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Introduction

In John 10:10, Jesus made a statement, concerning why He came into this world, saying, “**...I am come that they might have life (zoe), and that they might have it more abundantly.**” Notice the life that Jesus was talking about is spiritual life (zoe), not earthly life (psuche). It is “living and walking in the Spirit” that produces an abundant life. Jesus had spiritual life, and He lived by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit within Him. This is the plan of God for everyone that will receive Jesus Christ as LORD and Savior in their lives.

In studying the Word of God we find that God sees things differently than people see things. When God looks at people, He looks at their heart. In 1 Samuel 16:7, it says, “**But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**” In Proverbs 4:23 it says, “**Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.**” In Matthew 12:34,35, Jesus said, “**...for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh...A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.**”

In Isaiah 55:11, the LORD said, “**So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**” This also applies to Christians, the words Christians speak shall return to them. Therefore, speak blessings, not curses, and blessings shall be returned to you.

It is important that Christians have the right attitude in their heart. Their heart must be established upon the Word of God. We must get the Word of God in our heart, that we live by faith in the Word of God.

God looks at our heart. Therefore, in Matthew 8:8, it tells us of a centurion whose servant was sick of the palsy. The centurion came to Jesus to receive healing for his servant. When the centurion came to Jesus, Jesus was looking at the Centurion's heart. The Centurion said to Jesus, “**...speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed**” (Matt. 8:8).

Many people have not noticed that Jesus did not pay any attention to the explanations that the centurion gave. Jesus was only interested in the request of the centurion and “his faith to believe that his request would be granted.” Therefore, Jesus said of the centurion, “**...Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel**” (Matt. 8:10).

We receive whatsoever we have need of “by believing the Word of God in our heart and speaking the Word of God out of our mouth.” Whatsoever we say with our mouth, believing in our heart shall come to pass.

Jesus said in Mark 11:24, “**Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.**” Praying is speaking. Therefore, if we speak the Word only, we will receive according to the Word of God. Whatsoever the Word of God says, if we believe it in our heart, and speak it out of our mouth, we shall have whatsoever we say.

Faith is the most important thing in the life of a Christian. Faith comes by believing and speaking the Word of God. In Matthew 12:37, Jesus said, “**For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.**” Justified means, “to be free from blame; declared guiltless.”

Speaking the Word of God in every area of our lives, builds our faith to believe in our heart whatsoever we say. When we believe in our heart, God will cause whatsoever we say to manifest.

Confess the Word

Part One

There are many things that God said about Christians. We need to get the Word of God into our hearts and believe what the Word of God says. One of the important things that the Word of God says about Christians is in Ephesians, 1:2, where it says, **“Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.”** This is important for Christians to understand and get it into our heart. Whatsoever God says about who we are in Christ Jesus, is ours because of the Grace of God, not by anything we have done of ourselves. Therefore, receive by faith that which God has declared as done, “complete, finished,” by the Grace of God. We receive it by believing in our heart, and confessing with our mouth.

Confess what the Word of God says in the following verses of Scripture. Continually confess these verses over and over ten times a day for ten, twenty, or thirty days, until it is in your heart and in your mouth.

It is written in Ephesians 1:3-14,

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ

4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love

5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will

6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved

7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace

8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence

9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself

10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him

11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

It is written in Ephesians 1:15-23,

15 Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

It is written in Ephesians 2:4-10,

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus

7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

It is written in Ephesians 3:14-21,

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

15 Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named

16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man

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

18 May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height

19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us

21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Confess the Word

Part Two

In this part, we need to confess the Words that Jesus spoke concerning ourselves and our being “one with the Father and Jesus Christ.” It is important that we confess the Words that Jesus spoke. For the Words that Jesus spoke “...are spirit, and they are life” (John 6:63).

It is written in John, Chapter Seventeen,

1 These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Confess the Word

Part Three

Knowing who we are in Christ Jesus, let us confess what the Word of God says of us as Children of God and Sons of God.

Jesus said in Luke 10:19, **“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.”**

Jesus said in Mark 16:17,18,

17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues

18 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.

It is written in Ephesians 6:10-18,

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil

12 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

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness

15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace

16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.

Confess the Word

Part Four

All of our confessions should be with the attitude and knowledge of the examples that was set for us in Christ Jesus. What Jesus said of Himself, we should also follow, living the same life the same way Jesus lived.

What Jesus said of Himself, also applies to us. As God the Father sent Jesus into this world to destroy the works of the Devil, Jesus has now sent us into the world to do the same works that He did, the same way.

It is written in John 15:4,5,

4 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

5 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.

It is written in John 15:9-17,

9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

It is written in Hebrews 12:2,

2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

It is written in Hebrew 13:20,21,

20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant

21 Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Knowledge, Wisdom, Understanding

As we speak the Word of God, we must have “knowledge, wisdom, and understanding.” In Colossians 1:9, it says, **“For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.”**

Here is some information that will help us in getting “knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of spiritual things.” In the Epistle of 1 John, the Apostle John is giving us a summary of all that Jesus taught in the Gospel of John. In Chapter One of 1 John, we are reminded of who Jesus is and how to keep up our fellowship with God the Father, and His Son, Jesus Christ.

In 1 John 1:5,6 it says,

5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all

6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

In 1 John 8,9, it says,

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In Luke 24:47, Jesus said, **“And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”** Therefore, we must repent and confess our sins, that God can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

In 1 John Chapters Two through Chapter Four, we are reminded of all that Jesus taught in the Gospels concerning who we are in Christ Jesus, and how to judge ourselves, that we are not judged.

Then in 1 John, Chapter Five, we have a summary of the Gospels and the first Four Chapters of 1 John. It is important that we have “knowledge, wisdom, and spiritual understanding” of who God is (1 John 5:7) Also, how God bears witness on earth (1 John 5:8). In 1 John 5:1-3 we are reminded of our commandments of love that reveal how we are to live. We must overcome the world, “by our faith” (1 John 5:4,5).

Keep in mind, the love that is talked about is the “agape” love of God, not the “phileo” love of man. Also, faith works by love (Gal. 5:6). Without the “agape” love of God our faith will not manifest. Agape “love” and “faith” are fruit of the Spirit, which those of the world do not have, for “agape” love and “faith” are only given to Christians in the new birth “that we can live by faith, and walk in love “agape” (Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38).

As we walk in love and live by faith, we are then reminded in 1 John 5:14,15,

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

The final summary is in, 1 John 5:20, where it says, **“And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**

Three Things

There are three things of importance for those who desire to obey the LORD and walk by faith. Many have tried to walk by faith, without knowledge, wisdom, and understanding of spiritual things.

The first thing is “knowing, beyond all doubt that you are truly born again.” There are some “who have been deceived” by the spirits of this world, thinking “in their mind,” they are truly born again when there is no evidence in their lives. There must be evidence of the new birth in a person who is truly born again.

When we were born into this world, we were natural people, born of the flesh of Adam. We lived like the world lives, and did things the way the world does things.

In the new birth, a person receives “**a new heart, and a new spirit**” (Jer. 32:39; Ezek. 11:19, 36:26). When a person is truly born again, their whole outlook on life changes. They have a new life in the spirit. Their thinking changes. The desires of their heart change. If there is not a change in a persons heart, we need to find out why?

In the new birth we are born again of the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit (1 Peter 1:23; John 1:13). There certainly must be a difference between something that was old and something that is new. This change is noticed in the desire to study the Scriptures, and understand what happened when we were born again? If there is not a desire to study the Scriptures, there is something missing.

The second thing of importance is, the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Once a born again Christian starts studying the Scriptures, God reveals to them the need to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4,5,8; 2:4). Once they receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit, they have the evidence that is spoken of in 1 John 4:13, where it says, “**Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.**”

The third thing of importance is that we live by faith, and walk by faith. In Romans 1:17 it says, “**...as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**” In Galatians 3:11 it says, “**But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.**” In Hebrews 10:38 it says, “**Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.**”

Everything God does is done by faith. Everything Christians do should be done by faith in the Word of God. This is not possible for anyone who is not truly born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

The world operates by the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:17; 3:1-24). The knowledge of good and evil brings sin and death (Gen. 2:17; Rom. 5:12).

Christians are to operate “by faith in the Word of God.” Christians are not of this world, but born again of the Word of God and the Holy Spirit. Christians are a new creation of mankind, in Christ Jesus.

Adam was the first man created by the LORD God. Jesus Christ is the second man, created by God. Before a person becomes born again they are in Adam, “in the flesh of mankind.” A born again Christian is not “in the flesh of Adam” but, “in the Spirit of Christ” (Rom. 8:9). Therefore, they are a new creature in Christ Jesus (2 Cor. 5:17). Christians are not of this world, they are born from above, where Christ sits upon His throne along with God the Father, waiting for His enemies to be destroyed by the Holy Spirit working through the body of Christ here on earth (1 Cor. 15:23-26).

In John 20:21, it says, “**Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.**” Christians need to be about their Heavenly Father’s business, destroying the works of the Devil.

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