

All Scripture quotations are from the Authorized King James Version of the Bible unless otherwise indicated.

Underlining, SMALL CAPITAL LETTERS, [brackets] etc. are added by the author to emphasize parts of statements or quotations.

March 21, 2011/March 22, 2015

BORN FREE

Published for:
HANDS FOR JESUS

For additional copies of this book see our Web sites: www.handsforjesus.org
www.handsforjesus.cc
or write to:

HANDS FOR JESUS
P.O. BOX 250494
MILWAUKEE, WI 53225-0494

2003 by Merle E. Koepke
All Rights Reserved

Introduction

The Bible tells us that when we are born again, we are BORN FREE! First, we came into this world **“born of the flesh,”** but for those in Christ, we are **“born of the Spirit.”** Two different births, two different lives. **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT”** (John 3:6). The life of the flesh in the Greek is called “psuche.” The life we live in the Spirit in the Greek is called “Zoe.”

When we are born again, the Bible tells us that we received **“a new heart and a new spirit”** (Ezek. 11:19, 36:26). When we were born again into the family of God, 2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us, **“all things became new.”** It says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

Will we believe the Bible? Will we believe God? I can verify, from my own life, the Word of God is true. The Word of God does exactly what it says. God is God, and there is none greater. No man or spirit has power over the Word of God.

God says, if we are born again, we are a new creature, old things are passed away and all things are become new! Will we believe this about ourselves? Will we believe everything the Bible says about us? Or will we let the world, through the teachings of men and religious leaders tell us different than what the Word of God says?

How do we become born free? The information on how to become “born free” is among the other subjects in the Word of God. The most important thing we can do is **RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST INTO OUR LIFE AS LORD AND SAVIOR** (John 1:11,12).

To become born free, the basic information we need is in John 1:11,12,13, 3:3,5,6, and 1 Peter 1:23. If we add these verses together we can see the total plan of God for man to receive eternal life in Christ Jesus. There are many other verses of Scripture that can be helpful to understanding the new birth, but these few are all that are necessary to bring about the change in our lives that God desires of every individual alive on earth.

Let’s just take a quick glance at these verses: **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not...BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God”** (John 1:11-13).

In John 3:3, it says, **“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”** Then in John 3:5,6 it says, **“Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God...That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”**

In 1 Peter 1:23 it says, **“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”**

The Bible says, **“BUT AS MANY AS RECEIVED HIM...”** When a person, “individually” receives Jesus Christ into their life as LORD and Savior, they become born again of the Word and the Spirit. Once they receive Him personally, they become children of God, and God becomes their Father.

Satan has blinded the minds of many by religious teachings, such as, some other person such as a Pastor or Priest can say a prayer or pray over them, sprinkling them with water, and they are born again through their “infant baptism.” The Bible does not teach that doctrine, that is a doctrine of men.

But the wonderful thing is, the WORD OF GOD is TRUE. When we receive Jesus into our lives, we do become born again.

Yet, very few Christians realize that, they are born again of **“incorruptible, [seed] by the word of God”** (1 Peter 1:23). Incorruptible means “it cannot be corrupted.” We have the very life of God in us, and it cannot be corrupted. We are born of God, not of man. God cannot fail, neither can His Word fail.

Isn't it wonderful, that God; Who cannot fail, dwells in us, and we are His true Children, born of the Spirit (John 3:6)? When you know, beyond all doubt, that God Himself (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit) dwell in you; that should change your thinking drastically. Your love for God should be so strong that you would never do anything that is not pleasing to God.

When you were born again, you were BORN FREE! Now, stay Free and live Free!

Part 1

BORN FREE

Have you ever heard the song, “Born Free”? The words of this song include, “free as the wind blows...” The Bible tells us that Christians should be “free as the wind blows,” free to follow the Holy Spirit wherever He leads us.

Look at John 3:8, it says, **“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”** We are free as the wind blows? The Bible says **“...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”** If we do not seem to be free, we should be. The Word of God says we are free!

In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** If we are a new creature in Christ and old things are passed away, then we should be free of our past? In verse 19, it says, **“To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them...”** If God is not imputing our past trespasses against us, then they are not counted against us and we should be free of the past life we lived before we were born again.

Christians need to understand the great work God did in their lives when they were “born again.” God says, “we are free...”! Is God telling the truth?

Let us look at some Scriptures concerning our new birth and what God says about those who are in Christ. In John 1:13 it says, **“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”** Our new birth into the family of God was not our idea, it was God’s idea. God made us a new creature in Christ Jesus. Jesus said in John 6:44, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...”** We didn’t choose God. He loved us, and He chose us to be His very own children, “born of God--born of the Spirit.” Has God ever made any mistakes? The Bible says He never has, and I believe the Bible.

In John 6:44, Jesus included another statement, **“...and I will raise him up at the last day.”** When is the last day? That could be the day of judgement mentioned in Revelation 20:11-15. Following that day, there will be a new heavens and a new earth (Rev. 21:1). Yet, there is another way of looking at Jesus’ statement of **“...I will raise him up at the last day.”** Our last day could be the day we leave this earth for eternity in heaven. For in eternity there are no days, week, months, or years.

The important thing Christians should know is, that Jesus will raise us up on that last day, “to continue to spend eternity with Him.” But, what about now, before that last day? The Word of God teaches that if we are born again, then Jesus is “in us” today. If He is in us today, then we are already spending eternity with Jesus, here on earth, before we go to be with Him in heaven.

In John 5:24, Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.”**

Many times Christians have read this verse without understanding what it truly says. There are conditions in this verse that should be understood. The first condition is **“...He that heareth my word...”** The word **“heareth”** implies that one is hearing at the present time. It does not mean the same as “heard,” which implies at one time they heard. Therefore, it is speaking of someone who is still hearing His Word on a daily bases.

The second condition is **“...and believeth on him that sent me...”** This word **“believeth”**

implies that they are still believing, not that they did believe at one time.

When we understand these important statements, then we can understand the remaining part of John 5:24. Therefore, if we “are hearing His Word,” and “believing on Him,” we then “have everlasting life.” If we “have” (present time), everlasting life, we shall not come into condemnation. Being that we have (present tense), everlasting life we have passed from death unto life.

Christians need to remind themselves of this. If they are hearing His Word, and believing on Him at the present time, they shall not come into condemnation, but are already passed from death unto life in Christ Jesus. We are not going to inherit eternal life someday. We already have eternal life in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17).

Being that we have eternal life abiding in us, eternal death is passed away. Romans 5:12 tells us, **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”** We came into this world, born of the flesh (with sin and death resident in us). But look at Romans 8:9, it says, **“BUT YE ARE NOT IN THE FLESH, BUT IN THE SPIRIT, IF SO BE THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELL IN YOU. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”** This is important to understand. God took us out of Adam and placed us in Christ Jesus. Colossians 1:13 says, **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”** Eternal death is passed away, and eternal life has come into us. In 1 Corinthians 15:22 it says, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”** Being that “in Christ” is the very life of God and we are **“hearing His Word”** and **“abiding in Him,”** we are no longer in Adam.

We were **born free** of the bondage of Satan when we were translated into the kingdom of God’s Son. Satan has no power over us. We are **FREE!** Satan cannot take our eternal life from us, he does not have that power. Jesus said, **“And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand...My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand”** (John 10:28,29).

Jesus did not say “YOU COULD NOT GET OUT” but He did say, **“...no man can pluck you out of His Father’s hand.”** Jesus’ Father, (which is our Father), is greater than the devil and man. Therefore, the devil can not pluck us out of our Father’s hand.

Yet, we do have a choice. And also we have a responsibility We can reject Jesus, reject His blood sacrifice, trample His blood under our feet, or change the Word of God into a lie of the devil. Our name can be taken out of the book of life (Heb. 6:4-6, 10:29; Rev. 3:5,6, 22:19).

But, Hebrews 7:25, is talking about Jesus, it says, **“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”** Watch what it said, **“...that come unto God by him...”** We must continually (daily) come unto God. It does not say, “came unto God,” at one time and then left Him. It is a continuance in our relationship and fellowship with God.

Therefore, we do not need to concern ourselves about losing our inheritance in heaven or our names being taken out of the Book of Life, if we continually, daily **“come unto God.”**

First we are born free. Now we must live free. By living free, we can stay free. The first thing every Christians should learn is **“who they are in Christ”** and **“the Love of God the Father.”** We are “children of God,” we are born of God (1 John 3:9, 4:7, 5:1, 5,18). “God is OUR TRUE FATHER” (Matt. 5:16,45,48, etc.). We are not of this world, we are born from above (John 17:14,16). We didn’t choose Him, He chose us (John 6:44, 14:6, 15:16). God does not make mistakes, His ways are from everlasting to everlasting. Psalm 145:17 says, **“The LORD is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.”** God does not change (Mal. 3:6), neither does He change His mind toward us. God’s Word does not change, it is forever settled in heaven. Isaiah 46:9,10 says,

“Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me...Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure.”

It was **God’s good pleasure** to choose you and make you one of His very own Children in Christ Jesus. He chose you from the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4). He made you “who you are” in Christ Jesus. Now, love Him and serve Him all the days of your life!

Find out in the Word of God, who God says you are in Christ Jesus, and what you have in Christ Jesus. Build yourself up in what the Word of God says. Then do what the Bible teaches; that is, speak out loud what the Word of God says.

The LORD said to Joshua, **“This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success”** (Josh. 1:8). The Hebrew word translated **“meditate,”** means “to murmur; which means to speak out.” It is much more helpful if we speak the Word of God out loud than if we only read it. Now this is not the only time the Word of God tells us to speak out loud. In Romans 10:9,10, it says, **“That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”**

In verse nine it says we should **“confess with thy mouth.”** It is impossible to confess with our mouth without speaking it out. The Greek word “sozo,” translated **“saved,”** in verse nine means “delivered or protected.” Therefore, if we want to receive deliverance and protection from anything that the world or the devil comes against us with; we should speak the Word of God out loud. Then in verse ten it says, **“...with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”** Therefore, it is saying we need to confess with our mouth to receive salvation.

It will be very helpful for every Christian to **“read out loud”** the following statements, compiled from the Word of God. Do this on a daily basis until you have them down in your heart. **“For out of your heart flows the issues of life”** (Prov. 4:23). These are not in any specific order. They are only statements of truth that we need to get down in our hearts and speak out of our mouths.

First, we should pray a prayer similar to the following prayer. We need to confess our position in the family of God and also confess our sins, that we are cleansed from all unrighteousness.

Pray Out Loud:

Thank You, heavenly Father;
Father, I thank You that You are my Father.
I thank You for Your plans from before the foundation of this world.
You chose me in Christ Jesus to be one with You for eternity.
Your Word has gone forth into this world, and it shall not return unto You void.
You've chosen me, heavenly Father, to be Your very own.
You dwell within me, and I am Your child.
Your Word is true, heavenly Father,
You have spoken it into this world as it is recorded in Your precious book.
You have told me in Your Word,
That if I would confess my sins
You would be truthful and just;

You would forgive me of my sins
and You would cleanse me from all unrighteousness.
Father, I confess that I have sinned,

(Confess all known sins, as sins against God).

Father, I have said things I should not have said,
I have done things I should not have done.
I have not done all things according to Your Word.
I thank You for Your forgiveness, because of Christ Who dwells in me,
His righteousness is my righteousness.
I thank You, heavenly Father, that You have forgiven me,
and cleansed me from all unrighteousness.
I praise You, heavenly Father, that Your Word is true.

I thank You for the LORD Jesus Christ,
Who You sent into this world To be my LORD, and Savior.
He dwells in me, and I am one in Him.

LORD, I thank You, that You came into this world.
You fulfilled all righteousness for me.
You did all things according to the will of Your Father.
You shed Your blood on the cross for the forgiveness of the sins of the whole world..
You gave Your body for the healing and resurrection of my body.
You gave Your life that You could live Your life in me.
I am one in You, Your Father is my Father.
I thank You, LORD Jesus, that You sit at the right hand of the Father making intercession for me.
Your prayers are answered, that our Father's will is done
Because You intercede for me.
I thank You that Your Spirit dwells in me, making me one in You.
I thank You for the Holy Spirit, Whom You have sent from the Father
To be my Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher.

Holy Spirit, I thank You for helping me, guiding me, comforting and teaching me.
Holy Spirit, help me today, in everything I do.
Help me to pray in the perfect will of our Father.
Help me to pray for those in authority and all those over me.
Help me to pray for kings and leaders of the world,
That they come to the knowledge of the LORD Jesus Christ and receive Him as their LORD &
Savior.
Help me to pray for those who do not know Jesus
that they receive Him as their LORD & Savior.
Help me to pray for those in the body of Christ
Who are under attack by Satan,
That they be delivered, and set free, and move in the glorious wonders, by the power of the Spirit.
Help me in everything, Holy Spirit.

Help me to pray in the Spirit, in the perfect will of my Father.
Guide me in every thing I do.
Speak to me from my spirit.
Show me things to come.
Give me wisdom, knowledge, and discerning of spirits that I know the things that are of God,
That I can do the things that my Father would have me do.
Help me to walk in the Spirit, that my Father is glorified,
That Jesus is raised up,
That all things be accomplished according to the will of my Father.
I thank You today, Holy Spirit.
For Your help in everything I do.
Help me now, Holy Spirit, To pray in the spirit to my heavenly Father in His heavenly language:
That His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give me the words to say,
Help me to pray whatever is the mind of the Spirit of Christ in me
That the body of Christ can perform whatever is the desire of the LORD Jesus Christ,
Who is our head over His body here on earth.
Holy Spirit, I yield over to You, to give me the words to say
In that heavenly language of my Father.
Thank You for Your help, Holy Spirit,
In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Continue to pray in tongues until you have peace in your spirit.)

**CONFESS OUT LOUD
THE FOLLOWING
STATEMENTS**

Jesus said, **“All things are possible to him that believeth”** (Mark 9:23).

Jesus said, **“Have faith in God...For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith...Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them”**(Mark 11:22-24).

I have faith in God, therefore, whatsoever I say, believing in my heart and confessing with my mouth shall come to pass.

Jesus said, **“These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues...They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”** (Mark 16:17,18).

Jesus said, **“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you”** (Luke 10:19).

Jesus said, **“And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son...If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it”** (John 14:13,14).

Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you...Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full”** (John 16:23,24).

I am a child of God, therefore I know, that whatsoever I ask of God, I receive, because I ask according to His will (1 John 5:14,15).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...The same was in the beginning with God...All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made...“In him was life; and the life was the light of men” (John 1:1-4).

Jesus is that Living Word of God, come in the flesh (John 1:14).

“The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Heb. 4:12).

God is working in me, both to will and to do His Good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

I am a child of God (John 1:12).

I did not choose Him, but He chose me (John 15:16).

I am not God, **“But by the grace of God I am what I am”** (1 Cor. 15:10).

Jesus is the True Vine, and I am a branch of the Vine, without Him I can do nothing (John 15:5).

I am not of this world, just as Jesus is not of this world (John 17:16).

For I am born from above (John 3:7).

My new spirit came down from heaven and I am born of the Spirit (John 3:6).

Jesus came down from heaven to do the will of the Father (John 6:38).

As the Father sent Jesus, so Jesus has sent me (John 17:16-18).
I now live my life in Jesus to do the will of God the Father.
Of myself, I can do nothing, it is Christ in me that does the works (John 15:5).
I am in Jesus and Jesus is in me, we are one (John 17:21).
In Him I live, and move, and have my being (Acts 17:28).

Jesus has given me the keys to the kingdom of heaven, and whatsoever I bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatsoever I loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven, because I do the will of Jesus, who sent me (Matt. 16:19).

I have received the baptism in the Holy Spirit, with power to be a witness unto Jesus (Acts. 1:4,5,8).
I am not a witness unto myself, but I am a witness unto Jesus. I do not my own will, but I do only the will of Jesus, who sent me.

I do not love the world, neither the things of this world, for the world passes away, but the Word of God endures forever (1 John 2:15-17).

All things work together for my good, for I love God and am called according to His purpose (Rom. 8:28).

I know that God is for me, and not against me (Rom. 8:31).

For, **“He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”** (Rom. 8:32).

God loves me, and I love Him, because He first loved me (1 John 4:19).

I am the righteousness of God, **“Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference...For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God...Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus”** (Rom. 3:22-24).

I have received **“abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness [and] shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ”** (Rom 5:17).

“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous” (Rom. 5:19).

By the grace of God, I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:21).

“There is no condemnation for those in Christ, who walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Rom. 8:1,2).

I am a son of God, God is my Father (Rom. 8:14,15)

I am a joint-heir with Christ (Rom. 8:17).

“In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Rom. 8:37).

I am **“in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption”** (1 Cor. 1:30).

I am not in the flesh, I am in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9).

For He dwells in me and I in Him.

“Hereby [we know] that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit” (1 John 4:13).

I can speak to God in His heavenly language, and no man understands me (1 Cor. 14:2).

I edify myself, while I speak in tongues (1 Cor. 14:4).

I build up my most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost (Jude 1:20).

When I speak in tongues, my spirit prays, my mind is without understanding; for it is the Spirit of God in me giving me the words to speak (1 Cor. 14:14).

I am not in Adam, I am in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

For, **“As in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive”** (1 Cor. 15:22).

“As we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” (1 Cor. 15:49).

“All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us...Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God...Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts” (2 Cor. 1:20-22).

“Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ” (2 Cor. 2:14).

For, I am a new creature in Christ, old things are passed away, all things are new (2 Cor. 5:17).

I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Cor. 5:19).

I am the righteousness of God in Him, for God made Him to be sin for me (2 Cor. 5:21).

“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified” (Gal. 2:16).

“I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20).

I am redeemed from the curse of the Law, for Christ bore the curse for me (Gal. 3:13).

I am a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:26).

I am Abraham’s seed according to the promise (Gal. 3:29).

God has blessed me with all spiritual blessings in Christ Jesus (Eph. 1:3).

I was chosen by God from the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

God adopted me in Christ Jesus according to His good pleasure (Eph. 1:5).

God has made me accepted in the beloved (Eph. 1:6).

I **“have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace”** (Eph. 1:7).

God has **“made known unto [me] the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself”** (Eph. 1:9).

In Him, I have **“an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will”** (Eph. 1:11).

I am seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places, for God **“hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”** (Eph. 2:6).

“By grace are [we] saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8).

I am God’s **“workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works”** (Eph. 2:10).

The good works that I do; it is not I that doeth them, but Christ in me, that doeth the works (John 14:10).

I have been baptized into the body of Christ (Eph. 4:5).

God the Father is in me (Eph. 4:6).

I have access, **“by one Spirit unto the Father”** (Eph. 2:18).

I am a fellow-citizen **“with the saints, and of the household of God”** (Eph. 2:19).

“In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him” (Eph. 3:12).

“For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named” (Eph. 3:14,15).

Therefore, I do not grieve **“the holy Spirit of God, whereby [I am] sealed unto the day of redemption”** (Eph 4:30).

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might” (Eph. 6:10).

I am confident that God began a good work in me, and will continue it until the end (Phil. 1:6).

I know that if I depart, I will be with Christ, and if I remain, I will be with Christ, for I dwell in Him and He dwells in me (Phil. 1:23-26).

I know that God is working in me, to will and to do His good pleasure (Phil. 2:13).

I am **“In him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith”** (Phil. 3:9).

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil. 4:13).

“My God shall supply all [my] need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19).

I give **“thanks unto the Father, which hath made [me] meet to be [a partaker] of the inheritance of the saints in light”** (Col.1:12).

He **“hath delivered [me] from the power of darkness, and hath translated [me] into the kingdom of his dear Son”** (Col. 1:13).

In Him, I **“have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins”** (Col. 1:14).

Christ is in me, the hope of glory (Col. 1:27).

“Being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ” (Col. 2:2).

“In whom are [hidden] all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Col. 2:3).

“As [we] have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk [we] in him” (Col. 2:6).

“Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as [we] have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:7).

“In him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily” (Col. 2:9).

And I am **“complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power”** (Col. 2:10).

I am therefore, **“circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ”** (Col. 2:11).

I am **“Buried with him in baptism, wherein also [we] are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead”** (Col. 2:12).

He hath made me alive **“together with him, having forgiven [me] all trespasses”** (Col. 2:13).

“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against [me], which was contrary to [me], and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross” (Col. 2:14).

I set my **“affection on things above, not on things on the earth”** (Col. 3:2).

“For [I am] dead, and [my] life is hid with Christ in God” (Col. 3:3).

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thess. 5:18).

I have no fear, **“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of**

a sound mind” (2 Tim. 1:7).

God “hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (2 Tim. 1:9).

“For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him” (2 Tim. 2:11).

It is written, “From a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 3:15).

I “have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God” (Heb. 4:14). Therefore, I can, “come boldly unto the throne of grace, that [I] may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:7).

“He is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises” (Heb. 8:6).

In this covenant, God hath said, “I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more” (Heb. 8:12).

As my High Priest, “by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Heb. 9:12).

“And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance” (Heb. 9:15).

“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all” (Heb. 10:10).

“For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified...Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before...This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them...And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more” (Heb. 10:14-17).

Therefore, I am “Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).

“So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb. 13:6).

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Heb. 13:8).

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant...Make [me] perfect in every good work to do his will, working in [me] that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen” (Heb. 13:21).

“Knowing this, that the trying of [our] faith worketh patience...But let patience have her perfect work, that [we] may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing” (James 1:4).

“Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him” (James 1:12).

I submit myself to God and resist the devil and he flees from me (James 4:7).

It is written; **“Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord...And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him”** (James 5:14,15).

“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much” (James 5:16).

I am **“born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever”** (1 Peter 1:23).

I am a part of **“a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that [I] should shew forth the praises of him who hath called [me] out of darkness into his marvellous light”** (1 Peter 2:9).

Jesus bore my sins for me, and by His stripes I am healed (1 Peter 2:24).

The eyes of the LORD are over me, and His ears are open to my prayers (1 Peter 3:12).

“But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that [we] have suffered a while, make [us] perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle [us]” (1 Peter 5:10).

I have fellowship with the Father and the Son, because I walk in the light as They are in the light (1 John 1:3-6).

I am daily, cleansed from all sin, as I walk in the Light (1 John 1:7).

If I sin, I confess my sins and He is faithful to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Even if I sin, I have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. And He is the atonement for my sins (1 John 2:1,2).

As it is written; **“whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him”** (1 John 2:5).

“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked” (1 John 2:6).

As a child of God, my sins are forgiven me for His own name’s sake (1 John 2:12).

I am strong in the LORD, and the Word of God abides in me, and I have overcome the wicked one (1 John 2:14).

The anointing abides in me, and I need not that another teach me, for the anointing in me teaches me all things, and cannot lie; therefore I abide in Him (1 John 2:27).

“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:28).

I am a son of God, it may not appear so, but when He appears I shall be like Him, and see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).

“Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:3).

“Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous” (1 John 3:7).

Whatsoever I ask of Him, I receive of Him, for I keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing to Him (1 John 3:22).

“He that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us” (1 John 3:24).

I am of God, and I have overcome the world, **“for greater is He that is in me than he that is in the world”** (1 John 4:4).

“Hereby [we know] that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit” (1 John 4:13).

“As He is, so am I in this world” (1 John 4:17).

“I love Him, because He first loved me” (1 John 4:19).

I know I am a child of God, for I have a witness in my spirit that I am born again (1 John 5:10).

I believe the record God gave of His Son, and I believe on the name of the Son of God, thereby I know I have eternal life (1 John 5:13).

When I ask God for anything, I ask according to His will, and because I ask according to His will I know I have whatsoever I ask of Him (1 John 5:14,15).

“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life” (1 John 5:20).

Jesus said, **“To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God”** (Rev. 2:7).

Jesus said, **“He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death”** (Rev. 2:11).

Jesus said, **“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me”** (Rev. 3:20).

I am a child of God, and I will continue to confess the Word of God over me. For, **“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God”** (Matt. 4:4).

If you will be faithful to read out loud the previous statements concerning what God says about His children, you will notice a change in your life. You will notice the thoughts in your mind will take on a whole new concept of who you are in Christ. You will be more conscious of God as your Father, Jesus as your LORD, and the Holy Spirit as your Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher.

When you know “beyond all doubt,” that you are a child of God, you will no longer have any need to lie, cheat, steal, beg, borrow, or do anything that is not according to the will of God. God will supply all your needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus. You will come boldly to the throne of God and make your request known to God. You will know, that whatsoever you ask of God, He will do it. When you know these things, and have them down in your heart, your whole way of living will change. You will begin to live like you truly are a son of God, and God is your true Father.

As children of God, we must no longer be conformed to this world. In Romans 12:1,2 it says, **“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service...And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”** The world lives in sin and unrighteousness. Christians can no longer live in sin and unrighteousness. Therefore we need to **“...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God...”** Whatsoever is not pleasing to God must not be pleasing to us either. We need to understand that Satan will come to lead us into things that are not pleasing to God. We must resist the Devil in every are of our lives.

It would also be good if we would read the following Scripture verses everyday, until our mind is renewed to come against all ungodliness in our lives. Let us start with Romans 1:18-32.

Rom. 1:18, **“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness.”**

Rom. 1:19, **“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.”**

Rom. 1:20, **“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that**

they are without excuse.”

Rom. 1:21, **“Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”**

Rom. 1:22, **“Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.”**

Rom. 1:23, **“And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”**

Rom. 1:24, **“Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.”**

Rom. 1:25, **“Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.”**

Rom. 1:26, **“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.”**

Rom. 1:27, **“And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”**

Rom. 1:28, **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”**

Rom. 1:29, **“Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers.”**

Rom. 1:30, **“Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents.”**

Rom. 1:31, **“Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful.”**

Rom. 1:32, **“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”**

It is very important that Christians do not get involved in any of the things mentioned in Romans 1:18-32. For the wrath of God does come upon Christians who get involved with these things.

Then in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 it says, **“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.”**

Then in Galatians, Chapter Five it says,

Gal. 5:19, **“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness.”**

Gal. 5:20, **“Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies.”**

Gal. 5:21, **“Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.”**

Then in Ephesians, Chapter Five it says,

Eph. 5:3, **“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints.”**

Eph. 5:4, **“Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.”**

Eph. 5:5, **“For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.”**

Then in Colossians, Chapter Three it says,

Col. 3:5, **“Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”**

Col. 3:6, **“For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience.”**

Col. 3:8, **“But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”**

Col. 3:9, **“Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.”**

Then in 1 Thessalonians, Chapter Four it says,

1 Thes. 4:3, **“For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication.”**

1 Thes. 4:4, **“That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour.”**

1 Thes. 4:5, **“Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God.”**

1 Thes. 4:6, **“That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.”**

1 Thes. 4:7, **“For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.”**

Then in 1 Peter, Chapter One it says,

1 Peter 1:14, **“As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance.”**

1 Peter 1:15, **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation.”**

1 Peter 1:16, **“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”**

Then in Revelation, Chapter Twenty One, it says,

Rev. 21:7, **“He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.”**

Rev. 21:8, **“But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”**

Part 2

STAY FREE

In order to Stay Free, we need to understand what we were set free of:

1. Why did we need to be set free?
2. How did we get set free?

God, who created the heavens and the earth is the God of all creation. Which means, there is no other God or authority greater than the God of all creation. Satan has no power over God. God has power over Satan.

God has certain laws by which He governs His Creation. There are two types of laws that God has established from the beginning. There are what we could call “natural laws.” These are principles which govern His creation; which includes the earth. Such as, the sun and the moon give light to the earth and the universe (the light is generated by the sun and reflected by the moon). Another natural law is that the earth rotates around the sun once a year (making spring, summer, fall, and winter; four seasons every twelve months). Another natural law is that, the earth rotates on its own axes every twenty-four hours (making a night and a day). Another natural law is called the law of gravity, “what goes up, comes down.” Another natural law is of the seas, oceans, rivers and dry land (much of the earth is below sea level, yet still dry--the sea level is controlled by the Word of God (Gen. 1:9). All of these laws could be called natural laws, governing natural objects or created things.

Along with these laws or principles, God established other laws we could call “moral laws” (laws of conduct for the creatures God created). One moral law or principle is, the created is not greater than the Creator (Lucifer tried to exalt himself above God, and God’s moral law pronounced judgment upon Lucifer, and he was cast out of the third heavens (Ezek. 28:12-20, Isa. 14:12-20)).

Any violation of God’s “moral laws” is considered “sin.” Sin could be called “rebellion” against God; against His moral laws. For any law to be effective there must be a balance between right and wrong, between obeying and disobeying. God is a just God, and cannot pervert judgement.

Lucifer disobeyed God’s moral law of conduct, and received judgement for his disobedience. He was cast out of heaven, down to the earth; and judgement was proclaimed that his eternal end would be hell.

What about man? What about man’s disobedience of God’s moral laws? When man sins, it is rebellion against God’s moral law of conduct. It is not “sin against another person, it is rebellion against God’s right and authority to govern this universe.”

Satan has blinded the minds of those who do not know the truth, and therefore has many trying to justify their sins. For example: adultery is sin against God, not against man. In Genesis 39:9, Joseph said to Potiphar’s wife, **“how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?”** God’s moral laws were in existence from the foundation of the world. Joseph knew adultery was a sin against God even before Moses gave the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:14).

There is a punishment for rebellion (violating God’s moral laws). That punishment is death (physical and/or eternal). Romans 5:12 tells us **“death came by sin.”** Romans 6:23 tells us, **“the wages of sin is death.”**

God’s moral laws demand obedience to God’s Word. God’s Word establishes His moral laws. Sin therefore, is disobedience of God’s Word.

When Adam and Eve disobeyed the Word of God and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, sin entered into mankind (into the human race). Man became corrupted by the sin that entered the human race. Death (two deaths, physical and eternal), became “resident” in mankind. Death is the penalty for sin; the just penalty declared by God.

Adam and Eve did not die the moment they ate of the tree. But two death’s entered their being, and “remained resident in them.” The first death, “physical death,” is called mortality. Mortality effects the physical body of man. Mortality is a process of death working in our physical bodies, and if not overcome (Gen. 5:24, Heb. 11:5) it will eventually take over the physical body. The body will cease to live and return to dust (Gen. 3:19, Ecc. 12:7).

Eternal death effects the soul of man, and is sometimes referred to in the New Testament as “corruption.” The soul of man contains his mind, will, intellect, etc. In 1 Corinthians 15:53 it says, **“For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.”** Man cannot live in heaven with his soul corrupted or his body mortal. These two results of sin must be overcome for man to live at peace with God.

Sin causes either or both deaths to mankind in general, and to people individually. Death is the result of sin. Sickness and disease are results of sin. Physical death is a result of sin, and eternal death is a result of sin. These two deaths **“passed upon”** mankind when Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden.

Why is Adam blamed for the sin of mankind? Because we are all descendants of Adam, we are all **“born of the flesh”** of Adam. Leviticus 17:11 tells us, **“the life of the flesh is in the blood...”** The life of our flesh (which is in the blood), came from the blood, that came from Adam. Acts 17:26 tells us, God **“hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth...”**

Sin entered mankind through the bloodline of Adam. Therefore, it says **“For as in Adam all die...”** (1 Cor. 15:22). Romans 5:12 tells us, **“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”**

Death came upon everyone born of the bloodline of Adam. It came because of the sin that was in the blood of Adam. Therefore, **“death passed upon all men,”** born of the blood of Adam. Death did not overtake us, but it became resident in us already at the time we were **“born of the flesh.”**

The Word of God tells us that even Christians still have sin resident **“in their flesh”** (Rom. 7:20). It is also speaking to Christians in 1 John 1:8, when it says, **“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”** There is still sin resident in us, even after we are born again. If anyone says this is not true, they need to read 1 John 1:10, which says, **“If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”** So, we do not call God a liar, but we admit our sins, confess them, and God will “forgive us,” and cleanse us from all “unrighteousness” For in 1 John 1:9 it says, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

God is truthful and righteous in everything He does. Job 34:12 says, **“Yea, surely God will not do wickedly, neither will the Almighty pervert judgment.”**

So what can we do about sin? How can we please God when we still have sin in our lives? Every day, we sin against God. What can we do?

Of ourselves, we can do nothing about the sin “that is resident” in us (**“sin in the flesh”** (Rom. 7:23-25)). Paul said, “Thank God, Jesus has already taken care of that” (Rom. 7:25). We overcome that sin by walking in the Light as He is in the light (1 John 1:7). That sin is there, and will be there in the form of mortality and corruption until the last day (1 Cor. 15:52-57).

The Bible also says, **“we must overcome”** (Rev. 2:7). How do we overcome? Revelation 12:11 says, **“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”** We DO NOT overcome sin BY WHAT WE DID, we overcome sin BY WHAT WE DO!

Of ourselves, we cannot overcome sin! But, JESUS OVERCAME SIN FOR US! **“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him”** (2 Cor. 5:21).

God had a plan from the foundation of the world, that is, “even before Adam was created.” Revelation 13:8 tells us, **“the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world”!** Sin was dealt with according to God’s eternal moral law. Death comes by sin, and there is a punishment for “sin against God.” That punishment is “physical death of man.” The payment for sin is the life of the flesh, which is in the blood. Leviticus 17:11 says, **“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”**

Before the foundation of the world, God laid our sins upon Jesus, and He became OUR SUBSTITUTE. Jesus bore our sins for us, in His own body on the Cross of Calvary. Jesus shed His blood, (where the life of the flesh was in the blood) “for the payment” of our sins. “JESUS PAID OUR DEBT.” Jesus took our penalty upon Himself, that we could be free of the penalty of sin. **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16).

On the Cross, Jesus took our sins and our iniquities, our sicknesses and our diseases upon Himself, that we could be free. He did it for us, especially for those who are “in Christ.” Even though He did it for the whole world, it is only effective for those who believe.

Many will spend eternity in hell, not because they sinned. But, because they did not believe on Jesus Christ, God’s Son. **“He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God”** (John 3:18).

Even Christians will not be free of sin, iniquity, sickness or disease unless **“they believe what God did for them in Christ Jesus on the Cross of Calvary.”** It is not what they did, it is what Christ did for them on the Cross!

What about the second death, eternal death? When we first believed the gospel, and received Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior, we passed from eternal death (that was resident in us), unto eternal life in Christ Jesus. In John 1:12,13 it says, **“But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name...Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”**

We became a new creature in Christ Jesus. Whereby, we passed from eternal death unto eternal life. We were in the flesh, now we are in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9). We are born again of the Word and the Spirit (1 Peter 1:23, John 3:6). Being a new creature “in Christ” we were BORN FREE! All of our past sins were wiped out.

We were BORN FREE! Now we must STAY FREE!

To “stay free,” Christians need to **“walk in the light, as He is in the Light.”** Christians need to confess their sins, turn from them and remember them no more! Look at 1 John 1:7,9, it says, **“If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

When the Word of God talks about the Blood of Jesus, it also talks about “not remembering

our sins.” If God does not remember our sins, then we should also forget them (once we have put them under the blood, by confessing and repenting). The apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13,14, **“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before...I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”**

As long as the devil can keep you remembering your past sins, he has you on the defensive, when you should be on the offence, destroying the works of the devil. The Blood sets you free, and if your have been set free, you are free. Now, stay free! Don’t let your past sins which you have already confessed hold you back. Get on the offence and destroy the works of the devil.

The Bible talks very little about “your personal past.” God has forgotten “your personal past,” and has accepted you into the beloved, in Christ Jesus. When God sees you, He sees you in Christ Jesus, cleansed by the blood of the everlasting covenant. The Cross of Jesus set you free, long before you came into this world “in the flesh.” Now, that you are in Christ, the Word of God says, You **“are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God”** (Col. 3:3). It is a time of believing the Word of God, not your past!

God does not see you “as who you were” in the flesh. You are no longer in the flesh, but in the Spirit (Rom. 8:9). If you are a new Creature in Christ, then that old man is dead, and gone, and you should put on the new man, which is created in Christ Jesus. In Ephesians 4:22-24 it tells us, **“That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts...And be renewed in the spirit of your mind...And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.”**

We are a new man, **“created in righteousness and true holiness.”** If you live in the past, remembering your past sins, you will never walk in the power of the Spirit of God. God forgot all yours sins of the past. He does not remember them any more. If you let the devil remind you of your past, “before you were born again,” then you are not agreeing with the Word of God. If you do not agree with the Word of God, God cannot help you in time of need.

God only helps those who agree with His Word. He set you free, now stay free of the past, and walk in the light.

Look at the twelve apostles and the seventy others that Jesus sent out to destroy the works of the devil. Did they first have to go back to their past and dig up all the dirt that covered their graves? No, not only that but look at what they said to Jesus, **“Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name”** (Luke 10:17). Jesus said to them, **“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you”** (Luke 10:19). These men were not even born again. Yet, Jesus said to them, **“I give unto you power...”** Did they have more power than Christians today, who are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit? I do not believe so. When Jesus gives you power, you have power. It is not a question of “do you have the power,” it is, what are you going to do with the power Jesus gave you?

Jesus said in Acts 1:8, **“...ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”** Have you been baptized in the Holy Spirit? If you have, then YOU STILL HAVE THAT POWER that came upon you when you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

In 1 John 2:27, it says, **“...the anointing which ye have received of him ABIDETH in you...”** That power is still resident in you, waiting for you to speak the Word, so the Holy Spirit can act upon the Word of God that you speak out of your mouth. You speak the Word, and the Spirit of God will do the rest. You lay hands upon the sick, and the Spirit of God will make sure they recover (Mark 16:16,17). You have the power of God residing in you, waiting for you to speak the Word.

Why are Christians still defeated in this life?

In 2 Corinthians 4:4 it tells us, **“the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...”** This is talking about Christians who do not believe what the Word of God tells them about themselves. They do not believe who they are in Christ, and the power they have over the devil. Their minds are blinded, because they do not believe **“the glorious gospel of Christ...”**

Many Christians today, including some of those who say they are in the ministry, have their minds blinded by the god of this world. Many of them have not **“renewed their minds”** ON THE WORD OF GOD to know the truth that can set them free! They have not “studied the Word of God,” to know what it truly says. Some have taught what they have heard others teach, and have not renewed their minds on what the Word of God says. Therefore, many are defeated in their lives, and keeping others from knowing the truth that can set them free.

Let us take a close look at what the Word of God says about Christians, and those in this world who are not Christians. Because the truth of the Word of God is hidden from those who do not seek Him, we must search the Scriptures for the truth. In Isaiah 55:8,9 it says, **“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD...For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.”** What the LORD said to the children of Israel at that time did not tell them “where their thoughts came from,” that they were not His thoughts.

But for us, who have the New Testament, we can know where our thoughts come from “especially, those thoughts that are not the LORD’S thoughts.” In Ephesians 2:2 it tells us, **“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”** Before we were born again into the family of God, almost all of our thoughts came from **“the prince of the power of the air.”** Satan is **“the prince of the power of the air.”**

Here is some revelation knowledge for those who can receive it. Our God is the God of all creation. Our God has the ability to put thoughts in the minds of people. Satan is the god of this world. Satan also has the ability to put thoughts in the minds of people.

God’s ability to put thoughts in the minds of people is greater than Satan’s ability to put thoughts in the minds of people. Yet, they both have that ability. Satan is “the god of this world.” But our God is over all creation, in heaven, on earth and beneath the earth.

Satan had the ability to put thoughts in the minds of people before Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden. Satan was already **“the god of this world”** before Adam and Eve sinned. Study the Scriptures and you will see. Eve first sinned when she took of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil **“and did eat.”** Before she took of the fruit, SHE WAS WITHOUT SIN. It wasn’t until she took of the fruit **“and did eat”** that she sinned.

The Bible says, Eve did sin (even before Adam sinned). In 1 Timothy 2:14, it says, **“...the woman being deceived was in the transgression,”** meaning, “she sinned.”

Eve thought about what she did before she did it (Gen. 3:6). Where did her thoughts come from? Satan, using the serpent, helped her think about it, but Eve made the decision to eat of the tree **“HERSELF,”** based upon the thoughts in her mind.

Then she gave to Adam of the fruit of the tree, **“...and he did eat.”** According to the Bible, Adam did not sin until he took of the fruit **“and did eat.”** The thoughts came to Adam when Eve spoke words to him. It says, **“Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree...”** (Gen. 3:17).

Did Adam know what he was doing? The Bible says he did. He first listened to Eve, and then the thought came to him to eat also, **“and he did eat.”** Where did the thought come from that Adam ate also? Two-fold; Satan used Eve to get Adam to think about eating, and Adam **“hearkened unto the voice of thy wife.”** Both Adam and Eve disobeyed the LORD, and obeyed the devil instead.

Before Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, Satan, **“who was already the god of this world,”** had access to the minds of mankind. Romans 6:16 explains what Adam and Eve did, saying, **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”** Adam and Eve yielded themselves to become servants of Satan. By this, sin and death entered mankind.

What about you and I? Ephesians 2:2 tells us, **“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”** The minds of the natural man are corrupted by the sin that became resident in man. This was a work of the devil in the beginning, and it is called “corruption,” for it is contrary to the Word of God, and opposed to all that God is, and His authority on earth.

When the Bible says, we **“were dead in trespasses and sins,”** it is talking about the corruption that entered mankind when Adam sinned. We were not “dead to God,” insomuch that we could not hear from God. If that were true, then how could God give man the ability to write the Scriptures, **“by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit?”** Man still had the ability to receive **“the inspiration from the Holy Spirit”** in order to write what is called “the Bible.” If man was dead to God, how could Enoch walk with God even before the flood? Someone is teaching things that are not true.

The Bible is the written Word of God, given to men by the inspiration of God. In 2 Timothy 3:16 it says, **“All scripture is given by inspiration of God...”** The inspiration was given to men of the Old Testament that were not born again. They were **“born of the flesh,”** but not **“born of the Spirit.”** They had the same **“sin and death resident in them”** as we had before we were **“born again of the Spirit”** (John 3:6).

Death was resident in us, and if that death was not overcome by “eternal life,” we would have forever remained under the control of the devil. Satan, **“the prince of the power of the air,”** would have remained in control of our lives by the thoughts he puts in our minds. Ephesians 2:4,5 says, **“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us...Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ.”**

What happened? In Job 32:8, it says, **“there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** Those who are born again, received the inspiration of God from their spirit. From their spirit, they understood the gospel, which is “the good news:” In John 1:11,12 it says, **“He came unto his own, and his own received him not...But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.”**

Some heard other Scripture verses also, such as, **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”** (John 3:16). When we heard these and many other Scriptures concerning the LOVE of God, and His Son, Jesus Christ; the Spirit of God revealed them to us “from our spirit.” By this, we received the FREE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS!

The Word of God tells us, **“no one comes to Jesus, except the Father draws them”** (John 6:44). By His Spirit, God draws us, and we receive according to the witness in our spirit. In 1 Corinthians 12:3 it says, **“...no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.”**

Therefore, the Holy Spirit gives us the ability to confess Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior.

At that time we were born again, after *“the inspiration of the Almighty gave us understanding”* of the love and grace of God. Before that time, we had “eternal death residing in us.” At that time (when we were born again) we received “eternal life.” We passed from “eternal death, unto eternal life.” Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; BUT IS PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE”** (John 5:24). The “eternal death” that was resident in us, is overcome by the life of God that came into us when we were born again of the Word and the Spirit (John 3:6, 1 Peter 1:23). Therefore, when we received Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior, we passed from eternal death unto eternal life in Christ Jesus.

The god of this world, **“the prince of the power of the air,”** has blinded the minds of many who do not believe the good news of what God did for us, when He **“delivered us from THE POWER OF DARKNESS, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son”** (Col. 1:13).

We were under **“the power of darkness,” “the prince of the power of the air,”** until we received Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior. Romans 5:8 says, **“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”** When Christ died for us, the wall (or partition between us and God, caused by our sins; which separated us from God) was taken away. We are no longer separated from God, for God now dwells in us, making us Children of God in Christ Jesus.

The blood of Jesus paid the price for our sins, and now, in Christ Jesus we have access to the throne of God. Our sins were washed away, and we are reconciled to God by the blood of Jesus Christ. Being cleansed from sin by the blood, we can come boldly before the throne of God and ask God for whatever we have need of. Satan’s power over us was broken when we were **“delivered us from the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of his dear Son”** (Col. 1:13).

Even though we are Children of God. Even though Satan’s power over us is broken. If we do not renew our minds on the Word of God, Satan will still control our lives. When Satan still controls our lives, we are called **“children of disobedience”** (Eph. 2:2). We are told in the Word of God, not to walk after the flesh, but rather to walk after the Spirit (Rom. 8:1-7). If we walk after the flesh, we are **“children of disobedience.”**

Yet, the Bible says, **“we must overcome the works of the devil”** (Rev. 2:7, 11). We cannot overcome the works of the devil unless we know what the works of the devil are! If we do not know that many of our thoughts are from **“the prince of the power of the air,”** we will continue to live like the rest of the world lives, thinking it’s ok to do the things the world does. We must first understand where we came from, before we can fully understand where we are going.

Before we were born again into the family of God, the Bible says, **“...ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world”** (Eph. 2:12). Now that is not a good position to be in, but that is where we were. Again, Ephesians 2:2 says, **“...in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”**

Romans 7:5 says, **“WHEN WE WERE IN THE FLESH, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death.”** Romans 8:9 says, **“BUT YE ARE NOT IN THE FLESH, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.”**

Whenever Christians walk after the flesh, they **“bring forth fruit unto death.”** That is why, the Word of God tells us, **“walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit”!**

Before we were born again, we lived by the thoughts that came to our minds from (“**the prince of the power of the air**”). The Bible tells us, we are to “**live by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God**” (Matt. 4:4). We are no longer to live by the thoughts of our minds, we are to live by the Word of God. Therefore, Romans 12:2 says, “**...be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**”

We still have our natural minds, therefore, we must renew our minds to live by the Word of God, and not by the thoughts Satan still puts in our minds. Satan has not stopped putting thoughts in our minds, but we do not have to receive them. In 2 Corinthians 10:5 it tells us, “**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.**” Christ is in us, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, God will help us to overcome the thoughts Satan puts in our minds.

The world lives by the thoughts that come to their minds, but we must overcome those thoughts and “**live by the Word of God.**” When we were born again, we were BORN FREE! Now, we must stay free, by controlling the thoughts that Satan puts in our minds. As long as we live by the Word of God, we will be free!

When we were born again, we were born from above. We became a new creature in Christ. But, that was not the end. That was only the beginning. We have eternal life. God is our Father and we are His children. Even though “**all things are new,**” we still have our physical bodies with physical death residing in them. Unless God intervenes, we will some day leave this body and it will die and return to dust. So, until that time, we must “**present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service**” (Rom. 12:1).

We also still have our natural mind, which is still affected by the thoughts Satan puts in them. Therefore, we must renew our minds on the Word of God and live according to His Word, not according to the worlds system.

Yes, we are a new creature in Christ, but “we do not see all things complete as yet.” Therefore, Hebrews 2:8,9 tells us, “**Thou hast put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he put all in subjection under him, he left nothing that is not put under him. BUT NOW WE SEE NOT YET ALL THINGS PUT UNDER HIM...But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.**”

We may not see the works of the devil completely destroyed in our lives yet, but we do see Jesus, Who defeated Satan for us, destroying death, and the devil (who has the power of death) (Heb. 2:14). If we walk by sight, we will be defeated in this life. But, if we walk by faith, Satan will not have power over us.

With our natural eyes, we may see sickness and disease in our bodies. But by faith, we believe the Word of God and sickness and disease must leave our bodies. The Word of God has power over what we see with our natural eyes. Therefore, we “**speak those things which be not, as though they were**” (Rom. 4:17), and sickness and disease leaves our bodies. “**We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal**” (2 Cor. 4:18). As long as we walk by sight, sickness and disease will remain in our bodies, and we will die physically, and go to be with Jesus in heaven. But, if we walk by faith, we can stay on this earth, where God can use us to destroy the works of the devil.

Jesus didn’t save us, “just so we can go to heaven”! He saved us so we could be used by God to destroy the works of the devil “here on earth.” We do not destroy the works of the devil by our

ability, it is Christ “in us” that destroys the works of the devil. We are only a vessel to be used by God.

God cannot use us, unless we agree with His Word. We must agree with all of His Word, not just a part of His Word. Therefore, we must renew our minds on the Word of God, so we do not let Satan have any advantage over us.

Knowing the Word of God, and acting upon the Word of God stops the work of the devil in our lives. Satan cannot stop the Word of God. He can only put thoughts in our minds, so that we do not agree with God and act upon His Word.

Satan blinds the minds of every Christian that does not believe “**the glorious gospel of Christ**” (2 Cor. 4:4). If you believe the glorious gospel of Christ, then you have power over all the works of the devil (Luke 10:19).

One of the greatest deceptions taught among Christians is what it means in 2 Corinthians 4:4 when it calls Satan “**the god of this world.**” Multitudes of Christians have not studied their Bibles on this subject, but instead have taught what they heard others teach. By this, Satan has taken advantage of them through a lack of knowledge.

In 2 Corinthians 4:4, it says, “**In whom the god (theos) of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God (theos), should shine unto them.**” The word “god,” pertaining to Satan, and the word “God” pertaining to God, are the exact same Greek word in the original writings. In the Greek, this word is used twice in this verse is “theos,” meaning “a deity.” Deity, means “having divine powers greater than that of man, operating in the spiritual realm.”

Satan has supernatural powers greater than that of man. Satan became “**the god of this world**” when he was cast out of heaven, down to the earth (Isa. 14:12). This happened before Adam was created.

Satan was an “**anointed cherub**” (which is a winged angel) (Ezek. 28:14,15). Lucifer, as he was called before he was cast out of the third heavens, had supernatural powers greater than that of man. He did not lose his “supernatural powers” when he was cast out of heaven, he lost his position in heaven as an anointed cherub.

From that time on, he is called Satan, the Devil. This is all explained in Isaiah 14:12-20 and Ezekiel 28:12-20, as well as other places in the Bible. Even Jesus made mention of this in Luke 10:18.

When Satan was cast down to the earth, he became “**the god of this world.**” Jesus called him “**the prince of this world**” three times in the gospel of John (John 12:41, 14:30, 16:11). In Ezekiel 28:12, he is called “**the king of Tyrus.**”

As “**the god of this world,**” he blinds the minds of them that do not believe the Word of God. He blinded the minds of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, and they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. By blinding their minds, they disobeyed the Word of God concerning the eating of the tree, and they did eat.

Satan still continues to be “**the god of this world**” even today, with supernatural powers greater than that of man. As an example, man cannot, of his own power cause a magicians rod to turn into a serpent (Ex. 7:10-12). That was Satan that caused those rods to become serpents in front of Pharaoh. In Exodus 8:7, Satan also caused frogs to come upon the land of Egypt. In 1 Chronicles 21:1 it says, “**And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**” That definitely says it was Satan that did it. In Job 1:13-19, it was Satan that caused the deaths of Job’s sons and daughters, and the destruction of all his other belongings. It was Satan, the Devil. Job 2:7 says, “**So went Satan forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from**

the sole of his foot unto his crown.” Jesus said in Luke 13:12-16, “*Satan had bound a woman with a spirit of infirmity.*”

In Luke 4:5, it says, “**And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.**” Man does not have the ability to shew someone all the kingdoms of this world in a moment of time. Only “a god” has that ability. Again, in Luke 4:9 it says, “**And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a pinnacle of the temple...**” Again, man does not have the ability to take a person and set him on a pinnacle of the temple. That takes “supernatural ability” to do that.

Man is limited in his ability when it comes to supernatural powers. When man operates in supernatural power, he gets his power from God, Who is over all creation. Or, from the devil, who has supernatural powers greater than that of man.

Many people have received supernatural powers from the Devil. Witches, witch doctors, sorcerers, wizards, etc. all get their powers from Satan, “**the god of this world.**”

Satan has power greater than man. But, Christians have power over the devil. That power resides in us, by the Spirit which we have been given. “**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world**” (1 John 4:4).

All throughout the Bible it tells of the powers that Satan has as “**the god of this world.**” But, his powers are limited by God. He is a created being, and is subject to the Creator of all things, which is God and our LORD Jesus Christ (Gen. 1:1, John 1:1-3,10, Col. 1:16). Satan has no power over the Word of God. That is why Satan stopped tempting Jesus in the wilderness. Jesus used “the written Word of God” to defeat Satan.

Satan’s power “**as the god of this world**” includes the ability to inject thoughts into the minds of people. By these thoughts, he deceives Christians into doing what he wants them to do. Satan is behind all sin in the world. Satan is the instigator of all sin, for “*he sinned from the beginning*” (1 John 3:8).

Sin unto death

About those sins which could cause us to lose our position in heaven, Hebrews 6:4-6 does say, **“For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost...And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come...If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.”**

Hebrews 10:26-28 says, **“For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins...But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries...Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?”**

The **“willful sin”** does not seem to imply “if we deceived another person, or got a divorce, etc.” The willful sin that is spoken of here seems to be **“denying the Son of God and counting the blood of His sacrifice an unholy thing!”** (Heb. 10:28). There is only one sacrifice for the sins of man, and that is **“the blood of the everlasting covenant.”** If we deny the blood, then there is no other sacrifice for our sins, and we will die in our sins.

Jesus said in Mark 3:28,29, **“Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme...But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation.”**

It seems, the best way to understand “blaspheme of the Holy Spirit is when someone calls that which is of God as of the devil.” A way to know if a person has blasphemed the Holy Spirit is; “they have no desire or interest in anything concerning God or God’s Word.” For, if they blasphemed the Holy Spirit, He will not lead them to repentance, nor work in their lives in any way. When the Holy Spirit is not at work in a persons life, they have no interest in anything to do with God or His Word.

If a person says, “I have blasphemed the Holy Spirit,” almost every time, it is a lie of the devil. Do not believe the lies of the devil. If a person blasphemes the Holy Spirit, they usually lose all interest in God, and will not even talk about God or His Word. If a person is willing to talk about God and His Word, they most likely have not blasphemed the Holy Spirit, they have listened to a lie of the devil and he has them in bondage. They need to be set FREE!

In Revelation 3:5, Jesus said, **“He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.”** We must overcome the devil in our lives. We cannot just sit back and do nothing. We are **born free**, we must **stay free** and we must **live free!** In Revelation 21:8, it says, **“the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”** We need to be aware of what it says here. Do not let the thoughts in your mind tell you it is ok to do these things. We must turn from those things that are not pleasing to God. We need to be doers of the Word and not just hearers only.

In Revelation 22:19, it says, **“And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”**

There are some whose names “can be” taken out of the book of life. We must overcome, and we must not change the Word of God. We must not take anything away from the Word of God, neither add anything to the Word of God! If we do that, we could be in danger of having our names taken out of the book of life.

God is love. God loves His children here on earth. God is full of grace and mercy. God is not willing that any should perish. Praise God for His Love, Grace, and Mercy, for if we repent, and confess our sins, He will forgive us.

Years ago there came a word from the LORD, saying, *“Those who have taught what they have heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them.”* We must study the Scriptures and know what is true from the Word of God, and what is not true. That which is not true is not the Word of God, but rather the teachings of men.

We are born free. Now we must stay free, and we must live free. In 1 John 5:16, it says, **“There is a sin unto death.”** But, if we love the LORD with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, we do not have to concern ourselves about the sin unto death. In 1 John 5:16, it says, **“If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it.”** Basically, the sin unto death seems to apply mostly to those who trample the blood of Jesus under their feet, and count the blood of Jesus of no value. For them, and anyone else who tramples the blood of Jesus under their feet, there is no other sacrifice for the sins of the world. Usually, those who sin a sin unto death will not have any interest in Jesus Christ, but will continue to live apart from the covenant we have with God through the blood of Jesus Christ.

So, let us not get one sided and think that everyone is going to go to heaven, and none shall be lost. That is not true, and should not be taught. Basically, those who teach that, do not understand the difference between born again and saved, or the difference between relationship and fellowship. They lump the two together, saying they mean the same thing.

Salvation and the New Birth are two different things, they are not the same. In Acts 2:47 it says, **“the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”** If the LORD added them to the church, then they are born again “they are related to God by birth.” But, the Word of God says, they still need to be saved.

When we are born again, we become children of God. Our salvation experience begins, but we must still continue our salvation unto the end. Jesus said, **“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved”** (Matt. 24:13). Did Jesus lie? If not, then let us believe what Jesus said. Salvation is an on-going process. We are saved--we are being saved--and we will be saved in the end. **Salvation** is a result of our **fellowship** with God. **Born again** is our **relationship** to God, they are different.

The story of the prodigal son is a good example: He was lost and he was dead, but he always remained the son of his father. He never lost his **relationship** to his father, he only lost his **fellowship**, and Satan was able to devour his substance.

Many could be in great error in believing that their **“relationship”** will get them into heaven. All indications are that relationship is the beginning of eternal life. But, it takes **“fellowship”** with God to get into heaven.

The son needed to restore his **fellowship** with his father, and when he did, his father welcomed him back, and said in Luke 15:24 **“For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.”** The father never said he was not his son. Instead, he said, **“For this MY SON was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”**

If we are children of God, God is our Father and remains our Father even if we commit a sin.

Our **relationship** is not always severed if we commit a sin. But, our **fellowship** is severed and could keep us from inheriting eternity in heaven. If the son had not returned to his father, he would still be lost and still be dead.

The Bible says, **“But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear”** (Isa. 59:2). Isaiah 59:2 did not say God was not their God. **“Your God,”** in Isaiah 59:2 implies that God is still their God, but their sins have caused God to not hear their prayers. Therefore, it is only saying, “that their sins separated” them from “their God.” Sins of the flesh do not break our relationship to God, they only break our fellowship with God. God is still our Father, but He cannot help us because our sins and iniquities have separated us from Him. We are out of fellowship when we live in sin.

But, we must restore our fellowship with God, by repenting, and confessing our sins. When we repent and confess our sins, we are accepted into the loving arms of God. Like the prodigal son, the father welcomed him back, put his robe on him and gave him his ring.

If the son would not have returned to his father, he would have remained lost, and remained dead; for he was lost and he was dead. Christians should never be in that position. They should always be in fellowship with the Father and the Son.

When we sin, we are no longer free, we are in bondage to the spirits of this world. We were born free, but our sins and iniquities put us back into bondage. We must stay free, and live free.

If we get into bondage to sin, what should we do? The answer is simple, when we live according to the Word of God we are free. Yet, the Word of God tells us, if we walk in darkness we will not be free. We are still children of God. God is still our Father, but Satan gets a place in our lives when we walk in darkness. Look at 1 John 1:6, **“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.”** The works of the devil are called darkness.

When we were born again into the family of God, Colossians 1:13 tells us, God **“hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”** God delivered us from the powers of darkness when we were born again. Now, if we walk in darkness, it is not God’s fault, it is our own doing. If we give place for the devil, he will take it, and add to us all sorts of things not pleasing to God. The works of the devil will manifest in our lives if we walk in darkness.

Therefore, in 1 John 1:7 we are given the answer, on how to keep the devil from having any place in our lives. It says, **“if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** When we are cleansed from sin, Satan has no place in our lives. When Satan has no place in our lives, he has nothing on us, and we have power over him and all his works.

Christians are given power over the devil, but that power can be hindered by walking in darkness. For the power of God to operate effectively, we must walk in the light of the Word of God.

Walking in the light of the Word of God keeps us in fellowship with God. When we are in fellowship with God, all the powers of heaven are available to us.

Christians need understanding of the Scriptures, and the Word of God itself. Many try to get understanding of the Word by studying what others have taught, or searching for themselves what they can learn “on their own.” That is helpful in some cases, but harmful in others; it is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that gives understanding.

Christians need the anointing of the Holy Spirit at all times in their lives, including their time spent in the Word. In 1 Corinthians 2:14 it tells us, **“the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”** Another spirit, has taught them that this only pertains to those who are

not born again. You do not need very much wisdom to know this verse pertains to Christians who walk after the flesh. We need all things pertaining to the spiritual realm discerned by the Holy Spirit.

Look at the twelve Apostles. They walked with Jesus for three and one-half years. They had the best teacher to learn from. They saw what Jesus did and they heard what Jesus said. But, they still did not understand the Scriptures.

After Jesus arose again from the dead, in Luke 24:45 it tells us, **“Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures.”** Christians, for ages have been trying to understand the Scriptures, but they have gone the wrong way in doing it. They have believed what others have taught, rather than getting revelation from the Holy Spirit. Another example is in Luke 24:13-31. Two disciples were walking to Emmaus and Jesus joined them. Luke 24:16 tells us, **“But their eyes were holden that they should not know him.”** Who was it that caused their eyes to be holden that they should not know Him, God or the devil?

Christians should not let pride have any place in their lives. God is God, and God does not operate when we give place for pride.

To know the truth, we must receive the Holy Spirit with power. Jesus said in Acts 1:8, **“ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...”** That power is not just to do miracles. That power is so we can do the work we have been called to do. We are not to try to do the work of the ministry by our own power. We need the power of the Holy Spirit working within us. In Zechariah 4:6 it tells us, *“not by our power, not by our might, but by the power of the Holy Spirit”!*

If we want to understand the Scriptures we need to be taught by the Holy Spirit. In 1 John 2:27 it says, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** As we abide in the Holy Spirit, He teaches us all things, and what He teaches us is truth.

The LORD, through the Holy Spirit must open our understanding if we are to understand the Scriptures. If the LORD does not open our understanding we will get off into error.

We must walk in the light as He is in the Light, if we are to be successful in this life. Proverbs 14:12 tells us, **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** If we do not receive our teaching from the Holy Spirit, we could easily be following the ways of man, which will lead to walking in darkness. We cannot go according to our thoughts. We do not need “our thoughts,” we need “the LORD’S thoughts.” We do not need our ways, we need the LORD’S ways. We need to be in fellowship with God at all times. If ever there is a time when we get over into darkness, and hinder our fellowship with God we need to go to 1 John 1:9 and get it right with God. In 1 John 1:9 it tells us, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** Daily, we need to be cleansed from all sin. Daily, we need to walk in the Light and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sin.

Sin itself, generally does not break our relationship to God. God is still our Father and we are still His children. But sin causes a separation between us and God. It hinders our fellowship with God. Proverbs 28:13 says, **“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.”** Psalm 66:18 says, **“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”**

As long as we **“walk by faith and not by sight”** we will be free. As long as we eat of the Tree of Life, we will be free. But if we start walking by sight or eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil we will not be totally free. Satan will have an advantage over us. There are many being

deceived by the teachings of men. Just like the Christians in Galatia, many have gone back to the Law, when they had already received the Holy Spirit as their teacher.

There is a difference between eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, and eating of the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life is the source of eternal life. The source of all life is the Word of God. Jesus said to the devil in Luke 4:4, **“It is written, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.”** Christians should be quoting the Written Word of God to the devil also, whenever thoughts come to their minds to live by bread alone. The Word of God should come before anything else. When Christians get over into trying to live according to the religious standards of some, they put themselves in bondage to people, and lose the leading of the Holy Spirit. Many Pastors have gone back to rules and regulations and put their people back into bondage.

Sometimes Christians need to know what kind of church they are attending, one that goes by rules and regulations, or one that lets the Holy Spirit take control.

Now, we must keep in mind, there are two sides to every road, the right side and the left side. Some who think letting the Holy Spirit take control, get into the area where there is no order to things, everyone does their own thing and no one says anything about all the “false manifestations” that take place. When the Holy Spirit is in control all things are done **“decently and in order”** (1 Cor. 14:40).

In a good church, all manifestations of the spirits are tried, and tested to know if it is of God? In 1 Corinthians 14:26-33, we are told to try every tongue and every prophecy. We are also given specific instructions on how to try the tongues and prophecies. Verse 32 says, **“the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.”** The word “spirits” has a “s” on it. There is only One Spirit that should be permitted to manifest, not other spirits. That Spirit is the Holy Spirit. When the spirits are tried, you will know if it is the Holy Spirit or another spirit. Those who do not try the spirits get themselves off into much error. In 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 it tells us, **“Quench not the Spirit...Despise not prophesings...Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”**

In 1 John 4:1 it tells us, **“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”** Again, the word “spirits” has an “s” on it, therefore we are to try all spirits, not just the antichrist spirit. Many large ministries have fallen over the years, “because they have not tried the spirits.”

When a person is born again into the family of God, they are born free of bondage, and man’s rules and regulations. They are free to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in everything. The first, and most important fruit of the Spirit, is LOVE (Gal. 5:22). When everything is done in love there is no bondage, strife, envy, divisions, or hard feelings among the brethren. When Christians try the spirits, they should do it with the intention of restoring those who have gone astray, not to condemn them (Gal. 6:1).

To restore them, is to bring them back to their position in Christ that they received when they were born again. In 2 Corinthians 5:16, it says, **“...henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.”** Judging a person after the flesh is wrong (John 8:15,16). It should not be done among Christians.

If a person is in Christ, he is a new creature “in Christ,” and should be treated the same way you would treat Jesus Himself. Remember what Jesus said to Paul on the way to Damascus? **“Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”** (Acts 9:4). What we say to a brother or sister in Christ is the same as what we say to the LORD! When we speak to them, we are also speaking to the LORD, Who dwells in them!

Part 3

LIVE FREE

Christians can be free of the lies of the devil. It is the truth that will set them free. The truth is written in the Word of God. That is what Jesus used against the devil in the wilderness, saying to Satan, **“it is written...”** When a Christian can pick up the Word of God and say to any temptation of the devil **“it is written,”** he will flee. When Satan knows you know, he will go.

Satan cannot stand against the Word of God. He never could and he never will be able to stand against the Word. Jesus said, **“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed;...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”** The Truth is “Jesus Himself” (John 14:6). Jesus is the Word (John 1:1,2,14), and He will make you free! It is continuing in Jesus’ Word that makes us free. Not the words of men, not the teachings of men, but the pure Word of God.

God has a wonderful plan in His Word, and it works every time we use it the way God said to use it. When we apply the Word of God to our lives and live accordingly, it works every time. Satan has no power over the Word of God. The Word of God has power over Satan.

Christians are created beings and do not have power over God. But Christians who walk in the light of the Word of God, living in the likeness and image of God have all the powers of heaven available to them (John 16:13-15).

How do we live free? The information on how to live free is among the other subjects in the Word. Like “to become born again,” a large portion of the information we need is in the following verses. In these verses you will find the truth on what it takes to live free;

“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31,32).

“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you” (John 15:7).

“And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you...Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full (John 16:23,24).

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Rom. 12:2).

“(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)” (2 Cor. 5:7).

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

One important verse is in Matthew 4:4, **“Man shall not live by bread alone, but BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDETH OUT OF THE MOUTH OF GOD.”** We cannot live the eternal life without living by the Word of God. The Word of God must take priority over the things of this world, and the ways of this world. Jesus is the Word of God (John 1:1,2,14, etc.). We live by the Word of God dwelling in us. Our eternal life is dependent upon Jesus living in us, and we in Him. If Jesus does not abide in us and we do not abide in Him, we do not have eternal life.

Secondly, if we do not live according to what the Word of God says, we will become children of disobedience (Eph. 2:2). We must live by the Word of God and not by the world's system or the world's standards. We must not be conformed to this world (Rom. 12:2).

As we speak the Word of God, the Holy Spirit brings it to pass, and signs and wonders will follow those who believe. Healing to our bodies comes by the power of the Word of God, not by doctors, hospitals, and medication. The world uses doctors, hospitals, and medication, but for Christians **“by Jesus’ stripes we are healed”** (1 Peter 2:24). The Word of God always works, “when we believe.” We live, in the spirit and in the natural “by the Word of God that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matt. 4:4).

How do we live by the Word of God? Jesus said, **“If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed...And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”** (John 8:31,32).

We must continue in His Word if we are to know the truth. The word “know” in John 8:32 is translated from the Greek word “ginosko.” The Greek word “ginosko” is a prolonged form of a primary verb; to “know.” In essence it means “to know by experiencing the fact, not just knowing about something.” When we “know” the truth of the Word of God, we will experience the power of God working in our lives. When we “know” we are healed by Jesus’ stripes we will experience healing in our bodies. We will not need medication, doctors, hospitals, etc. We will be healed, and healthy, with no after effects.

Healing comes “by faith” in the Word of God. The word “faith,” comes from the Greek word “pistis,” which comes from a primary Greek word “peitho.” Part of the meaning of the Greek word “peitho” includes “by an inward certainty.” Faith does have substance and faith does have evidence (Heb. 11:1). The substance and evidence of faith lies in “an inward certainty.” “God will reward those who diligently seek Him” (Heb. 11:6).

If we abide in the Words of Jesus, along with the rest of the Word of God, we will experience the power of God in our lives. The truth of the Word of God is not the same as what the world calls truth. It goes beyond the world's truth into the supernatural manifestation of the power of God to fulfill His Word in our lives.

In John 8:31,32, Jesus is telling us, if we walk like He walked, live like He lived, believe like He believed, and speak like He spoke; we will be free of all that this world and the devil tries to put against us. Jesus said, **“In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world”** (John 16:33). We must continue to live according to His Word, and speak His Word...

In John 16:23,24 Jesus is telling us, when we know who we are in Christ, and know that God is our Father, and that He dwells in us and we in Him; then we know, that whatsoever we ask according to His Word He will do it. Therefore, we must learn to “ask the Father” in Jesus's name, and the Father will do it! Along with this Jesus said in Mark 11:22, **“Have faith in God.”** When we have faith in God, we can speak to any circumstance in our lives and it will be removed (Mark 11:23,24).

In Romans 12:2, it tells us, we “must not” be conformed to this world; we must be transformed by the renewing of our minds. It is our minds that keep us from believing the Word of God. Satan uses thoughts in our minds to control what we do here on earth.

Before we were born again into the family of God, Satan controlled almost everything we did by thoughts in our minds. As it tells us in Ephesians 2:2, **“Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.”** Many Christians never want to admit that

most of their thoughts come from the devil. They do not want to admit, that “without God they can do nothing” (Matt. 19:26, John 15:5).

Pride, refuses to admit that it is God that gives us wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of spiritual things. It is God that is in control of all things, in heaven, on earth, and even beneath the earth. Pride in man, wants the credit for what God does, and does not want to submit to God and resist the devil. Thereby, many Christians are defeated in their lives here on earth.

According to 2 Corinthians 5:7, we must learn to **“walk by faith and not by sight.”** We must believe God, and lean not unto our own understanding. Yet, “of ourselves,” we cannot overcome the flesh, and believe God. We need the power of God working in our lives to overcome the world.

The power of God works according to His Word. His Word works when we are in fellowship with God the Father and the Son. Therefore, according to 1 John 1:5-7, we must **“walk in the light, as he is in the light.”** We cannot walk in darkness and expect God to cleanse us from all sin. Sin, includes “obeying the wrong voice, like Eve obeyed the voice of the serpent.” We must not follow the voice of another, only the voice of the LORD (John 10:27). So how do we live free? We live by the Word of God, **“by every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God”** (Matt. 4:4).

Christians should never go against “the witness in their spirit” to obey the thoughts in their mind. The thoughts in our minds must be brought into subjection to the Word of God (2 Cor. 10:5).

Learn to be led by the Holy Spirit. Romans 8:14 says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”** The Spirit of God leads us from our spirit, not our mind. In 1 John 2:27 it tells us, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”**

Many deceitful workers have entered into the ministry, teaching others how to serve God “with their mind.” The Apostle Paul said, “I serve God with my spirit” (Rom. 1:9). There is a big difference between our mind and our spirit. We are to be transformed, by the “renewing of our mind” (Rom. 12:2). When our mind is renewed on the Word of God, we do not walk by sight, we walk by faith. Faith operates from our spirit, not our mind. Faith is a gift of God, it is not of man (Eph. 2:8, Rom. 10:17, 12:3).

Our natural mind is of the flesh. We were born of the flesh with a mind to control our lives on earth. But when we were born again into the family of God, we received a new spirit from God (Ezek. 36:26, John 3:6). We were translated from the flesh to the Spirit (Rom. 8:9).

Now, we are no longer to live by the thoughts of our natural mind. But, **“by the Word of God,”** as it is witnessed in our spirit by the Holy Spirit (the anointing what abides in us) (1 John 2:27). We need the witness in our spirit, to know what is of God and what is not!

Jesus said in John 8:15, **“Ye judge after the flesh...”** We must not judge after the flesh, **“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other...”** (Gal. 5:17). Every time we judge after the flesh, we will miss God... We must judge after the spirit, by a witness of the Holy Spirit within us.

In Ephesians 6:10-18, we are told how to live in the body of Christ. We need to understand what God is telling us in these verses. In verse 10 it says, **“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.”** Our strength is not in who we are, but in the LORD. Remember, Jesus said in John 15:5, **“without me you can do nothing”!** Our strength must be in the LORD in everything we do. God is for us and not against us (Rom. 8:31). We must put all our confidence in God and in His Word.

Ephesians 6:11 says, **“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand**

against the wiles of the devil.” We need the armor of God. The armor of God is that which God supplies, not that which we can supply by our own ability. Not that which we can obtain by asking others in the body of Christ to help us with. It is God’s armor, and it comes directly from God, not from man.

We need this armor, that we can stand against the wiles of the devil. We do not need to stand against people. It is the devil we must stand against. Verse 12 says, **“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** The battle we are in has nothing to do with what is happening in the natural realm. It is totally and completely directed by Satan and his demons. Satan uses people to do much of his dirty work. But the people are not our enemies, Satan and his demons are our enemies.

Our battle is against **“principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”** We need the whole armor of God to stand against **“the spiritual wickedness in high places.”** When Jesus was led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil, He was facing the devil himself. In actuality, we are facing the devil himself, when we come against the **“spiritual wickedness in high places.”** When we are facing the devil himself, we need the whole armor of God. We need everything God has supplied to us, to fight against the **“spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

Remember, it is not **“flesh and blood”** we are fighting against. It is spirits! The spirits of this world and the devil himself. We are sons of God. God is our Father. Jesus is our LORD and Savior. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher. We need God on our side when we fight against spirits and **“spiritual wickedness in high places.”**

Remember what it says in 2 Corinthians 10:3, **“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh.”** There is no use in asking for money to battle the devil, it will not help when you face **“the rulers of the darkness of this world.”** They operate with supernatural power, greater than that of man. All the money in the world cannot help you when you face the devil himself. The only weapon you have that can help you is listed in Ephesians 6:17. Your weapon is **“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”**

But, **“the sword of the Spirit”** will not help you if you do not have on the armor of God (Eph. 6:14-17). All of the armor of God is needed. That is why God supplied all the armor. We need to know each piece of armor that God has supplied us with, and we need to be sure we have it on. Christians should be wearing the whole armor of God at all times. Never take it off at night and put it back on in the morning. Satan works at night just as much as he works in the daytime. Sometimes, it seems he works more at night than in the daytime.

While we are trying to get some sleep, Satan puts thoughts in our mind, and causes us to have dreams that are dangerous, to say the least. Satan can destroy our good thoughts with bad dreams. These bad dreams are from the devil. They are not our dreams, and they do not come from God. They came from the devil. We need the armor of God on while we are sleeping. Study Ephesians 6:14-18, where it tells us what our armor is, and how to use it.

God has given us the **“Whole armor of God”** for our benefit, that we can win the battle every time we are attacked by the spirits of this world, or Satan himself.

God loves every born again Christian. God has given us every bit of armor we need. God has also given us **“the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”** If we stay in fellowship with God, we have all it takes to win every time Satan comes against us! Praise God, for His LOVE, GRACE, and MERCY, for they endure forever!

God will never let us down, if we will be faithful to follow His instructions in His WORD!

God is for us, not against us. Jesus already defeated the Devil for us; but now we must **“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil”** (Eph. 6:11).

Remember, who you are in Christ, and how much God loves you. He loved you so much that He sent His Son, and defeated the devil for you. That you could stand, and take **“the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God,”** and defeat Satan, anytime and anywhere!

The Word of God works every time we use it! But, we must not use it deceitfully, or pridefully. We must first submit ourselves unto God and resist the devil, and he will flee (James 4:7).

Therefore, **“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life...”** (1 Tim. 6:12). God is for us, not against us (Rom. 8:31). God is our Father, He loves His children, who obey Him.

TAUGHT BY GOD

It is important that Christians be taught by God. Jesus said in John 6:45, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God...”** Isaiah 54:13 says, **“And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.”** If God said something, and it is recorded in the Scriptures, it will surely come to pass. Therefore, it is important that Christians be taught by God, not by man’s wisdom or knowledge. God will teach “those who love Him and obey Him.”

There are a number of Scripture verses that tell us how God teaches His Children. In Jeremiah 31:33 it says, **“...After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”** Hebrews 8:10 says, **“I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people.”** Again, Hebrews 10:16 says, **“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them.”**

It keeps talking about God putting or writing His laws in our hearts and in our minds. It also says in 1 John 2:27, **“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.”** Where it says, **“ye shall abide in him,”** it is talking about abiding in the Holy Spirit. In 1 Corinthians 14:2 it says, **“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”** This again is talking about the Holy Spirit revealing the mysteries of God to us.

Jesus said in John 14:26, **“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”** In John 16:13, Jesus said, **“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”** Wherever we look in the New Testament we will find that the Holy Spirit is our Teacher, sent from God, to teach us all things.

Now, that does not eliminate those in the body of Christ, called into the ministries to teach. But it does help us understand, that the Holy Spirit is our Teacher in all things.

We need to understand, the Holy Spirit does teach us and reveal things to us “supernaturally,” by His ability, from within us. From within our spirit the Holy Spirit works to teach us all things. As we become more familiar with the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, we recognize Him working in our lives.

Whenever the Holy Spirit reveals something to us, IT WILL ALWAYS AGREE WITH THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD. One day, I was attending a meeting and the person in charge came forth with a tongue, and then the interpretation of that tongue, saying, **“Those who have taught what they have heard others teach, and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent, My grace will cover them.”**

I believe this was of the LORD. Jude wrote his whole epistle on this subject. I do not see anywhere in the Scriptures that it does not agree with the written Word of God. It does agree with Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Proverbs 30:6 and Revelation 22:19. I always check everything I receive from within me, and from others within the body of Christ with the written Word of God. If it does

not agree from Genesis through Revelation, I do not receive it as from God. God never goes against His Word, neither does He ever change His Word. **“God, and His Word are One”** (John 1:1,2, 1 John 5:7).

For me, many times there will come to me from my spirit, a few words, or a complete Scripture verse from the Bible. When this happens, I usually check it out very carefully, to be sure it agrees with the written Word of God.

One day, an unusual thing happened in the same way as when I get a complete Scripture verse from my spirit. That day, the words came to me, “look up the word one in the dictionary.” I was taken by surprise that time, for I was use to receiving Scripture verses, or parts of Scripture verses.

I went and looked up the word “one” in the dictionary. There was a whole page of definitions for the word “one.” After studying the complete page I was convinced that the meaning of the word “one,” was “not more than and not less than one.” In other words, one is only one, not two, three or more, and not less than one, just one.

After looking this up and being convinced that one meant only one, not more and not less; there came from my spirit, **“That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”** That is written in John 17:21.

How many Christians understand that they are **“One spirit with the LORD?”** How many Christians understand that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit are all in us? Colossians 3:3 says, **“ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”** Ephesians 4:6 says, **“One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.”** In 1 John 5:11 it says, **“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.”** 1 John 5:20 says, **“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”**

We could go on and on throughout the New Testament and find many Scripture verses that tell us, we are in Him and the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are in us. If God is in us, and we are in God, then we are “One with Christ in God.” We are not God, but we are true children of God. God dwells in us and we dwell in Him.

Now, that all sounds good to our natural minds, but when are Christians going to get the revelation of what that means? That means, **“our life is hid with Christ in God.”** That means, God is in us and God is around us at all times. We are baptized, that is “submerged in the Holy Spirit;” we are completely covered by God. If God were a bottle, and you were the water in the bottle, as long as the water stays in the bottle, it is protected by the bottle. As long as you remain in God, you are protected by God, who surrounds you, and is in you!

Christians need to understand the position we have in Christ. We are redeemed, justified, sanctified, etc. all by God, as we dwell in Him and He dwells in us. We have eternal life and that life is in Jesus Christ (1 John 5:11).

As you read the statements concerning what the Scriptures say about Christians, keep in mind the position you are in, in Christ. If you are a Christian, you are what the Scriptures say you are. The Word of God does not always agree with our natural mind, but God’s Word is true, whether we understand it or not.

How can we be certain that we are in Christ? In 1 John 3:23,24 it says, **“And this is his commandment, That we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as he gave us commandment...And he that keepeth his commandments dwelleth in**

him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us.” We know because **“we believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ.”** We know because **“we love one another.”**

We know **“by the Holy Spirit”** which is in us bringing the Word of God to us from our spirit. When the Word of God keeps coming to us from our spirit, we know that God abides in us and we abide in Him.

In John 7:37-39, it says, **“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink...He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water...(But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified).”**

This was spoken by Jesus, telling us that **“He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.”** The Holy Spirit is our teacher and He will bring the Word of God to us out of our belly (where our spirit is). Everyday, we should be receiving information from the Holy Spirit (from our spirit to our mind). If this is not happening in your life, you need to find out why?

What Jesus tells us is truth. It is sad that so many people go to churches, and hear what is taught, but they do not seem to have the Word of God flowing out of their belly like rivers of living water. It could be that they are not thirsty for the Word of God? It could be that they have become religious, following the teachings of men.

It is important that we thirst after the Word of God, and continue to live by the Word of God coming out of our spirit to our mind on a daily basis. We can know in our mind all that the Bible tells us from Genesis through Revelation. But, if the Word of God is not alive in us, flowing from our spirit like a river, we need to find out why?

The Holy Spirit is our teacher. He abides in us to help guide, comfort, lead, and teach us all things (1 John 2:27). When we are receiving the Word of God from within our spirit, we know the Holy Spirit is in us. We know we are one spirit with the LORD. We know that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are dwelling in us.

For more help with your walk with the LORD, go to our Web sites and download as many free books as you desire. They are all free by downloading. Go to:

www.handsforjesus.org

www.handsforjesus.cc