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## Introduction

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

One of the most important things to understand about “Christ In You,” is that we are one with God in Christ Jesus. As it was mentioned in Part One, God had a plan from the beginning concerning the sons of men. In Proverbs 8:31, the LORD Jesus Christ, who is called “Wisdom” **“...said, my delights were with the sons of men.”**

Already, from the beginning of creation of the heavens and the earth, Jesus Christ was delighting in the sons of men. Why would Jesus Christ be delighting in the sons of men? Because, God already had a plan for those who will receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior, and obey Him as the Head of the Body of Christ here on earth.

Those who are born again in Christ Jesus are one with God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Because that Christians are one with God in Christ Jesus, they are a new creation of mankind. They are no longer in Adam, but they are in Christ Jesus, having a spiritual body, with the ability to live and operate in the spiritual realm.

Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body of Christ, and Jesus Christ is our LORD and Savior in every area of our lives. We must look to Jesus Christ and obey Him in everything (Heb. 5:8,9).

Because we are new creatures in Christ Jesus, we have been given authority and power over all the works of the Devil. The reason we have been given power and authority over all the works of the Devil is because we are here on this earth to destroy the works of the Devil. That is the main purpose for which the LORD is keeping us here on this earth, “to destroy the works of the Devil.”

To destroy the works of the Devil, we must operate in the spiritual realm, not in the flesh. In the spiritual realm, everything operates “by the Word of God.” As we “walk in Love (agape),” and live “by faith in the Word of God,” every evil work of the Devil is subject to us. We have power over all the works of the Devil.

There are many ways to operate in the authority and power we have been given as Christians. The main thing that “born again Christians” must do is receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, whereby they receive the power to become witnesses unto Jesus Christ. 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.”** Notice, that **“the uttermost parts of the earth”** includes wherever we are today.

Wherever we go, we are to be destroying the works of the Devil. This is our main purpose for being on this earth today. We are to do the same works that Jesus did while He was here on earth in a body of flesh and bones. With the anointing of the Holy Spirit, we have the power to be witnesses of Christ in us, the hope of Glory.

## Doing the Works

In John 14:12, Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”** Once Jesus rose again from the dead, He became “the firstborn from the dead,” the head of the body of Christ (Col. 1:18). Forty days later Jesus ascended in His physical body to be with His Father.

When a person becomes born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, Jesus returns in the spirit as “Christ in us.” Christians are one spirit with the LORD and the Father, here on earth to do the same works Jesus did, the same way Jesus did the works (Col. 2:9).

Jesus Christ, as head of the Body of Christ, confirms the Word with signs following (Mark 16:20). When we take the examples set for us by Jesus, we can do the same works that Jesus did.

In Matthew 9:2, 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.”** First, Jesus forgave the sins of the man who was sick of the palsy. Then in Matthew 9:4-7, it says, **“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.”**

With the man’s sins forgiven, Jesus spoke to the man, saying, **“Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house”** (Matt. 9:6). Sickness and disease are results of the curse of the law that the LORD God spoke of in Genesis 2:17. Many times, death comes by sickness and disease. When people have their sins remitted or forgiven, the spirits of this world have no right to inflict sickness or disease upon them (1 John 5:18).

Sin, sickness, and disease are connected. They come from the same source. Christians have been given the authority to forgive the sins of others in John 20:23, where Jesus said, **“Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.”** Jesus forgave the sins of the man with the palsy. Jesus said in John 14:12, the works that He did we can do also.

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.

In Matthew 16:19, Jesus said, **“And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”** Then in Matthew 18:18-20, Jesus said, **“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven...Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven...For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”**

There is also another similar Scripture written 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.”** Here we are told to pray the prayer of faith for those who are sick, and they will be healed and forgiven of their sins.

The world needs to see the same Jesus in Christians, that the Pharisees, Scribes, elders, and Chief Priests saw in Peter and John in Acts 4:13. As Peter and John went and preached the Gospel to the Jews, many signs followed. The signs brought attention to the chief priests, noting that, “Peter and John had been with Jesus.”

Christians need to learn from Jesus, how to be effective in destroying the works of the Devil in the lives of people wherever they go. It does not make any difference if it is on the streets of cities, in the country, or in the Churches. Everywhere Christians go, they need to follow the examples, and teachings of Jesus in destroying the works of the Devil.

Christians can cast out devils, and get them healed in the Name of Jesus. In Mark 16:17, Jesus said, **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.”** This is the first sign that should follow Christians. It seems that casting out devils is very important. When the devils are cast out in the name of Jesus, they have no right to remain causing the manifestation of sickness and disease.

Then Jesus said in Mark 16:18, **“They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them...”** When Christians are walking in the Love of God and walking by faith in the Word of God, no evil spirit or deadly thing can harm them. They have power over evil spirits, and any deadly thing. For they are walking in Love and faith in the Word of God. These two things cannot fail, when Christians are walking in Love and faith in the Word of God.

Then Jesus continued to say, **“...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover”** (Mark 16:18). This statement was made by Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus is the Truth. Jesus cannot lie.

When Christians obey the LORD and walk in Love and faith in the Word of God, they have power over all the works of the enemy. There is nothing the devil can do to stop them.

We can learn a more effective way to destroy the works of the Devil by the examples and teachings of Jesus in the Gospels. Believe what Jesus said, and do the works that Jesus said we should do, the same way Jesus did the works. This principle applies to praying for the sick. First, cast out the demons, then pray for their healing, and they will be healed. It could be that too often Christians pray for healing without first casting out the demons that cause the manifestation of sickness or disease.

It is clear in the Scriptures that Satan is the cause of sin, sickness, and disease throughout the world. The world is living in darkness, not knowing the Love and Grace of God in Christ Jesus. The world has been blinded by **“the god of this world”** (2 Cor. 4:4).

Christians should not be ignorant of Satan’s devices. In 2 Corinthians 2:10,11, the Apostle Paul wrote, **“To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ...Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices (noema).”** The Greek word “noema” means, “the mind; the thoughts.” Satan works in the minds of those whom he controls by blinding their minds (2 Cor. 4:4).

It is important to understand that the Greek word “noema” has to do with thoughts in our minds. This Greek word is used six times in the New Testament, each one of them relating to thoughts in our minds. We must be aware of how Satan tries to control what we do and what we believe by the thoughts he puts in our minds. In 2 Corinthians 10:5, it says, **“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought (noema) to the obedience of Christ.”** Christians are told to bring **“...every thought (noema) to the obedience of Christ.”**

This same Greek word “noema” is used for Christians who do not know and understand the authority they have when it comes to destroying the works of the Devil. All sin originates from the Devil, for the devil sinned from the beginning (1 John 3:8).

By walking in total forgiveness of all sins, forgiving anyone and everyone of anything and all things, we can destroy the works of the Devil. Christians can be effective in casting out demons, and healing the sick by walking in total forgiveness toward others.

Knowing that all sin originates from the Devil, we need to walk holy before God and do the works Jesus called us to do. To walk holy before God requires that we walk in the image of God “which is Love (agape).” Then we must also live by faith in the Word of God, “which is the likeness of God.”

Christians are born again in the image and likeness of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, we must mature and become sons of God, doing the same works that Jesus did.

## Understanding the Spiritual Realm

In John 1:1-3, it says, **“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.”** This is talking about Jesus, when He was still in the Spiritual realm.

Jesus always was the Word of God. The Word of God is spiritual. Spoken words are spiritual, you cannot see them with your natural eyes. God is also spiritual, you cannot see God with your natural eyes.

Spoken words cause things to manifest in the natural. Jesus was the Word of God with God the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning.

Before Jesus came into this world, He was with God and by the Word of God all things were created, in heaven and on earth. In Colossians 1:16,17, it says, **“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him...And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.”**

This same Word of God became a Man in the flesh (John 1:14). By the Word of God spoken in the Old Testament, Jesus was born of the Holy Spirit and a virgin woman by the name of Mary. By the birth of Jesus in the flesh, Jesus became the first Man united with God in one spirit.

Jesus became the head, the beginning of mankind “in the spirit.” All who are born again of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God are in Christ Jesus. All who are in Christ Jesus, have the very life of God dwelling in them. Jesus Christ and God the Father dwell in every born again Christian.

This is a spiritual operation, not a physical, natural operation. God the Father, and His Son Jesus Christ dwell in every born again Christian. Those Christians who have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit also have the power of God dwelling in them.

The power of God that dwells in a Christian is the same power of the Word of God that created the heavens and the earth, including those things seen and not seen with the natural eyes. The power to create things dwells within every born again Christian. This power can be called “supernatural power” (power beyond the natural). This power works in the supernatural realm of the Spirit.

When Christians speak the Word of God out of their mouth, they are speaking the Word that can create whatsoever is needed to be created. Parts of physical bodies can be created by the words that Christians speak out of their mouth.

Just as God said in Genesis 1:3, **“...Let there be light: and there was light.”** When Christians speak by the anointing of the Holy Spirit, healing, restoring and creating of physical parts of bodies come into being. They are created by the words that are spoken by a living voice.

Words travel all the way from earth into heaven and back again. When words are spoken on earth, they are heard in heaven. In Daniel 10:12, it says, **“Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words.”** Daniel’s words were heard in heaven, and an angel was sent from heaven to bring understanding to Daniel, concerning the words Daniel spoke.

This was in the Old Testament times when people were not born again. They were born in the flesh, but not born again in the spirit. Now that Christians are in the Spirit, with the fulness of the Godhead dwelling in them, they do not need to wait for an answer from heaven. The answer is within them “in their spirit where God dwells in them.”

## Understanding John 12:24,25

In John 12:24,25, Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit...He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.”** In John 12:24, Jesus is talking about bringing forth fruit into the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is where God reigns in a person’s life.

A person enters into the body of Christ through the new birth. Everyone who is born again of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God are members of the Body of Christ, which is also called the Church. 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 Word of God is “the seed” of the new birth 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.”**

This is where our free will becomes very important in our lives. God will not force anyone to believe in Jesus Christ. God will not force anyone to receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior. Every person must of their own free will receive Jesus Christ as their LORD and Savior.

At the same time, Jesus said in John 6:44, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”** God the Father draws individuals to Jesus by the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, and the preaching of the Gospel. The preaching of the Gospel is very important for it says in Romans 10:14, **“How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?”**

The decision to receive Jesus Christ, is up to the individual. Therefore, in John 1:12, 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.”** When a person receives Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior, they become born again. Then it says in John 1:13, **“Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”** When a person receives Jesus Christ as LORD, God does His part by the Holy Spirit causing a new birth into the body of Christ.

Once a person is truly born again, they need to continue in the Word and the Spirit and bring fruit into the Kingdom of God (John 15:1-7). Therefore, in John 12:24,25, Jesus is explaining what it takes to bare fruit in the Kingdom of God.

In John 12:23, it says, **“And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.”** What Jesus said in John 12:23-25, was twofold, speaking of His death and resurrection from the dead, as well as speaking of what Christians must do to bring forth fruit into the Kingdom of God. There is a difference between dying physically and dying to self, that we can bring forth fruit into the Kingdom of God.

What many Christians do not understand is that when a grain of wheat is planted, the outer part of the grain of wheat dies, but the heart of the grain of wheat continues to live and becomes the root of the new plant, which grows and becomes another plant that bares fruit, exactly the same as the first plant that the seed came from. By this, the seed that was planted bares much more fruit than if it remained alone as one seed. By one seed, planted in good soil, one stem grows and produces many more seeds. That is what is called bearing fruit in the Kingdom of God.

In the Kingdom of God, Christians must follow the teachings of Jesus which He set by example, and bear much fruit in the Kingdom of God (John 15:1-7).

In John 12:24, Jesus said, **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.”** This is symbolic teaching. Jesus is using the example of planting of a corn (grain) of wheat, that must die, in order to

bring forth a new plant, that will bear fruit.

First, the Word of God must be planted into our heart, before it can grow and mature and bring forth fruit into the Kingdom of God. For the Seed, which is “the Word of God” (1 Peter 1:23) to bring forth fruit into the Kingdom of God, we must be born again.

Once a person is truly born again, Jesus explained what a person must do in John 12:25, saying, **“He that loveth his life (psuche) shall lose it; and he that hateth his life (psuche) in this world shall keep it unto life (zoe) eternal.”**

What Jesus taught in John 12:24,25 should be of great importance to born again Christians. When we were first born into this world of the flesh of Adam, we received “soul life (psuche).” (Gen. 2:7; 1 Cor. 15:45). We lived our lives in the flesh by our soul life (psuche).

The soul (psuche) of mankind is “the mind, which contains the will, the intellect, the understanding.” The soul of mankind became corrupted by sin in the garden of Eden when Adam ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Jesus said, **“He that loveth his life (psuche) shall lose it...”** This soul life we came into this world with can keep us from inheriting life (zoe) eternal. If we try to keep living according to the our soul life (psuche), which is the life of the flesh, we will not bring forth any fruit into the Kingdom of God.

Therefore, Jesus said, **“...he that hateth his life (psuche) in this world shall keep it unto life (zoe) eternal.”** What is Jesus saying by **“...he that hateth (miseo) his life (psuche) in this world...?”** In this verse the Greek word “miseo” is a verb, which means “to feel hatred; to dislike or wish to avoid.” Hate is the opposite of love.

It is our soul (psuche) life that produces the lusts of the flesh. In Galatians 5:16,17, it says, **“This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh...For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.”** The lusts of the flesh produce the works of the flesh.

In Galatians 5:19-21, it says, **“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness...Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies...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.”** The works of the flesh are those things that are contrary to the Spirit (Gal. 5:17).

In Galatians 5:22,32, it says, **“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith...Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.”** To hate our life (psuche) is to hate the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). To bear fruit in the spirit, includes walking according to the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23).

Therefore, Jesus is saying in John 12:25, that if we walk after the Spirit, which includes walking according to the fruit of the Spirit, we will keep our eternal life (zoe).

We received our eternal life (zoe) when we were born again of the Spirit, and the Word of God. Eternal life (zoe) is the very life of God dwelling in us. Eternal life (zoe) is “life in the Spirit.” In 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.”** When we received Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior, we were translated from the flesh of Adam into the Spirit of Christ Jesus. This is the beginning of a whole new way of living, living in the Spirit of Christ, as opposed to living in the flesh of Adam.

This is similar to what Jesus was saying in Mark 8:34-36. It says, **“And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me...For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it...For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”**

What Jesus said in John 12:24,25, also applies to what it says in 1 John 2:15-17, where it says, **“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him...For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world...And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”**

If our minds are not transformed by the renewing of our mind, we could still be walking after the flesh and not after the Spirit. Romans 12:2, says, **“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.”**

Therefore, in Romans 8:1,2, it says, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit...For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”** Walking after the Spirit and not fulfilling the lust of the flesh are very important in the lives of Christians.

Jesus made many statements like that in John 12:24,25, concerning, denying ourselves, our soul life (psuche), and living for eternal life (zoe). It seems to be the most important decision a Christian must make in their lives here on earth.

The end results of which life (psuche/zoe) we choose will determine what we will do in the short time we have here on earth, and where will we spend eternity?

To those who became the last “eleven disciples” of Jesus that were with Him in the garden called “Gethsemane” the night Jesus was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, Jesus told them to follow Him. That does not seem to mean, just walk around with Him wherever He went. It meant a whole lot more than that. It truly meant, that they would become like Jesus in every area of their lives.

Jesus was expecting His disciples to walk like He walked, and talk like He talked, and do whatsoever He did. That is what it takes to be a disciple of Jesus. Everything Jesus taught His disciples by word and example was important for them to know and understand.

The most important thing is, denying ourselves, taking up our cross and following Jesus. In Matthew 16:24,25, it says, **“Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me...For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.”**

In Genesis 2:16, it says, **“And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.”** In this life here on earth, every individual has been given a free will to choose for themselves what they will do when it comes to whom they will serve and whom they will follow. God will not force anyone to follow Jesus. The Devil cannot force anyone to follow him. The choice is up to each individual person.

First we must choose to receive Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior. Then we must choose to receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Then we must choose to follow Jesus in everything He taught us, doing whatsoever Jesus told us to do.

Everyday in our lives, we must choose the will of God and the Word of God over whatsoever the world has to offer. We must choose to obey the LORD Jesus Christ, in everything we do. In Hebrews 5:8,9 it says, **“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered...And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.”** According to Hebrews 5:9, eternal life is for those who obey Jesus Christ.

We receive eternal life when we become born again in Christ Jesus. Following the new birth we must **“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life (zoe)...”** (1 Tim. 6:12). Which life is more important to us, soul life (psuche) or eternal life (zoe)?

Because of the teachings of men, this is difficult to understand. Many think that Jesus was talking only about Himself in John 12:23,24. We must have revelation of what Jesus is teaching, in order to understand what Jesus is saying to us today.

If Christians would continue to study the Gospel of John, word for word, and then follow Jesus,

in everything He taught by word and example, it will be very helpful to them.

Jesus told us how He continued in this world, serving God and resisting the Devil, without ever giving place for the Devil. If we follow Jesus in everything He taught us in Word and example, we will also endure until the end, and go to be with Jesus. It is up to each one individually, what they will choose to do concerning all that Jesus taught by Word and example.

## John 15:1-6

In John 15:1-6, Jesus said, **“I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman...Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit...Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you...Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me...I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing...If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.”**

What is this fruit that Jesus is speaking of? What type of fruit are Christians to be bearing?

Many think it is getting people saved. They think if you are not getting people saved everyday, you are not bearing any fruit in the body of Christ. To truly get people saved, is not just getting someone to pray a sinners prayer. There is more to it than just saying a sinners prayer.

About getting someone saved, Jesus said in John 6:44, **“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”** That means that God the Father must be drawing the person you pray with. If the Father is not drawing the person you are praying with, getting them to say a sinners prayer, then nothing is going to happen in that persons life. It is only idle words spoken from the mind, not a receiving of Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior. In other words, it is only of the flesh, not of the Spirit.

In John 14:6, it says, **“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** Here again, Jesus said a person must come to the Father through Jesus.

There is more to bearing fruit in the Kingdom of God than getting someone to say a sinners prayer. The first fruit that Christians must bear is **“the fruit of the Spirit”** listed in Galatians 5:22,23. Of all the fruit of the Spirit Love (agape) is the first one. Love (agape) is the image of God in a Christians life.

The world needs to see the Love (agape) of God in the life of the person who is speaking to them, or living among them. When the world sees the Love (agape) of God in a Christian, God can draw people to them, that they will receive Jesus Christ as LORD.

We see this in the Scriptures many times. People were drawn to Jesus wherever He went, because of the Love (agape) of God in Jesus. People came to Jesus by the thousands, when they saw the Love (agape) of God in Jesus. Many came to Jesus because of the miracles that Jesus was doing among them. Many came to Jesus to receive healing, and have demons cast out, etc. The works that Jesus did caused many to come to Jesus, and believe that Jesus was truly the Son of God.

In Acts 3:1-9, many people came to the LORD when they saw Peter and John walking in the Love (agape) of God. In Acts 3:6, it says, **“Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.”** What did Peter have? Peter had the Word of God living in him. Peter had the authority to use the name of Jesus against the works of the Devil.

Peter and John were walking in the Love (agape) of God, knowing the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them would confirm the Word with signs following. All Peter and John had was “God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit dwelling in them.” Peter and John had the faith to believe the Words spoken to them by Jesus, while Jesus was still setting an example for them to follow. They had the anointing and the power to do the same works that Jesus did. It was not Peter and John who did the works, it was faith in the Name of Jesus that did the works (Acts 3:16).

In Acts 8:5-13, Philip went down to Samaria and preached the Word to the Samaritans. As Philip preached the Word, many signs and miracles happened (Acts 8:6,7). Philip was walking in the

Love (agape) of God, and the LORD was confirming His Word with signs following.

These are examples of how to bear fruit in the Kingdom of God. Not by our works but by the Holy Spirit working through those who walk in the Love (agape) of God. When Christians manifest the fruit of the Spirit in their lives, God will draw many of the world unto them that they become born again, and even filled with the Holy Spirit. True evangelism is God working in and through those who manifest the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Not only the Love (agape) of God, but all nine of the fruit of the Spirit listed in Galatians 5:22,23.

For Christians to bear fruit in the Kingdom of God, it must be God working in them and through them. In Zechariah 4:6, it says, “**...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.**” In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “**...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**” The LORD Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are going to build the Church, which is the Body of Christ.

God works in Christians by the fruit of the Spirit, and through them by the anointing of the Holy Spirit within them. All of the gifts of the Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, can manifest in the lives of Christians, as the Holy Spirit wills. The gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 are for every Christian, not just for a few. They all operate as the Holy Spirit wills, not as man wills.

When Christians walk in the Love (agape) of God, and the Holy Spirit manifests through them, many will become born again into the body of Christ. When Peter stood up in Acts 2:14-36, that same day three thousand souls were added to the body of Christ. As Christians were added to the body of Christ, the LORD continued to add more and more. In Acts 2:47, it says, “**...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.**”

As Christians mature in the fruit of the Spirit and faith in the Word of God, the LORD will add to the Church daily, such as should be saved. It is not just going around trying to get people to say a sinners prayer. It is the Holy Spirit working in and through Christians by the anointing that does the works. It is God the Father drawing unbelievers to those who are walking in the Love (agape) of God, and manifesting the fruit of the Spirit in their lives that causes them to bear fruit into the Kingdom of God.

## **Bearing Fruit in the Kingdom of God**

Jesus is the Vine, and Christians are the branches. The fruit must be produced on the branches. The life of the branches is dependent upon the Vine. The branch receives its life from the Vine. It is the same life that is in the Vine, that flows through the branch that produces the fruit. The fruit is not the fruit of the branches, but rather the fruit of the Vine. Without any branches, a Vine cannot produce any fruit. We are to be co-laborers with God, producing fruit into the Kingdom of God.

Every time a person comes to the LORD and receives Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior, many of the works of the Devil in that person's life are destroyed. It is all about destroying the works of the Devil. We must be about our Father's business, destroying the works of the Devil.

It is not something we do in the flesh, it is what is done in the Spirit. As born again Christians, we must operate in the spiritual realm, not in the flesh.

One of the areas where Christians should be bearing fruit in the Kingdom of God is in prayer, and praying for others. In Luke 18:1, speaking of what Jesus was teaching, it says, **“And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”** Prayer and praying are very important in the lives of Christians. Jesus gave an example of praying, and continuing to pray until you get the answer to your prayer.

God is not an unjust Judge, but God will surely answer our prayers if we are praying according to His will, using His Word in our prayers.

Two things of importance in praying are. Number one is that we continue to pray. Number two, that we do not give up until we get the answer. Some have taught that if you pray for something more than once your prayers are not in faith. That does not seem to be what Jesus was saying in Luke 18:1-8.

We should be praying in faith, when we pray. Whatsoever we do should be done in faith. We should be “living by faith” (Rom. 1:17, Gal. 3:11, Heb. 10:38). Living by faith includes everyday, all day long. Faith is only needed when we cannot see the manifestation of what we pray for in the natural. That is, we must continue doing what we are doing until the end results are obtained. That is living by faith in the Word of God.

We do not need to pray for anything that is not promised us in the Word of God. Therefore, when praying, it should be according to what God has instructed us to pray for.

If we are praying for healing, which many times we are told to pray for healing, it is not always just one prayer and stop praying. In praying for healing, there are times when we see instant manifestations of healing following our prayers. This is great and wonderful, but it is not always instant manifestations.

There can be other things happening in the spiritual realm that we are not aware of. The Apostle Paul prayed for some individuals and left them while they were still sick. In 2 Timothy 4:20, Paul wrote, **“Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus have I left at Miletum sick.”** That does not mean that Paul stopped praying for Trophimus, it only means the when Paul left Miletum, Trophimus was still sick.

In my own life, many times I prayed more than once for healing. In praying for the sick, it is not always asking God to heal a person. Many times it includes praying against the spirits that are causing the manifestation of sickness in a person's life. When praying against spirits, there could be many different spirits involved in one symptom of sickness or disease. These spirits must be overcome by prayer and commanding them to leave, in the Name of Jesus.

When praying against spirits, it usually needs to be done in taking authority over the spirit. In praying in authority, we are not praying for God to do something, we are praying directly against the spirits involved.

There was a time when Jesus prayed more than once for a blind person (Mark 8:22-25). If Jesus

needed to pray more than once, then we may also need to pray more than once.

In Mark 16:17,18, we are told to lay hands upon the sick and they shall recover. It does not say when they will recover, only that they will recover. It does not say we should not lay hands upon them more than once. Many Christians today have laid hands upon one individual a number of times, before the manifestation came.

We need to pray in faith, and sometimes continue to pray in faith until the answer comes. Faith is from the time you pray until the prayer is answered. Once our prayer is answered, we no longer need to pray for that situation.

There are many other things Christians should be praying for. In many of these situations, we could be continuing in prayer for quite some time. In Acts 12:3,4, it tells of when Herod put Peter in prison, expecting to kill Peter after Passover. In Acts 12:5, it says, **“Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.”** The Church continued to pray until Peter came knocking at the door of the gate, of the house where they were praying (Acts 12:13-17). Therefore, there are times when we need to continue in prayer until the answer comes.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, it says, **“Pray without ceasing.”** In Ephesians 6:18, it says, **“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints”**

When it comes to prayer, and praying, it should be done by the leading of the Holy Spirit. In all things, we should be led by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit has been given to us to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Leader, and Teacher. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in everything.

## Fight the Good Fight of Faith

The Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, **“Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.”** (1 Tim. 6:12). Every Christian needs to fight the good fight of faith.

Who are we fighting against? In Ephesians 6:12, it 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.”** It is not a battle against people. It is a battle against spiritual wickedness in the spiritual realm.

Most of the battle is fought in our minds, in our thoughts. In 2 Corinthians 4:3,4, it says, **“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost...In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds (noema) of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”**

Because of the teachings of men, operating from their minds, many have been deceived. Many believe that when it says, **“But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost,”** it is only talking about those who are not born again. That is man’s teachings, teaching from their natural minds.

In 2 Corinthians 4:4, it says, **“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds (noema) of them which believe not...”** There are many born again Christians who do not believe the complete Gospel. Therefore, many born again Christians have their minds blinded by “the god of this world.”

The Greek word “noema” means, “mind and thoughts.” The minds of many Christians are blinded by the thoughts that the Devil puts in their minds.

Our greatest battle is against the thoughts that the devil puts in our minds. It is not just those who are not born again. It includes the majority of born again Christians.

To fight the good fight of faith, we must take control of the thoughts that come into our minds. This is a spiritual battle, not a battle in the natural realm. The thoughts that come to our minds do not always come from our spirit, or our own intellect. Many of the thoughts that come to our mind, come directly from the spirits of this world.

God told us in the Old Testament that our thoughts are not His thoughts. 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.”** In the Old Testament God did not tell them that, many of their thoughts were from the Devil. They did not have power over the Devil in the Old Testament. In the New Testament, we are told where many of our thoughts come from. They come from the Devil.

Whatever is from the Devil must be overcome. We must destroy the works of the Devil, starting with the thoughts that the Devil puts in our minds. It is not just the thoughts that the Devil puts in the minds of those who are not born again. It is the thoughts that the Devil puts in the mind of born again, Spirit filled Christians. Every Christian needs to fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold unto eternal life.

Where do we start in fighting the good fight of faith, against the thoughts that the Devil puts in our minds? We start with knowing and understanding the Gospel. We need to fully understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What did Jesus Christ do for us, and how did Jesus do what He did. Total understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, is the beginning of fighting the good fight of faith.

We must know what the Word of God says, concerning the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Knowing is the beginning. Just knowing is not enough to fight the good fight of faith.

We must believe what the Gospel of Jesus Christ reveals to us. What did Jesus do for us in His death and resurrection from the dead? If we do not know what Jesus did for us, we will be easily defeated by the enemy in our minds.

To know what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection, we must have knowledge of the

Word of God. Yet, knowledge alone is not enough to defeat the enemy. We need revelation from the Word of God concerning the knowledge revealed in the Word of God.

Our believing must be in our heart, not just in our mind. In Proverbs 4:23, it says, **“Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”** It is what is in our heart that controls what we believe and what we do.

Christians can know what a Scripture verse says, and still not believe it in their heart. It is what we believe in our heart that God looks at. God must confirm His Word for it to come to pass. All our knowledge will not move God. It is what we believe in our heart that caused God to move on our behalf.

The battle is fought between what we believe in our heart, against the thoughts the Devil puts in our minds. What we believe in our heart will control the thoughts that come into our mind.

We can know in our mind what the Word of God says, but that is only knowledge of the Word. It is what we believe in our heart according to what the Word of God says, that makes the difference.

Take for instance Psalm 103:1-5, which says, **“Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name...Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits...Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases...Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies...Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.”**

Christians can memorize these verses in their minds, but if it is not in their heart, it will not benefit them. When Christians believe Psalm 103:1-5, in their heart, they will live accordingly. The Word of God in Psalm 103:1-5, will manifest in their lives.

This was written in the Old Testament, to those who were not born again, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. How much more would the Word of God do for those who are born again, and baptized in the Holy Spirit, living under a new and better covenant than that of the children of Israel?

The same Devil that was in the Old Testament times is the same Devil that is in the world today. The Devil has not changed. But, Christians should be changed, from the flesh of Adam to the Spirit of Christ. Christians are new creatures in Christ Jesus with power and authority over all the works of the devil (Luke 10:19).

In the New Covenant, Jesus is our Righteousness, Justification, Sanctification, Redemption, and Salvation. With all of these, Christians need to fight the good fight of faith and lay hold onto eternal life.

Life in the Spirit is a lot different than life in the flesh. It is a whole new way of living. It takes faith in the Word of God to live in the Spirit. We are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against a spiritual force controlled by the Devil.

The only power we have over the Devil is that which is given to us by God. The power that is given to us by God is only effective when we have faith in the Word of God. Faith in the Word of God manifests when we believe the Word of God in our heart against all thoughts in our minds that come from the Devil (2 Cor. 2:11). Every thought that comes from the Devil must be cast down and destroyed by faith in the Word of God (2 Cor. 10:5).

There seems to be two kinds of faith operating in the churches today. There is the “if” kind of faith, that which man can do, “if” he can convince others to help him do what he says. This does not seem to be the kind of faith that God desires. This is more like walking in the flesh, doing our own will of the flesh. “If” we can in some way or other convince others to help us do our will, we will succeed.

The “God kind of faith” is what God will do when we do what God says we should do, by faith in the Word of God. When we know “beyond all doubt” that the Word of God will manifest when we are doing the will of God, we have the God kind of faith. In Galatians 5:6, it makes it clear that faith works by love (agape). These two elements must be in operation for faith to work. We must be walking in the image of God which is love (agape). Then we can operate in the likeness of God which is “faith in the Word of God.”

Both, the Love (agape) of God and faith in the Word of God are fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22,23). By manifesting the fruit of the Spirit, our faith will manifest according to the will of God. It is God’s

will that every born again Christian would walk and live in the Spirit manifesting the image and likeness of God.

In Hebrews 11:1, it says, **“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”** Faith does have substance and faith does have evidence. The substance of things hoped for brings the evidence of things not seen. The substance and evidence is a knowing within our spirit, that whatsoever we ask, we will receive. It is not an “if” faith, it is a knowing in our spirit.

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.”** When we abide in Jesus, and His Words abide in us, we will become one in agreement with Jesus Christ. That is when we will live and move the same way Jesus lived and moved. The devil will not be able to touch us.

It is important that Christians study the Gospel of John from Chapter Thirteen through Seventeen. These are the last instructions that Jesus gave His disciple before going to the Cross to pay the price for our redemption. These instructions are important for Christians to understand concerning the will of God for those who are born again in Christ Jesus.

Much of what Jesus taught in the Gospel of John is in type and shadow, symbolic language and figurative speaking. Until Christians understand what Jesus is speaking of in John 15:1-7, they will not benefit from what Jesus said.

In short, we must understand that a Vine, or Tree, begins from a seed that is planted in the ground. That seed must die, that the heart of that seed can begin to grow and form roots in the ground. The root of the Vine or Tree, produces the life of the Vine or Tree. The life of the Root, flows up through the Vine or Tree, and produces branches on the Vine or Tree. The life that flows from the Root, flows through the Vine or Tree, into the branches.

The Vine cannot live without the life that comes from the Root. The branches cannot live without the life of the Vine which comes from the Root of the Vine. The fruit on the branches cannot be produced without the life of the Vine, which comes from the Root of the Vine flowing through the branches.

It is a complete cycle, the life flows from the Root, through the Vine, or Tree, through the Branches, and produces the fruit. Therefore, the fruit that is produced on the branches is a product of the Vine, and the fruit will produce more seeds, that are identical to the seed that died, so that the heart of the seed could grow and form roots to begin a new Vine or Tree.

The complete operation of the Vine is dependent upon the Word of God, flowing from the Father, through the Son, through the Body of Christ, producing fruit into the Kingdom of God. It is not what Christians can do, it is what God can do through Christians who walk and live in the image of God and the likeness of God by walking in “love (agape)” and “faith in the Word of God.” This is completely denying the will of the flesh, and doing the will of God, as the Holy Spirit leads.

When Christians abide in the Word of God, which is Christ Jesus, and His Words abide in them, they can ask whatsoever they will and it will be done unto them (John 15:7). To receive from God whatsoever we ask, it must begin by abiding in Jesus Christ, and His Words abiding in us.

Abiding means twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. It is not just an hour or so on Sunday morning. It is not just a few minutes a day, when we have time. It is a lifestyle of abiding in Christ Jesus, and His Words abiding in us.

Notice in John 15:7, it says, **“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 Greek word “rhema” is not the same as the Greek word “logos.”

The Greek word “logos” is the living Word that came into this world, and is written in the Scriptures. In Hebrews 4:12, it says, **“For the word (logos) of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart”** (NKJV). That is the Word “logos” of God.

The Greek word “rhema” is the “spoken, living Word,” spoken by a living voice. That voice, which we hear in our spirit comes from the Holy Spirit as He guides, leads, comforts, helps, and teaches us all things (1 John 2:27). We receive the living Word of God as we abide in Christ Jesus, and His Words (rhema) abide in us.

This is an operation of the Word of God in the hearts and spirits of those who abide in Christ Jesus, and His Words (rhema) abide in them.

This “rhema” is what Christians need everyday, all daylong, abiding in them as they abide in Christ Jesus. This “rhema” only comes from God, into those who abide in Christ Jesus. This is “the faith” that Jesus is talking about. It is not “if” faith, but total “faith” which comes from God into Christians and produces fruit in the body of Christ.

When the Word (rhema) of God becomes alive in our spirit, we have a knowing that cannot be overcome by the thoughts that Satan puts in our minds. The Word (rhema) of God will overcome the works of the Devil.

When the works of the Devil are overcome, we can have peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. For it says in Romans 14:17, **“For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”**

The good fight of faith is not something we do of our own ability, it is what God does in and through us as we abide in Christ Jesus and His Words abide in us.

Many Christians today, are still walking in the flesh, trying to say they are doing the will of God in their lives. We need revelation of the Word of God, not just information from the Word of God.

There is a major difference between information and revelation. The Scriptures give us information, concerning what God has done for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. All that is written from Genesis through Revelation, is information.

It takes the Holy Spirit working in us to give us “revelation” of the Word of God. When we have “revelation” of the Word of God, we can go from walking after the flesh to walking after the Spirit. It is when we are walking after the Spirit, that we will be walking by faith, and not by sight.

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

Who will get the Glory for Christ being in you? Will God be glorified by what Christ is able to do through you in this life?

It is important that Christians understand the plan and purpose for God creating mankind in the beginning. When we understand the plan and purpose that God had for us, we can become doers of the Word and not hearers only. We can do the will of God in our lives.

There are great and precious promises in the Word of God for those who will do the will of God the Father. We must do the will of God to obtain the promises.

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