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INTRODUCTION

BELIEVERS IN CHRIST

The name Christianity, is an umbrella name for people who go to church; or let say, Christianity is the religion that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ - the Son of God.

Though this assumption is not true for all cases; but at least, this is agreed by about 70% worshipers. So this writing will be based on this assumption being true.

Therefore, because Christian religion based its belief on the teachings of Jesus Christ; it is therefore correct to say that Christians are believers of the teachings of Christ, which is why they are called, “Believers”.

That is why the Title of this book is, “Believing Right”. The writing, 'Believing Right' is directed to Christians – at least to those who believe in the teachings of Jesus Christ, who is the Son of Almighty God – and those who are called, “Believers in Christ”.

So to those who are called, 'Believers', this, is written to help you, know what it means when you say I believe; and also to help you know what to believe.

If you must believe, you must have the right information, to believe right. You need to know that wrong information leads to wrong believe; incomplete information also leads to confusion; so it is important that you know what you should believe, so that you can believe right.

Believing right will enable you receive everything that God has made available for those who believe in Him
As such God wants you to know the truth; so that you can have the right believe and receive His gift.

To begin, we need to understand what the term, “Believe”, means:

- (1) Believe means – To accept or regard something as true
- (2) Believe is – To have a firm wholehearted conviction or persuasion regarding something
- (3) Believe also is – To form one's own opinion based on the conviction.

With this definition, believers in Jesus are those who are supposed to have a firm or whole hearted convictions, of the teachings of Jesus; and also those who have already form their opinion based on their conviction; bearing in mind that they are called, “Believers in Christ”.

Now let us go into the Teachings and instructions of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ - so that we can truly know what to believe.

The information in this writing is packaged to give you the basic truth, because with these basic truth, you will be able to believe right, and receive all God had prepared for you.

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CHAPTER 1

A BELIEVER MUST PAY ATTENTION TO THE WORD:

By virtue of being 'Believers', It is very important that we pay close attention to His words, especially the words of our Master and Savior Jesus Christ, in the Scriptures.

His words are: His instructions, His teachings, and His promises – we need to pay attention to them, because, those are not just stories, or literature for us just to read; but they are instructions, and promises, that makes us believers in the first place.

It is knowing His words, instructions, and teachings, and keeping them, believing them and practicing them; that will confirm that we are truly the believers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ Himself in His teachings said,
***“Therefore whoever hears these sayings of
Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a
wise man who built his house on the rock. -***

--- But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand’ (Matt. 7:24, 26)

Apostle James also wrote, **“But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does”** (James 1:25)

The truth is that, the blessing comes when we do His words and instructions and not in just hearing. It is not when we hear the words or even when we recite the words of our Lord Jesus that we get the blessing – it is when we hear it, believe it, and do it, that we are called wise men, and then get the blessings.

Therefore, it is important that we hear – and hearing the truth; and not lies, half-truth or mixture of truth and lies – because these will hinder our believing right.

To ensure you are getting the truth, read the Scriptures yourself

We need to always hear the truth, so that our beliefs will be right also. Therefore to guarantee this, we need to read the

words ourselves – The words and teachings of our Lord and Savior are all written in the Scriptures. Even if you want to narrow down to the words Jesus spoke; thank God must versions of the Bible, captures the words of Jesus Christ in red; so that you can't be confuse as to who said what.

To ensure you are getting the truth, read the Scriptures yourself, and also take note of the teachings, instructions and promises of Jesus Christ in the Scriptures: note to who and of whom they are being directed.

It is important to read them carefully and to also understand the context by which they were said. This is because we who have accepted Jesus are expected to receive His words, believe them and practice them to be blessed. So in order for us to achieve this we must be diligent to know and believe the truth, by carefully reading the Scriptures ourselves.

CHAPTER 2

BEING IGNORANT OF THE WORD

Many are ignorant of the word, how can you claim to believe what you do not know? How can you be a believer yet the very words that you should believe to be a believer, is strange to you? **We should stop being ignorant of His words; we cannot be believers of Jesus Christ, and yet swallow anything and everything anyone has to say.**

Jesus warned against this when He said,

“Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him”

(Luke 8:18);

Then in Luke 11:35 He said, *“Therefore, take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness”*

If we refuse to search the word and know the truth for ourselves – yet go about, receiving lies, and mixtures of lies and truth, what we will have inside of us will be

darkness instead of light; therefore Jesus said, '***Take heed how you hear***'

This warning is serious in the times we are living now.

We cannot be believers of Jesus Christ, and yet swallow anything and everything anyone has to say.

If we are to look closely what Jesus mean when He said, “***Take heed how you hear***”; the word, 'How' in this warning can be explained as, “What manner or way” and also, “The means or procedure” you hear.

So, Jesus is saying, “Be careful with the manner or ways you hear the gospel” also, “Be careful with the procedure you hear the gospel”.

That is why when you sit down where lies or half-truth, is being sown as a seed, ultimately what you will have, if you do not go and check to confirm; will be nothing but darkness. And if darkness, how then can you claim to be a believer in Christ, who came as the light of the world; when what you have is not the light that saves, and deliver from darkness?

WRONG USE OF THE WORD

Jesus told the Jews,

***“If you abide in My word you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”
(John 8:31-32).***

It therefore means that only in the truth of His word, will you be set free. Lies cannot set free, half-truth cannot set free; therefore, Jesus instruction is, 'Abide in My word'.

This instruction is very clear – He did not say, “Pray to be free”; He did not also say, “Fast, do some pouring of olive oil to be free”.

So anyone who wants to be truly free, needs to follow the instruction which says, 'Abide in My word'. Anyone who wants to be free needs to abide in His word to know the truth; the truth he knows and accept will make him free.

True freedom comes from the truth that is in His word – because everything God has made available for man, Jesus declared them in His words, so that whoever believes, will receive the full salvation that God sent to man.

Many see the word of God as a religious writings that need only to be recited

The problem of anyone not receiving the full salvation, is

how he hears the word. Many see the word of God as a religious writings that need only to be recited (Some will say, 'say it three times for something to happen). Also many sees it as a religious inscription that you have to use to either remind God what the word says, or words you use to bind God, so that He can perform what that word says.

All these are out of ignorance. The words of God are not for religious incantations, for something to happen; neither is it something that God forgets and needs to be reminded for Him to act; nor something that can be used to constrain, confine, restrict and put God under obligation to perform what we want

Many will even go ahead and quote something that is not even in the Scriptures for their defense; declarations like, “holy ghost fire consume my enemies”

There is no place in the Scriptures where such statement or declaration is used. Jesus never called on holy ghost fire to consume those who hated Him; neither did the disciples and the apostles of Christ, used such declaration during their preaching and teachings. Where then did we get this statement from? But

Are we of the spirit of Elijah, or of the Spirit of Christ?

this declaration has so spread that we use it, without checking the accuracy of it.

In short the only time the disciples of Jesus asked Him, if they should command fire from heaven to consume a Samaritan village which rejected Jesus, and would not permit Him to enter their village; Jesus rebuked them for such utterance; as it is written:

“Now it came to pass, when the time had come for Him to be received up, that He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face. And as they went, they entered a village of the Samaritans, to prepare for Him. But they did not receive Him, because His face was set for the journey to Jerusalem. And when His disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do You want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did? But He turned and rebuked them, and said, ‘You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's live but to save

them” (Luke 9:51-56)

If Jesus rebuked His disciples for wanting to call fire from heaven to consume people just as Elijah did; and told them, “***You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives but to save***”; if we should go about calling holy ghost fire (which is not even in the Scriptures), to consume those we perceives hates us, what manner of spirit are we displaying? Are we of the spirit of Elijah, or of the Spirit of Christ?

Indeed most of the prayers we gather to pray as Believers in Christ, are abominations before God; we need to watch out.

It is not in the interest of God, nor is it His will, that any should die without receiving salvation. Jesus said,
“Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish” (Matt.18:14)

Neither is it in the interest of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; who left His throne, and came down to die a gruesome death in the hands of men, for the souls of men to

be liberated. Jesus did not do all these only to rejoice seeing them go to hell.

Jesus clearly said why He came to earth, He said, “**For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost**” (Luke 19:10)

We need to understand that all man are on one side; while Satan is on the opposite side seeking to destroy man.

Those that are lost, the

Master, Jesus is still seeking for them.

Therefore those who believe, and have become beneficiary of His love and mission, should choose to stand on His side, and be His ambassador; for the redemption of men's souls.

Pray for the salvation of men's souls and not for their destruction. This is a warning that you may consider and choose whose side, you will henceforth be.

No wonder Jesus said, “***Take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness***”.

We need to take this warning seriously, so as not to receive darkness, and thinking we have light.

Everyone who is of the Spirit of Christ, will seek to save and not to destroy.

THE DESTROYER

It is important to note that the destroyer of men's lives, is no other than the devil himself. Jesus said,

“The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy; I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

So the devil is the thief that comes to steal, kill and destroy men's lives.

So Satan is man's enemy; we all have a common enemy.

Man is not man's enemy.

Satan is the one that deceived man to fall in the beginning, and he is not stopping at anything until he has destroyed.

We need to understand that all man are on one side; while Satan is on the opposite side seeking to destroy man.

His tactics is to cause man or deceive man to disobey God's commandments so that man will be separated from God his creator and sustenance. He deceived our first parent, Adam and Eve in the garden to disobey God's command.

He knew that God said to Adam,

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die”

(Gen.2:17);
he also know that dying here mean spiritual separation from God, who is man's sustenance.

So Adam was deceived and he fell into Satan's trick; and because of that disobedience, Adam and Eve were driven out of the garden, where they once enjoyed God's intimacy and sustenance (Gen.3:1-7, 23, 24).

This separation from God means spiritual death; so Adam and Eve died that very day, because they were separated from God.

Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman's explaining that,

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom. 5:12). Then in Romans 3:23 he wrote, ***“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”***

Therefore, just as it is written, from Adam's fall, sin entered the world and spread to all mankind, and all were separated from God because of sin; and this was through the deceit of Satan; thank God for the gift of His Son.

CHAPTER 3

THE SALVATION OF MAN

God who is wiser, and God who loves the man He created in His image and likeness, sent His only begotten Son. Jesus gave His life; He died on the cross, and poured His blood for the sins of man.

Jesus told Nicodemus a Pharisee who went to Him by night saying,

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” John 3:1, 14-16).

THE LIFTING UP OF THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS

When Jesus said, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have

eternal life” – The story of Moses lifting up the serpent in the wilderness, is recorded in the book of Numbers thus:

The children of Israel sinned against God; the Scripture said, “And the people spoke against God and against Moses --- So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died.

Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, 'We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. Then the LORD said to Moses, 'make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live'. So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived” (Num. 21:5-9)

Yes sin gives the devil the power to torment and destroy. He is called the serpent of old (Rev.12:9), who came only to destroy. So if a man sins, the sin empowers the serpent of old to bite,

The cross of Jesus, and the blood He poured is the power that breaks the power and effect of sin; giving Satan no authority to torment nor kill.

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“I have come that they may have life”

(John 10:10).

Jesus likened the bronze serpent that Moses made and put on the pole, as the cross which He hung to pour His blood for sin, so that anyone who is being condemned and tormented by Satan because of sin, when he looks up at Jesus on the cross, and believe will not perish, but live.

The cross of Jesus, and the blood He poured is the power that breaks the power and effect of sin; giving Satan no authority to torment nor kill.

Just as separation from God in the garden signifies spiritual death; restoration of man to God means everlasting life.

* That is why if you have been restored to God by believing in Jesus, you have everlasting life. (1John 5:11-13)

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The salvation and redemption of man, is God putting the works of Satan to naught. Apostle Paul described the message of the cross of Christ as, ***“The power of God”*** (1Cor.1:18).

Salvation is the power of God over sin that was introduced by the trick of Satan. The blood that Jesus poured hanging on the cross, is the power over every sins committed by man; and whoever believes in the work of redemption through the finished work; receives forgiveness, and he is saved.

The blood is able to break and delete every sin of man; therefore, God defeated Satan and his deceit by the pouring of His Son blood on the cross; for everyone who would believe.

THE BLOOD IS AVAILABLE

The blood has been poured, and it is readily available. That is why Apostle John wrote in 1 John 1: 9 saying,

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”

Remember, the children of Israel went to Moses and said, ***“We have sinned against God”***;

they acknowledged their sins and confessed it, so Moses prayed for them and God instructed him to make a bronze serpent and put on a pole, which saved them.

ACALL TO ACT

Today also, even now, Apostle John said, “*If you confess your sin, He is faithful and just to forgive* (not only the sin, but also) *He will cleanse you from all unrighteousness*”

But only this time, you do not need anyone to pray to God for you; it is between you and God; the mediator is Jesus who poured His blood.

He had already made the provision, you only need to acknowledge that you have not been restored to Him – so you ask Him to forgive you all your sins, and to restore you to Himself; so that you can have the eternal life He sent His Son to give.

When you finish praying, believe He has forgiven you. And because you have been forgiven, He has also restored you to Himself.
Congratulation you have been saved.

CHAPTER 4

DEFEATING THE REAL CULPRIT

Now you have been saved, but many do not have the knowledge of this truth. Many are still ignorant of this provision from God – and because they are ignorant, Satan is exploiting their ignorance and using them in deceit.

So man is not the enemy of man; Satan is, man's enemy; man is only being used by Satan for their destruction.

The devil is using the divide and conquered tactics, to make us think that man is our enemy

Are you surprised that when somebody do something that is really bad, the act will be described as, “Satanic”? It is because Satan, is behind the acts.

The devil is using the divide and conquered tactics, to make us think that man is our enemy – and this is making many to call on fire to consume another man, who they believe is their enemy.

We cannot defeat the enemy of our soul, by fighting each other, or by destroying each other; because destroying men, is exactly what the devil himself is doing, and his desire is that we turn and destroy each other.

The Holy Spirit will not kindle as a fire and consume men, He was sent to be their Helper.

Jesus said,

***“For the Son of Man did not come to
destroy men’s lives but to save them”*** (Luke
9:56)

Jesus came to save every man; He came and died that every man who will hear the message of salvation and believe in the finish work of the cross, will be forgiven of their sins, and be saved.

And He had sent His Spirit as a Helper and not as a fire to consume the men He came to save.

The Holy Spirit will not kindle as a fire and consume men, He was sent to be their Helper.
So it is best for us to turn our attention to the real culprit, the enemy of our soul – the devil.
Jesus showed us how we can defeat him.

In His teaching, He said,

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you” (John 15:12).

Then in Matthew He said, ***“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you”*** (Why?) ***“That you may be sons of your Father in heaven”*** (Matt. 5:44-45)

After telling us, He also demonstrated it, when He hung on the cross; by praying for the people who actually crucified Him. He prayed and said,

“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do” (Luke 23:34)

Jesus did not call fire from heaven to destroy them because they hated Him. He knew they did it out of ignorance – and He had come that they may be saved, when they believe; so He asked the Father to forgive them instead.

When we pray for those who hates us, we are actually defeating Satan who wants to destroy them.

Therefore, everyone who have the spirit of Christ will seek to save, and not to destroy. When we pray for those who hates us, we are actually defeating Satan who wants to destroy them. When we do good to those who hates us, we are showing to the devil, that we are on Jesus' side, seeking to save and not to destroy them. Be wise.

THE WORD IS OUR ASSURANCE

Now, if we call the Scriptures, the word of God; it actually means, He said His words; and if He said them, He is Almighty, Omniscient, and Sovereign; yet Faithful to do His words without any one constraining Him to do it.

What this tells us is that, what God had said, He is more than able to perform without obligation – as such anyone who knows His word, only need to believe it, to see it come to pass.

That was why Jesus said, “Abide”. It is in abiding, that we become so convinced in our heart to believe it; and it is only in believing that it will come to pass.

And this is the assurance of Jesus concerning that:

He speaks to us through His already written words in the Scriptures, to train us to know His will for us

“If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes” (Mark 9:23); and this promise is for everyone.

With these explanations, it therefore means that the word of God; His promises, are meant for us to receive and believe, as true and genuine.

It also means that when we go to the Scriptures or when we read the Scriptures, we are hearing directly from Him; it means He is speaking to us.

And when we accept whatever it is that He is speaking to us – whether blessings, rebuke, or instructions – we can be trained by it, and that is when we can assure ourselves that truly we have heard from God.

He speaks to us through His already written words in the Scriptures, to train us to know His will for us, and when we are trained through the Scriptures, we get to know Him more – how He speaks, and what He will speak.

With this training anyone who accept the training in the Scriptures, will never be confused of His voice. He or she will know when God is speaking and when it is not God that is speaking.

Just like a new born baby will pay so much attention

looking at his or her mother's face, and listening to her voice; that after a while the child will tell his or her mother's voice from a stranger's voice; and also recognizes her face.

This child will know to reject a stranger and turn at the sound of his or her mother's voice.

This is possible because the child is always with the mother.

Listen to what Jesus said:

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers” Then in verse 27 He reaffirms, *“My sheep hear My voice, and I know*

them, and they follow Me” (John 10:1-5,27)

This is not magic, and it does not take some special anointing (As some will say) to hear His voice and know His voice; it is made possible by 'Abiding in the word'. To be trained to know and hear Him speak to you, you just need to abide continually in His word.

A CALL TO ACTION

So everyone who says, 'I want to hear His voice, and I will love to be hearing from Jesus'; you have been told what to do, and how you can hear Him speak to you; and that is, “Abide in the Word”.

The truth is that, if you have not learnt the one He spoke in the Scriptures; or if you have not accepted and believed the one He spoke in the Scriptures; you will not be able to bear or accept the one He will speak in your heart.

So first of all train yourself with His word in the Scriptures; read His words as something He had already spoken, or as words He is speaking to you, as you read; Receive it, believe it, and hold it as God's word specifically for you.

Also, when you pray and ask Him for anything, go to the Scripture for His answer – receive it, and believe it. That

way, you will train yourself to hear and receive from God.

Even when you receive the answer, and still do not understand, tell Him plainly, “Lord I do not understand, help me to understand”. Then go back to the Scripture for the answer again. Be very open; God already knows your mind, He understands your level of perception; so He won't be angry if you should ask again – but it should not be a tempting questions or attempt, for God knows your heart.

In all these what God is looking for in you, is a relationship of trust and dependency. He wants you to trust Him, and He wants you to know, you can depend solely on Him.

CHAPTER 5

GOD'S WILL FOR YOU

As a believer, it is important for you to know the will of God, and His provision for you. You have done well to accept and believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, when you heard the gospel of your salvation; because this is the only condition given for anyone to be saved according to Jesus, who said,

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God” John 3:16-18)

Then in John 5:24 He added, **“Most assuredly, I say to**

you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life”

So you have done well to have accepted, and believed in Jesus. Now you also need to believe His words that gives you the guarantee that you are saved; and the assurance that you have eternal life.

As earlier discussed, the words of Jesus are either, instructions, or promises, that you have to receive, believe, and hold as His word for you. So, if He says, you are saved and have eternal life, then you need to believe. He also said, “You have passed from death into life”; for believing.

It may sound too good to be true, yet that is what it is – you need to believe it. The very reason you are called a, 'believer', is because you believe Jesus's teachings – since this is one of Jesus's teachings concerning the salvation He came to give; it is expected that you should believe it.

Anyone who does not believe the teachings of Jesus is not a believer, and that person cannot receive the salvation that Jesus came to give; because Jesus said, **'He who does not**

believe is condemned already'

In Apostle John's explanation, he said,

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life"

(1John 5:9-12)

Then in admonition he said, *"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son or God"* (V:13)

Here John is telling us that those who do not believe God and the thing He said He had done through His Son; have

said, 'God is a liar'; that is why Jesus said they are condemned already.

Therefore, those who believe, have received eternal life – because this is God's promise to everyone who believe. Eternal life is not something you will have in heaven, but something you have here and now. Eternal life is God's provision.

Apostle John said,

'I have written to you who believe, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe'

God has provided it, you need to believe it to receive it. And if you believe and receive it, you honor God with that act; because you are saying, 'God I believe You'.

And you should also know that Jesus said, you have passed from

Once again, having eternal life, is to be restored from death to God; it is a life that is connected to God the creator and sustainer of life

death into life. Once again this is God's provision and promise for everyone who believe in His only begotten Son and the work He came to do.

It is my prayer that you will not only believe, but that you will also accept and receive all that God has made available for you who believe.

I also want you to know that this is not about religion, nor about the denomination of Church you belong to. God did this to the whole world - to all mankind; and it is only those who believes, that will receive.

As such those who are in the Church yet do not believe, have not receive; because they are still in the dark. God's provision was for everyone, and His will is that everyone should hear this message; believe it to be saved, and receive the everlasting life Jesus came to give.

Once again, having eternal life, is to be restored from death to God; it is a life that is connected to God the creator and sustainer of life. So everyone who has Christ is alive; and that life is, 'Eternal life'.

If you have been saved by believing the gospel of your salvation, congratulation, because you are in the light; and you have passed from death into life. And this is the will of God for everyone.

GOD'S PROVISIONS FOR THOSE WHO

BELIEVES:

Now that we have come to this stage, there are more things you need to know, as a child of God, and as a believer. Let us look at the provisions Jesus did promised to those who believe and also to those who will believe afterward: Jesus made provisions for the sustenance of those who believed in Him. He did not save us and left us to struggle to keep ourselves in His love by our own power; He saved us and also made provision for our preservation.

THE PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

He told His disciples,

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you”; then He said, ‘I will not leave you orphans! I will come to you’” (John 14:15-18).

This also is a promise, which every believer in Christ

Jesus, must believe.

Note: This promise is not for the whole world, but for those who believe only.

This promise of another Helper, is for everyone who would believe in Christ Jesus – as it is written,

“But this He spoke concerning the Spirit whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified” (John 7:39)

As we can see, the promise of the Holy Spirit was for **every** believer. And in the promise, Jesus told us that the Holy Spirit when He comes,

will abide in us forever; He will dwell with us, and be in us
(verse 15, and 18).

This implies that the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised to pray the Father to send, when He comes, He will abide with every believer forever; He will dwell with every believer; and He will also be in every believer.

[That is to say, that the Holy Spirit will not be visiting us, and departing afterward]

It is a common error, that people think the Holy Spirit only visit when we, maybe invite Him or when we gather together and invoke His presence by singing or praying.

This is not what Jesus promised. His promise was that the Holy Spirit will

'abide with us forever – He will dwell with us, and will be in us'

This implies that the Holy Spirit whom Jesus promised to pray the Father to send, when He comes, He will abide with every believer forever; He will dwell with every believer; and He will also be in every believer.

This is quite different from the belief that He visits when we invoke, or invite Him only. It also shows that we do not need to call on the Holy Spirit to fall on us afresh, each time we gather; because He is with us and in us always, just as Jesus did promise.

Also it is contrary to the belief that He is only a special gift to some selected people, or He is, an anointing for some special people who holds special positions in the Church. This indeed is not correct about the Holy Spirit whom God the Father sent.

We can take example in the book of Acts, when the early Apostles and Elders, who were all Jews at the time; had to debate if the Gentiles were qualified to receive the gospel, and to be accepted as brethren. Apostle Peter spoke up saying to them,

“So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving the Holy Spirit just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith”

(Acts 15:8-9, you can read from verse one to get the full detail)

When a believer receives the Holy Spirit, he or she is not receiving a kind or a type of the Holy Spirit – because there is no such.

Apostle Peter said, God gave the Gentiles the Holy Spirit

just as He did to the apostles, making no distinction [God did not give the Gentiles a kind of the Holy Spirit; or the minimal Holy Spirit; or half of the Holy Spirit; nor did He give them the inferior, or the less, or even the little Holy Spirit].

The misconception that we need more of the Holy Spirit, to do God's work, implies that what we have received, is a

little, or even half of the Holy Spirit; and this is wrong. The name anointing which is given to the Holy Spirit, has made it possible for people to think that the anointing can be little, more, greater, or even special.

You hear people talking about , little anointing, more anointing, greater anointing and special anointing - making some to be inferior to some.

This is, a very wrong perception; and it has gone too deep and too wide into the Christian religion that it appears to be true, and everyone have settled with it without checking it up in the Scriptures.

This perception is quite contrary to the promise of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ – He never promised to send diverse Holy Spirit.

When a believer receives the Holy Spirit, he or she is not receiving a kind or a type of the Holy Spirit – because there is no such. Everyone who believes in Jesus, is given the right of sonship, as it is written,

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name” (John 1:12)

This right makes the believer qualified for the promise of the Holy Spirit; and this is because the gift of the Holy Spirit is a component part, and also, an integral part of the salvation package that God sent to man – salvation is not complete without the Holy Spirit.

Apostle Paul described this particular component of salvation – which is the Holy Spirit, as a, “**Seal**”; also as an '**Authentication stamp of approval**', that guarantees the believer, an inheritance in the kingdom of God.

He wrote,

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory” (Eph.1:13-14)

This shows that when you heard the truth and you believe the gospel that is meant for your salvation; once you believe, you are qualified and immediately in that moment you are sealed [confirmed, or identified] with the Holy

Spirit, to guarantee your inheritance as a child.

Once again note; the Holy Spirit you are sealed with, is not, a **type** or a **kind** of the Holy Spirit. You are given the fullness of God – God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; because **These Three are One**.

Apostle John wrote,

“For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are One”
(1John 5:7)

Jesus also when He was talking about the indwelling of the Spirit said,

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:23).

The promise here is, '**We will come**' – The Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, is what you receive; so you cannot receive a less, or a more, or a greater one.

You have received the Spirit of God, who is God Himself – Jesus said,

“And We will come to him and make Our

home with him”

And again this happens immediately you believe the gospel of salvation. It was God's promise, so you are given immediately you believe. It is God's provision that you should believe, and acknowledge to benefit from.

CHAPTER 6

RECEIVING ETERNAL LIFE

You have God living inside of you, and with you. The indwelling fullness of God in you, is 'Eternal life'.

Jesus said,

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life” (John 6:47).

He did not say you will have; He said, you have. This is the assurance you have from Jesus Himself that you have **'Everlasting life'** – and this is because for believing, the Spirit of God is in you and with you.

Remember, you are called a believer, and that means you believe and accept the teachings of Jesus. This is Jesus's teachings, so take His word, for His word is the only truth that will set you free.

REFUTING FACT

You will say to me, “Why then did Apostle Paul wrote in the book of Corinth, about the diversity of the gift of the

Holy Spirit saying:

‘There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the workings of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills’;

Then in verses 28-30 he said,

‘And God has appointed these in the church: first

*apostles, second prophets, third teachers,
after that miracles, then gifts of healings,
helps, administrations, varieties of
tongues.*

[Then he rounded it up by saying]; *'Are all
apostles? Are all prophets? Are all
teachers? Are all workers of miracles? Do
all have gifts of healings? Do all speak
with tongues? Do all interpret?'*"

ANSWER

To answer this question, first I want to say, "I am not answering out of my own knowledge or authority, but by the authority of the One who asked me to write, and by the knowledge that the Holy Spirit provides. So I will ask you to read with an open heart, for the Spirit of God who Himself is the teacher to teach you as you read. The question about Paul's writings in the book of Corinth, can be liken to the question the Pharisees asked Jesus in Matthew 19

Matthew 19:3-8,

"The Pharisees also came to Him, testing

Him, and saying to Him, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?' And He answered and said to them, 'Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female' and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?' so then, they are no longer two but one flesh, therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate'
They said to Him, 'Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away? He said to them, "Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so"

Reading through this, you realized that the Pharisees wanted to know Jesus's thought about the man Moses; was he not a man sent from God or a messenger of God?

The question was,

“Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?”

And the answer was,

“Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so”

The permission to divorce was given based on conditions. The people concern had hardened their hearts, and will not listen to the truth; the condition of their hearts made Moses the man of God, to permit them to give a certificate of divorce and divorce their wives, when they could not be persuaded.

Now, turning to the question of, “Why then did Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians about the diversities in the gift of the Holy Spirit?”

The same answer is given, **“Because of the hardness of their hearts”**

Reading through the book of Corinth, we can see that the Apostle was filled with grief and indignation, in the tone in

which he wrote these letters.

Paul was informed about the state of the church in Corinth. There were contentions and division; the church had broken into factions, and was distracted by party cries; which shows drifting away from the truth.

Paul began his letter saying,

“Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Cloe's household, that there are contentions among you”
(1Cor.1:10-11)

This was the state of the church Apostle Paul was writing to.

Though they claimed to have accepted Christ as their Savior; but they were more concerned about the things of the flesh. They had totally shut their ears against the teachings of the Holy Spirit, but preferred that everything be spelled out.

The writing of the epistle was not with joy; Paul had to give guidelines to everyday living because they were no longer following the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Even in the giving of the guidelines, and permission for the diversification of the gift of the Spirit of God, he still had to tell them,

“And yet I show you a more excellent way. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have no love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove Mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing

[Paul understood their religious mindset, and he saw that all their activities were very religious, without love – so he

asked them to seek love more]

He said to them:

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away” (1Cor.12:31, 13:1-8)

Apostle Paul knowing that these are people who were just emerging from paganism, and most of them are still clinging to culture and customs; so he had to write a detailed guide as to how they should be organized in an orderly manner in the church.

He had to rebuke errors, expose and condemn sin, solve doubts, upholds and encourage faith, and this was not an easy task.

He said to them,

***“I do not write these things to shame you,
but as my beloved children, I warn you”***

(1Cor.4:14)

And also he had to even say to them,

***“What do you want? Shall I come to you
with rod, or in love and a spirit of
gentleness? (1Cor.4:21)***

The point is, even when he told them about the diversity of the gift, he did mention to them that though these gifts are diverse, yet it is, the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same God, who works all in all (1Cor.12:4,5,6)

If there was love amongst them, there would have been no controversy about who has what gift, and who does not have.

This is the difficult position Apostle Paul was; and seeing the hardness of the hearts of the Corinthian's Church, he had to permit them to go in the way of democracy – the way of hierarchy; for peace to be restored in to the church.

But this was not so in the beginning – Jesus told His disciples,

***“But you, do not be called 'Rabbi'; for One
is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all***

brethren. Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven. And do not be called teachers; for One is your Teacher, the Christ. But he who is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted”
(Matt.23:8-12)

Also, when the mother of two of His disciples came to beg for position for her two sons, and the rest ten on hearing this were angry; Jesus called them to Himself, and said to them,

“You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:20-21, 24-28)

Then when His disciples disputed among themselves as to which of them would be the greatest; and Jesus, perceiving the thought of their hearts, took a little child and set him by Him, and said to His disciples,

“Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me, for he who is least among you all will be great” (Luke 9:46-48)

And now He went further to show them how the leader should be the least among them, when He washed their feet.

He said to them,

“You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. If you

know these things, blessed are you if you do them” (John 13:4-17)

This was the teachings of Jesus concerning leadership and position of authority,

“Whoever desires to become great among you let him be your servant”

With these teachings, the disciples never again wanted or argued about leadership or greatness. They were all brethren, going about and teaching others about the kingdom of God, without declaring position, or superiority, or greatness.

They never argued about who had what gifts, and who did not have what gifts. There were no disparity of gifts and anointing among them.

Also, because Jesus's departing message to them was:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt.28:19-20)

Jesus didn't say to them,

“Go and make followers”;

but He said to them,

“Go and make disciples”.

And if you notice, they also did not argue, 'How can we make them to be equal with us?'; and that is because they now understood what it means to be the greatest.

His command also include,

“Teach them to observe all things that I have commanded you”;

Showing that if they had to teach all things that they were taught by Jesus; the nations of the world, all people will become Jesus's disciples, just as they were.

In the gospel of Mark, Jesus's command, showed that those who would believe will also be endued with the same power.

He said to them,

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel every creature, he who believes and is baptized will be saved; --- And these signs will follow those who believe; In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt

them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover” (Mark 16:15-18).

This is interesting because He is actually telling them, the disciples you will make out of the world, will perform everything just like you do.

They are not going to be inferior sets, or followers who will just be there to watch.

In the instruction there is no hierarchy, but all will be one.

These were the instructions the disciples got from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So what Apostle Paul permitted in the church of Corinth, was because of the hardness of the hearts of the people involved.

CHAPTER 7

THE PROMISE

Now, let us look in to the promise and the fulfilment of the promise of the Holy Spirit; the works He was sent to do; where He will abide; and the duration of His stay with man:

When it was near for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to depart this earth, He began teaching His disciples about the **Helper** who will come next.

He said to them,

“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever – the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:15-18)

This promise was not only to the disciples, but for

everyone who would believe in Jesus. For the Scriptures says,

“But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified”
(John 7:39)

In this promise, the disciples were to wait for the fulfilment of this promise. Even though they did not really understand and were wishing that Jesus would stay with them and not depart. But Jesus assured them saying,

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart I will send Him to you”
(John 16:7)

Then on the day of departure He said to them,

“Behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high” (Luke 24:49)

THE FULFILMENT OF THE PROMISE

The promise Jesus made, about sending the Helper after His departure, was fulfilled:

The Scripture says,

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:1-4)

It is no surprise how God choose that day, to reveal the Helper, who will now dwell in man.

It is interesting to know that the celebration of the Day of Pentecost, for the Jews, was the commemoration of the revelation of the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. It was a day the Jews remembers how God gave, His divine

instructions written on a tablet of stones – called the Ten Commandment.

It is no surprise how God choose that day, to reveal the Helper, who will now dwell in man.

The Ten Commandment that was given to Moses at Mount Sinai, was to serve as a divine instruction and as a guide to the children of Israel who were the chosen people of God.

But now the Holy Spirit given on the same day to now dwell in those who believe in Jesus the Savior, replaces the instruction written on the tablet of stone.

Since the instructions are now written in the minds of those who believes, the Holy Spirit now becomes the Helper and guide for all who believes in God through Christ, to keep God's Laws.

THE MORE GLORIOUS MINISTRY

Apostle Paul wrote about the ministry of the Holy Spirit. He described it as a more glorious Ministry compared with the Ministry of the Ten Commandment given to the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

Now let us look at Apostle Paul's description of this glorious mystery:

He wrote,

“But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious! For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious. Therefore, since we have such hope, we use great boldness of speech – unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away. But their minds were blinded – For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old

Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ.

But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2Cor.3:7-18)

Apostle Paul called the ministry of the Ten Commandment engraved on stones,

the ministry of death, and the ministry of condemnation (V:7,9);

And said, if it was that glorious that Moses had to put a veil on his face , because of the glory that came with its introduction; yet it was something that was going to pass away; how much more glorious will the ministry of the Spirit of God; the ministry of

righteousness; and the ministry that will not pass away – how much more will it excel in glory?

He also mentioned that the veil that covers the glory on Moses's face so that the children of Israel couldn't see it, remains unlifted until this day – stating that the veil still covers whenever the Old Testament is being read; and it is only in Christ Jesus that the veil is taken away.

This actually means there is no understanding, in the reading of the Old Testament, because it is still veiled. But Jesus came as the light of the world, that those who turned to Him will have the veil removed from their mind, so that they can see clearly and understand the things of God.

That was why Jesus said, ***“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life”*** (John 8:12)

We know that the Law was given as a divine instruction to God's chosen people through Moses; and that was why Jesus said,

“For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and

***earth pass away, one jot or one title will by
no means pass from the Law till all is
fulfilled***” (Matt.5:18)

And the Scripture in Galatians 3:12 said,

***“Yet the Law is not of faith, but, 'The man
who does them shall live by them'”***

The Law was given as a guide, so that the children of Israel will fulfill it; and if anyone break one of the Laws, he breaks all.

Jesus said,

'Not one jot will pass until it is fulfilled'

And indeed it did not pass without being fulfilled – Jesus said

***“Do not think that I came to destroy the
Law or the prophets, I did not come to
destroy but to fulfill”*** (Matt.5:17)

Jesus came to fulfill the righteous Laws of God, on man's behalf. He fulfilled all of it, and carried it away. Just like He said,

***'One jot or title will by no means pass away
from the Law till all is fulfilled'.***

Now that it has been fulfilled and taken away, we are no longer expected to live by them.

And this is the fulfillment of God's promise which He spoke in Jeremiah 31:31-34, and the writer of Hebrews also captured it in his explanation of the greatness of the new Priest, saying:

“For if the first Covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second. Because finding fault with them, He says, “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house

God disregarded the first Covenant that was in the Laws given by God through Moses, because according to Him, “*They broke it*”

of Judah – not according to the Covenant that I made with their father in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My Covenant, and I disregarded them, says the LORD. For this is the Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD:

I will put My laws in their minds and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (Heb.8:7-12, Jer.31:31-34).

So it was God who made the promise to make a new Covenant, because the children of Israel couldn't keep the first one. And in this new Covenant, He said,

“I will put My Laws in their minds and write them on their hearts”

God's Laws was no longer going to be on the tablets of stones, but in the hearts and minds of men.

Then in Ezekiel God said,

“I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes” (Ezekiel 36:27)

God disregarded the first Covenant that was in the Laws given by God through Moses, because according to Him, ***“They broke it”*** (Jer.31:32)

So He decided to now write the Laws on men's hearts, and to put His Spirit in their hearts to help them, in keeping the statutes of God.

Therefore fulfilling this saying in the book of Zechariah which says,

So He is the seal and the authentication stamp of approval for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

***“Not by might
nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the
LORD of hosts”*** (Zech.4:6)

It is no longer by the ability of man, which is prone to fail, but by the divine ability of the Holy Spirit that dwells in them.

Philippians 2:13 says,

***“For it is (now) God who works in you
both to will and to do for His good
pleasure”***

What the Laws couldn't do, the Holy Spirit of God who now dwells in us, and who is now with us, is well able to accomplish.

For the Laws of God are good, according to Apostle Paul in Romans 8:12,

“Therefore the Law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good”.

But the Laws of, '**Do not do**'; does not have the power to stop the indulgence of the flesh and its desires. That was why even with the consequences in the laws, man struggled to keep these laws, and failed.

So God sent His Spirit upon man on the Day of Pentecost replacing the Law written on the tablets of stone.

THE ABIDING PLACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

As we can see from the explanation of the fulfilment of the promise of the Holy Spirit – God said He was sending His Spirit into the hearts of men.

He is to come and dwell in the hearts of those who will believe, and also be with them; because He is here for a purpose; and that purpose is, to help man keep God's statutes; which they couldn't do on their own.

The Holy Spirit which God sent on the Day of Pentecost, did not return to Him; has not return; and will not return until He has fulfilled what He was sent to do.

Also He does not dwell on buildings – like the church, or the Cathedrals.

The Spirit of God was sent to dwell in man; He was sent to live in the hearts; and be with those who have believed in the work God sent His Son to accomplish.

He is the Helper to help them in their new walk with the Lord Jesus; therefore His abiding place is in and with, the believers.

It is error when people assumes that God is holding the Holy Spirit, and He needs to be begged for Him to release the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit did not returned to Him.

The Holy Spirit is here, for everyone who will believe.

Apostle Paul wrote that you were sealed with the Holy Spirit, immediately you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation and you believed; because it was God's promise to give to all who believes.

He wrote,

“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise” (Eph.1:13).

So He is the seal and the authentication stamp of approval for everyone who believes in Jesus Christ.

We can see this truth in the book of Acts 10, where a certain centurion named Cornelius, who though was a good man; a man who feared the Lord; a man who gives alms generously to the poor; and a man who prayed always; yet he was told by an angel to send for Apostle Peter, who will tell him what to do. Cornelius sent messengers to Apostle Peter, inviting him to come.

When Peter arrived at the Centurion's house, he had gathered his relatives and friends together to listen to the apostle, and it happened that as Apostle Peter began to proclaim and explains the gospel of Jesus; – The Scripture says,

“While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word: And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also”

(Acts 10:1-6, 24, 44-45)

Here you can see that Cornelius and his household, and his friends received the Holy Spirit immediately they heard the truth and believed the truth.

The Holy Spirit came on them as a sign and as an acknowledgment, just as Paul said,

“Having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise”;

also as written in the Scriptures, ***“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”*** (John 1:12)

Therefore, right now, even as you are reading this truth, if you truly believe with your heart, this gospel of Jesus that you are reading, the Holy Spirit will be imparted into you; because you are hearing the truth. Once again, you have to believe, to receive.

This assurance is from Jesus Himself, who said,

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life”

(John.6:47).

So believe and receive the Holy Spirit of God right now in Jesus name, Amen.

ARISING QUESTIONS

Some may ask, “If it is just believing that will make anyone to receive the Holy Spirit, why have all believers, not receive the Holy Spirit?”

Again to answer this question, we will look into the Scriptures to ascertain or learn why:

In the book of Acts, there is a story about a certain Jew named Apollos; the Scripture says, he was eloquent and mighty in the Scriptures. This man came to Ephesus to preach.

The Scripture said:

“This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the Synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him

aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

----- And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, 'We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit? And he said to them, 'Into what then where you baptized?' So they said, 'Into John's baptism'. Then Paul said, 'John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would 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 hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied"' (Acts 18:24-26, 19:1-6)

What we learn from this story is that even though Apollos was eloquent and mighty in the Scriptures; even though he was instructed in the way of the Lord and was fervent in spirit; he only knew about the baptism of John, which Paul explained to be the baptism of repentance. So he only taught what he knew.

Therefore, this half-truth, was the reason the people did not receive the Holy Spirit. They couldn't receive the Holy Spirit because they did not know that there was anything called the Holy Spirit; even though they were called, 'Disciples'.

Wrong information, or half-truth, or even total lies, is the very reason why many believers today, are not receiving the full package of what Jesus died on the cross to give to all who believe.

CHAPTER 8

UNPRODUCTIVE INFORMATION

Information is described as 'knowledge that you get about someone or something'; this information can also be the facts or details about a particular subject.

Therefore, if the information is wrong, incomplete, or total false, the person who get this information, will also have a wrong judgment or wrong opinion of the subject; so it is with many today.

Many are being misled, the wrong information they get about salvation, or about the gospel of Christ and the Holy Spirit; can never produce any positive effect, and neither will it be beneficial to them in anyway.

Those with complete lies are even farther from salvation; because it is not possible for the lies to save or even redeem those who have accepted and believe the lies.

Just as Jesus said, “**The truth shall make you free**” (John 8:32); lies will enslave, and those who are enslave, will

remain in captivity.

INCOMPLETE INFORMATION

Now, those who have received the half-truth are half way there; but they need to be there to be there – there is no point that you are neither there nor here. You can't be half saved, it is either you are saved or you are not.

Many who truly believe; but have not been taught about the Holy Spirit, cannot allow Him in into their hearts. Because they do not know Him, it will be impossible for them to identify Him and acknowledge Him, as their Helper which Christ promised to send.

Also many who have believed; who have been told about the Holy Spirit; but the information they got about the Holy Spirit is a wrong one; these set of people will be in confusion about what to believe.

Some are told or made to believe that the Holy Spirit is a tool that special people use, or that He is a special anointing, that is given in measure according to your office or position – this made it difficult for many to even think that they are qualified to have Him.

This mixed-up is a big problem to believers all over the world.

The Holy Spirit which is God's promise for all who believe in Jesus, has been turned into special gift that only belongs to a selected few!

If you have received an incomplete information, it will leave you in a state of confusion. Incomplete information will make you to be stuck, vacant, and inert.

You will neither be able to move forward nor backward; it is such a confused state that you will have no certainty of the future.

How can you serve God that does not talk to you? And each time you want to hear from Him, you will have to run helter-skelter to have someone tell you what He is saying?

How can you be serving God, and not know if He is pleased with what you are doing for His name?

How can you serve God and not know whether that is what He wants you to do for Him – what then is service if the one you are doing the service to or for, is unmoved with your service?

How can you serve God that does not talk to you? And each time you want to hear from Him, you will have to run helter-skelter to have someone tell you what He is saying?

Do you think this is normal; or do you think this is the relationship Jesus Christ died on the cross to give you? This is happening because the information you have received is incomplete, or it is completely wrong.

It will do you no harm if you will search and verify for yourself, if what you are reading is the truth; and it will cost you nothing to reconsider your relationship with Jesus Christ your Savior and Lord.

I am explaining this because I want everyone to receive and acknowledge the promise of God, which He made to give to everyone who believe in Jesus; and to those who have accepted the salvation work Jesus accomplished on the cross.

If you have believed in Jesus Christ, and truly accepted Him as your Lord and Savior; the Holy Spirit is for you. He is the promise of God your heavenly Father;

He was given to be your seal of authentication; and your

mark of identification as a child of God; and that is because you need Him to be a child of God.

Apostle Paul wrote, **“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God”** (Rom.8:16)

Therefore you cannot say, I don't need Him. Neither can you settle for the half-truth, or the wrong information about Him, and say it is okay; because you will not enjoy the full benefit, and you will be short of what God actually intended for you – and that is not in the interest of God, who gave so much for your sake; neither will it be for your good anyway!

So it is either you are saved or not saved; because you cannot be half-saved.

But those with complete wrong information, cannot

receive Him, because they will not know Him.

And in this case Paul wrote, **“Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ---- For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God”** (Rom.8:9,14)

Here Paul is saying, 'If the Spirit of Christ is not with you then, you do not belong to Jesus; because those who belongs to Him are led, taught, and helped by His Spirit,

who is with them.

So it is either you are saved or not saved; because you cannot be half-saved.

Years back, I was also in this state of confusion. Even though, I had believed in Jesus Christ as my Savior, who died on the cross for my sins; and also I had knowledge of the Holy Spirit, as the Spirit of God; but what I had was an incomplete information about the Holy Spirit, and this affected my relationship with Him.

Then I knew the Holy Spirit to be God's Spirit that descend when the church is gathered; and speak in the church and ascend once He is done.

Though sometimes I usually receive a personal prompting, in my heart; and also in the dream. There was this time I actually heard an audible voice speak with me to rebuke me about what I was thinking in my heart; yes I believed that was the Holy Spirit, but the knowledge I had at that time was that He descend and ascend once He is done. So each time I feel He had revealed something to me in the dream, or speak in my heart, or even the audible voice; to

me that was a miracle that happened, and that He is gone, and that He only will choose the time or situation He wants to descend, and ascend.

So the relationship I had with Him was not with confidence.

Beside I did not even have the boldness to tell anyone that the Holy Spirit spoke with me; because I knew I will be laughed at, or that I will be seen as someone who is trying to make herself looks spiritual.

So those encounter were things I need to keep to myself and just believe, because of Course they were my personal experiences which I cannot deny I had them.

The things that were lacking in that relationship was confidence, and assurance that I am pleasing to God, or that I am even worthy to have such relationship.

I use to think that those who have the Holy Spirit, are those who prophecy in the church, and those who have special positions in the church, because they are the ones who need [it] as a tool to use for God's work.

I used to go to church, or prayer meetings desiring so much that the Spirit of God will reveal something about me, or

that there will be a prophecy concerning me and my problem, so that I can feel, the Lord at least sees me.

The relationship I had that time with Him was not the indwelling relationship, Jesus promised when He said, **“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him”** (John 14:23)

What Jesus is describing here is an indwelling relationship where our bodies becomes Their home – God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit; and that is because **These three are One** (1 John 5:7)

Also this indwelling relationship is because He did promise, **“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you”** (John 14:18)

Being an orphan is described as, 'One deprived of some protection or advantage' or 'A child whose parents are dead'.

This is what Jesus said He will not allow those who believe in Him, to be – one deprived of protection, or advantage; a child without parental care.

So the relationship He offers, is the one-on-one indwelling

presence, and a father-son relationship to everyone who will believe in Him.

This is what I did not know years back; incomplete information kept me in confusion; and all I thought I have with Him was a God who is high up there; and who I have to cry, and beg to hear when I call on Him. I thought I had a God who I need to really be good enough for Him to love.

Little did I know that He had loved me, even before I knew what was called love. Little did I know that He actually loved and wanted me so much even before I started seeking for His love.

So He began to work in my heart, until love for my God was stirred up in my heart, for Him to have my attention. Since He got my attention, He has been teaching me through His Spirit; and enlightening my heart with His truth so much that He want me to share with others and to tell everyone, who would believe; that God really does loves them.

And now whoever you are, believe it, God – loves – you. This is not because I am writing a book, this is the truth

that I am telling you. God is seeking to get your attention, and He is waiting to have a relationship with you, through His Spirit which He sent to be with you.

It does not matter if you are just believing in Him now or if you have believed in Him long ago; if you will receive this truth you will experience His presence, and He will be a Father to you.

His promise was and it still is,
“He who has My commandments [His commandment here means His words and promises], **and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him”** (John 14:21)

Therefore if you will accept His words and His promises and keep them in your hearts, Jesus said, **'I will love you and manifest Myself to you'**.

That is to say, you can experience the manifestation of His presence with you, right now, even as you are reading and believing this truth.

IMPORTANT POINT TO NOTE:

But please remember, this manifestation is not a one-time thing; nor is it the dropping of a dove, and flying away;

neither is it the kindling of fire, and quenching.

These illustrations of a dropping dove, and a kindling flame of fire; was used to announced the arrival of the Holy Spirit; first the Holy Spirit, '**Descending like a dove and alighting upon Him**' [According to Matthew rendering] (Matt. 3:16);

or [According to Mark's rendering], "**The Spirit descending upon Him like a dove**" (Mark 1:10); or also, [According to Luke's rendering], "**And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him**".

But when John was rendering his, he reported exactly what John the Baptist said, saying, "**And John bore witness, saying, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him'**" (John 1:32)

Now in all these four reports, none said, 'The Spirit like a dove descended on Him, and flew away afterward'.

John was more bold in his report, because he reported it just as John the Baptist said it; and in his report, he said, John the Baptist bore witness and said, '**I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained**

upon Him' – the Spirit descended like a dove; and when He did, He remained upon Jesus and did not depart.

Also the illustration, of the Holy Spirit, as a, '**Rushing mighty wind, then appearing to them, as a divided tongues, as of fire, and sitting one upon each of them'**

(Acts 2:2-3);

did not also say, afterward the fire that was on them, quenched.

So the Holy Spirit came once, and since then, He has been here.

So also, once the Holy Spirit comes on a man, He remains there [Except he denounced Him and the salvation Christ gives].

These therefore suggest that, if you believe now, He will come upon you, and remain with you – Jesus said, '**He will dwell with you and will be in you'** (John 14:17).

Many are using the illustration that introduced His arrival as a perpetual occurrence; they always associate the Holy Spirit with these two illustrations; and assume since He comes as a bird, He will fly away; or as a flame of fire, He will quench.

Now you know that this is not the case.

WHAT HAVING THE RIGHT KNOWLEDGE

DOES:

There is a difference in knowing that, 'the Spirit of God spoke to me'; with, 'God dwells with me and in me' When you only know He speaks to you, you will assume that He comes and go – and as such, you will have no confidence in that relationship.

But, if you know, He dwells with you and in you; it makes the relationship more personal, and this knowledge will give you the confidence to approach Him all the time.

You knowing the Holy Spirit of God dwells with you and in you:

First - will make you accord Him the reverential fear, He deserves.

Second - the knowledge that He is with you, in you, and for you; will help promote the relationship you have with Him.

This relationship you have with Him, will cause you to depend totally on His guidance, and His instructions for a successful living.

Your acknowledgment of His presence in your life, will encourage His manifestation more often in your life – that way, He will no longer be a stranger to you, and also, you will not mistake His voice for any lies of the devil – because the more time you spend with Him, the more you will learn the sound of His voice; even if it is that still small voice in your inside.

When you have come to this stage, you will not need anyone to teach you to know the Lord; or to live holy. No one will need to push you to do what is good; because you have the Teacher coaching you from within.

And this will be just like God had intended it to be, when He put away the Laws written on the tablet of stones, and instead put His laws in our hearts and gave the Holy Spirit, that will cause us to keep His statutes.

For God said, **“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, ----- I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying. 'Know the LORD', for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them”**

(Heb. 8:10-11)

This is the new Covenant God promised He was going to make.

So was this new Covenant, only for the house of Israel and not for believers?

If God discarded the laws He gave to the house of Israel, and made a new one, will He now accept that believers in Christ, go back and pick the laws written on the tablet of stones and use as their own covenant with God?

Was the New Covenant that is in the salvation Christ died to give; and the giving of the Holy Spirit not for both Jews and Gentiles who believes?

God said, **“For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more”** (Heb. 8:12);

[This can only be through the blood that was shed at Calvary].

Then the next one that says, **“None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD', for all shall know Me from the least of them to**

the greatest of them”

[This also can only be made possible by the indwelling Spirit of God, who will now be the Helper and Teacher].

This is God's intention for sending the Holy Spirit to all who would believe in Jesus.

And this is the knowledge God gave to me and brought me out of confusion. And now I can share with others with total conviction and boldness. And I hope these truth will bless your life.

I have also listen to a young man, who told me, “I never liked the idea of receiving the Holy Spirit; because I had thought that the Holy Spirit is just to make you fall on the floor, roll and shout. So anytime there is a call for people to come out and receive the Holy Spirit in the church, I will sneak out or I will not respond at all; because I did not like the idea of rolling on the floor, and look like someone who is possessed.

These few examples, is just to let you know what wrong information people have about the Holy Spirit.

I don't know about your own perception, or what

information you have received about the Holy Spirit; but I want you to know that God's intention for sending the Holy Spirit was to have a one-on-one relationship with you first; and also to help you who believes in Christ Jesus; in the things you couldn't do by yourself – like living a righteous life.

It was on this account that Jesus told His disciples,
“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you” (John 16:7)

So if because of the mis-representation of the Holy Spirit, you choose not to receive Him into your life; or if you belong to a denomination of churches that says, 'There is no Holy Spirit', or also if you were simply just satisfied with being just a Christian who attends church, pay tithes, give offerings and donations; and the rest belongs to the leaders of the church, then you need to have a rethink.

You cannot have any relationship with Christ without the Holy Spirit; it does not matter whether you are going to church or not – in short without the Holy Spirit, your going to church is just a religious exercise, and you are only

practicing religion.

Also those who say, 'I know I have the Holy Spirit', have you thought about the kind of relationship you have with Him?

Do you only have Him and He does not have you or be with you?

What is your relationship with Him?

The writings in this book or the information in this book is to help you, and give you the opportunity to make your own choice; because salvation is personal, and you are reading this now because God wants you to be informed.

You can't finish reading this book, and still allow another person to choose for you.

In short you will have no one to blame for any state you choose from now on to remain.

The choice is yours!

CHAPTER 9

THE WORK THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS SENT TO DO FOR THE BELIEVER.

(1) HELPER

Jesus said, **“I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper”**

The Holy Spirit was sent to help you live right, and make Right choices. He was sent to energize you, so that you can bear or accept the commandments of Christ – that is to say, with the help of the Holy Spirit you will be able to do the things Christ ask you to do; His commandment will not be too difficult for you to do.

For instance when Jesus was talking to His disciples He said to them,
“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” (John 16:12)

This is because at that time, the Helper was not yet given. And there are teachings that may seems too difficult to accept. So He told them the Helper will be to their advantage, when He comes.

(2) TEACHER

Jesus said, **“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things”** (John 14:26a)

The Holy Spirit was sent to teach you all things – Jesus didn't say, 'Some things', but all things.

That means you are free to ask Him anything. Things that seems confusing; things that you are not sure; or even things you were thinking you knew.

He is the Teacher to teach you the things of God; so you will not remain a stranger to the truth of the gospel.

The Holy Spirit who is with you, is always ready to explain to you, just like a teacher, everything that was like a mystery to you in the word of God.

Also, it does not have to be things about God only; even things that has to do with your life – with your career, or businesses; with choices you need to make in life; and with your relationship with others. Jesus said, 'all things'; so whatever it is that you need to know; ask Him.

(3) REMINDER

Jesus said, **“He will bring to your remembrance**

all things that I said to you” (John 14:26b)

This indeed should show us why we shouldn't be surprised, how the disciples of Christ, who were some, fishermen, and some tax collectors; will remember many of the events of the period of Jesus; and were also able to write them in details, to form the New Testament; because we are not told they were jotting down the events as it occurs.

So also with us, if you read the Scriptures, the Holy Spirit helps you remember Scriptures to use, whenever you need them. He will bring up the promises of Jesus Christ in your mind, to assure you, comfort you, and encourage you to trust, and not be troubled in your heart.

He reminds you, God's love and faithfulness, so that you will not be afraid, or depressed – in short with the Holy Spirit you can never be depressed.

For example, we saw how brave the disciples of Christ were, that even in the face of persecution and death, they stood their ground, and hold onto faith.

Apostle Paul was able to say, **“For I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of**

the LORD Jesus” (Acts 21:13).

All these was because the Holy Spirit was there with them reminding them the promises they have in Christ which is far better than what the world can offer.

(4) GUIDE

Jesus said, **“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth”** (John 16:13)

Webster dictionary defines a guide as,

- (a) A person who leads or directs other people on a journey.
- (b) A person who shows and explains the interesting things in a place
- (c) A person who helps to direct another person's behavior, life, career etc.

With these definitions we can see that Jesus was saying the Spirit of truth will, direct; supervise, and influence to a particular end.

These definitions says it all – because we are in a journey, and we are going somewhere; we need Him to direct us in this journey.

We also need Him to explain the interesting things of the kingdom we are in, and where we are going, so that we are motivated to strive and aspire to get there.

He also explains even the obstacles, and the adversity that comes against us in the journey, making it light for us to be able to bear them.

Our behaviors, life, and career; is what He guide as He leads us to the finish line.

He is the one that guides us on how we should conduct ourselves, and our life styles are guided by Him.

Indeed He is truly to our advantage, since He does all these to every one of us, without input or suggestions from anyone and without discrimination.

He even help with our career choices; what a guide we have in life?

Indeed He is truly to our advantage, since He does all these to every one of us, without input or suggestions from anyone and without discrimination.

Now we also know that Jesus said, **“He is the Spirit of truth, to guide us into all truth”**;

it means whatever He will be doing with us, will be in truth.

So if we are guided by Him, then we are in the truth; we need not be afraid nor be confused, even if the path we are

going, is not popular, or is not accepted by many; even if we are being criticized by those who think we are pompous or stubborn for not joining them; we can trust that we are in the truth, because we are being guided by the Spirit of truth.

I also will like to inform you, that if you choose to be guided by the Spirit of truth; many will not like you – you will face a lot of oppositions; your life-style and choices in life will be seen as, strange, odd, or even kooky.

So you need to be prepared for how people will view and treat you, for taking a stand.

Jesus said, **“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it”** (Matt.7:13-14).

My prayer is that, as many as will read this book, will find the narrow way, which Jesus said, will lead to life. Amen.

(5) THE LINK

He will serve as a link, between you and Christ.

Jesus said, **“He will not speak on His own authority,**

but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you” (John 16:13b – 14)

Is it not obvious that Jesus actually wanted us to be communicating with the Holy Spirit?

He said the Holy Spirit speak what He hears; taking from Christ and declaring it to us. And He will even tell us things to come.

This is serious, the Holy Spirit, is who we were supposed to be talking to. He was sent by Christ Himself to represent Him; be with us, and conveys messages from Him to us; and be the link between us and Christ.

This implies that we cannot talk to Jesus directly, because He is not here now, but His Spirit is here always with us – with His Spirit, He is closer to us than He would have been, if He was to be communicating with us from heaven above.

I tell you His desires for us is more than what we desire for ourselves; His wish for us is more than what we could have even ask or wish for ourselves.

It is God's desires to be even closer to every one of us than

we will ever want Him to be.

Salvation means God, saving and restoring man to Himself, after the fall in the garden. It means, man being given back the glory which he had at creation, with God in the garden.

Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 3:23 saying,
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”

Meaning when man disobeyed God in the garden, the sin of disobedient robbed man of the glory he had in the beginning; and man became short of glory.

Adam was driven out of the garden, to till the soil for his food – he was detached from the glory he had with God – and that glory was:

- The relationship with God’;
- The provision of God as source; and
- The authority to give name to things.

These were the three key things Adam enjoyed in the Garden before he was driven out, after the fall. (Gen.3:23-24).

The Scripture said,
“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the

world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” (Rom.5:12).

The death mentioned here is the spiritual death; which is separation from God, the source of man.

Through that one man separation, all became separated from God, – that was why Apostle Paul said, '**All have fallen short of the glory of God**'

So for the reset, or for the restoration to happen, God sent His Son, as the chosen Lamb of God; to represent the sinful man, and die in his place for the sin committed. The divine sinless blood was poured on the cross, and the sin of disobedient was atoned for; to bring man back to his original state of glory.

So salvation is a restoration to glory.

Anyone who is saved has been restored to that original state of glory which was in the beginning – the state of relationship with God; the state of having God as the provider and source; and the state of having authority to give names to things -

Just as the Scripture said, “**And whatever Adam called each living creatures, that was it name**” (Gen.2:19).

This was the state of glory that Adam had with God in the

garden, and this is the state that God sent His Son Jesus to restore to man.

And Jesus said, '**That whoever believe should not perish, but have everlasting life**' (John 3:16).

So anyone who would believe the message of salvation through Christ, is saved and restored to God the creator.

Therefore, because of the restoration, the Holy Spirit is given to be the communication link between the restored man and Christ his Savior.

NEGLECTING THE PROVISIONS OF GOD

But unfortunately we have chosen to neglect all these provisions and instead cry as children without care.

The ministry of the Holy Spirit have so been bastardize that, believers do not know which version to believe anymore.

Some versions have turned Him into a tool; while some have made Him into one person's property by merit; while some He is a special gift they have to show how important they are.

All these have restricted the Holy Spirit, detached and disengaged Him from those He was sent to, because of all

the wrong representations of Him.

Wrong teachings have turn believers to orphans, without care and protection; negating the promise of Jesus which He said,

“I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you” (John 14:18)

Believers because of wrong information are running to sorceries, and fortune tellers, to show them the future. And because there is no link between worshipers and their God, believers are unsure whether they are pleasing to God; or if God even hears and answers prayers anymore.

But it is my believe, that whoever will read the message in this book, believe and accept the loving promises and provisions that Jesus made before He departed this earth; anyone who will truly believe, will never remain an orphan on earth again; and also the glory that comes with the salvation and restoration, will be given to him or her, by the promise of God that never fails, in Jesus name Amen.

It is Jesus's desire to communicate with you through His Spirit whom He send to be with you.

For those who are saying,

“There is no Holy Spirit, or the Holy Spirit is no longer here, He was in the years of the Bible’;

you are not just denying the truth, you are also saying, 'Jesus you are a liar, 'You did not send any Holy Spirit, You did not fulfil Your promise'.

And by this statement you have condemned yourself, and made yourself unworthy for the promise, by disbelieving the truth.

Those who believe that the Holy Spirit is true, but say, 'I don't want the Holy Spirit'; Know then, that Jesus cannot communicate with you; and that means you do not have any relationship with Him; it does not matter even if you go to church.

Jesus told His disciples,

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now” (John 16:12)

That is to say, Jesus still want to communicate with His disciple, even after His departure.

We who have accepted Him, and received Him as our Lord

and Savior – we are also His disciples, so He wants to communicate with us.

He still has many things to tell us; and when the Holy Spirit declares His word to us, He will also help us to bear with the instructions He has given.

Everything the Holy Spirit will be telling us will be in the authority of Jesus, that means it will be His word directly to us; and if, it is His words, then they will glorify Him, and not someone or something else.

Just like Jesus said, while He was on earth,

“For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak, and I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak” (John 12:49-50).

Jesus while on earth glorified the Father, and declared only what the Father asked Him to say; so also, the Holy Spirit, will only declare what Jesus asked Him to say to us; and it must glorify Christ.

Therefore, if there is any prophesy from whoever that does

not glorify Jesus Christ, then that word is not from His Spirit.

This is important, because most prophecies people run about to hear from their prophets, do not glorify Jesus Christ.

Those prophecies that magnify the works of Satan and bring fear, definitely are not from the Spirit of Christ; but from Satan to cause fear, torment, and bring people into captivity.

Prophecies of assignments, and any other rituals are from Satan; those assignments and rituals will never save but they will enslave and put into captivity for more commitments; and the end result is eternal doom. Be warn.

Jesus said, “***He will tell you things to come***” –

It is obvious that Jesus will want to tell you things He is about to do, so that you will know that He is in charge, and that you have no cause to fear.

For instance, in the book of Genesis, when God was going to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah, He had to inform Abraham first – and that was because Abraham believed God and he was called God's friend (James 2:23).

God said,

“Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?” (Gen. 18:17)

Abraham believed God, and it pleased God so much that He accepted it is necessary for Him to inform Abraham about what He is about to do with Sodom and Gomorrah – Abraham was pre-informed, and this gave him the opportunity to intercede and save his nephew Lot and his family.

Isn't these all because we have no link, or no relationship with the God we claim to serve?

What a relationship God wants to have with man!

Another example was when Apostle Paul was arrested because of his faith in Christ.

The Jews threatened and were determined to kill him. They bound themselves under an oath, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul (Acts 23:12).

And this was because Paul had appealed his case and asked that he be judged by Caesar in Rome; so they planned to kill him, before he will even get to Rome

But even in the mist of all these chaos and tumult of the Jews, the Scripture said,

“But the following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Be of good cheer, Paul; for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome”
(Acts 23:11)

This is Paul getting encouragement and assurance, that nothing will happen to him, and that he will get to Rome, to testify about Jesus.

Paul didn't need to cry, 'Lord please help me; destroy my enemies; send fire and consume them; kill them for me to live'.

He did not need to fear for his life and compromise his stand.

God was always present with him so he did not need to fear.

God even send encouragement even before the enemies made their arrangement.

Who told us that we need to beg God to destroy our enemies before we can live?

Who told us that we need to run from one prayer house to

the other, for God to save us from the hands of our enemies?

Who told us that God does not see what is happening, until we have to fast for seven days or more, and cry for God to hear our cry, and save us?

Who even told us that our enemies are too powerful that we need to run helter-skelter to escape from them?

Why have we so concentrated on the power of our enemies who are ready to destroy than the power of the God who is with us to save us?

Most times in our prayers, we try to inform God how powerful our enemies are, and even described to God their powers.

Isn't these all because we have no link, or no relationship with the God we claim to serve?

All these will not be, if we have carefully followed the instructions of our Savior Jesus Christ; believe His promises and accept everything He said He had done and He had given to those who believe and would believe in Him.

All He asked of us is, 'believe and trust'.

We need to know that God did not intend to leave us in the dark, as to what He is doing with us and for us; that was why He sent His Spirit that will communicate with us always for that assurance that we need always.

I will love to break here and ask you, do you still think you do not need His Spirit?

Do you see that God had made every provision to keep you in perfect peace even before you even think you need one; and now that the ball is in your court to receive all He had offered?

TAKE ACTION

Right now if you are truly convinced in your heart that you need this kind of relationship with your Maker, Lord and Savior; after reading all these:

Take two minutes to say:

“My Maker, Lord and Savior, I am so sorry for disbelieving You, for whatever reason I may have.

I take **responsibility for my unbelief, I ask that You forgive me. Cleanse me with the precious blood You poured on the cross of Calvary for my sins.**

Circumcise my heart henceforth to believe in your

word only and not on anything else. Receive me as your child, and seal me with the Holy Spirit of promise.

I believe in You, I believe in Your promises, and I receive all the promises You made for those who believe in You.

From today henceforth, I acknowledge Your presence with me through Your Spirit whom You have sent to be with me, and I am going to walk with You and enjoy my journey with You to the finish line.

I believe and declare this in Jesus name, Amen.

Welcome child of the Most High God, and highly beloved.

CHAPTER 10

YOU HAVE NO CAUSE TO WORRY

Now that you have the Spirit of God dwelling with you, you do not need a soothsayer; you do not need a fortune-teller – because they are all possessed by the spirit of lies.

You do not need to fear nor be worried, because Jesus calls you His friend just as Abraham was called God's friend, and he gets to hear about what God is about to do ahead of time; you are in that same position right now, because Jesus calls you His friend.

Jesus said,

“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you” (John 15:13-15)

Jesus did make known to us the love of God the Father;
He declared to us that God loves us so much, to send us forgiveness through His Son's life;
He also informed us that God wants us to receive His loving kindness by believing, so that we can be restored to Him; and lastly
He informed us that God had send His Spirit to us, to abide with us, and be in us as our Helper to guide us to the end.

The declaration of the Holy Spirit will be instructive, comforting, and also reassuring for your faith to be strong.

And this is because God wants you at all time to be at peace, so He will tell you things to come.

But know this, that in every declaration of the Holy Spirit, He has to glorify Christ our Savior.

Isn't it wonderful to know that God had put everything in place for our good?

What area of your life had God not captured in His loving plan for those who love Him?

Do you see that even before you were born, God had all your life planned out for good?

You just need to know that all the confusion and mixed-up were all the plot of Satan to keep you in doubt and fear - thank God you now know the truth.

Those who were propagating the lies, do not even know, on whose interest they were doing all these. How can lies make a better congregation or a better church member?

This was all the devil's handiwork; knowing very well that if you know the truth and believe the truth, he will have no power over you anymore.

So in order to keep you in bondage, he had for long twisted the word of God; turned the gospel of Jesus, which is the gospel of your salvation upside-down to keep you in the dark.

The men and women propagating the lies of the devil, have no idea that it is not for their own interest that they are doing this – because Satan also is their enemy, and his aim is to deprive them of this glorious relationship that Jesus died to give to all.

If you have found yourself in this category of propagating what is not true; or a half-truth for any reason; even if it was out of ignorance, or mistake; it is not too late, to wake up to the truth;

because the lies is not for your interest; the devil is depriving you, of the glory of God.

Take a bold step, and ask Jesus to forgive you.

This moment is very important for everyone who is willing.

If you know in your heart that you have propagated or preach any lies of the devil; and you are willing to receive and believe the truth; and also to turn around from lies to declare the truth; this is between you and God.

Ask for forgiveness, and Jesus is willing to forgive, because He poured His blood, as a down payment for sins, so that everyone who would truly ask, will receive the forgiveness He paid for with His blood.

If you are willing, you can say,

“Lord Jesus, I am truly sorry for the lies I have sent out, I did everything out of ignorance. Forgive me, henceforth help me to believe and accept the truth; also

teach me to speak the truth, even if people will not like it. Guide me by Your Spirit to declare the truth of the gospel of salvation for the glory of Your name, I ask in Jesus name Amen.

It is as simple as that if you believe, and the Scripture said, *“He is faithful and just to forgive, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:9)

Only do not let this opportunity pass you by.
God bless you.

CONCLUSION

BELIEVE GOD'S WORD

Unbelieves is a sin – disbelieving God, and the things He said He had done in His word, is a sin before God. The aim of half-truth, lies, and incomplete information, is Satan's ploy to get you into the place of confusion, so that you will not know what to believe. And if you do not know what to believe, then you will end up doubting God, and disbelieving the things God said He had done.

The whole salvation covenant of God, is based upon believe, or is only received by believing.

So you cannot say, 'I believe God' and disbelieve the things He said, He had done. You cannot say, 'I believe God'; and disbelieve the things written about His Son.

Salvation and redemption, is a covenant promise of God – He said to Abraham,
“By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son - blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven

and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice” (Gen.22:16-18)

God did fulfilled this promise, by sending His Son Jesus Christ to the whole world; and the death of Jesus on the cross, is the blessing of salvation and redemption for all mankind. The giving of His Spirit to dwell with man means restoration of the relationship that existed right from the beginning, between God and man.

ACCEPT WHAT GOD HAS DONE

We know that every religion of the world, do one sacrifice or the other to either appease God or atone for a sin committed – and this has to happen every time any one commit sin.

The Scripture says, ***“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission” (Heb.9:22)***

While in Leviticus, it is written, ***“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, ---- for it is the blood that makes atonement***

for the soul" (Lev.17:11)

This is why sacrifice is often used to appeased or atoned for wrongs.

But when God sent His Son, Jesus Christ to the world - The Scripture said, "***He died once for sin, and for all time***" 1Pet. 3:18, says, '***For Christ also suffered once for sins***'; Heb.9:28, says, '***So Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many***'

That means that those who believe in Him, will not have to kill animals for the shedding of blood every time they go wrong.

Also, when anyone receives forgiveness he did not do any sacrifice for, it is a gift - the gift of God through Christ.

What Jesus did by shedding His blood once and for all, is to put those who believe in a state - and that state is the state of righteousness - being in right standing with God always.

The Scripture said, "***For (God) made (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him***" (2Cor.5:21).

- so this is a state - a state of righteousness.

But I need to believe this to receive; and once I believe, I receive the state of righteousness. I become righteous, act right, because that is just who I am.

So being righteous is a state I am now because I believe.

And believe means, I accept, receive, and hold as my opinion.

Therefore once this is my opinion about myself, it will have an overall effect on me, in me, and in my mind; it will affect my thinking, and my decisions in life

But note: the state I am in, I got it as a gift, through believing.

Apostle Paul wrote, ***“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, and not of work lest anyone should boast”*** (Eph.2:8-9)

It finally does make sense, why God will send His Son into the world, to die for sins, and that is to make you and I righteous before Him so that we can be restored to Him. So accept what God has done, and be in right standing with God always by believing.

OUR DECISIONS HAS CONSEQUENCE

Though we are very free to make our own decisions; but our decisions has consequences. What we choose to believe is entirely our own responsibility.

So be informed that Jesus preached this message, and made it very clear. He outline the consequence of believe, and disbelieve; so that you can be well informed when you are making your decision:

He said, *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believe should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not sent His Son into the world to condemned the world but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believe is not condemned, but he who does not believe is condemned already”* (John 3:16-18)

MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION

It is because God loves us so much that He made these provisions, and also made the knowledge of all His provisions and love to be available for all to access.

As we can see in the writings, everything was veiled in the Old Testament; but the Scripture says, 'When anyone turn to Jesus Christ, the veil is removed', and that is because Jesus was sent by God Himself, to bring light and blessing to every man - so that we can truly see God, our heavenly Father, and understand His purpose and love for us.

Now all you have been waiting for is the right information to be able to receive everything Father God has provided for you.

Believing Right', has given you the basic information you need to make that right decision.
So go ahead and make good use of the things you have learnt.

God bless you.

THE TRUE MEANING OF SALVATION

When we say we have been saved, we need to know, what being saved actually means.

Let us look into the definition of the word, 'Salvation':

Salvation is:

- (1) - **the deliverance from the power and effects of sin**
- (2) - **Liberation from ignorance or illusion**
- (3) - **preservation from destruction or failure**
- (4) - **Deliverance from danger or difficulty.**

These are the things God sent Jesus to accomplished by dying on the cross.

So if you believe that you have been saved by the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, then know that **these are the things He saved you from; and this is what it means to be saved.**

Then remain in the state of being salvaged.
God bless you.

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