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Introduction

God and His Word are one (John 1:1; 1 John 5:7). God cannot lie (Titus 1:2). God's Word continues forever. God's Word is forever settled in heaven (Psalm 119:89).

One day, from my spirit came the following, "*The spiritual realm operates by the Word of God.*" What God said cannot be changed. In Psalm 119:89, it says, "**For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven.**"

The next day the following came from my spirit; "*The Word of God controls everything in the spiritual realm and the natural realm.*" What God said (past tense), stands in control of everything, until God says (present tense) something to change what God said (past tense).

In Hebrews 11:3, it says, "**Through faith we understand that the worlds (aion) were framed by the word (rhema) of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.**"

In the Greek, the word "logos," is normally what God said (past tense). In the Greek, the word "rhema" is normally what God says (present tense). The "rhema" (present tense) becomes "logos" (past tense) after it is spoken. Therefore, the present tense becomes past tense after it is spoken. It is still God's Word. It was settled in heaven before God spoke it, and it will not change.

In John 1:1, it says, "**In the beginning was the Word (logos), and the Word (logos) was with God, and the Word (logos) was God.**" Notice that following the Word (logos) it says "was," which is past tense. Jesus was and is the Word (logos) of God.

In John 1:14, it says, "**And the Word (logos) was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.**" The Word (logos) is alive, and living according to Hebrews 4:12, which says, "**For the word (logos) of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**"

In 1 Peter 1:23, it says, "**Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word (logos) of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.**" The Word (logos) is the Seed of the New Birth. We were born again of the Word (logos) of God which lives and abides forever.

In 1 Peter 1:25, it says, "**But the word (rhema) of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word (rhema) which by the gospel is preached unto you.**"

God operates by His Word, which is spoken, and endures forever. When the Gospel is preached, the Word "rhema," (present tense) is preached. After the Word is preached, it becomes "logos," (past tense). It is still God's Word and it continues to manifest according to what is spoken.

In Hebrews 11:3, it is speaking of the Word (rhema) of God which was at that time spoken by God, by which the worlds (aion) were framed, from that which was not seen. The Greek word "aion" means a time element. That time element in this case seems to be until there are "**a new heavens and a new earth wherein righteousness dwells**" (2 Peter 3:13). Therefore, the worlds that were created at that time still remain. They will continue until God speaks His Word to progress from what He has spoken originally. God's Word does not change. It is only progressive.

Therefore, everything God does is progressive, it continues to increase and multiply. The beginning is only the beginning; it increases and multiplies until the end. The beginning for mankind is "in Adam." The end for Christians is "in Christ Jesus in eternity." The end for those who are not born again is in hell (Rev. 20:14,15).

Those who are on earth in Christ Jesus, are still in the progressive operation, progressing toward eternity, in the new heavens and new earth.

The Words of God bring life. The words of the Devil bring death. Christians must renew their

minds to receive the Words of God and reject the words of the Devil.

Everything that happens in this life has its beginning in the spiritual realm, and manifests in the natural realm. Therefore, Christians are to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

As Christians continue to live by the Word (logos) from which the Holy Spirit will give them “rhema,” they will progress to mature in Christ Jesus. Living, by believing the “logos” (past tense) produces “rhema,” (present tense) faith. This is a continuous operation, whereby **“The just shall live by faith”** (Heb. 10:38).

In Romans 10:8, it says, **“But what saith it? The word (rhema) is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word (rhema) of faith, which we preach.”** When we believe in our heart, and confess out of our mouth the Word (rhema) of God we receive salvation, which is “deliverance and/or protection, healing and made whole.” In Romans 10:17, it says, **“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word (rhema) of God.”** When we believe the written Word (logos) the Holy Spirit will speak to our spirit, or reveal to us from our spirit the Word (rhema) and we go from “logos,” to “rhema” whereby faith is produced within our heart.

This is the same way that God operates. It has always been that way from the beginning, and still remains that way today. When God created the heavens and the earth, He spoke His Word (rhema), and it was done. The universe we live in was spoken into existence, and still remains as it was spoken by God. The sun is still giving light, the stars are still in the heavens, the planets, including the earth are still where God spoke them to be. The earth still revolves around the sun, once every year. The moon still revolves around the earth about every twenty-eight days. The earth still rotates once, about every twenty-four hours. The sun, the moon, the stars, the planets, and the earth are still held in position by the Word of God (there are no strings attached to them). This has been that way ever since God spoke it into existence (except for when Joshua spoke in Joshua 10:12,13, and Hezekiah requested the sun dial go back 10 degrees, in 2 Kings 20:10,11). God’s Word has gone forth out of His mouth and it remains until God speaks (rhema) to add to it what was already spoken.

We need the Word (rhema/logos) of God to live by. We need to understand the Word (rhema/logos), to operate in this world against the words of the devil. God’s Word brings life, whereas the devil’s words bring death (Gen. 2:17).

When the devil spoke to Jesus in Matthew 4:3-10, Jesus quoted the written Word to the devil, and the devil was defeated by the words Jesus spoke. In Matthew 4:4, it says, **“But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word (rhema) that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”** Jesus was quoting “what was written,” (which was logos). But Jesus said, man should be living by the “rhema” which comes out of the mouth of God.

This is the same way it must be for Christians. We quote the Word (logos), which is the written Word to the devil, and the words (rhema) that come out of our mouth are just as effective as they were for Jesus when He spoke to the devil in Matthew 4:4. Jesus had the Word (logos) hidden in His heart. Therefore, when Jesus quoted the written Word to the devil, the devil was defeated.

Christians need the Word (logos/rhema) hidden in their heart, so that what they say is (rhema), which is empowered by the Holy Spirit speaking through us.

The Word of Faith

In Romans 10:8, it says, **“But what saith it? The word (rhema) is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word (rhema) of faith, which we preach.”**

When we study the Book of Romans, we need to understand certain things. First of all, the Book of Romans was not written to those who “are not born again Christians.” This is the same as the Old Testament (Covenant) which was not written to the Egyptians. It was written to the Children of Israel.

In Romans 1:7, it says, **“To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.”** There are only two types of people in the world, those who are in Christ Jesus and those who are still in Adam.

God is not a respecter of persons. God sees all who are “in Christ Jesus” as equal. Even though there are different offices in the fivefold ministries, even though there are babes in Christ, Children, and sons of God, etc. God does not consider one more important than another. All Christians are members of the Body of Christ, which is also called the Church (Col. 1:18).

What was written in the Book of Romans to “those called to be saints,” was written to the Church, which is the Body of Christ. It was not written to those who are not in Christ, but it was written to everyone who is in Christ.

Therefore it is important that we understand what is written in the Book of Romans. In Romans, Chapter Ten, there is a message to the Church concerning Salvation, which includes “deliverance, protection, healing, etc.”

In Romans 10:1, Paul wrote, **“Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.”** The Apostle Paul said that it was his desire that all of Israel would be saved. That is also God's desire, that all of Israel would be saved. God's desire includes that the whole world would be saved (1 John 2:2). But, we also know that God's desire is not always done. Everyone has a free will to choose whom they will believe, and whom they will submit to (Gen. 2:16).

In Romans 6:16, it says, **“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?”** This applies to everyone; those who are Christians and those who are not Christians.

Then following on in Romans 10:2-5, Paul was comparing the Law of Moses to Grace and Truth which came by Jesus Christ (John 1:16,17). The Law of Moses could not save us. But, faith in what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection can.

In Romans 10:6,7, it says, **“But the righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:)...Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.)”**

What God did for us when Jesus died, went down into the lower parts, defeated the Devil, and then ascended up into the heaven to be with God the Father does not need to be repeated. It is finished. It is the beginning of a new creation of mankind, which is in Christ Jesus.

Then in Romans 10:8, it says, **“But what saith it? The word (rhema) is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word (rhema) of faith, which we preach.”** Christians have the Word (rhema) of God in their heart and even in their mouth. God puts His laws (Word) in our hearts and in our minds, that we might know Him.

In Hebrews 8:10-12, 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...For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."

Therefore, it is now up to us, individually, to follow God's plan of salvation, which is "deliverance, protection, healing, etc." from all of the works of the Devil.

Romans 10:9,10, says, **"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved...For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."**

Here is where the battle against the spiritual forces of darkness is fought. It starts off by saying, **"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus..."** What "if" we do not confess with our mouth the LORD Jesus? Confession seems to be one of the requirements to receive deliverance from all the works of the devil. Secondly, **"...and shalt believe in thine heart..."**

Are Christians truly believing in their heart? The Word is in their heart, but do they truly believe the Word that is in their heart? This seems to be where the Devil has stolen the Word out of the hearts of many Christians. Jesus made reference to that in Mark 4:14,15, saying, **"The sower soweth the word...And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts."**

Following on in Romans 10:11-13, it says, **"For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed...For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (sozo)."**

The Greek word "sozo" means, "deliver or protect." Which includes "heal, preserve, and make whole." All of this is based upon what God did for us in Christ Jesus. This is a part of the "Everlasting" New Covenant, that God made with those who are in Christ Jesus.

Our New Covenant is based upon what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection from the dead. It is not based upon the Law of Moses. It is not based upon our good works, or our righteousness. The New Covenant is based upon everything that God did for us in Christ Jesus.

Salvation from the works of the Devil in our lives comes by believing in our heart, and confessing with our mouth what Jesus did for us in His death and resurrection.

Too often, Christians do not understand the difference between the Law of Moses and Grace and Truth, which came by what Jesus did for us. Therefore, they continue to try to make themselves perfect by their works of righteousness, rather than obey the commandments of love in the New Covenant and walk by faith in the Word of God.

Christians need to know and understand their enemy, "the Devil and his evil spirits," according to what Jesus taught in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In Mark 4:14-20, is an example of what Jesus taught, concerning the works of the Devil in the minds of Christians.

Mark 4:14-20, says, **"The sower soweth the word...And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts...And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness...And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended...And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word...And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful...And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the**

word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred.”

Let us see what we must do to overcome the works of the Devil in our minds. In 2 Corinthians 4:4, it says, **“In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.”**

Forget about all the teachings of men that say, all Christians are believers, and the only ones whose minds are blinded by “the god of this world” are those who are not born again. That is not what we are told in 2 Corinthians 4:4.

Spirit-filled Christians have their minds blinded “in certain areas” by the teachings of men within the Churches today, who do not understand how to renew their minds that they can walk in victory over all that works of the Devil in their lives.

Christians are not to continue to operate from their minds like they did before they were born again. Christians must learn how to be taught and led by the Holy Spirit, in everything they do (1 John 2:27).

Christians should start with what Jesus taught in the four Gospels. Then, everything they believe should never go contrary to what Jesus taught in the Gospels (by what He said and what He did). Jesus taught us by example, as well as by the words He spoke concerning Himself, and ourselves.

Jesus is our example; not anyone else. We are not told to follow people, we are told to follow Jesus, and to be led by the Holy Spirit.

Let us see some of the things Jesus said to us concerning how to live according to the Word of God. 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.”** The word “continue” implies, “do not stop.” It is not just once in a while when we think we have time. It should be a nonstop operation, “day and night, every day.”

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.”**

It is important that we understand the difference between the Greek words “logos and rhema.” The “logos” is normally the written Word (past tense). The “rhema” is normally the spoken Word (present tense). We start by knowing what to do by the “logos.” Then we continue by knowing when to do it by the “rhema.”

The Word (logos) must become “rhema” to us. We must believe in our heart beyond all doubt, that what we say, will come to pass according to the Word (logos) of God. We must become like Jesus. Jesus was the Word “logos” living and walking in a body of flesh and bones (John 1:1,14).

Christians are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit of Christ Jesus. We still have the body of flesh and bones we were first born in this world in. Christians are to take control of their body and all its functions, by the Word of God living and working in our lives.

The Devil attacks our minds and our bodies daily. We must know how to fight the good fight of faith, and lay hold of our eternal life in Christ Jesus (1 Tim.6:12). We learn from the Gospels, how Jesus fought the same Devil and evil spirits as we battle against daily. Jesus did it, and He has given us instructions, and also taught us by example in the Gospels.

What Jesus told us to do in John 15:7, is one of the most important things Jesus told us to do. The Word (logos/rhema) of God must be in total control of everything we do. What we say and what we do must be in total agreement with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

What we believe must be beyond the natural circumstances and beyond the five senses. We must not let the natural circumstances or the five senses control what we say or what we do.

We must believe the Word (logos) of God the same way Jesus believed the Word (logos) of

God. Jesus believed beyond the natural circumstances and beyond the five senses. We must learn from Jesus what to do and how to do it, before we go over into the Epistles and try to figure out what the Epistles are saying. Too many Christians are using the Old Testament, and the Epistles of the New Testament, without doing what Jesus taught in the Gospels.

What Jesus did for Us

What did Jesus do for us in His death and resurrection from the dead? There is a lot more to what Jesus did for us than simply “Salvation.”

In Jesus’ death and resurrection, He became our “Righteousness, Justification, Sanctification, Redemption, and Salvation.” This needs to be understood by Christians that they live according to what Jesus did for them. If Christians try to become their own “Righteousness, Justification, Sanctification, Redemption, and Salvation,” it will not work.

Christians cannot improve on what Jesus did for them. If Christians try to go about establishing their own “righteousness,” they will fail. Righteousness does not come by what we do or did. Our righteousness comes by what Jesus did for us when God laid our sins and inequities upon Jesus, and nailed them to His Cross according to Colossians 2:13-15.

In 2 Corinthians 5:21, it says, **“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”** God did for us in Christ Jesus, what we could not do for ourselves.

In Luke 24:47, the LORD said that **“...repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations.”** That would include anyone alive today, who is not living righteous. They should repent and receive forgiveness.

In 1 John 1:9, it says, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** We can start today, by confessing and repenting of our past, and begin living a life of righteousness unto the LORD. It is just as much for today as it was when the Bible was written, just as much as when Jesus spoke the words the first time.

HE IS OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS: Romans 3:22, says, **“Even the RIGHTEOUSNESS of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe...”** It is not our righteousness. It is the righteousness of Jesus Christ which comes to us and upon us when we believe. Romans 3:26, says, **“To declare, I say, at this time HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”** Jesus is the righteous One. It is His righteousness. It was that way already at the time of Abraham. Romans 4:3, says, **“For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for RIGHTEOUSNESS.”** Abraham was not righteous in himself. Abraham believed God and it was counted or imputed unto him for righteousness. God declared Abraham righteous because he believed God. It is not what we did, it is what God did for those who believe. If we are righteous, we should live like we are righteous. In 1 John 2:29, it says, **“If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.”**

HE IS OUR JUSTIFICATION: Romans 3:24, says, **“Being JUSTIFIED freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”** Justification comes by His grace. It is given freely to those who believe, who are in Christ Jesus. We receive it by faith. Romans 3:28, says, **“that a man is JUSTIFIED by faith without the deeds of the law.”** Look at Galatians 2:16, it explains justification the best of all. **“Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be JUSTIFIED by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh**

be justified.”

What does Justification do for us? It makes us at peace with God. Romans 5:1, says, **“Therefore being JUSTIFIED by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”** It is not something we did. It was God’s idea, not our doing. God did it, as it says in Romans 8:30, **“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them HE ALSO JUSTIFIED: and whom HE JUSTIFIED, them he also glorified.”** In 1 Corinthians 6:11, it says, **“ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are JUSTIFIED in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”** Why did God justify us by His grace in Christ Jesus? Titus 3:7, says, **“That being JUSTIFIED by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”**

Those who are justified should live like they are justified! What does it mean to live like you are justified? It means, we agree with God and with our LORD Jesus Christ, and take the authority that He has given to us over the devil, and all his demons; cast them out, heal the sick, even raise the dead. We are justified, and we have power over all the works of the enemy (Luke 10:19). Live your life in evidence that you are justified by His grace!

HE IS OUR SANCTIFICATION: In 2 Thessalonians 2:13 it says, **“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through SANCTIFICATION of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”** The Holy Spirit sanctifies us by His presence. In Exodus 29:43,44, it tells us that the LORD will sanctify the temple, and those who minister to Him “by His presence and the presence of the Holy Spirit.” Hebrews 10:10, says, **“By the which will we are SANCTIFIED through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”** Then Hebrews 2:11, tells us, **“For both he that sanctifieth and they who are SANCTIFIED are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren.”** If we are sanctified, then we should live like we are sanctified, set apart and holy unto the LORD. If we have not been living a sanctified life in the past, “repent and be forgiven,” then choose to set ourselves apart and live a sanctified life unto God. Sanctified and holy, pure and true to our LORD Jesus Christ!

HE IS OUR REDEMPTION: Galatians 3:13, says, **“Christ hath REDEEMED us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.”** Why did Jesus do this for us? Titus 2:14, says, **“Who gave himself for us, that he might REDEEM us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.”** Jesus did for us what we could not do. In 1 Corinthians 1:30, it says, **“But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and REDEMPTION.”** If we are redeemed, we should live like we are redeemed. If we are not living like we are redeemed, **TODAY IS THE DAY TO CHOOSE TO CHANGE.** “Repent and be forgiven” and live like we are redeemed that the world may know there is redemption for all who will believe.

HE IS OUR SALVATION: In 1 Thessalonians 5:9, it says, **“For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain SALVATION by our Lord Jesus Christ.”** It was God’s idea, not ours. In 2 Thessalonians 2:13, it says, **“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to SALVATION through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.”** How does God do this in our lives? We must receive by believing in our heart and confessing with our mouth. Romans 10:10, says, **“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto SALVATION.”** We are encouraged to confess our salvation and use the Word of God against the enemy. Ephesians 6:17, says, **“And take the helmet of SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”** In 1 Thessalonians 5:8, it says, **“But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of SALVATION.”** By His Word, God has made known the true salvation. Hebrews 9:28, says, **“So Christ was once**

offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto SALVATION.” Hebrews 5:9, says, **“And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal SALVATION unto all them that obey him.”**

If we are saved, then we should live like we are saved, that the world may see the salvation of the LORD in our lives. If we are not living like we are saved, then today is the day to change. **“Repent and be forgiven.”** Choose this day to live a lifestyle of someone who is saved. Turn from the ways of this world unto living according to the Word of God.

JESUS HAS PERFECTED US: Paul, in writing to the Galatians asks, **“Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made PERFECT by the flesh?”** (Gal. 3:3). In Hebrews 7:19, Paul wrote, **“For the law made nothing PERFECT, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.”** Then in Hebrews 10:1, it says, **“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto PERFECT.”** Hebrews 7:11, says, **“If therefore PERFECTION were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need was there that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron?”** God had a better plan, a better covenant, **“For by one offering he hath PERFECTED for ever them that are sanctified.”** (Heb. 10:14). It is God that will make us perfect. In Hebrews 12:23, Paul, in writing to those who are made perfect, said, **“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made PERFECT.”**

In Hebrews 13:20,21, it says, **“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant...Make 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”**

Jesus is our HIGH PRIEST. Jesus was faithful to God. He went to the Cross and died for us. He took our sins upon Himself, and paid the price; not just for our sins, but even the sins of the whole world. Our sins were paid for in full. The apostle John wrote, **“I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake”** (1 John 2:12). For whose name sake? For Jesus' name sake! He paid the price! Therefore, His name is above every name (Phil. 2:9). His name should be glorified, and set above all the works of the devil. There should be no sin or works of the devil where the name of Jesus is mentioned. His name should be praised, and exalted above every other name. Jesus took away our sins that His name would be exalted above all the works of the devil.

He is our faithful High Priest, therefore Hebrews 4:14,15, says, **“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession...For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”**

When we are tempted, remember, Jesus is our High Priest, and He fully understands the temptations we face. He fully understands what is happening in our lives and He is right there before the Father making intercession for us. Jesus did not go to the Cross to condemn anyone. He went to the Cross to take away the sins of the world.

What God has done is all by Grace! Paul wrote in Romans 6:1, **“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?”** Paul gives the answer to that question in the next verse, saying, **“God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”** (Rom. 6:2).

How do we no longer live in sin when 1 John 1:8 says, **“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”** Who is there among us that has no sin? Who is there

among us that can cast the first stone? Should we continue to judge others *“after the flesh?”*

First, we should judge ourselves, that we are not judged. Look at what is written in Romans 2:1-3, saying, **“Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things...But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things...And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?”**

Jesus said in Matthew 7:1,2, **“Judge not, that ye be not judged...For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.”**

First, we must learn how to overcome sin in our own lives, before we look at the sin in others. Yet, we cannot “of ourselves” overcome sin in our own lives. It can only be done by our LORD JESUS CHRIST, by the power of His Blood, His Word, and a working of the Holy Spirit.

The way to overcome sin is to REPENT, turn from sin, confess all sins and go sin no more. In 1 Peter 1:15, it says, **“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation...Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”**

Jesus said in John 15:5, **“...without me ye can do nothing.”** When Christians learn this truth by knowing who Jesus really is, then they will begin to have victory in their lives. Jesus is everything He says He is. He is also everything the Word of God says He is. He is the Creator of this creation (John 1:3,10, Col. 1:16, etc.). Without Jesus, there would be no earth, or inhabitants upon the earth. Everything was created by Him and for Him (John 1:3, Col. 3:16). He is our righteousness, justification, sanctification, redemption, salvation, etc. Without Him, we can do nothing!

Knowing Jesus for all He is and all He has done for us can give us victory in every area of our lives. When we call upon Him, He answers (Isa. 30:19, 58:9, 65:24; Jer. 33:3, etc.). Whatsoever we ask in His name, He will do it that the Father may be glorified (John 14:13,14).

God is not looking for those who think they can please God by their works of righteousness. God is not looking for religious “do it yourself people,” His is looking for those who will “let Him be their God.” In 2 Corinthians 6:16, God says, **“I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”** God says, **“I WILL BE THEIR GOD!”** God wants to be GOD in our lives, and we are to be HIS people. He wants to be our righteousness, justification, sanctification, redemption, salvation, perfecter, etc. What we do of ourselves WITHOUT GOD, is not pleasing to GOD!

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