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## **Christ in You The Hope of Glory**

This is part two of "Christ in You." There is a lot of information contained in Part One, that Christians should know and understand about "Christ in You." Only a small amount of what was covered in Part One will be repeated in this Part Two. Part One can be downloaded freely from our Web sites.

In Colossians 1:25-27, the Apostle Paul wrote, **"Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God...Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints...To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."**

**"Christ in you, the hope of glory,"** was a mystery throughout the ages until it was revealed to us through the Apostle Paul. The Apostle Paul received the revelation of what it means by **"Christ in you, the hope of glory."**

What does it mean by **"Christ in you?"** The Greek Word "Christos." translated "Christ," in English means, "anointed, or the Anointed One." It is the LORD Jesus Christ, working by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within the body of Christ that does the works. Therefore, it is the anointing within us that does the works.

In Luke 1:28, it tells us that an Angel appeared to Mary. In Luke 1:30,31, it says, **"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God...And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS."**

In Matthew 3:16,17, it says, **"And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him...And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

When Jesus was about thirty years old, He was first baptized in water by John the Baptist. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit came upon Him, and He was anointed by God the Father with the Holy Spirit. When Jesus received the anointing of the Holy Spirit at about the age of thirty, He became "the Anointed One."

Why did God the Father anoint Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit? God the Father sent His Son into this world, so that God would get the glory for all that He did through His Son, "Jesus of Nazareth."

In John 17:4,5, Jesus prayed to God the Father, and said, **"I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do...And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."**

How did Jesus glorify God the Father here on earth? Jesus glorified God the Father by coming into this world as a man in the flesh and destroyed the works of the Devil in the lives of multitudes of people.

How did Jesus destroy the works of the Devil in the lives of people? In Acts 10:38, it says, **"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him."**

It is important for Christians to understand what happened in the life of Jesus? How did Jesus glorify God the Father, in such a way that God got the glory? When Jesus **"...went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed of the devil,"** it was the anointing He received from God the Father that did the works. It was "Christ in Jesus" that glorified God the Father.

What about Christians today? Who is getting the Glory? Is God getting the glory for Christ being in us? Keep in mind what it said in John 7:38,39, **"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.)”**

When did Jesus get the glory for what God did through Him? Jesus did not get the glory until after His death and resurrection. After Jesus finished the work the Father sent Him to do, Jesus got the Glory. After Jesus humbled Himself, and did the works that God the Father sent Him into this world to do, then God gave Jesus the glory. Therefore, Jesus was glorified after He finished doing what God the Father sent Him into the world to do.

In Philippians 2:5-11, it says, **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus...Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God...But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men...And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross...Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name...That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth...And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”** Jesus did not get the glory until after His death and resurrection from the dead.

Christians need to understand, when it says, **“Christ in you, the hope of Glory,”** it is not talking about Christians getting the glory while they are still living here on this earth. While we are here on earth, we must give God all the glory for what He does in us and through us. After our life on earth is completed, then we will get the glory. It is not us doing the works, it is **“Christ in us,”** doing the works. When we glorify God, by the works of the anointing within us, God will get the glory.

In Isaiah 42:6-8, it says, **“I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles...To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house...I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.”**

The LORD said, **“...my glory will I not give to another...”** Christians must never take the glory for what God does through them. God gets the glory for what He does through those who are truly born again in Christ Jesus.

## Son's of God

In Matthew 3:17, it says, **“And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”** God said that Jesus was His Son. For Christians, in Romans 8:14, it says, **“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”**

Now look at some of the statements that Jesus made of Himself, concerning His relationship and fellowship with God the Father. In John 10:30, Jesus said, **“I and my Father are one.”** One means, “not more than one and not less than one.” Therefore, Jesus and His Father were equal in many respects.

In John 14:28, Jesus said, **“Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.”** In this, Jesus made it clear that His Father was greater than He was. Even though Jesus and his Father were one, the Father was still greater than the Son.

In John 5:30, Jesus said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** What was Jesus saying when it says, Jesus said **“I can of mine own self do nothing:...?”** To be one with God the Father, there must be total agreement between the Son and the Father. In Amos 3:3, it says, **“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”**

Then also in John 5:30, Jesus said, **“...as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”** If Jesus would have tried to do His own will, without being in total agreement with God the Father, He would have been in rebellion to God the Father.

Rebellion is what cost Lucifer his position in the third heavens. Because of Lucifer's rebellion, he was cast out of the third heavens down to this earth.

Why is this important for Christians to understand? Simply because, to be “a son of God” we must be “led by the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 8:14). If we are being led by the Holy Spirit, then we cannot be doing our own will of the flesh at the same time.

Jesus is our example, of what it means to be a “Son of God.” God the Father spoke from heavens saying that Jesus was His Son. God the Father cannot lie. Therefore, we must believe that Jesus was the Son of God.

Jesus obeyed God the Father in everything He did. In John 6:38, Jesus said, **“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.”** That was the purpose for Jesus coming into this world, “to do the will of God the Father.”

It is sad that the same attitude that Lucifer has is still in the Churches today. There seems to be many that want to do their own will. Almost everything they do is based upon their own will, not on the will of God the Father.

We must understand spiritual things, and realize that to continue “in Christ Jesus,” we must learn to deny ourselves and do the will of God the Father. Doing our own will, hinders Christ in us from doing the will of God the Father.

This is God's creation, not our creation. God is in control of His creation. God is love. But, God is also looking for those who will walk in love and do the will of God the Father, not their own will.

Jesus set the example. Jesus never did His own will. Jesus only did the will of God the Father. Jesus was obedient to God the Father in everything He did. God is looking for those who are in Christ Jesus, who are obedient in doing the will of God the Father.

## Christ In You

In Proverbs 8:31, where the Son of God called “Wisdom” said, **“...my delights were with the sons of men.”** The Son of God’s delights were in the sons of men, who through the new birth, and baptism in the Holy Spirit, went about destroying the works of the Devil. It was not only what Christians do today, here on earth, but what they continue to do in the new heavens and new earth after they leave this earth. In heaven, the Sons of God will reign with Christ forever.

How many Christians today truly believe that Christ dwells in them? Many Christians confess what the Scriptures say concerning Christ in them. Many confess 2 Corinthians 5:17, which says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** Many Christians say they believe 2 Corinthians 5:17, but, their actions and speaking do not agree with what they confess.

When Christians are first born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, they are “new born babes in Christ.” Once they are truly born again they need to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

When they became truly born again, they received Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior. They are translated from the flesh of Adam into the Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9). Therefore, they are no longer in the flesh of Adam, but rather they are in the Spirit of Christ. They are “new born babes in Christ.” They need to be taught how to live in the Spirit and no longer live after the flesh.

To live in the Spirit, Christians must stop living according to the flesh and live according to the Spirit. This is where most of the Christians today fail in their lives. They continue to live after the flesh, and do not understand how to live after the Spirit.

In Galatians 5:25, it says, **“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”** In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 it says, **“And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ...I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able...For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”**

Why is it that, there are so many Christians today walking after the flesh? Mostly, because they do not know how to walk after the Spirit. To walk after the Spirit means **“to be led by the Holy Spirit.”** To be led by the Holy Spirit we must receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues. In many Churches today Christians are not baptized in the Holy Spirit.

In the early Church, it seems the Apostles did not believe Christians were truly born again if they did not receive the Holy Spirit. They could have gotten this from what Jesus said to them in Mark 16:17, when He said, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.”** It seems the disciples were looking for the signs that should follow the new birth.

In Acts 8:5-13, it tells of when Philip went down to Samaria and preached the Word with signs following. Those who believed the Word were baptized in water.

In Acts 8:14,15, it says, **“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John...Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.”**

Among those in Samaria, was a man by the name of Simon, who was also baptized in water by Philip. It says of Simon, **“...of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries”** (Acts 8:11). Evidently, Simon did not receive the Holy Spirit when the Apostles laid hands upon the others. In Acts 8:18-21, it says, **“And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money...Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost...But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money...Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter (rhema): for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.”** The Greek word

“rhema” in Acts 8:21, means, “utterance or speaking.”

Peter said to Simon, **“Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter (rhema): for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.”** If Simon's heart was not right in the sight of God, then evidently Simon was not truly born again. There should be a difference between a person who is truly born again in Christ Jesus, and someone who is still in Adam.

Then in Acts 10:19,20, it says, **“While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee...Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.”** Peter was led by the Holy Spirit, and Peter obeyed the Holy Spirit and went down to Caesarea, and entered into Cornelius' house to preach the gospel to Cornelius and his household. In Acts 10:44-46, it says, **“While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word...And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost...For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God...”**

Peter and those with him knew those of Cornelius' household were truly born again, **“For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God...”**

In Acts 19:1-6, it says, **“And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples...He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost...And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism...Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus...When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus...And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.”** The Apostle Paul knew they were truly born again, for he heard them speak in tongues and prophesy.

The Apostle John wrote in 1 John 3:24, **“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.”** Thereby, the Apostle John knew they were born again for they had received the Spirit.

It is very important for Christians to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Why is it so important that born again Christians receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit? Simply, because the Holy Spirit is our teacher, sent by God the Father and the Son to teach us all things. When Christians receive the Holy Spirit, they receive the anointing, whereby the Holy Spirit becomes their teacher.

In John 6:45, Jesus said, **“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.”**

Jeremiah 31:33,34, says, **“But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; 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...And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”**

In Hebrews 8:10,11, it says, **“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people...And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest.”** The Holy Spirit will do the teaching. In Hebrews 8:10, it 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.”**

God Himself is going to teach us His laws of the New Covenant. Not like the way the law of

the Old Covenant was taught by men.

In John 14:26, Jesus said, **“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 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.”**

The Holy Spirit is sent by the Father and the Son to be our Teacher, to teach us all things. The Holy Spirit is also our helper, guide, comforter, and leader. The Holy Spirit should be leading us in everything we do. To walk after the Spirit, we must be led by the Holy Spirit. How many Christians today are being lead by the Holy Spirit in everything?

In many of the Churches today, they have what they call praise and worship in the beginning of their services. If you listen to the words of the music they sing, there seems to be something wrong with the words they are singing. Some are singing *“Jesus, come stand beside me.....”* Some Christians are singing, *“LORD, come take my hand...”* Some sing, *“Come walk with me...”* These are just a few of the examples of how little they know about who they are in Christ Jesus.

Where do these Christians think that Jesus is, if they want Him to *“Come and stand beside them, take their hand, walk beside them etc.”*? Christ is in them. Do they want Jesus to come out of them and stand beside them in a physical body?

In Ephesians 5:30, it says, **“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.”** In 1 Corinthians 6:19, it says, **“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you...”**

Where is God the Father today? Where is Jesus today? Where is the Holy Spirit today? God the Father is dwelling in His holy place, in your spirit “within you.” Jesus is in you, “in your spirit.” The Holy Spirit is in you, “in your body, in your belly.”

There is no need to ask them to come down from heaven and stand beside you. They are already in you, in your spirit.

Jesus said in John 14:2, **“In my Father's house are many mansions (mone): if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”** The Greek word “mone” is from a Greek root word “meno” which means “to remain or abide.” The Greek word “mone” used in John 14:2 & 14:23, means “a place of abode.”

It seems many Christians have followed some of the English versions of the Bible where they miss-translated the Hebrew word “mone” in John 14:2. When they think of a mansion, they think of a physical house or home where people live. That is not what Jesus was talking about.

The Greek word “mone” is translated correctly in the King James version of the Bible in John 14:23, where it says, **“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode (mone) with him.”**

When Jesus went to prepare a place for us, the place He prepared for us is, **“in Christ Jesus.”** Jesus became the firstborn from the dead, the head of the body of Christ. Our spiritual bodies, born again in Christ Jesus, became His dwelling place, where we dwell with Him and He dwells in us.

All three, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit dwell in our spirit (Eph. 4:4-6). We are in Him and He is in us and we are one in the spirit with the fullness of the Godhead dwelling in us (Col. 2:8-10).

Yes, it is true that God dwells in the third heavens. But, God also dwells in every born again Christian here on earth. We do not need to go up to heaven to bring Christ down from heaven, He is already here in the spirits of every born again Christian.

God is spirit. You cannot see God with your natural eyes, but He is here, in every born again Christian. We are not natural people like the people of the Old Testament, which were in Adam. We are born from above (born again) in Christ Jesus. We dwell in Christ and Christ dwells in us. We are

one Spirit with the LORD (1 Cor. 6:17).

No wonder there are so many teachings in the churches today, where Christians have no real spiritual knowledge of who they are in Christ. They keep following people, of which many of them do not know who they are in Christ.

Christians need understanding of spiritual things. They seem to be going around acting like they are still in the flesh of Adam. 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.”** When a person is truly born again, they are translated from the flesh of Adam into the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

Men, teaching from their natural minds, the things of the flesh, have helped blind the minds of born again Christians, keeping them from understanding who they are in Christ Jesus. Christians should not be like Thomas. Jesus said, **“...Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed”** (John 20:29).

The real blessing of the New Birth comes when we truly understand spiritual things, especially “who we are in Christ.”

Jesus said to His disciples in Matthew 28:20, **“...I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”** Why did Jesus say that to those disciples? Simply, because wherever they went, Christ Jesus was in them. They were in Christ Jesus and Christ Jesus was in them. In John 14:18, Jesus said, **“I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.”** Why did Jesus say that to His disciples? Because Jesus was going to become “the firstborn from the dead.” Jesus was going to become the beginning of “a new creation of mankind.” Jesus was going to come and live in their new created spirit. They were going to be translated from the flesh of Adam into the Spirit of Christ, which is the body of Christ, which is also called the Church (Col. 1:18).

If Christians truly understood who they are in Christ and that the fulness of the Godhead dwells in them, there would be great changes in how they live on this earth. Their conversations would change, and they would no longer sing those “worldly” so called “Christians songs.”

When they speak to other Christians, they would know that they are also speaking to Jesus Christ, who dwells in them. Look at what Jesus said to Saul on his way to Damascus. In Acts 9:4, it says, **“And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?”** Why did the LORD say that Saul was persecuting Him? Because, the LORD was in the Christians that Saul was persecuting.

The LORD is in every born again Christian. The LORD dwells in us along with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

## Jesus Taught by Example

When Jesus went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, He taught by example. When Jesus called His disciples to Him, He said to some of them, **“Come Follow Me!”** Jesus called Himself a “Good Shepherd” (John 10:11). A Shepherd goes in front of the sheep, and the sheep follow the shepherd.

From the time Jesus received the Holy Spirit (following His baptism in water by John the Baptist), Jesus was led by the Spirit in everything He did. In Matthew 3:16,17, it says, **“And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him...And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”** Then in Matthew 4:1, it says, **“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”**

Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil (1 John 3:8). Jesus knew who He was, and why God the Father sent Him into this world. Jesus came to do what God the Father sent Him to do, the same way Christians today should be doing what Jesus sent them to do.

In John 17:15-18, Jesus said, **“I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil...They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world...Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth...As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.”**

Christians are sent into the world by Jesus Christ, to destroy the works of the devil. When Christians are led by the Holy Spirit, knowing who they are in Christ Jesus and the authority they have in Christ Jesus, there is no fear of the Devil. The devil has already been defeated by Jesus Christ. The important thing for Christians today is, “to be lead by the Holy Spirit.” For, it is Christ in you, that destroys the works of the devil.

Jesus taught by example. For three and one half years, Jesus went about teaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, while healing the sick, casting out devils, and even raising the dead. These are all works of the devil in the lives of people, and Jesus was destroying the works of the devil.

In Mark 4:36-40, it says, **“And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships...And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full...And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?...And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm...And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?”**

Jesus was teaching His disciples faith. By example, Jesus taught them that the storm and wind were a work of the Devil. Then by taking authority over the storm and wind, Jesus was teaching His disciples that they also had authority over the works of the Devil.

Jesus said to His disciples, **“...Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith?”** By faith, speaking to the storm and wind, Christians can destroy the works of the devil in destructive weather. Even the weather is subject to Christians who have faith and speak to the destructive weather.

In Mark 11:12-14, it tells of when Jesus cursed a fig tree, and it died. Then in Mark 11:22-24, it says, **“And Jesus answering saith unto them, 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.”**

Jesus was teaching His disciples faith by example. When they saw what Jesus did to the fig tree, Jesus taught them that they could also do what He did, not only to a fig tree, but whatsoever stood in their way of walking in love and living by faith in the Word of God.

In Matthew 9:2-7, it says, **“And, behold, they brought to him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy; Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee...And, behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth...And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?..For whether is easier, to say, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?...But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith he to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house...And he arose, and departed to his house.”**

Jesus was teaching by example. Jesus was teaching His disciples, the power of God to forgive sins, and heal the sick. Forgiveness of sins destroys the works of sin in a persons life. When a persons sins are forgiven, the spirits of this world do not have any authority to manifest sickness and disease in the bodies of those whose sins are forgiven.

This same authority to forgive sins was given to Christians in John 20:23, where Jesus said to His disciples, **“Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.”**

God loves everyone, especially those who are His own in the body of Christ. Jesus gave Christians the authority to remit the sins of others. This is one of the examples Jesus used to teach His disciples how to do the same works that He did. If more Christians would follow the examples that Jesus set for us, and do the same works that Jesus did, the whole world would be a much better place to live.

This is also mentioned in James 5:14,15, where it says, **“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.”**

Everything Jesus did, was the will of God the Father. Jesus never did His own will. Jesus did only the will of God the Father. In John 4:34, **“Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”** In John 5:19, it says, **“Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.”** In John 5:30, Jesus said, **“I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.”**

In the thirteenth Chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus was giving His disciples some very important information concerning His example that He set for Christians today.

In John 13:3-5, it says, **“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God...He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself...After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.”** Then in John 13:7, it says, **“Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.”**

Then in John 13:15-17, Jesus said, **“For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you... Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him...If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.”**

When Christians, who are called into the ministry understand what Jesus was saying to His disciples in John 13:3-17, it will help them understand the Epistles of the New Testament. Too often, Christians have taken certain verses in the Epistles and used them according to their understanding. It is good to understand that, the examples Jesus set are the beginning of New Covenant principles. The principles Jesus set cannot be changed by anything written later (Gal. 3:17). Therefore, what was written later in the Epistles cannot change what Jesus already established.

If we do not always start at the beginning by the teachings of Jesus, we could get into error.

Spiritual things are not understood according to the natural mind.

There are some who teach their doctrine using Hebrews 13:17, where it says, **“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”** Their teaching includes that they have “spiritual authority” over others within the body of Christ. This does not agree with what Jesus taught. Those teaching that doctrine should also look at 1 Peter 5:1-3, which says, **“The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed...Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind...Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.”** What is written in 1 Peter 1:1-3 agrees with what Jesus taught.

Only God has spiritual authority over people. To follow God's plan, everyone must submit to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. They are the spiritual authority over everyone in the body of Christ.

Jesus was one with the Father and the Holy Spirit while He was walking on this earth in a body of flesh and bones. Yet, Jesus never did anything unless He received His information from God the Father. Jesus took authority over the works of the devil, in which Jesus did not submit to the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. Jesus even rebuked the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees for their lack of knowledge of the will of God.

Jesus was totally submitted to God the Father in everything He did. Jesus did not submit to the religious spirits that operated through the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees. Jesus set the example for Christians today.

Jesus taught His disciples how to “walk in love (agape),” and “live by faith in the Word of God.” Jesus did it by example, not by the laws of the Old Testament, and not by authority over other people.

Jesus lived according to the image and likeness of God. The image of God is “Love (agape).” The likeness of God is “Faith in the Word of God.”

In John 13:34,35, Jesus said, **“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another...By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”** Jesus set the example for Christians to follow. Any example that does not agree with the example Jesus set is in error. Love (agape) is the greatest commandment of all commandments. Love is the image of God, that Adam was first created in.

The likeness of God that Adam was created in is, “faith in the Word of God.” These two cover the total purpose for the creation of mankind in the beginning. These two are still the image and likeness of God, which Jesus lived in while He was in the flesh of mankind in this world.

These two, “love” and “faith in the Word of God,” are the image and likeness of God that Christians are to manifest to the world. When Christians manifest the love and faith in the Word of God that Jesus manifest while He was in the world, the world will know they are truly Christians (Christ in them).

## The Purpose

What was God's plan for mankind on this earth from the beginning? God is looking for those who will obey Him and spend eternity with God as sons of God in Christ Jesus. Sons of God, are those who are led by the Spirit of God and obey God in everything.

In the beginning, God created angels in the heavens to obey Him and do what He created them for. Lucifer, one of the archangels rebelled against God, and was cast out of the third heavens because of his disobedience and rebellion. God cannot have disobedience and rebellion in His heavens.

Angels were created with a free will to choose obedience over disobedience. When Lucifer disobeyed God, and would not repent, he was cast out of the third heavens down to the earth (Ezek. 28:12-19; Isa. 14:12-20).

Mankind was also created with a free will to choose obedience over disobedience to God. The first Adam disobeyed God and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:17). This brought a spirit of disobedience upon all mankind from Adam on down, "through the bloodline of Adam" (Acts 17:26).

In the beginning of the creation of mankind, it says in Genesis 1:26-28, **"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them...And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth."**

This was only the beginning of God's plans for mankind. God had a greater plan for mankind than what is revealed here in Genesis 1:26-28.

God's plan for mankind included a new creation of mankind (in Christ Jesus). 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."**

God's Son, Jesus Christ, is the beginning of a new creation of mankind, "in the Spirit of Christ." Those who are in Christ Jesus, were created to obtain eternal life in the new heavens and new earth, wherein righteousness dwells.

In Isaiah 65:17, it says, **"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind."** In Isaiah 66:22, it says, **"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain."** Then in 2 Peter 3:13, it says, **"Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."**

God's plans for mankind go beyond this earth, into the new heavens and new earth. In eternity to come, God will have many sons and daughters dwelling with Him for all eternity.

God had a purpose for mankind in the beginning. God desires to have many sons and daughters in the image and likeness of His only begotten Son, "Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:49).

Before Adam was created, Satan, "the god of this world" was already here on this earth. Lucifer, was already cast down to this earth and became Satan, the Devil. The Devil was already in the garden of Eden when the LORD God created mankind and placed Adam in the garden of Eden.

God had a plan for mankind right from the beginning. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, God began to reveal His plan for mankind in Genesis 3:15, where it says, **"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."**

Jesus, the second Adam, came into this world to destroy the works of the Devil. In 1 John 3:8, it says, **"...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the**

devil.”

Now that Jesus did what the Father sent Him into this world to do, Jesus ascended to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit to continue to do what He began to do (Acts 1:1,2).

The same works that Jesus began to do are the same works that Christians are to be doing. That is, “destroy the works of the Devil.” We could say, “for this purpose, the anointing of the Holy Spirit was given to those who are Christians, to destroy the works of the Devil.”

This should be the main focus of every born again Christian. Every local church should be focused upon destroying the works of the devil. Wherever Christians go, they should have one purpose in mind, “destroy the works of the Devil.”

It is not about the world and the things in this world. It is all about destroying the works of the devil. This world will pass away, but he that doeth the will of God shall enter into the heavens and live forever. Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, **“Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”**

Jesus set the example of how that born again Christians should go about doing the will of God the Father here on earth. Christians are to follow the example that Jesus set for us.

One of the first examples that Jesus set for us is in Matthew 4:3-11 and Luke 4:3-12. Jesus never gave any place for the devil in His life. When the devil came to Jesus, tempting Him, Jesus used the written Word of God to defeat the devil.

Following that, Jesus went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. As Jesus went about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, He also went about destroying the works of the devil. In Matthew 4:23, it says, **“And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.”**

As Jesus continued to go about preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and destroying the works of the devil, He called twelve disciples to Himself. After teaching them by example, Jesus sent them out in Matthew, Chapter Ten. In Matthew 10:1, it says, **“And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease.”** In Matthew 10:5-8, it says, **“These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not...But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel...And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand...Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”**

In the Gospel of Luke, Chapter Ten, it tells of Jesus sending out another seventy disciples. In Luke 10:1, it says, **“After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.”** In Luke 10:8,9, Jesus said, **“And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you...And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.”**

In Luke 10:17-20, it says, **“And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through thy name...And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven...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... Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven.”**

For three and one-half years, Jesus taught His disciples by example. Then, after Jesus arose again from the dead, He appeared to His disciples for forty-days. In Acts 1:3, it says, **“To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.”**

In each of the Gospels it mentions some of the last instructions Jesus gave to His disciples. In

Matthew 28:18-20, it says, **“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth...Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost...Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”**

In Mark 16:15-18, it says, **“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature...He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned...And 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.”**

In Luke 24:46-49, it says, **“And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day...And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem...And ye are witnesses of these things...And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.”**

In John 20:19-23, it says, **“Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you...And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord... Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you...And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost...Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.”**

In Acts 1:4,5,8, it says, **“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me...For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence...But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”**

These are the instructions that Jesus left for the Church to follow. **“Preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.”**

Whatsoever Jesus taught His disciples in the four Gospels, is what the Churches should be doing today. Jesus is our example to follow, doing the same works that Jesus did.

To do the works that Jesus did, Christians must receive the Holy Spirit, with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 1:8, 2:4). It is the anointing that does the works within Christians. By the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Christians can do the same works that Jesus did.

The Holy Spirit is sent to those who will receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, to be their guide, helper, comforter, leader, and teacher. When Christians receive the Holy Spirit in these five areas of their lives, they will be equipped and able to do the same works that Jesus did.

## Life in the Spirit

In John 8:51, Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying (logos), he shall never see death.”**

What is Jesus saying to us today, according to John 8:51? If we will study, meditate, and do according to all that Jesus said to us in His Word, we can live until we are ready to go to be with Jesus in eternity.

There are things that are written in the Scriptures that many Christians do not understand. As an example, in Genesis 2:16, it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”** This command from the LORD God established a spiritual truth, that cannot be changed.

This establishes a free will for mankind. In this, the Devil cannot force mankind to do anything. The Devil cannot prevent mankind from doing anything. God will not force mankind to do anything. God will not prevent mankind from doing anything.

When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden of Eden, the Devil did not force them to sin. God did not prevent them from sinning. Adam and Eve had a free will, to choose which trees they would eat the fruit of. The Tree of life and the tree of knowledge of good and evil were both in the garden.

In Genesis 2:17, it says, **“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely (muwth) die (muwth).”** The LORD was speaking to mankind in general, saying, that eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil will bring upon mankind two deaths (spiritual death = separation from God for all eternity) and (physical death = death of the physical body of man).

Eve knew that she was not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:3). The serpent deceived Eve, and she did eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 3:6,13, 1 Tim. 2:14).

Adam knew that he was not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17, 3:17). Adam was not deceived (1 Tim. 2:14). Therefore, we are told in Romans 5:12, **“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.”** Sin and two deaths entered into the human race through the bloodline of Adam.

When Jesus came into this world, He was not born of the bloodline of Adam. Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit and Mary, a virgin woman. Jesus’ life came by the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ physical body came by a virgin woman.

In Leviticus 17:11, it 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.”** The life of the flesh of Jesus was in the blood, not in the soul. Jesus did not have any sin in Him, when He came into this world. Jesus lived a sinless life on this earth.

Before Jesus went to the Cross and gave up His soul life and physical life He made two statements of importance. In John 14:30, Jesus said, **“Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.”** In John 10:18, Jesus said, **“No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.”**

As a man in the flesh, Jesus was under the same command given in Genesis 2:16, that all mankind was under. The Devil could not force Jesus to do anything. The Devil could not prevent Jesus from doing anything. God could not force Jesus to do anything. God could not prevent Jesus from doing anything.

Jesus had a free will to do whatsoever He chose to do. Jesus chose to do the will of God the Father. It was Jesus’ choice to do the will of God the Father. By Jesus’ own free will, He chose to pay the price for our redemption and salvation.

Now, Jesus is saying to each and everyone, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my**

**saying (logos), he shall never see death”** (John 8:51).

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

There is a difference between the Greek words “logos” and “rhema.” The Greek word “logos” is a noun, “meaning,” “something that was said.” The Greek word “rhema” is also a noun, “meaning.” “something spoken by a living voice.” In short, “logos” is a word that was spoken (present or past tense), which includes what is written in the Scriptures. “Rhema” is a word spoken (present tense).

Logos and Rhema both come from God. Rhema comes from the Holy Spirit in the present tense. Rhema produces faith, as it says in Romans 10:17, **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word (rhema) of God.”** When the Holy Spirit empowers the Word of God, we receive faith.

When the “logos” is read or heard, we receive “knowledge.” Knowledge gives us the ability to receive “rhema.”

Christians can hear or read the Word (logos) of God thousands of times, and still not receive faith from the Word (logos) until the Holy Spirit give us (rhema) from the Word of God. When the Holy Spirit gives us (rhema), the Word of God becomes alive, “a living Word” in our spirit.

Christians, must continue in the Word of God until it becomes a living Word in their spirit, not just in their mind. When the Word of God becomes “rhema,” we have a knowing, beyond all reasoning, beyond all intellectual knowledge. It is the “rhema” of God that produces faith and spiritual life within a person.

Is it possible for a person living today to never die? Jesus said it is. The Word of God says it is. Enoch never died upon this earth (Gen. 5:24, Heb. 11:5). Elijah never died upon this earth (2 Kings 2:11). Jesus would not have died, except that Jesus came to die for those who had sin and death resident within them. It was Jesus’ choice to die for You and I. Jesus could have continued to live as long as He wanted to. Jesus’ death was His choice, to do the will of God the Father.

In John 15:7, Jesus said, **“If ye abide in me, and my words (rhema) abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”** The choice we have is based upon what we do, based upon what Jesus said to us. All throughout the New Testament, there are things Jesus said to us. Everything Jesus said to us is important, and we need to continue in Jesus Christ and His Word.

At this time, I believe Christians have spent too much time in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament, trying to find what they are looking for, so they can do what they want to do.

In doing this, Satan is able to blind their minds with a lot of Scriptures, that prevent them from walking in the Light of the Word of God, and receiving the “rhema” that we need so much. We need to be hearing from the Holy Spirit daily, as He leads, guides, comforts, helps, and teaches us all things.

We need the complete Bible to know the truth. Yet, Jesus is the Truth. Jesus said, **“If ye abide in me, and my words (rhema) abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you”** (John 15:7).

We have a choice as to what we will believe and what we will do on this earth. The choice is up to us individually.

I believe if we continue in Christ Jesus and continue in His Word, we can live a life in the Spirit beyond that of many Christians who claim that they are important.

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

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