace a lifestyle of repentance.**

***The closer we get to God, the more gold He requires***

The furniture in the outer court of the Tabernacle was made of wood and brass, but in the inner court, the candlestick and the altar of incense were made of gold. In the Holy of Holies the Ark of the Covenant was covered in gold. The high priest would not dare enter the holiest of all

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with brass or bronze. At a distance in the outer court, the priest's ministry could be performed with a bronze censor -- but in God's manifest presence only gold would do. The twenty-four elders and the four living creatures before the throne were holding golden bowls, (*Revelation 5:8 and Revelation 8:3-5*).

**Gold speaks of purity and the closer we walk with God the more gold or purity there must be in our lives. This process of conviction of sin and repentance needs to be a way of life for us.**

*But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

2 Timothy 2:20-22

This purifying process requires our co-operation with the Holy Spirit who convicts us of sin. We must choose either to repent and go on, or resist and stay where we are; the choice is ours.

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.*

Psalms 24:3-4

This journey begins with the new birth and the forgiveness of every sin in our past and continues on with a daily cleansing from sin as we learn to walk in obedience and light. We start the journey in the outer court and we are meant to continue on into the Holiest of all. We don't have to lay the foundation of salvation again, but we do have to walk daily with an attitude of repentance. There are levels of repentance; the closer we get to the Lord the more sin that is exposed in our lives. We must not allow sin to accumulate in our lives since it will stop us from walking in the light with Jesus.

*When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn offering made by fire unto the LORD:*

Exodus 30:20

### **Foot washing**

There was a time when Jesus decided to wash the disciples' feet but Peter objected to it.

*Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part*

*with me. Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.*

John 13:8-10

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Jesus responded to Peter by saying he that is washed need not be washed again except for his feet. We don't lose our salvation because we have sinned during the day, but we need daily cleansing in order to walk in the light. Our feet represent our daily walk in

*They could have made this journey to the edge of the Promised land in twelve months!*

this world; it is our feet that touch this earth and pick up the dirt and filth of this world. We pass through a day sometimes with regrets regarding, perhaps, a harsh word we spoke or a lie we told; but at the end of the day we can come before the Lord with repentance and receive cleansing through the blood of Jesus. We need to keep short accounts with the Lord putting things right, quickly.

### *From Egypt to the Promised Land*

When the nation of Israel left Egypt they were on a journey to the Promised Land. Initially this was not a journey that would take several years -- they could have made this journey to the edge of the promise land in twelve months! Wilderness experiences do not have to last for years. God's purpose in taking Israel through the wilderness was to strip them from the ways of Egypt and bring them into total dependence on the Lord.

### *The purpose of testing is to prove and qualify us*

*Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was*

*no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;*

*Deuteronomy 8:15-16*

**The Apostle Paul used the story of this journey as a picture to teach us what we Christians need to understand regarding the way that God deals with us today.**

*But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand. Neither let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer. Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.*

*1 Corinthians 10:5-11*

**Israel could have made this journey relatively quickly but they did not pass the tests.**

We are about to see a harvest of souls of such a magnitude reaped, a generation who if taught properly will make this journey quickly. It was never God's intention that it

would take us many years to come to maturity in Christ. A new generation is about to arise, a Joshua generation that will cross over into the Promised Land. It took Moses almost a lifetime to learn the ways of God; however, he was able to teach Joshua these ways in a very short time. We are about to enter into the realities of Isaiah, chapter sixty.

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

*Isaiah 60:1-3*

Both Israel and the gentile church will begin to experience this passage of scripture in a profound way.<sup>1</sup>

This journey into the heart of God is clearly shown through the journey of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land and through the layout of the Tabernacle of Moses, as well as in the three major feasts of Israel as shown below:

- # The children of Israel kept the Passover as a picture of our salvation.

- # Their journeying for fifty days as a picture of Pentecost.

- # Their crossing the river Jordan into the Promised Land as a picture of the Feast of Tabernacles

We are supposed to mature in God to the place where we have entered the Promised Land having kept and experienced the Feast of Tabernacles. However a whole generation of Spirit-filled Christians have remained and died in the wilderness. This is about to change: God is moving on and those who

are pursuing the Lord with all their hearts are about to move on from Pentecost and keep the Feast of Tabernacles, walking the manifest presence of the Lord.<sup>2</sup>

*Their crossing the river Jordan into the Promised Land as a picture of the Feast of Tabernacles.*

**As we learn to walk in a lifestyle of repentance, we continue to walk in the light on a pathway that leads to the very heart of God; a place of the manifest presence of God in the holiest of all! As we lay this first stone in our lives, we embark on a journey that can quickly bring us into the Promised Land and a place of intimacy in walking with the Lord.**

|                 |                |                    |
|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Egypt           | The Wilderness | The Promised Land  |
| The Outer Court | The Holy Place | The Holiest of All |
| Passover        | Pentecost      | Tabernacles        |

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1 The Messiah Comes To Israel - By Gerald Rowlands. [Availalbe from Amazon](#)

2 The feast of tabernacles will be the subject of another manual

# The Second Foundation

## Faith Towards God

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*

Hebrews 6:1

**God declares in His word that without faith we cannot please Him.**

*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.*

Hebrews 11:6

This is a remarkable statement which declares that when we come to God we must come with faith in Him and His word in order to please Him.

**In our approach to God he asks one thing: believe Me and love Me.**

To walk with God requires faith and obedience and the two are interwoven and eternally linked.

Faith is something we have. The word occurs 223 times in the New Testament

Believe is something we do. The word occurs 104 times in the New Testament

The word faith in the Greek is pistis. It is a noun it is something we have.

The word believe in the Greek is pisteuo. It is a verb it is something we do.

To believe we have to ward off unbelief and act as if what we have faith for already exists.

*I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.*

Psalms 27:13

*Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Therefore I say unto you, What things*

*soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

Mark 11:23-24

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Romans 10:17

You don't have faith until it comes and it comes by God speaking to you;

either directly or through His word. Faith has power to make

our spirits alive unto God. Faith brings power. When we operate in the realm of faith, we operate in God's power. When we believe or act upon our faith, power is released.

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### ***Faith works by love***

*For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.*

Galatians 5:6

The word *worketh* in this verse is translated from the Greek word *energeo* from which we get our English word energy.

**Faith is energised empowered by LOVE.**

Love is the highest form of energy in the universe. It is not something abstract, love is a power. God is

love; it's not that He has love, He **IS** love. God is light and the light is an extension of who He is, love.

**What does this mean?**

Motives are very important to God. God looks at why we want something and when our desires are motivated by love that love energises faith, it gives power to the faith, it energises faith. God looks more at why we want something rather than what we want.

When we are motivated by love for God and His purposes that love releases the power of faith

### ***Walking by faith***

*For we walk by faith, not by sight:*

2 Corinthians 5:7

**We need to understand that this physical world is not the real world.**

The realm of spirit is far more real than the physical world. We exist as it were in two parallel worlds, one is physical and the other is spiritual. To interact with the Kingdom of God we interact with a spiritual world, a spiritual kingdom, a kingdom which cannot be seen or perceived with natural faculties. It requires faith to interact with the Kingdom of God. He that comes to God must believe that He God is; we must believe that God exists in another dimension which is accessible to us. This is fundamental to you being able to access that realm.

### ***Connecting with the spiritual kingdom of God requires faith***

The Apostle Paul said we walk by faith and not by natural sight. By far, most of Gods communication with man in

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the bible was through visions dreams. It was communication beyond the natural senses. The apostle John said “I was in the spirit on the Lord’s day” (Revelation 1:10). In other words he was in another realm that of spirit. As Christians we have the ability to hear sound that originates in the spiritual realm. When Gods word is quickened to us we have perceived that word through an anointing that allows us to comprehend information from Gods realm of spirit.

### **Strongholds of unbelief have to be dismantled.**

Most Christians have been taught that visions’ dreams visitation from God and walking with God in the spirit was for special people who God had sovereignly called for this. That is a lie, if you believe that you can’t walk with God in a real tangible way, then you can’t. However if you believe you can, then you can; he that comes to God must believe. The walk with God that Enoch, Elijah, Moses and Paul had, were examples for you, if they can you can. God is no respecter of person and he is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8).

### **Strongholds of false teaching have to be broken in us or we will pass on that deception to others**

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God,*

*and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;*

*2 Corinthians 10:4-5*

### **To interact with Jesus an invisible spirit, requires faith.**

The word faith towards God in Hebrews 6:1 is an interesting word in the original Greek language.

The word towards is translated from the Greek word “epi” which has this meaning; *superimposition (of time, place, order, etc.)* Strongs 1909

This same word is used in conjunction with the word knowledge in 2 Timothy 3:7. Here Paul is talking about those who just have natural knowledge and learning over against those who have knowledge by an encounter with the source of the knowledge in this case the Lord.

*Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.*

*2 Timothy 3:7*

Ever learning but never experiencing or encountering the source of the

knowledge. The word knowledge in this verse is the Greek word *epi-gnosis* meaning receiving knowledge by revelation or through an encounter with the source.

### **Having faith towards God has the meaning of having faith by**

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**superimposition of another dimension over one.**

This foundation of supernatural faith comes by encountering the source, and is the way into the kingdom of God. Faith comes by hearing,

hearing from the spirit realm, or hearing from the kingdom realm, the realm where God exists. Faith is supernatural; it is an impartation by encountering

the source of the word, Jesus.

Just looking for a promise in the word is not enough; you must have the word quickened to you by hearing it from the invisible world of the Kingdom of God.

*Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.*

2 Corinthians 3:6

**Faith comes by hearing from Gods realm that of spirit.**

*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Romans 10:17

The word “word” in this verse is the Greek word rhema which has the meaning of a “quickened word” a word spoken from beyond this world, a word from the invisible Kingdom of God. This foundation of

having faith towards God and living by faith in the Living Word, a word from beyond the veil of this world, is a foundation that must be laid in our lives. It must become a way of life and a continuing experience.

### **Read Hebrews 11**

Note verse 5. By Faith Enoch was translated. This act of translation was not a sovereign act of God; it required faith on Enoch’s part. We need faith to take hold of all that God has promised us through His quickened word. It takes faith to walk in the spirit with the Lord. It takes faith to become friend with an invisible spirit, Jesus.

*While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

2 Corinthians 4:18

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.*

Hebrews 11:1

**To walk with the Lord requires faith; we have to see things that are not seen with our natural eyes. The natural mind is an enemy of our walk of faith in the spirit.**

*Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.*

Romans 8:7-8

**There are two important kingdom**

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laws.

**FAITH & LOVE** The whole of Gods kingdom operates on these two laws.

*Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by THE LAW OF FAITH.*

Romans 3:27

*If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:*

James 2:8

**FAITH COMES** .... it is something that comes and is imparted.

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Romans 10:17

Faith comes from contact with Jesus, hearing Him

**Faith and love are inseparable.**

*That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

Ephesians 3:17

Obedience has its roots in love we obey the Lord because we love Him. Then faith requires action. When we operate in the realm of faith, God releases power. It is God who imparts faith but He waits for us to act on it, only then is power released to bring

to pass the purpose of our faith. Faith springs out of union with the lord and is activated by love (obedience).

**The more you learn to move in faith, more faith is given.**

*And he said unto*

*them, Take heed*

*what ye hear: with*

*what measure ye*

*mete, it shall be measured to you: and unto you that hear shall more be given.*

Mark 4:24

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Learning to lay a foundation of faith in our lives takes time, it requires an understanding that we cannot move on in God without faith, and faith must become a way of life to us. We advance by faith in what God has made real to us

## Summary

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Without faith we cannot please God

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Faith comes by hearing from another dimension

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The whole Journey is a walk of faith

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The natural mind cannot comprehend the things of God

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Love has to be the motive for what we want from God and for others

# Notes

# The Third Foundation

## Hebrews 6:2 The Doctrine of Baptisms

*Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

Hebrews 6:2

**There are two baptisms that we must enter into and receive.**

*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;*

1 Corinthians 10:1-2

In the journey of the children of Israel from Egypt to the Promised Land they had to pass through the water and the cloud.

**All who enter the Kingdom must pass through the water and the cloud.**

The children of Israel left Egypt and immediately passed through the Red Sea. They were redeemed by the blood when they kept the Passover, but the journey was just beginning. Many Christians experience redemption through the Blood of Jesus but never continue on into the Kingdom of the Promised Land. When the children of Israel kept the Passover they were to be dressed and ready to move on.

*And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff*

*in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD's Passover.*

Exodus 12:11

**The first step after redemption through the blood was to pass through the water, the Red Sea.**

To the Christian today this speaks of water baptism; the next step after being born again. The purpose for Israel was not just redemption through the blood; it was to enter the Promised Land. Likewise, for you and me

today, God's purpose is not just redemption through the blood of Jesus, it is to follow on and possess the Kingdom. Many in heaven today get no further than Paradise, the outer court of heaven, and they do not possess the fullness of God's purposes for them. They only see the fullness of the Kingdom from afar.

### *The words of Jesus*

*Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*

John 3:5

*We are not talking about infant baptism; we are talking about the believer's baptism. Dedicating an infant to the Lord is important, but this is not New Testament water baptism.*

**So what does it mean to be baptized in water and why is it so important?**

Lord.

*Romans 6:4-11*

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*Water baptism represents a grave, a place to die.*

Water baptism is the place where we surrender to the Lordship of Jesus. It is a place of the death of our own will and purposes. Water baptism represents a grave, a place to die. It is a place of death and a declaration of surrender. It is a burial service where we give our total allegiance to Jesus. It is a day of absolute surrender, a day when we die in order to live in newness of life.

**One side of water baptism is death the other side is resurrection**

It is impossible to proceed on into the Kingdom without this death and resurrection experience. This part of the journey cannot be missed out on and it is not optional if you want to go further in God.

*Unless you are born again you cannot SEE the Kingdom,*

*John 3:3*

*Unless one is born of water and Spirit he cannot ENTER the Kingdom,*

*John 3:5*

*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he*

*that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that*

*he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our*

**Lordship**

These keys or doorways to the Kingdom must be entered and experienced in order to proceed into the Kingdom of God. At salvation we were given a new nature and we must bury the old nature in order to make sure it will not affect the growth of this new nature. We have seen in the evangelistic crusades many coming to the Lord, but months later they are not able to be found. What happened to them? They never proceeded on into the Kingdom by surrendering to the Lordship of Jesus. Throughout my life I have spent a lot of my time ministering in various mission fields of the world and one thing has become very evident in regards to establishing new Christians in the Lord. I have found that unless these new Christians were baptized in

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water and filled with the Holy Spirit many of them returned to their old lives and never went on in the Lord. Baptism needs to be understood as a burial and resurrection and an act of obedience that causes a barrier to be built between us and the power that Satan had over us.

*I quote Bryan Archer, a New Zealand missionary to Papua New Guinea:*

*The revival in Mt. Hagan has been going on for over one year. On Saturday we went with the nation Christians to a village called Krem. There was a new church building to be dedicated and a baptismal service to be held. By the time I arrived at the village, the singing and testimonies were underway. Looking around I saw all the Christians sitting on a grassy area in a close group. All around the meeting ground were hundreds of other village people in traditional dress.*

*Everything went well until it came to going down to the river to baptize the believers. Suddenly, bows and arrows, spears, axes and knives appeared and the men barred our way. They threatened to kill us if we tried to baptize their people. Papua New Guineans do not make idle threats! So, we all sat down and began to hear from the village leaders as they gave their reasons... and slowly the truth emerged. The objection to us baptizing was this: the warriors said, "you can have your meetings and build your churches, we don't mind the villages joining the church, but if you baptize them, then they are like dead men to us. They no longer want to join in our spirit dances with us and they don't want to adhere to our traditional practices, or be involved with the fight we have planned later this year." (Running battles with neighboring villages are very common, often resulting in the loss of lives). "You can do what you like except baptizing them. We have seen that when you baptize them this baptism cuts them off from our traditional spirits."*

*The new Christians however were adamant that we were to baptize them. This was all I needed. I took authority in Jesus name over the men that opposed us. Everyone rose up and with one accord began walking down towards the line of the warriors. We witnessed a miracle as they let us through and quietly followed us down to the river. So great was the witness of these new Christians, that before the baptism was over, four of the warriors jumped into the river professing Christ as their savior and Lord, wanting to be baptized as well. Two of them were baptized but the other two were dragged forcibly by their relatives out of the water. <sup>3</sup>*

## ***Water baptism is not just another Christian ritual***

So often, water baptism has been taught as an act of obedience to God's word, as well as a testimony that you have received Jesus as your Savior.

*Baptism needs to be understood as a burial and resurrection and is seen as an act of obedience that causes a barrier to be built between us and the power that Satan had over us.*

However, it is much more than that: there is a power released that cuts off the person being baptized from the old life. When the person to be baptized understands that they are participating in a burial of the 'old life', and they are submitting to the will and Lordship of Jesus over their new lives, God responds with power to sever them from the old life and raises them up to a new and living way. They need to understand that they go under the water as one person, and come out as another. Resurrection power has set them free from the old life.

*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

*When the power of sin has been broken in our lives through the death of Jesus and the acknowledgement of this through water baptism, to sin or not to sin becomes a choice*

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that

*henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him.*

*Romans 6:3-8*

## **Crucified with Christ**

Jesus took our sins and crucified our old nature of sin when on the cross. When Jesus took upon Himself the whole sin of mankind along with the fallen human nature of man, our fallen nature was crucified with Him. Baptism is an acknowledgement of this on an individual basis which releases power to set one free from sin.

## **Crucified and dying daily**

*I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.*

*1 Corinthians 15:31*

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*Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

Romans 6:11-14

**Before you buried the old man through baptism, sin had dominion over you -- even though you were born again. But now, through baptism and the burial of the old nature, sin does not have control of you.**

Now to sin or not to sin becomes a choice. And now, when you choose not to sin, the power of God is released to enable you not to sin. *The choice releases the power.* It is not a matter of using will power, it is a matter of choice that releases the grace, i.e.

the power of God to keep you from sinning. By grace (*the ability of God*) you are saved from sin and continue to be saved from sinning. Whereas before, the power of sin was broken in your life, you were a slave to sin. Now that sin becomes a choice, it does not have power over you; you have the power to choose to sin or not. Choosing daily to surrender to the Lordship of Jesus becomes a way of life -- a daily experience and a daily choice.

### **An Old Testament picture of the Lordship of Jesus**

A few years ago, while in prayer, I found myself in a room and at the far end there was a booth with an angel behind it; and behind the angel was a dark solid door.

It seemed to me like a passport control area. Many Christians were coming up to the booth, but they had no passport. The angel, in a firm clear voice, said "Passport please?" These Christians were somewhat confused because they had no passport and the angel was turning them away. Some of these Christians were protesting saying, "I am a deacon" or "I am a Pastor", etc. The angel looked at them intently and then turned them back. I then saw that a couple arrived at the booth and the angel said, "Passport please" and with this the couple turned sideways so that the angel could look at the side of their heads. The angel looked intently at them and then said for them to come in. When the angel said that, the door behind him became translucent, flashing with light and color. If you have ever seen the TV series Star Gate, it looked a bit like the star gate in the TV program.

The couple walked up to the door and walked clean through it. I stood there amazed at this phenomenon. Then I thought, *I must find my passport*, but I could not find it! Panic was beginning to take a hold of me when the angel pointed at me and with a movement of his hand, beckoned me. I stepped up to the booth and the angel said, "passport please?" When I said, "I don't seem to have one", the angel looked at me and said, "show me your ear!" I thought that was very strange. I turned to show him my ear

and the angel looked carefully at my ear, he then looked at me and said, "I see you have a hole in your ear; please go through." The door behind him changed into light that appeared alive and I walked through it. Instantly, I was walking in the city of God in heaven -- I was astounded at this and the utter transformation between the two worlds on each side of the door. I looked back at the door and decided to test it; so I walked back through it and instantly I was back in the passport control area. I then, had a rush of understanding that poured into my mind; I realized that the passport represented the Bond Servant relationship spoken of in *Exodus 21*.

**Your passport to the greater things  
in the Kingdom of God is a Bond  
Servant Covenant with the Lord**

*If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free. Then his*

*master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post;*

*and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for ever.*

*Exodus 21:2, 5-6*

**Surrender to the Lordship of Jesus  
requires a Bond Servant relationship  
with Him**

***A Bond Servant  
Commitment***

In the Hebrew, two different words are used for servant:

SAKIYR: which means a hired servant

EBED: which means a bond servant

In the N/T Greek, two different words are used:

DIAKONOS: which means a deacon, servant, or minister

DOULOS: which means a bond servant

**THE DIFFERENCE:**

**A SERVANT**

- # Gets wages
- # Spends his wage as he likes
- # Has days off and does as he likes on those days off
- # Can marry whom he likes
- # Can quit at any time
- # Can be fired

**A BOND SERVANT**

- # Has no days off and he is on call 365 days of the year
- # Does not get paid
- # Has no money of his own
- # Cannot own anything
- # Has only what the master gives him
- # Has no rights
- # Marries who the master says he can marry

**BUT...**

- # His master will look after him for the rest of his life

*A Bond Servant is given much responsibility and is entrusted with much*

- # The master will provide everything he needs
- # His master will protect him
- # He must obey the master totally
- # A special hearing relationship with the master is granted

**A Bond Servant is given much responsibility and is entrusted with much.**

ABRAHAM had a Bond Servant that ruled over the all of Abraham's wealth.

*And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: And I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed; for all the goods of his master were in his hand: and he arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.*

*Genesis 24:2-3, 10*

Abraham's Bond Servant had great responsibility and was trusted with all of his master's goods and wealth. This honor was only ever given to Bond Servants. However, the Bond Servant was completely under the lordship of his master.

**The pierced ear signifies that the Bond Servant had an ear only for his master's voice**

Again, it meant that the Bond Servant only had an ear for the master's

voice and he was committed to his master's voice -- and this opened a special hearing relationship with the master. When we become a Bond Servant, a door of audibility opens in the heavens and you are able to hear from the Kingdom realm like never before.

The renowned servant of the Lord, Andrew Murray, was once asked what is the most important thing for a Christian? He replied, "Absolute Surrender."

We must bring new Christians to this place of surrender quickly and it starts with Water Baptism.

**This foundation must be laid quickly in a new Christian's life in order for him to move on into the Kingdom of God.**

### ***Baptism of the Holy Spirit***

We now come to the second Baptism; that of the Holy Spirit

These two baptisms -- the Baptism in Water and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit -- are very closely linked.

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

*Acts 2:38*

The gift of the Holy Ghost or the baptism in the Holy Spirit comes after water baptism in this verse of

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scripture. We also see when Jesus was baptized in water, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him.

*And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him.*

Matthew 3:16

While the order of these two experiences is not a rigid rule, it is preferable. Water Baptism prepares the way for the Holy Spirit to come upon a person. We have found it is a lot easier for a person to receive the Holy Spirit if they have been baptized in water. Once a person has repented and has been baptized in water, they are like a house that has been swept clean. To send them away without receiving the Holy Spirit leaves them open and a target to attack from satanic spirits. Although this person may receive the Holy Spirit at a later date, you may have an added problem with them later on, as they may need deliverance from evil spirits.

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service and those being baptized should be taught to receive the Holy Spirit when they come up

out of the water. We have seen many powerful Holy Spirit baptisms during water baptism services, with many of the candidates slain in the spirit for

hours and then having to be carried from the water to be laid out in other rooms.

**In the journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, the first part of their journey took fifty days.**

*And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete: Even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.*

Leviticus 23:15-16

This feast of Pentecost was kept fifty days after Passover; this feast was called the Feast of Firstfruits, or the Feast of Weeks. Pentecost is the New Testament name for this feast because Pentecost means fiftieth.

**Jesus died on the cross during the Feast of Passover.**

When Jesus rose from the dead, He continued on with the disciples for forty days.

*To whom also he showed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence.*

Acts 1:3-5

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**Exactly ten days later when the Jews in Jerusalem were literally keeping the feast of weeks or Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell on them in the upper room.**

After these forty days, Jesus told the disciples to wait in the upper room for the promise of the Holy Spirit. The disciples waited in the upper room for ten days. That made up the fifty days from when Jesus died on the cross. Acts tells us that when the day of Pentecost was fully come, or when the fifty days from Passover were accomplished, the Holy Spirit fell on them and they were all baptized in the Holy Spirit.

**It is not enough to be Baptized in Water -- there is another foundation to be laid in the Christians life; that of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit.**

*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth..*

*Acts 1:8*

It is noteworthy that Jesus would not allow the disciples to go into the world and preach the Gospel until they received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit (*Acts 1:4*).

**The pattern is clear: the disciples received the Holy Spirit and spoke in other tongues.**

Jesus spoke about this in John, chapter seven

*He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.).*

*John 7:38-39*

When a person receives the Holy Spirit a river will flow out of them as a river of Living Water. This is seen when they speak in other tongues which is evidence that the Holy Spirit has filled the person.

**This infilling of the Holy Spirit is not just a one time event, it must become a way of life.**

It is important to teach new Christians who have been baptized in water and in the Holy Spirit, that they must stay filled with the Spirit. The infilling of the Holy Spirit needs to become an ongoing occurrence. We see that the disciples were filled again with the Holy Spirit in Acts chapter 4:

*And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.*

*Acts 4:31*

Spending time in prayer and in the presence of the Lord is an essential part of being continually filled with the Spirit.

### ***Speaking in tongues***

When Paul the Apostle said I speak in tongues more than you all, he revealed how important this was to him.

*I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:*

*1 Corinthians 14:18*

**Why did the Apostle Paul speak in tongues so much? Why was this so important to him?**

*First, we need to understand the difference between speaking in tongues and the spiritual gift of Speaking in Tongues*

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spiritual gift of Speaking in Tongues. When Paul stated that he spoke in tongues more than all of them, he was not talking about the spiritual gift of tongues as listed in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12, where nine gifts of the Spirit are listed. He is talking about, what we call, devotional tongues, or praying in other tongues. We need to pray in the Spirit much for the reasons that follow:

*For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church*

*1 Corinthians 14:2, 4*

**First:** when we speak in tongues, we speak to God, and what we speak or pray is in the perfect will of God for us. This is quite profound because we are told that if we ask anything in accordance with the will of God, we will receive what we've asked for.

*And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing*

*according to his will, he heareth us; And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

*1 John 5:14-15*

When we are praying in other tongues we are praying in the perfect will of God. Many times we don't know how to pray for a given situation -- however, if we pray in tongues for that situation, we are praying the will of God and our prayer will be answered.

*Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.*

*Romans 8:26*

**It is noteworthy that the following verse reads:**

*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

*Romans 8:28*

**It is as we pray in the Spirit in other tongues, we pray in the will of God and all things work together for our good.**

**Second:** When we pray in other tongues we edify ourselves -- what does this mean?

*He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.*

*1 Corinthians 14:4*

The word edifieth is translated from the Greek word *oikodomeo*. This word literally means “to build a house” or to construct a building -- to enlarge.

He that speaketh in an unknown tongue builds a house. The question is; where is this house built? **It is built inside of you.**

*Ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2:5

*But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end.*

Hebrews 3:6

*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?*

1 Corinthians 3:16

**As you pray in tongues, the Holy Spirit is constructing something within you.**

Your capacity is enlarged and your spirit is enlarged becoming charged with the life of God. When the Apostle Peter walked down the street, his spirit was so enlarged, emanating life and virtue, anyone who walked through that emanation of life and power was healed. His spirit was so large -- so built up -- it extended way beyond his physical body. Of course this was not a physical shadow, it was Peter's aura.

*Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might*

*overshadow some of them.*

Acts 5:15

This internal enlargement occurs when one's spirit is filled with the Holy Spirit. This building up happens when one is speaking in tongues.

*Now for a recompense in the same, (I speak as unto my children,) be ye also enlarged.*

2 Corinthians 6:13

We all have the capacity to be enlarged within, and as your spirit

is enlarged the greater the flow of life flows from your spirit. Out of your innermost being will flow rivers of life. This enlarged capacity also enables you to experience the Lord at a much greater depth. That's why Paul said, I speak in tongues more than you all.

*And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.*

Luke 2:52

*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,*

Galatians 4:19

Your spirit is the temple of the Holy Spirit and your capacity to contain God in you must be enlarged.

*And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.*

Ephesians 3:19

Praying in the Spirit enlarges your capacity to receive from God and to comprehend God at a greater level,

*We all have the capacity to be enlarged within and your spirit is enlarged*

especially comprehending the Love of God, because that is who God is, Love.

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a foundation that must be laid in our lives if we are to reach the goal of the Promised Land. It is another step in our journey into the Kingdom of God.

- # We need the Baptism of the Holy Spirit
- # We need to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit
- # One is an event, the other is a way of life
- # Enlargement occurs as we pray in the Spirit

### ***The Baptism of Fire***

*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:*

Matthew 3:11

*And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.*

*And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.*

*And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:2-4

**The early church experienced both the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and a Baptism in Fire as one experience**

Generally speaking, the element of fire has been missing in the Pentecostal or Charismatic experience for many years. We need to ask, why is this?

Towards the end of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth century it was common for those who were baptized in the Holy Spirit to also experience a Baptism of Fire like the early church experienced. Why then has this experience been lost?

### ***The 1948 Move of God***

In 1948 Israel became a nation -- this was a major restoration for the Jewish people. God had said that the 'vine' representing the church would be restored along with the 'fig tree' representing the nation of Israel.

*He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away; the branches thereof are made white.*

Joel 1:7

**The Prophet Joel went on to say that God would restore both the fig tree and the vine**

*Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.*

Joel 2:22

Israel ceased to be a nation around 70 A.D. when the Roman Emperor Titus surrounded Jerusalem, eventually destroying the city. The Jewish people, devoid of a country,

were scattered across the face of the earth. However, God had said, "I will restore you back to your own land."

*Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;*

*I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;*

*Isaiah 43:5-6*

### **In 1948 Israel again became a Nation**

During the Dark Ages, the Church, (the vine) was laid waste. God said that He would restore the nation of Israel and the Church, and we have seen this parallel restoration over the years.

In 1948, Israel became a nation and the Church experienced a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit which became known as the 1948 move of God.

**During this time, a popular teaching swept through Charismatic circles that basically taught the way to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit was by faith.**

Now, there is truth in this because everything we receive from God is by faith. **However, it was only part of the truth.** Many in the holiness movements in the 19<sup>th</sup> century experienced sanctification as an experience that transformed them. They did not receive the Baptism

in the Holy Spirit, but they did experience something very powerful. To experience this work and the experience of sanctification, much preparation was needed. They spent time searching their lives before God, seeking to put right anything that would hinder the Holy Spirit in their lives.

They would put themselves on the altar of God, spiritually speaking, as an act of total and absolute surrender to the Lord. This was a process through which God dealt with them as they continued to surrender to God. There was a saying that when the last piece was laid on the altar, the fire would fall. This was alluding to the altar that Elijah built on Mt. Carmel, when he had placed the last piece of the animal on the altar, the fire fell.

*And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.*

*1 Kings 18:33*

*And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.*

*1 Kings 18:36*

*Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the*

*Many in the holiness movements in the 19<sup>th</sup> century experienced sanctification as an experience that transformed them*

*stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*

*1 Kings 18:38*

*This baptism of fire had brought about an experience of sanctification -- an experience that dealt with the nature of sin in their lives*

Many in the early holiness movements experienced a Baptism of Fire which they called an experience of sanctification. This was very powerful and life changing.

This baptism of fire had brought about an experience of sanctification -- an experience that dealt with the nature of sin in their lives -- the fire purging them, doing a great work within them preparing a place for the Holy Spirit to dwell in them.

### *The 1948 move of God*

The great move of God, often called the 1948 move of God, was primarily a great healing move of God. Power evangelism was demonstrated all over the world as God moved in great signs and wonders. The vine (the Church) was beginning to blossom and Israel became a nation.

### *The Charismatic move of God*

The Charismatic move of the late sixties and early seventies was also a great move of God, but again there was very little fire experienced with the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Again this, resulted in much carnality and mixture... the word sanctification

was rarely heard during this period. The lack of fire resulted in many continuing on with demonic problems not dealt with in their lives.

### **We have now come full circle**

The two experiences, the Baptism in the Holy Spirit and the Baptism of Fire, need to be combined and again become one powerful life changing experience.

### **In 2007 I had a series of interactive visions that emphasized the need of the Baptism of Fire.**

On July 1st 2007, I got up early in the morning and sat down to pray when suddenly without warning I was in another realm, that of spirit.

I found myself watching the Lord picking up sticks and wood. He placed the wood in a small pile, then started another pile. The Lord then looked at me and asked, "Will you help me?" A little startled, I said yes, and began picking up wood, placing it into piles on the ground.

The Lord looked at each pile of wood and then blew on each pile. As He did this, each pile burst into flames. The scene changed and I was high above America looking down with what seemed like a view you would get from an orbiting satellite. As I looked down I saw fires starting all over the country. Many of these fires joined together and became much bigger. One thing stood out; there was no smoke coming off

*The lack of fire resulted in many continuing on with demonic problems not being dealt with in their lives*

of the fires. I then began to see other nations where a similar thing was happening.

Again, I was down where the fires were burning and I turned to the Lord and asked, "What is happening?" At this level I could plainly see many people in the fires praising God. Then people began to emerge from the fire. They were glowing and their skin was smooth -- almost glass like -- with not a wrinkle anywhere. I remember thinking beauty salons could make a fortune with this. The Lord looked at me and smiled, hearing what I was thinking.

These people looked almost molten as they glowed with blue, white, and red hues.

I asked, "Lord, what is this?"

**He answered, "You are seeing what I am about to do next. I will purify my people with fire!"**

Then He said very emphatically: **I WILL DO IT!**

I then saw these people healing the sick. The Power of God was flowing through them unhindered as they were casting out demons and healing the people. I marvelled at the authority they had. Their words instantly manifested what they spoke.

The Lord spoke saying, "Tell the people they must give themselves to Me: you will not be changed unless in humility and sincerity you come to

Me and ask me to do it."

**At this point the scene changed again.**

I was in heaven looking at these very awesome creatures. They seemed fierce, yet benign.

They stood by the throne of God and above it. I asked, "Lord what are these?" The Lord said, "These are My Seraphim" -- they sounded like blow torches and were awesome, indescribable creatures.

The Lord then said, "Tell my people the Seraphim are coming. Just one in the midst of a church will start a revival.

They will burn out the darkness of sin along with the results of sin in their lives. I will baptize them with fire and then the world will see them burn with my love, justice and power."

### **The prophet Isaiah's experience**

The prophet Isaiah was a good man who lived in an age similar to ours in some ways. He did not know how much the ungodly environment he lived in had affected him. It took the fire to deal with his problem.

*Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD*

*The Lord spoke saying, "Tell the people they must give themselves to Me: you will not be changed unless in humility and sincerity you come to Me and ask Me to do it"*

*of hosts. Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: And he laid it upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged.*

*Isaiah 6:5*

The Hebrew word *Saraph* means burning.

**It's time to get the leaven out of Pentecost.**

*I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.*

*Matthew 3:11*

It is interesting that right after Jesus made this statement, he said this, in Matthew 3:13.

*Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.*

*Matthew 3:13*

It's as if the Lord ran these two statements together signifying that the two Baptisms need to be combined.

I believe that when Water Baptism is taught in a way that total surrender is required and that we must die to our own life, laying it down to utterly serve Jesus, that then, the fire will begin to fall as the new Christian is raised from the watery grave into a new person,

dead to the world and alive unto God.

There is coming a Baptism of Fire. It will be a part of what God is about to do. Prepare your hearts, the Seraphim are coming.

*When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.*

*Isaiah 4:4*

**Fire is not for cleansing of sin.**

Fire is for purging and refining; it deals with the consequences of sin in one's life, the pollution that sin has caused. It also deals with the demonic.

**What is needed is:**

**The Blood, the Cross and the Fire:**

- # Blood for cleansing
- # Cross for dying to self
- # Fire for purging

**The Fire deals with**

Soiled, emotions, hurts, polluted minds, bad memories, spirit strongholds, body pollution and hereditary problems.

**The three Hebrew children and the furnace.**

*Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace, and spake, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth of the midst of the*

*fire. And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was an hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them.*

*Daniel 3:26*

### **Shackles were burnt off**

It is of note that this event transpired at a time which was prophetic of the end times that we now live in. A time when the three Hebrew children would not bow to the image. This prophetically speaks of an end-time scenario spoken about in the Revelation chapter 13.

*And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.*

*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:*

*Revelation 13:15-16*

The Baptism of Fire will preserve a generation of Christians that will live through the greatest darkness the world has ever seen. (See Isaiah 60:2)

*And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

*Malachi 3:3*

The fire burns out hurts, fears, inferiorities, hereditary problems, sexual abuse, MPD, inherited sins of

the fathers and enemy strongholds in the minds of God's people.

**Again, on Sunday the 24th of June, I was caught up into an interactive vision:**

**While praying, the Lord came to me and said come follow me.**

I looked at the Lord and His face was resolute and focused. So, I followed him walking down a path until we came to an open gateway with a stone curved arch at the top. Creepers climbed all over the entrance and weeds were growing around the entrance way. The Lord walked through into a garden and I followed Him. The garden was overgrown and in a state of disrepair. It looked like it had been abandoned and there were overgrown pathways and hedges. There was a semblance of a garden, but it was in a bad condition. "Lord, where is this?" I asked. He replied, "this is my Body, my Church." When He said this, I felt His great love for the church and this garden. His face changed and became much softer and He said, "This is the outer court of where most Christian's dwell."

When He said this I became aware of the tri-part make up of man; body, soul and spirit.

He then motioned me to follow Him. Moving forward through the garden we entered into a room at the end of the garden.

This room was covered and quite dimly lit. I was aware of a candlestick

on my left and a table opposite it with bread on it. I realized that I was in the Holy Place of the tabernacle which Moses had built in the wilderness. There was very little light in this palace and a lot of smoke. Then, I saw many other things which were hard to identify. The room was very smoky and the candlestick was giving off what seemed to be things that represented Holy and unholy things causing a pungent smell, a mixture of pure and impure.

**This was the area of the soul; mind, emotions and will**

Bad thoughts, unclean thoughts, good thoughts, good feelings and bad. Conflicts of anger and love flowed together creating a mixture that was repelling. The light was very dim.

**The Lord spoke that this is the soul of most Christians**

At the end of the room, I noticed for the first time an altar with a lot of smoke coming out of it along with a very small white vapor which had a nice smell. I realized that this was the Altar of Incense. There was very little incense represented by the white vapor, however, there was a lot of darker smoke.

I turned to the Lord and asked, "What is this smoke?" The Lord looked at me and said,

**"THESE ARE SELFISH PRAYERS THAT DO NOT ORIGINATE IN ME."**

**By this time I was beginning to think and feel that the situation in the Church and Christians is hopeless and in quite a mess.**

I said, "Lord, I thought we were doing well!" He replied, "There is much in the Church that is good, but I must do a much deeper work of cleansing." With that, the Lord threw some incense on the altar and a great white vapor ascended, lighting up the whole place. Suddenly, a veil parted behind the Altar of Incense.

**We moved through the veil into another room which was much smaller and I had a very distinct awareness, or feeling, that this room was rarely visited.**

Jesus stood at the end of the room, looked at me, and He changed into the Ark of the Covenant and then, back. This happened three times. I became aware of how Jesus, the Ark, dwells within our spirit in the secret place of the Most High.

This room was dim, but not as dim as the other two areas.

Suddenly, light began emanating from the Lord until the room was filled with light -- very bright and full of energy. I began to feel, or be aware of a feeling, that I was standing in eternity; time ceased, galaxies floated by, and ages -- past, present and future -- were all one. The throne of God was at the center of everything. Nothing was impossible. I became acutely aware that the

potential in this place was enormous, but was not being utilized. It is hard to describe the feelings I had at this time. The past flowed into the present and into the future, and Love was the major emotion of everything in creation. Understanding flowed easily and insight was everywhere. Purpose and destiny were clear as crystal and everything made sense. I became aware and understood God's purposes for man in the far distant ages... it was unbelievable and mind blowing! I fell to my knees, overwhelmed by it all.

**I then heard, "I have put eternity into the heart of man -- it is time to dwell in the secret place of the Most High."**

I turned and looked back from where I had come.

Light was flowing into the Holy Place and on into the Outer Court. As it did, a great transformation occurred. As I became aware again of man as a tri-part being of body, soul and spirit, light was flowing out from the holiest of all (man's spirit), into the holy place (man's soul), purifying and cleansing the mind, emotions and will of man.

**The Lord said, "My new creation, man, is about to be cleansed and made ready."**

I asked, "Lord why are you showing me this?"

He replied, "This is the state of my church at the moment, but I am about to change it."

"HOW LORD?", I asked. I heard something above me and looking up I saw water flowing down one side, and blood flowing down the other; and in the middle, fire was falling. This occurred through all of the three areas; washing and renewing. The transformation was amazing!

**I believe that what I saw was what is about to occur in the Church to those who are seeking all that God has for them. This next move of God will include the fire of God that will transform people into a flaming fire.**

Just as Jesus was transfigured, even so, the church will undergo a transfiguration experience where the light flowing from one's spirit will affect the whole being of man, transforming and renewing. The Bride will be made ready without spot or any blemish.

*And of the angels he saith, Who maketh his angels spirits, and his ministers a flame of fire.*

*Hebrews 1:7*

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# The Fourth Foundation

## Laying on of Hands

*Therefore leaving, the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.*

*Hebrews 6:1 -3*

**The foundation of Laying on of Hands is another important foundation**

We are called to be an extension of Jesus in this physical world. We have a mandate to bring a Living Christ to a dying world. The teaching and reality of Laying on of hands is part of this mandate. We are to become an extension of the hands of Jesus in this world.

### *The Great Mystery*

*Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,*

*Romans 16:25*

*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; Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made*

*manifest to his saints:*

*To whom God would*

*make known what*

*is the riches of the*

*glory of this mystery*

*among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you,*

*the hope of glory:*

*Colotions 1:25*

*We are called to be an extension of Jesus in this physical world*

**This mystery hid throughout the ages which Paul is talking about here is the Mystery of “Christ in us which is the hope of Glory”**

What does this mean? In the Old Testament era God was external to His people. The prophets knew and experienced an external anointing but they had no understanding of the mystery of Christ in us.

### *The Hope of Glory*

The word hope here is the Greek word *elpis* Which has the meaning of “the expectation of something good”.

The word Glory in this verse is the Greek word *Doxa* .

The meaning of this word is somewhat difficult to describe, however, it has the meaning of, “the true reality of a person’s character on display”. Then from that meaning comes appearance of a person that attracts attention or commands recognition. The glory or shining appearance of the person, the

more glory you manifest the more light you emanate.

**When Moses asked the Lord to show him His glory God said this. I will make all my goodness to pass before you**

*And he said, I beseech thee, show me thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee,*

*Exodus 33:19*

The Glory of God and the goodness of God are one and the same. What makes God so glorious is His goodness. The more goodness you manifest the more glory you manifest.

### ***The Secret made Known***

Christ in us is the only hope of this world, the only way the goodness of God will be seen in this earth is through Christ in us.

There was an incident in the New Testament where a group of Greeks came to Philip and said we want to see Jesus. The reply that Jesus gave was seemingly baffling.

*And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. (This request was a reasonable one but Jesus gave a reply that was seemingly unexplainable). And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the*

*ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

*John 12:20-24*

Jesus said the time has come for me to be glorified. Unless a corn of wheat fall into the ground a dies it abides alone but if it dies it brings forth much fruit.

**Jesus was saying I am about to die but like a seed is planted I will rise again and from this seed will come many just like me, and then these Greek people will see me in my disciples.**

Jesus had said if you have seen me you have seen the father (*John 14:8-9*).

**Now He is saying when you see my disciples you will see me.**

**Christ in you is the only hope of this generation of seeing Jesus.**

**The revelation of this mystery is of great import in gathering the end-time harvest.**

### ***Becoming the Hands of Jesus***

The Bible gives us a number of examples for the purpose of laying on of hands.

- # To commission
- # To impart Blessings
- # To heal the sick
- # To receive the Holy Spirit

**To commission.**

We all have come to this earth with a

destiny a purpose a calling, knowing what that calling or purpose is critical to being able to fulfill it. It is never Gods intent that we should blunder through life without knowing the reason for being here. We all need to know what we are supposed to be doing and then we need the necessary equipment in order to fulfill that calling or purpose.

*Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.*

1 Timothy 4:14

*Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

2 Timothy 1:6-9

Paul here is saying that before this world was created God had given you a holy calling to fulfill in this earth. Paul is writing to Timothy and admonishing him regarding a gift he received by the Laying on of hands. Through the Laying on of hands and the prophetic word Timothy was commissioned into His calling. The prophetic word was the word of Jesus to him and the Laying on of hands imparted a specific gift to enable him

to do it. Impartation and direction is necessary, these are our marching orders.

**This is foundational for all of God's soldiers, it's a foundation and it's for ALL of His children.**

*Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. For*

*God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God; Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,*

2 Timothy 1:6-9

Until you know what you are supposed to do you cannot proceed further into the Kingdom. Many Christians continue on aimlessly in the Christian life without knowing why they are here. This often leads to a sense of worthlessness and frustration.

*Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and*

*teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they*

*We all have come to this earth with a destiny a purpose, a calling, knowing what that calling or purpose is critical to being able to fulfil it*

*Impartation and direction is necessary, these are our marching orders*

*ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

*So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.*

Acts 13:1-4

This commissioning is vital to our succeeding in our calling. You need to be in a fellowship or church that is open to and provides the ministry of laying on of hands with prophecy. This also may occur in conferences that you attend.

**The life and ministry of Jesus is extended in this earth through the laying on of hands. Christ lives and walks again in this earth through His people.**

**A word of caution.**

While this foundation needs to be laid in our lives, we need to be careful regarding who lays hands on us. Laying on of hands has to do with impartation. Commissioning needs to be done through those who are called into the 5 fold ministry and who are living Godly lives and are known for their integrity and purity of heart.

*Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.*

1 Timothy 5:22

This verse of scripture is a warning; Paul is telling Timothy to be careful who he lays hands on. Laying on of hands enables a spiritual connection and if the person you are laying hands on has demonic problems you will connect with those demons, possibly receiving backlash. The word partaker here means "to share with" it has the thought, "to become one with". We need to make sure that our faith levels and walk with the Lord is greater than those who we minister to in situations like this.

### ***The Call and the Commission***

**Between the call and the commission there is a preparation period.**

Many Christians may know their calling or at least have some inkling regarding their call. But we need to understand that between the call and the commissioning there is a preparation and qualifying period one must go through.

*Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

2 Peter 1:10

**What things.**

*And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall] neither be barren nor unfruitful in the*

*knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*2 Peter 1:5-8*

There is always a preparation between the call and the commissioning into the call.

**You have to be diligent be serious about your call and prepare for it.**

The Apostle Peter gives us some qualities that need to be established in us in order to make our calling sure.

#### VIRTUE

Moral and spiritual purity

#### KNOWLEDGE

Knowledge of the word and ways of God

#### TEMPERANCE

Self control

#### PATIENCE

Learning to wait

#### GODLINESS

God like character

#### KINDNESS

Good deeds unselfish generous

#### LOVE

**Joseph was called by God in a dream.**

The mistake Joseph made was that he told his brothers about it. His brothers could not handle it. After all Joseph was the youngest in the family. I once

had a brother come to me and said “I have been called to raise the dead” I knew this brother was very immature. The problem was he told everyone in the church. This brother said will you mentor me an open some doors for ministry for me. I knew his call could well be correct but he had a long way to go in developing humility and a God like character. I said “OK you can start next week”, he was exited and said “what do I do”. I said “well for the next twelve months you can come in every weekend and clean the toilets”. But he said “I am called to raise the dead”. He could not handle twelve months cleaning toilets.

*But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.*

*Mark 10:43-44*

In the medical profession doctors go through years of training and before they are let loose on the unsuspecting public, they have to practice first on dead bodies. Graduating from Bible College does not qualify you to be commissioned.

**Joseph had to be proven.**

He had a word from God regarding his calling but he was unproven. Joseph went through a few years of hard dealings of God until he qualified.

*He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD*

*tried him. The king sent and loosed him; even the ruler of the people, and let him go free. He made him lord of his house, and ruler of all his substance:*

*Psalm 105:17-21*

Finally, the word that Joseph was given in the dream many years before was about to be realized.

It is not gifts that qualify you it is character; godliness has to be formed within you. This does not have to take

*It is not gifts that qualify you, it is character; godliness has to be formed within you*

a long time but it has to be done.

The quicker we surrender and learn to obey God

the quicker the work will be done.

**Gifts were imparted to Timothy through the Laying on of hands and commissioning.**

### *Recognizing the call*

How do you recognize your call and purpose for being on this earth?

God seeks to alert you to the call

on your life by drawing you. God loved Jeremiah before he was born into this world and had a call a

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purpose for him in this earth.

*The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee.*

*Jeremiah 31:3*

**That drawing can take many forms.**

**With Moses.**

*And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren.*

*Exodus 2:11*

# He saw their afflictions

# He had compassion

# The desire to do something about it was kindled

God was drawing Moses even though he had a long way to go before he would walk in His calling.

**What makes you come alive?**

There are certain things in life that make you come alive, things that trigger a feeling. With Moses when he saw certain things that moved him with compassion. You may be reading a book or watching a movie and a trigger is released. You may start to cry or just become alive or be overwhelmed with a feeling you may find hard to define. Something triggers eternity in your heart; it triggers something you knew before you came to this earth. God is drawing you and your spirit reacts to it.

**Isaiah** was so moved when he heard God say “who will go for Me” he volunteered and God said you can go. Isaiah heard the heartbeat of God.

*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?*

*Then said I, Here am I; send me.*

*Isaiah 6:8*

**Joseph's trigger was a dream.**

I understood my call when I was in a Billy Graham crusade in Britain at the age of twelve. I was not as yet born again, but I was moved upon by what I saw and knew that I should be doing what that man was doing. It was not until I was 29 years of age that I entered full time ministry.

**Relatively speaking not a lot of Christians are called to the fivefold ministry, but you have a calling, a purpose which you need to understand and eventually be commissioned into by the laying on of hands and prophecy.**

We enter the Kingdom by being born again.

We proceed into the Kingdom through water baptism.

We continue with the baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire.

We are commissioned to function in our calling through the laying on of hands and prophecy.

### ***Three aspect of Laying on of Hands***

# To Impart Blessings

# To Heal the Sick

# To Impart the Holy Spirit

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

*Hebrews 6:1 -2*

***We have power hidden in our mouth and in our hands***

### ***To Impart Blessings***

It is important to understand that through the laying on of hands an impartation can occur. Through the contact of hands and the spoken words transfer can occur between two people. Human beings have a unique ability to bless or curse. The reason for this firstly it is God given and secondly our spirit has abilities that our natural human body does not have. Words have power and a physical connection can strengthen those words.

*His brightness was like the light; He had rays flashing from His hand, And there His power was hidden.*

*NKJ - Habakkuk 3:4*

*The brightness was like the sun; rays came forth from his hand, where his power lay hidden.*

*NRSV - Habakkuk 3:4*

We are made in the image and likenesses of God, we have hands, ears and a mouth like God; we also have those spiritual qualities which God has. We do not have the same level of authority that God has, but we do

*Transferring a blessing from one to another is a practice well established in scripture*

have a limited version of His abilities. The animal kingdom does not have these abilities, we humans do. We have power hidden in our mouth and in our hands.

### **We are called to bless.**

*Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.*

*Romans 12:14*

*Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing, knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.*

*1 Peter 3:9*

### **If you want the blessing of God then genuinely bless others.**

Through the word we see that one purpose of laying on of hands was to confer a blessing or an inheritance,

*God has so designed it that we cannot receive from Him unless we have the same heart as He has in lavishly giving to His children*

*And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward*

*Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day, The Angel which*

*redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.*

*Genesis 48:13-16*

Transferring a blessing from one to another is a practice well established in scripture. A spiritual inheritance could be transferred from one to another, as a mantle can be transferred from one ministry to another, especially when that person who holds the mantle is about to die and be taken home. We have to be careful what we transfer and what we receive.

### **We are called to seek the highest good for all, for both friends and enemies.**

We must constantly bless in both word and deed. A lifestyle of generosity should be second nature to us. God has so designed it that we cannot receive from Him unless we have the same heart as He has in lavishly giving to His children. To be blessed we must bless.

### **The way to keep God's supply happening in your life is to constantly give away.**

I like the analogy of the hose pipe; you cannot have water flowing through the hose unless it is flowing out the other end. This is the circle of supply, if you stop the outflow you stop the inflow. A constant supply requires a constant outflow, bless and you will be blessed.

**We are to bless and not to judge.**

*Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.*

*Luke 6:37-38*

Notice Jesus put these two verses together; He talks about giving and it shall be given to you, the law of sowing and reaping, but He also said don't judge and you won't be judged. We are not called to judge, we are called to bless. We are not clever enough to judge anyone. God looks at the intent of the heart we look at the outward act. We are called to bless, to be kind, to be forgiving, and to encourage. Some things are God's business and we should leave those things to Him.

**Practical guideline to blessing others.**

There are ways to touch people and bless them that are not obtrusive. The shaking of hands is a way to bless people either by speaking silently from the heart and by speaking goodness to them. You can hug a person and bless them either vocally or from your heart. When you hug your friend bless them. When you put a hand on a person's shoulder bless them. Do not place your hands on a person's head; the head is very

sensitive to spiritual influence, as a rule of thumb it is best not to lay hands on a person's head unless they are being commissioned.

**Witchcraft or Godly blessings.**

The basis of witchcraft is that of control of one person over

another. One can seek to exercise this control through prayers or by using words that intimidate a person. Asking God to make a person take a certain course or praying in such a way that seeks to control another person's will is witchcraft. You can pray that a person will find the perfect will of God and walk in it, but you must not seek to cause a person to walk in a way that you think they should. I have come across Christians who are simply control freaks and to be honest they are dabbling in witchcraft. Seek always to bless.

*If you stop the outflow you stop the inflow*

*Asking God to make a person take a certain course or praying in such a way that seeks to control another person's will is witchcraft*

*And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.*

*Mark 10:16*

**Bless those who curse you.**

*But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on*

*the just and on the unjust.*

*Matthew 5:44-45*

## ***Healing the sick***

*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.*

*Mark 16:18*

*After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.*

*Mark 8:25*

We are all called to heal the sick, we all do not have a ministry of healing the sick but we all can lay hands on the sick and pray for their healing.

## **Healing the sick is a major harvest tool.**

One of the major aspects of the coming harvest will be healing the sick, we must all learn to heal the sick.

Not all are called to the ministry gift of an evangelist,

but all are called to heal the sick. I recommend that you all read and

study the book "Healing The Sick" by TL Osborn. <sup>4</sup>

You all need an understanding of God's will to heal the sick

## **Transferring Virtue.**

Laying on of hands provides a point of contact for power or healing virtue to pass from one person to another.

This often is felt as a mild sensation of burning in ones hands. At other times you may feel a tingling in the hands as power passes from you to the sick person, at other times you may feel nothing yet the other person is healed.

*And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes?*

*Mark 5:30*

*And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.*

*Mark 5:34*

The word virtue here is the Greek word dunamis which is the Greek word for power. Jesus felt power leave Him and asked who touched Him. It was through a physical connection that power was released.

## **Jesus is the healer.**

It is important to get the person who needs healing to understand that Jesus is the healer. You must also understand this; it is not you who heals, it is Jesus in you. If the person who needs healing looks to you for healing you will have a short circuit in the power. There is a healing move of God's Spirit coming that will eclipse all that has gone before. Prepare for this by studying healing the sick, build your faith in this, practice praying for the sick; you will be surprised how that the Lord will honour your obedience.

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**Reality the need of the hour.**

Many young people can get more reality out of a video game than what the church can give them. Millions are hooked on video games because that is all the reality they have in a confusing world of rhetoric, reality shows, and double standards.

Karl Marx said that religion is the opiate of the masses; this to a degree is true. Religion without reality is like hope that slowly diminishes into a lethargy and mindless acceptance, a deception that this generation is not buying into.

Signs, wonders, miracles and healings tend to get people's attention. We desperately need continuous manifestation of the supernatural in the church today, and there is no doubt that signs and wonders are a vital evangelistic tool. The Book of Acts clearly shows the need for miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit, and Jesus himself commanded His disciples to heal the sick.

*And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.*

*Matthew 10:7-8*

***To Impart the Holy Spirit***

*And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

*Acts 19:1-6*

We see in this passage of scripture how that the Apostle Paul laid hands on these people to receive the Holy Spirit. Again we see the process of impartation, this time an impartation of the Holy Spirit. I have seen thousands of Christians receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands. We need to begin to move in this impartation as we see the harvest beginning to come in.

*It was through a physical connection that power was released*

# Notes

# The Fifth Foundation

## The Resurrection of the Dead

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

Hebrews 6:1-2

Because Jesus lives, we will continue to live also. In God's kingdom, there is no death and we walk in resurrection life now while still on this earth, and in the ages to come.

*This foundation truth is an undeniable authentication of who Jesus is. If we do not have an unshakable belief in the resurrection, all other foundations will crumble*

**This foundation – belief in the resurrection, is fundamental to our being able to continue on into the Kingdom.**

*But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept (or have died)*

1 Corinthians 15:20

This foundation truth is an undeniable authentication of who Jesus is. If we do not have an unshakable belief in the resurrection, all other foundations will crumble.

**Jesus became the first to experience resurrection.**

*But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*

1 Corinthians 15:13-17

Then those who are the Lord's will experience the same. We need to understand that those Christians who have died through the ages are in heaven, they are spirits or spirit beings. There is coming a day when their spirit will be clothed in an immortal body and full salvation will be completed ushering in a new age of unimaginable wonder, purpose, and adventure beyond our wildest dreams.

### *Validation of the resurrection*

**Belief in the resurrection is not an option, it is fundamental to life in the Kingdom.**

When Jesus died on the cross, an unusual event took place in Jerusalem.

*Have you ever wondered why in the Old Testament the patriarchs and others were concerned about being buried in certain places when they died?*

*Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost. And, behold, the veil of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake, and the rocks rent; And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.*

*Matthew 27:50-53*

**The inhabitants of Jerusalem were eye witnesses to this event.**

Have you ever wondered why in the Old Testament the patriarchs and others were concerned about being buried in certain places when they died? Joseph insisted on his bones being carried up into the Promised Land. Abraham had the same compulsion about his burial place.

**In Hebrews 12:22, this request of Joseph was considered a great act of faith. Why?**

They prophetically saw something coming; they had an understanding that it was important to be buried close to the city, which later would be known as Jerusalem.

*Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.*

*John 8:56*

Abraham saw a day coming when Jesus would be in the earth through His incarnation and resurrection,

**and he positioned himself to be a part of that day.**

As Abraham, Joseph and many others experienced resurrection, they became an unshakable testimony to the resurrection of Jesus.

They saw something coming and positioned themselves to be part of it

Jesus said of Abraham that he rejoiced to see My day, the day when Jesus would be on this earth. He saw it prophetically and he positioned himself to be a part of this great event by insisting that they be buried close to Jerusalem. These saints were forerunners, the first fruits of that which awaits all born again Christians.

*For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

*1 Corinthians 15:25-26*

**To survive the perilous times that lay ahead of us, we have to be completely free from the fear of death.**

Death needs to be seen as a promotion, a transition. Just as a caterpillar through death emerges as a butterfly and is free, so we must view death the same way.

*Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them*

*who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.*

*Hebrews 2:14-15*

**The fear of death is a bondage that we must be free from.**

It is the hope of resurrection that will stabilise us in the days that lie ahead. Fear is one of the Christian's greatest influences and we as Christians have to overcome it. Fear of failure, fear of death, fear of what people think of us, fear is a strong bondage. This fear of death is a major stronghold that we have to defeat.

*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

*Philippians 1:21*

*For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.*

*Romans 14:8-9*

***An unshakable belief in the resurrection is a major foundation***

This must not just be a something we believe, it must become a cornerstone that affects our whole lives. It must become the one thing that affects our conduct, our thinking and our motives. We must see our lives on this earth as a training school, a course to graduate from, if necessary, through death.

During my life as a minister of the gospel, I have married hundreds

of couples. I have dedicated their children and I have buried many hundreds also. I have held tiny babies in my hands as they died. I have seen the procession of birth life and death and have been forced to contemplate the meaning of it all. King Solomon also contemplated this circle of life when he wrote the following:

*What profit hath a man of all his labour which he taketh under the sun? One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he arose. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it whirleth about continually, and the wind returneth again according to his circuits. All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from whence the rivers come, thither they return again.*

*Ecclesiastes 1:3-7*

Solomon was reflecting on the circle of life and its meaning when finally he wrote this under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

*I have seen the travail, which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised in it. He hath made every thing beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.*

*Ecclesiastes 3:10-11*

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The word *world* in this verse is the Hebrew word *owlam*, which has the meaning of eternity. God has set eternity in our hearts in other words, we will live forever. Resurrection is a transition from one state of existence to another greater state. As Solomon said:

**He hath made everything beautiful in its time.**

This life on earth is a training ground, a schoolhouse in which we graduate to another existence which is described as beautiful. In this circle of life, God will make everything beautiful in its time, and the place we have in that world is determined by how much we have learnt to love in this world, it's that simple.

### ***All things new***

*And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

*Revelation 21:3-5*

*He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

*Revelation 21:7*

Around six thousand years has passed

since the creation of Adam. As King Solomon said, during this time thousands of generations that have come and gone, the earth remains and it seems that life goes on forever. However, God said this earth as we know it shall not continue forever. God said, "I make all things new." We are on the brink of a new age and a new world. A thousand years of peace, prosperity, justice, and righteousness is just around the corner.

*And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ.*

*Revelation 20:1-4*

**This world is racing to a final climax where evil will be removed and a new age will be established.**

We are privileged to be alive and to participate in bringing evil to an end and ushering in a new world. For many this will cost them their lives as martyrdom will increase in

these final years. Those who have no fear of death because of the hope of resurrection will experience glory in death as the butterfly emerges into a new and glorious existence. Others will continue on to the end and see this age expire giving birth to a new world and a new day.

*And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

*Revelation 11:15*

**To those who know the Lord and do not fear death will do great exploits in the few years we have left.**

*... but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.*

*Daniel 11:32b*

**This foundational truth has to become a reality in our lives; transforming our mind, removing our fears, and setting us free to serve the Lord in this final hour of human history.**

### *The Gift of Life*

Jesus said that He was life; it's not that He has life, He is life.

*Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

*John 14:6*

If Jesus ceased to exist, all life would cease to exist. There are two things that the Bible tells us about God that are fundamental to everything else.

God is love and God is light. Both of these qualities are bound together as one. One is the result of the other. God is love, that is who He is, and because He is love, He emanates light. Light is the energy of love. The bible tells us that in Jesus dwells the fullness of the Godhead.

*For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.*

*Colossians 2:9*

*Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:*

*And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.*

*Colossians 1:15-17*

The word consist in verse 17 is the Greek word *sunistao*. This word has the meaning of "held together and sustained by". In other words, Jesus holds everything together, without

Him nothing could exist. Jesus is the power source of the universe; millions of galaxies are powered by Him as well as your tiny heart beat. Jesus is the gift of life to us. The wonder of life can never be adequately explained outside of Jesus. We have this incredible gift, yet most do not come anywhere near to appreciating it.

*The wonder of life can never be adequately explained outside of Jesus*

## Existing but not living

Most of us don't really live life as God intended it to be lived, we just exist. Jesus is life, the very essence of the life which is all around us but most never see that life as Jesus. Since

*When we begin to see the Lord in all things, only then can we appreciate and relate to all of life*

the fall of Adam life has not been fully appreciated.

Adam did not just have a relationship with God; he had a relationship with the whole of the world in which he lived. This included the animal creation as well as the creation which includes trees and plants etc, Adam saw God in everything. The stones at the bottom of the river vibrated with the Life of God. The trees reflected aspects of the Lord as they pulsated with life. He, the Lord, is in all things and by Him all things continue to exist. Most

*God has given us all things to enjoy*

walk through life and never truly live and enjoy it.

When we begin to see the Lord in all things, only then can we appreciate and relate to all of life. Adam had a relationship with the animals in Eden.

God has given us all things to enjoy, like a sunset, the clouds, the rivers, the soft skin of a baby, and the animal kingdom. We live lives that

*We are made in the image and likeness of God; this sets us apart from the rest of creation*

mostly exclude some of the most important things; we are so busy we

never stop to smell the roses. When Joshua along with the people of God made a covenant, he said that stone

had heard and by implication would remember this covenant they made.

*And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us; it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.*

*Joshua 24:27*

Stones are alive with the life of God, the elements and particles at the atomic level are alive and can record words. If you don't believe the word of God take another look at your thumb drive or stick, it is solid but records words and pictures. Sound is just a vibration and Jesus said this:

*And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.*

*Luke 19:40*

## The whole of creation is alive with the life of God

The gift of life is given to all to enjoy. However, we as Christians have the right and ability to access the life of God in us in a way that the rest of creation can not.

## You are God's Special Creation

We are made in the image and likeness of God; this sets us apart from the rest of creation. God wants us to be alive with His life. God was there when you breathed your first breath, the breath of life. The very breath of God brought life to you and has sustained you to this day; however, he wants us

to walk in the fullness of His life.

*For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them*

NRSV - Psalms 139:13-17

*In him was life; and the life was the light of men.*

John 1:4

### **Resurrection life is within us**

While we believe in the resurrection of the dead we need to believe that the same resurrection life power is at work within us and will come to its fullness in this generation. God longs for you to be truly alive. Satan has come to steal life, Jesus came to give life.

*For as the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even so the Son quickeneth whom he will.*

John 5:21

*For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;*

John 5:26

### **Made alive with the life of another**

*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.*

Romans 8:11

The word quicken in this verse is the Greek word *zoopoieo* which has the meaning

of to make alive with the life of another. Jesus lives within us and He is the resurrection and the life. This verse of scripture tells us that Jesus can quicken our mortal or Physical Body while we are still here on this earth before the literal resurrection of the dead.

### **Living in resurrection life now**

Methuselah lived for almost one thousand years, kept alive by the life of God in him. Enoch understood this principle well, as Enoch's relationship with God kept the life of God flowing in him to such a degree that he could not physically die. This resulted in him being translated to heaven. Enoch believed that this was possible and so it was for him.

*By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.*

Hebrews 11:5

*God longs for you to be truly alive*

*This verse of scripture tells us that that Jesus can quicken our mortal or Physical Body while we are still here on this earth before the literal resurrection of the dead*

### **An Interactive vision**

I will try to explain what I call interactive visions. This happens to me usually when I am in prayer or waiting on God. I feel a sense of God's presence drawing me and if I yield to this drawing I find myself quickly in another dimension, that of spirit. In this realm my outward surroundings begin to fade as I get caught up in this realm of the Kingdom. At any time I can pull myself out of this, but sometimes while in this realm I find that I cannot absorb everything as quickly as I would like to and I pull myself out and record what I have seen and heard. Most often when this happens, the next day when in prayer I am caught into that realm again and continue on where it left off.

On July 30th, 2010 I had such an experience which I will relate to you. This vision had to do with the rise of the morning star.

### **The morning star has both historical and biblical roots**

The Morning Star or the Day Star which it is sometimes called is the name given to the planet Venus which appears in the East in early morning. It is the star that rises just before daybreak and is very brilliant.

John Wycliffe (1324 - 1384) was an English theologian, lay preacher, translator, reformist and university teacher who was known as an early

dissident in the Roman Catholic Church during the 14th century. His followers are known as Lollards, a movement which preached anti-clerical and biblically centered reforms. He is considered the founder of the Lollards movement, a pioneer of the Protestant Reformation. For this reason he is sometimes called "The Morning Star" of the Reformation.

Wycliffe was also an early advocate for translation of the Bible into the common tongue. He completed his translation directly from the Latin Vulgate into vernacular English in the year 1382.

**On 30th July, 2010** I had an interactive vision in which I saw an ornate chest. Then I saw the Lord open the chest and take out an instrument which I realized was a sextant. (A sextant is an instrument that is used to plot a position at sea.) As I watched, the Lord took a bearing from the horizon to a star low on the horizon. I knew the star He took the bearing from was Venus, the morning star, or the day star. I noticed the arc on the sextant was divided into 14 segments.

The Lord looked at me said, *"The time spoken of in the Word regarding the Morning Star is beginning now. The Morning Star will arise over the next 14 years becoming brighter and brighter. I will arise in my people like never before and at evening time it will be light."* (I looked up this last phrase and found it in Zechariah chapter 14)

*But it shall be one day which shall be known*

to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

*Zechariah 14:7*

The Lord continued, “*Transfiguration will begin to start in many of my people and they will truly become the light of this world*”.

*Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.*

*Matthew 5:14*

There are a number of references to the Morning Star or the Day Star in the scriptures:

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

*2 Peter 1:19*

This speaks of a day when the morning star will start to arise in the hearts of Gods people .

*For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honour and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount. We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:*

*2 Peter 1:16-19*

The Apostle Peter said that they had not followed some quirky prophecy when they made known the power and coming of the Lord, but were eye witnesses to it.

### **What was Peter an eye witness of?**

He was an eye witness when the voice from heaven said this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased. He said I heard this voice from heaven when we were on the mount.

*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.*

*Matthew 17:1-3*

### **They were on the Mount of Transfiguration**

*While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.*

*Matthew 17:5*

### **This was what Peter was talking about in 2 Peter 1:17**

Peter was saying there is coming a day when the Morning Star will arise within many of God's people in ever increasing measures until transfiguration takes place. Peter said this is a sure word of prophecy.

**Now notice this takes place at the end of the sixth day**

*And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.*

*Matthew 17:1-2*

**We are now living at the end of the sixth day 6000 years from Adam**

**Peter later said this:**

*But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.*

*2 Peter 3:8*

He was talking about this day, our day. We are now living in the day of this prophecy. This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Now notice Jesus said this:**

*And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen again from the dead.*

*Matthew 17:9*

**Why did Jesus say this?** First, what

happened to Jesus when He was transfigured? What took place within Him? Something happened on the inside first. Something on the inside reached critical mass, as this happened light inside Him began to increase like a slow explosion, His skin began to shine, His clothes began to shine and transformation occurred. **The Day Star had risen within Him.** Jesus would never be the same; resurrection life reached its fullness within Him. The last enemy to be overcome while we are still on this earth is death.

*The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

*1 Corinthians 15:26*

God will have a generation that will overcome death, a generation that will walk in resurrection power while still in the flesh on this earth. Jesus said don't tell anyone about this UNTIL I am raised from the dead. Why did Jesus say this? Jesus was saying that when He is raised from the dead some would understand the meaning of transfiguration.

The body of Jesus did not decay in the tomb. There was so much life in His body decay could not set in. Even when His spirit left His body his body did not decay.

**The Morning Star will begin to arise within His people until critical mass occurs, until life and light in its fullness will explode, transforming and transfiguring His people. In the darkest hour of this Planet, it will be**

*God will have a generation that will overcome death*

*The body of Jesus did not decay in the tomb*

*Jesus will first come in His People before He comes for them*

**light.**

*But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.*

*Zechariah 14:7*

Jesus will first come in His People before He comes for them. This power and coming which Peter is talking about is Jesus coming or arising within His people. The son of righteousness will arise within us.

*But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.*

*Malachi 4:2-3*

The sun of righteousness will start to arise in His people, HEALING them of every weakness, and sickness, every hereditary weakness, and ancestral weaknesses, there will be not one feeble person among them. This is not at the rapture; it will take place before the rapture. This is for those who will press in to the Lord with all their heart; those who will walk in the light in righteousness and truth. These are those people who have become love.

**Malachi goes on to say this:**

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the*

*heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.*

*Malachi 4:5-6*

The Prophet Malachi saw down through the ages to the transfiguration of Jesus and also where Moses and Elijah would appear on the mount, he then saw further down to the end time church, and he went on to say this:

*Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: behold, he shall come, saith the LORD of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.*

*Malachi 3:1-3*

The Lord will suddenly come to His people, transforming and transfiguring them with healing in His wings.

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I*

*The sun of righteousness will start to arise in His people, HEALING them of every weakness, and sickness*

*The Prophet Malachi saw down through the ages to the transfiguration of Jesus*

*come and smite the earth with a curse.*

*Malachi 4:5-6*

### ***The Morning Star is beginning to rise***

*But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. And I will give him the morning star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.*

*Revelation 2:25-29*

*I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*

*Revelation 22:16-17*

**The invitation to this generation is to experience the bright and morning star rising within them**

**Back to the vision:** The Lord took a very careful measurement first on the horizon then on the star Venus. He read of the numbers or segments on the arc of the sextant looked at me and said,

*"The time spoken of in the word regarding the morning star is beginning now. The morning star will arise over the next 14 years becoming brighter and brighter. I will arise in my people like never before and at evening time it will be light."*

*Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.*

*Isaiah 60:1-3*

# The Sixth Foundation

## Eternal Judgment

*Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.*

Hebrews 6:1-2

**This is the last foundation listed in Hebrews Chapter 12.**

*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.*

NIV - 2 Corinthians 5:10

One may wonder why eternal Judgment is a foundation on which we are to build our Christian life and walk with God. This foundation or truth is there in order to keep us on a straight course; it is there to anchor us into a solid awareness of eternal values. Without an understanding of this foundation we will tend to live lives that do not reflect the reality of eternity. Eternity is where we will spend the rest of our lives after the probation we are now serving on this planet earth is over.

**This foundation will keep our ultimate focus in place.**

Abraham had a glimpse of this truth which caused him to look for the ultimate purpose in his life.

*By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

Hebrews 11:9-10

**Planet Earth:** Out of billions of planets in the universe God chose earth as a schoolhouse for His sons to train in. The conditions of this planet are perfect for the making of sons. The conditions and challenges are just right for us to overcome adversity, to learn to love under all conditions and to overcome the world, the flesh and the devil. It is a place where we learn and qualify for eternal roles. It is a place where we learn courage, reliability, determination, faithfulness, a place where we learn to choose righteousness over evil. These are qualities that when achieved and made a reality in our lives qualify us for eternal roles. Earth is a place where

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we learn to be like Jesus.

*My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,*

*Galatians 4:19*

## ***The Final Exam***

We shall all stand before God to have our lives reviewed.

**The next few pages may seem like**

*The conditions of this planet are perfect for the making of sons*

**something we don't want to hear about, but we need to hear it.**

*But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.*

*Romans 14:10*

**God has decreed that we all shall stand before the Judgment seat of Christ.**

### **What is this Judgment seat?**

The Greek word for Judgment seat is the word *bema*, a rostrum, i.e. tribunal.

Paul was taking this word *bema* from

*Accountability is a requirement of the Kingdom of God. As Christians we will all stand before God to give an account of our lives*

the Greek culture regarding the trying of anyone sent to trial. A rostrum was set up on a platform

where the trial was to take place.

If the person was found guilty they were given a black stone, if the person was found innocent they were given a white stone. This is what Jesus was referring to in Revelation Chapter 2.

*Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches;*

*To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.*

*Revelation 2:16-17*

**We all must give an account for our lives on this earth.**

Accountability is a requirement of the Kingdom of God. As Christians we will all stand before God to give an account of our lives. God built into human beings a warning, especially for those who are not Christians. Many people at the point of death, often at the point of drowning, have the experience of their whole life being played out before them. This is a built-in warning to that person of accountability after death. Those who survive this and are somehow saved from death at that time have had a severe warning in regard to accountability to God. However in this study we are primarily referring to Christians.

*His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy lord.*

*Matthew 25:23*

**A record of your life is kept in heaven; it is written up in detail.**

I have seen this in heaven, there is

a repository and in that repository there is a book with your name on it. When we stand before God to give an account our book is brought out and our life is played back. This seems to occur like a hologram and happens incredibly fast but we are able to keep up with it. This is not just a visual presentation, every emotion and every motive is displayed clearly.

*And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.*

*Revelation 20:12*

### ***The ripple effect***

God showed me the ripple effect of our actions. If you throw a stone into the middle of a large pond the effect is not just where the stone landed, the effect is felt all the way to the edge of the pond. I was shown a man who had killed someone, and then I was shown the ripple effect. The effect on the murdered man's wife and his children was astonishing how this shaped their lives from that point on; this was something I had never considered. I was shown the financial affect on the family and how that also had many side effects; the emotional affect was far reaching. This went on until I was astounded at the ripple effect that this murderer was responsible for. Many things we do and say in this life have a ripple affect for either good or evil that can continue on for generations.

**This review of our lives covers everything in our lives that has not been repented of.**

*Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?*

*But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and*

*revelation of the righteous judgment of God; Who will render to every man according to his deeds:*

*Romans 2:4-6*

*For there is no respect of persons with God.*

*Romans 2:11*

*In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.*

*Romans 2:16*

### ***Outer Darkness***

Read carefully the following scriptures.

*But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*Matthew 8:12*

Note: these are children of the Kingdom, but they were cast into outer darkness.

*And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment. And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him*

*Many things we do and say in this life have a ripple affect for either good or evil that can continue on for generations*

*hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.*

*Matthew 22:11-14*

This person did not have on a wedding garment. The bride had not made herself ready. The bride company is made up of those who are overcomers out of all generations and those who are without spot and wrinkle at the coming of the Lord. Not all Christians fit this category.

*Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them: But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil, for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.*

*Matthew 25:1-12*

Note: These were all virgins signifying that they were at least born again. However not all of these made it into

the bride company. To be a part of the bride company is a high reward. These are the helpmates of the Lord Jesus who stand at His side and in the ages to come rule with him.

**The five foolish virgins missed being in the bride company because they did not have on the bridal garment and they did not have oil in their lamps.**

### *What is outer darkness?*

The three Greek words for outer darkness are as follows:

Cast *eis*

Indicating the point reached or entered of place, time

Outer *exoteros*,

Out-side, of doors

Darkness *skia*,

A prime. Word; "shade" or a shadow

To be cast into outer darkness has the meaning of being placed for a season or for a time outside of the door in a shadow or dark place.

This occurs before the Judgment seat of Christ when our life is played back before us, and if we have not lived for the Lord and repented of all of our sins committed as Christians. If we have wasted the time God gave to us on this earth and have not been faithful servants a great darkness of sorrow and regret will envelop us; this outer darkness will remain until we cry out to God for forgiveness.

Once we cry to God for forgiveness He will forgive, wiping away the tears and give us entrance into paradise. If even like the wise foolish virgins we were not ready, we still have an entrance into the Kingdom at a lower level.

How long this outer darkness is experienced we cannot tell as time as we know it does not exist in the realm of the spirit.

**We need to ask God to judge us while we are still in the flesh on this earth.**

This means that we ask God to reveal to us our heart, and as the Holy Spirit convicts us we need to repent. Part of God's grace to us is that of TIME. We still have time if we are alive and like King David we need to ask God to search our hearts and in all sincerity and humility. The Holy Spirit can

bring back to our memory things that we need to put right. Motives are important to God wrong motives are deadly to us and must be repented of.

**Do not search your own heart.**

Ask God to search your heart.

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts; And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

*Psalms 139:23-24*

*Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.*

*Psalms 24:3-5*

*This foundation or truth, knowing that there is a day coming where we will have to give an account to the Lord should be a stabilizing factor in our lives keeping us grounded in true reality. It is not how you start the race it is how you finish the race that counts. You may fall at times, get it wrong at times, be deceived at times. But if our heart is towards the Lord desiring purity, and we are quick to repent, determined in our hearts to follow the Lord, allowing Him bring to the surface in our lives that which needs to be repented of, He is well able to cause us to finish with the words.*

*Well done, good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.*

# Notes

# The Mystery of Suffering

I have decided to include this topic at the conclusion of this manual for two reasons. Firstly, because of an interactive vision I had a short time ago, and secondly because new believers need to have a balance regarding redemption and suffering.

## Why do bad things happen to good people?

While I believe the bible clearly teaches that healing is the children's bread and that healing was purchased for us at the cross, why is it that many who love the Lord and seek to do His will and walk in His ways, get sick and some die? This is not an easy question to answer. I do believe that the Lord is seeking to move the church into a place where sickness and disease are finally overcome as the people of God begin to walk in resurrection life. So how do we approach this difficult question? Firstly, we need to understand the nature of God. God is love, and this underlying fundamental nature of God governs everything God does.

**We have to come to understand that everything that God does and allows in our lives is redemptive. God only ever seeks the highest good for us and whatever the Lord allows into our lives has the underlying purpose to achieve the highest good possible for us. This is a liberating reality which needs to become a rock solid truth in our lives.**

God looks at the end of a matter; He sees the final outcome whereas we tend to only see the immediate problem. God led the children of Israel into a wilderness to bless them.

*Who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end;*

*Deuteronomy 8:15-16*

## Ignoring the rules

In this secular world we all must live by certain rules to avoid being hurt. We have road rules which require that we drive on the left side of the road in most

English speaking countries; if you live in the USA and Canada of course the opposite is true. If you decide to ignore this rule you will eventually get hurt and maybe killed. I was once driving in Canada when I came to a roundabout; my brain of course knew that you go left on a roundabout that is unless you are driving in Canada. This was a beautifully laid out roundabout filled with shrubs and flowers. By the time I was half way round and confronting oncoming traffic my brain calculated that this was not right and that I needed to take evasive action. I decided to drive across the roundabout demolishing shrubs and many flowers, I tried to look as if this action was normal as I continuing on with my journey. I then began to muse upon the reality of laws, and how necessary they were to keep one safe. Break the laws and you are liable to get hurt. We teach our children not to touch anything that is hot because it will hurt, however that child will eventually touch something hot and learn the hard way. When it comes to God and his ways we mostly learn the hard way. We often hear it said that if God is love, why does He allow so much suffering in the world? By the time it has taken to write this, over ten thousand children have died of starvation. Where is God in all this? Why doesn't He stop it?

*The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.*

*Psalms 115:16*

### ***Free will, a God given responsibility***

God does not force us to serve Him. Free will is a God given responsibility that He has bestowed upon us. You have the right to live your own life your own way and make your own choices. However God has told us very clearly in His Word that if we do certain things we will get hurt. God gave us rules that are designed to safeguard us. We may not understand some of these rules but we must respect them, if we don't we open ourselves up to unpleasant consequences.

*Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways! I should soon have subdued their enemies, and turned my hand against their adversaries.*

*Psalms 81:13-14*

*Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.*

*Deuteronomy 5:33*

Some would say that we are not under law! That is not true, as Jesus gave us very clear instruction on how we are to live so that it may go well for us

as stated in the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus required two things of us that covered all the Old Testament laws, namely the Law of love.

*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang (or are fulfilled) all the law and the prophets.*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

### **God's word tells us what we sow we will reap**

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

*Galatians 6:7*

If we sow love we reap love. The fact that God has given everyone free will along with a warning on how to behave if we want to be blessed, is both awesome and frightening. God has said if you put your hand in the fire so to speak, you will get hurt. However I still hear the cry what about children, surely they can't be accountable? Firstly, parents are accountable to train their children in a right way. Once those children reach an age of accountability they become responsible for their actions. You say then what is the age of accountability? Only God knows that, it varies with each child. God is very fair and does that which is right. There is a place in heaven where children arrive who have not even heard the Name of Jesus; these children constantly arrive in great numbers. They are then taught about God and Jesus.

I once read the story of how a plane went down with several hundred Islamic children on board killing them all. I pondered over why God had allowed this; I was not questioning God but just seeking to understand. As I pondered this, the Lord came to me and asked a question. He said this to me, "What would you have done if you could have seen the future of these children who would grow up steeped in the Islamic religion then die and be lost? I pondered this trying to see it from God's perspective. God can only be motivated by pure love, so I thought that if I was God, I would allow those children to die and end up in heaven for eternity. The age of accountability for those children who have not been brought up in a Christian environment is of a much higher age than those brought up in a Christian environment. Children who are brought up in so called Christian countries like the USA, Australia etc. have a lower age of accountability. I saw many teenagers and even late teenagers from Islamic nations entering heaven.

### ***When God lowers the hedge***

The story of Job in the bible is a very compelling story which gives us an

account of a perfect man experiencing horrific calamities. Job lived well before the Law; he lived sometime after the flood. However Job understood the principled that sacrifice was needed to cover sin.

*And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.*

Job 1:5

### **God's analysis of Job**

*There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil.*

Job 1:1

**Notice this is a perfect man, one that feared God and hated evil.**

In this narrative God is careful to state right at the beginning of this story that Job was a good man who loved God. God went on to say this concerning Job:

*And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?*

Job 1:8

How would you like God to feel that way about you? There was no one like him in the earth at that time, a perfect and upright man. Then God lowered the hedge around Job and Job was about to have the worst week of his entire life.

*Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.*

Job 1:9-12

**God lowered the protective hedge around Job and all hell broke loose over him.**

Why did God do that? Satan had made the accusation against Job that he Job only served God because of the blessing and favour that God had given him.

Now God knew Job well, and He also knew that Job would make it through this terrible testing time and come out at the end with even greater blessings and favour with God.

*And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them: And the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made out three bands, and fell upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: And, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.*

*Job 1:13-22*

Whatever you hear, or have heard about Job, this last verse is what you need to remember about this story. Job did not know why God had allowed this to happen to him. If Job knew what was happening and why, it would not have been a real test for him.

## **The Outcome**

*And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.*

*Job 42:10*

Even though Job's friends had given him a very hard time, he forgave them and prayed for them, this gives us an insight into Job's heart.

*So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: for he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first, Jemima; and the name of the second, Kezia; and the name of the third, Kerenhappuch. And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. After this lived Job an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four generations. So Job died, being old and full of days.*

Job 42:12-17

**The other factor is this; Job agreed to go through this before God sent him into this earth. (To help understand this you need to get the teaching from us on Destiny).**

When God lowers the hedge it is to give an opportunity for us to overcome. You cannot be an overcomer without overcoming adversity. As I said earlier, everything God does is redemptive. To be wounded in the battle against evil, is a great honour. We need to understand that by the Lord's stripes we are healed and it is through our stripes that we are given the power and authority to heal others. Many of those who have had a great ministry of healing had to overcome sickness that could have killed them, often when there was no hope other than the healing power of the Lord. Oral Roberts was dying of a disease and overcame it which resulted in him being given authority to heal others. Kenneth Hagan entered the ministry of healing under similar circumstances.

**In the place and circumstances that you have overcome you are given authority, only then do you have compassion for others. In every place the enemy wounds us we are given authority to heal others. You cannot develop courage without facing real danger.**

### ***Seed, God's secret weapon***

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.*

John 12:24-25

We have all heard the phrase "only the good die young" well there is a small element of truth in that. When God plants a seed, he plants good seed. The reason for this is because like produces like. To have a harvest, you have to sow seed. There are many kinds of seed. The Word of God when sown with an anointing is seed. You can sow money as seed and it will bring forth a harvest. However, the motive of the sower will be magnified in the harvest. You need to ponder that.

*And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.*

Genesis 1:11

*Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.*

Galatians 6:7

## **Jesus died and brought forth many children who would be like Him**

*For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among brethren.*

*Romans 8:29*

The death of Steven in Acts 7:59-60 was seed sown for harvest. You will find throughout church history where there has been a great harvest of souls, seed has been sown in order for that harvest to happen.

**Over the last few decades, seed has been sown to prepare the way for what will be the most glorious harvest the church has ever seen.**

Many Christian young people have lost their earthly lives in various ways. These have been good young Christians, the kind of people that you would think God would preserve. However seed is required for the coming harvest, good seed is required. There have been many unanswered questions why God would allow this to happen. Many parents have searched their hearts to understand if they had failed God in some way in the loss of their children. However we need to understand that many of these young people who have lost their earth lives were born for this. Their destiny was that of good seed to be sown in death to produce a harvest.

*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.*

*John 12:24*

In the early 1980s my daughter came to me and said this, "Dad all the prophetic words over my life have been fulfilled. There is nothing left for me to do." When she said that, a cold chill went through me. I was savvy enough to know that God often takes people home when their earthly assignment is completed. I said well I'm sure God will soon give you more to do. Shortly after that she decided to go to another country to contact some old girlfriends who had backslidden from the Lord. She brought them back to the Lord and a few days later she was killed in a car crash; she was only 26 years of age. Just before she left on this trip she handed me an envelope and said, "Don't open this for a few weeks." I opened it after her death and inside was laid out in detail the kind of funeral service she wanted, the songs to sing etc. I was to speak at her funeral about seed for the coming harvest.

**I would like to recount a prophetic incident that I recently had regarding this subject. First, let me share about visions, dreams, and encounters:**

God can speak to us in many ways bringing understanding and revelation. God is not a dispensational God. He is the same today as He has always been and always will be. The way the prophets of old heard from God is still valid for this generation.

The bible tells us that in this generation, visions and dreams will be a common way that God will communicate with His people, especially young people (*Joel 2:28*).

In the New Testament, Peter James and John saw Moses and Elijah on the mount of transfiguration (*Matthew 17:3*). The Apostle John was shown around heaven by one of the Old Testament saints (*Revelation 22:8-9*). God is the same today as He was then.

*Please be careful not to judge that which you don't understand. God will do many things in the near future which will require of us minds and hearts that have been prepared by the Holy Spirit in order for us to understand. If there are things you don't understand just put them on the shelf for now and ask the Lord to lead you into the truth.*

**On November 13th, 2010** I was caught up into an interactive vision in which I was introduced to a man. This man told me his name was Keith Green -- I had only very vaguely heard of that name but apparently he had a godly ministry during the charismatic move which was sometimes known as Jesus people move in the seventies in the USA. He was not as well know on this side of the world. Keith said this to me, "Tell the world my death and that of my children was not in vain, the seed will bear much fruit." The Angel said, "Keith was a special seed along with his children that was sown out of the charismatic move of God in the 1970s. This seed along with his children will blossom again with great power in the coming harvest. This seed will be seen in the earth again in multiplied form, a seed with a pure heart, a choice seed. The best seed was taken and sown. Seed has been taken out of every generation which will emerge again in this generation."

Keith Green looked so radiant almost overwhelming with glory and again said, "My death was not a tragedy it was not in vain." Tell the church my death was not in vain. (Keith Green 1955 - 1982)

I have done a little research regarding Keith Green and was so blessed by the account of his life on this earth.

There are many things we don't understand but the Lord does all things well. These are days where we are going to reap that which we have not sown because God so loves the world and He has a harvest yet to be reaped, He will

not rest until it is gathered in.

*Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.*

*James 5:7-8*

# Notes