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## FAITH WORKS

Faith works when we believe the gospel, the good news of what Jesus has done for us. How do we know if we have faith? How can we tell the difference between faith and believing? The Bible gives us the answer to this question in the book of James. James 2:14 says, **“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him?”** Just saying something does not mean we have faith. We can keep saying something over and over and still not have faith. We can believe “with our mind” (which is of the flesh), and still not have faith. There is a difference between believing with our mind and having faith. The Bible says, **“even the devils believe”** (James 2:19).

The Bible teaches, we must believe with our heart, not just our mind (Mark 11:22, Rom. 10:10, etc.) Faith is when we believe with our heart. James 2:17 tells us that true faith has a corresponding action. That is, we live according to what we believe with our heart. When we believe with our heart we live according to what we believe. Faith produces works! If there are no works, then our faith is dead.

Speaking of Jesus, the Bible tells us He is our Righteousness, Justification, Sanctification, Redemption, Salvation, Perfecter, and High Priest. How do we know if this is true? Because we live accordingly. In 1 John 3:7, it says, **“Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.”** Thereby, we know those who are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, for the righteousness of God manifests in their lives. This same thing applies to justification, sanctification redemption, salvation, etc. Those who say what they are, shall be known by their fruits!

There are some today, who are born again, and even filled with the Holy Spirit, who will say, *“LORD, I am not living a righteous lifestyle.”* The Scripture says in Deuteronomy 30:19, **“I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”** Inasmuch as the LORD that was then, is the same LORD that is today, what He spoke at that time, He was also speaking to us today. Not only was He speaking of life and death, blessing and cursing, He was also speaking of choosing THIS DAY **“righteousness over unrighteousness.”** In Luke 24:47, the LORD said that repentance and remission of sins should be preached throughout the world. That would include anyone alive today, who is not living righteous. Repentance and forgiveness is available. 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. Repent, confess and walk in righteousness.

**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 this 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.”** James 2:23 says, **“Abraham believed God, and it was imputed 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 us who believe. What we did or did not do is not as important as what we believe according to what Jesus did for us. ***He is our righteousness!***

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 is what God has done for us through our LORD Jesus Christ. 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 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 as holy unto the LORD. If we have not been living a sanctified life in the past, choose this day to set yourself 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 tells us, “**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 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** 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. In writing to Timothy, Paul said, **“that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto SALVATION through faith which is in Christ Jesus (2 Tim.3:15).** Through the gospel, by grace, we can receive salvation. **“For the grace of God that bringeth SALVATION hath appeared to all men”** (Titus 2:11). 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.”** The apostle Paul therefore writes. **“Therefore I endure all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the SALVATION which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory”** (2 Tim. 2:10).

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, choose this day to live a life-style of someone who is saved. Turn from the ways of this world unto living according to the Word of God. Choosing and doing that which is according to Philippians 4:8. **“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”**

**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.”** For it is God

that will, **“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”** (Heb.13:21).

JESUS IS OUR HIGH PRIEST: Hebrews 2:17, speaking of Jesus says, **“Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful HIGH PRIEST in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”** Why do we need a High Priest? What is His duty?

The Priest makes the sacrifice **“in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.”** When we sin, we need to be reconciled back to God. The High Priest makes the sacrifice to reconcile us back.

When we received Jesus Christ as our LORD and Savior, we became partakers of a heavenly calling. Heaven became our home, earth is only our dwelling place until we go to heaven. Hebrews 3:1,2 says, **“Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus...Who was faithful to him that appointed him, as also Moses was faithful in all his house.”**

Jesus is our High Priest. He 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 our sins but even the sins of the whole world. Our sins are 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. Since the price is already paid in full, Jesus makes intercession for those who are His own. He is our advocate before the Father, the righteous Judge of all creation. Look at 1 John 2:1,2, which says, **“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole 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?”**

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?”**

In John 8, when they brought a woman to Jesus, taken in the act of adultery, they were

judging her after the flesh. Jesus did not judge her after the flesh, but after the spirit. Jesus waited until He heard from the Holy Spirit before He made a statement concerning their accusations. Later, after they were gone, Jesus said to those around Him, **“Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man...And yet if I judge, my judgment is true: for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me”** (John 8:15,16).

God does not see sin in the lives of others the way we see sin *“after the flesh.”* Romans 8 tells us we should not walk after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Jesus was walking after the Spirit when He said to the accusers of the woman who was caught in the act of adultery, **“He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her”** (John 8:7). Jesus was still walking in the Spirit when He said to the woman, **“Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more”** (John 8:11).

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.

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, 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).

In 1 John 1:7 it tells us, **“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”** Without fellowship with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit we cannot **“walk in the light.”** Without fellowship with one another we cannot **“walk in the light.”**

God knows our circumstances. God knows what we face in life daily. God knows that Satan is tempting us to destroy us, and bring us into condemnation. Therefore, the LORD is our righteousness, our sanctification, our justification, our redemption, our salvation. What does the Scripture say? **“Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”** (Acts 2:21). In Jeremiah 33:3 it says, **“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.”** We cannot, of our own ability, overcome sin nor any of the works of the devil. Therefore, God is our only hope. The LORD is our strength, our helper in time of need. He is our deliverer, the restorer of our soul. It is He, and He alone that can save us. Psalm 37:39 says, **“But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time**

of trouble.”

Many have gone to “works of the flesh,” to overcome sin when they should have gone to the LORD and the Holy Spirit for help. Romans 8:13 says, **“For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye THROUGH THE SPIRIT DO MORTIFY THE DEEDS OF THE BODY, ye shall live.”** We must mortify the deeds of the body, the works of the flesh **“through the Spirit.”** If we try to do it on our own we will fail. The Holy Spirit is sent to be our Helper, Guide, Comforter, Teacher, and to lead us into all righteousness. Unless we look to Him and not to ourselves alone, we cannot be saved. Saved means, delivered and protected. Salvation is of the LORD, by the Help of the Holy Spirit. It is not by our works of righteousness, but by His Power through His Word working in us to will and to do His good pleasure (Phil.2:13).

Many have tried resisting the devil without first submitting unto God. James 4:7 says, **“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”** This submission must come first! It is the LORD that will deliver us! **“Call upon the LORD and He will deliver!”**

Sin is only overcome by the Word, the Blood, and the Holy Spirit. We cannot of our own ability overcome sin. Therefore, we must have fellowship with the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit and others within the body of Christ. We must walk in the light that the blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse us of all sin (1 John 1:7).

We need the help of the Holy Spirit in every area of our lives. That is why He has been sent to us. If we neglect the help of the Holy Spirit we become religious, and get into dead works and works of the flesh.

Praying in the Spirit helps us to overcome. The Holy Spirit reveals things to us that we can do. He Teaches us, Guides us, Leads us, Helps us, and Comforts us. That is why He has been sent. Do not neglect Him. Spend time with Him in being still and listening to Him from your inward being. He works from within your spirit, not from your mind.

God is not looking for those who are righteous in themselves. God is not looking for those who think they have kept the law in every word or deed. God is looking for those who will follow Jesus. Jesus said to the man who came to Him and said that he had kept all the commandments from his youth up, **“If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and COME AND FOLLOW ME”** (Matt. 19:21).

God is not looking for those who think they can please God by their works of righteousness. These we could call religious, “do it yourself people.” 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, salvation, perfecter, etc. What we do of ourselves WITHOUT GOD, is not pleasing to GOD!

There are many Christians today, who have given place for the devil, and now they are under condemnation because of their past. One of the last things Jesus said to His disciples before He went to be with the Father is in Luke 24:47. Jesus said, **“that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.”** This is just as much for Christians as it is for the world.

We should praise the LORD that He gave us the parable of the prodigal son in Luke 15:11-32. This applies to all Christians who have gone off and given place for the devil in any area of their

lives. In Luke 15:18, the son said within himself, **“I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee.”** A Christian’s Father is God. Therefore, we need to recognize when we fall into temptation and are snared by the devil to sin against God, we should repent, return unto God and He will abundantly pardon and cleanse us from all sin.

All throughout the Old Testament there are Scriptures and examples of the LORD saying, **“return unto Me and I will abundantly pardon,”** such as Isaiah 55:7, which says, **“Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”** All sin is wickedness. If we commit sin, we need to recognize it as wickedness. Call it what it is; confess, repent, and return to God; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Look again at what the Holy Spirit had the apostle John write in 1 John 2:1,2, **“My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous...And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.”**

Did you notice he was not writing to those who are not born again into the family of God. He wrote to **“My little children.”** These are children of God. He calls them little children, like Jesus said to Peter in John 21:15, **“Feed my lambs.”** The apostle John put Christians in three categories, “little children, young men, and fathers” (1 John 2:12-14). In 1 John 2:12 he wrote, **“I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name's sake.”**

Look what it said already back in Isaiah 43:25, **“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.”** Now we know that all Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Therefore we could say the Holy Spirit said through the apostle John, **“little children, your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.”** If the little children’s sins are already forgiven, what about the rest of us? If we go back to 1 John 1:9 we read, **“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”** By repentance and confession of our sins we are cleansed of all unrighteousness.

The Word of God is the Light, and if we walk in the Light, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from ALL SIN. In 1 John 5:17, it says, **“All unrighteousness is sin...”** Then, in 1 John 5:18, it says, **“We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.”** Praise God for His wonderful plan of redemption and salvation. ***Satan can have no power over us if we walk in the Light of the Word.***

Everything we receive of God is by Grace! We should keep in mind what the Apostle Paul said of himself in 1 Corinthians 2:1,2. Paul said, **“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God...For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”**

What God did for us in Christ Jesus on the Cross of Calvary was not just for us alone, but for the whole world. Let us learn to look at others through the Cross. Let us see others the way God sees us, **“crucified with Christ, redeemed by His blood!”**

Once we are born again of the Spirit and the Word, we should strive to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. We must learn how to be led by the Spirit and not by the natural mind. We must learn to serve God and not the devil. We must walk in righteousness and not in sin. We must live for Jesus and not for ourselves. Make Jesus LORD of our lives forever and ever. Amen.

There are many Christians today who at one time loved the Word of God and loved the

LORD for what He has done for them. But, they have since then gone back to the world system, operating according to human understanding. They did not continue on in the LORD with the Holy Spirit and learn how to be led by the Spirit.

It is amazing how that God has become a servant to man. We think we are serving God, yet in a truth, if we are led by the Spirit, God has become our servant. The Holy Spirit places Himself as a servant to man, leading, guiding, comforting, teaching and helping man to become like Jesus. The Holy Spirit serves us in a capacity which man cannot serve. He is God, at the same time, being our God He becomes our servant. Serving us in every way He can. He teaches us, and then operates through us by the power of His gifts. There are nine of His gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. These are all of God for the benefit of man, for God's children, to help them become over-comers in this life. Each of the nine gifts of the Spirit are to help us defeat the devil in areas of our lives. Not as individuals but as members of the LORD'S body, the church. Working together for the good of all within the body of Christ.

Here we are, in this world, children of God with a heavenly calling, living on earth to do the will of God before we go home. How many have been led astray, gone off doing their own thing, forgetting the high calling of God on their lives.

Many have become discouraged by what they see going on in the churches. They see all the false manifestations, the greed of the leaders, the controlling spirits manipulating and striving to gain for themselves a position where they can have what they desire at the expense of others.

Let me encourage you! Do not be discouraged by what the devil is doing in the churches, he's been operating in the churches since before the apostles went to be with Jesus. John said there were many antichrists at his time (1 John 2:18). Jude said there were many ungodly men in the church at his time (Jude 1:4). Don't be discouraged by these.

Learn to be led by the Holy Spirit from your inner being, for "out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water" (John 3:38,39). You can know the leading of the Holy Spirit if you spend time in the Word of God and praying in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit guides you from your inner-most being. You will have a "knowing," that cannot be explained in the natural. You will know, but you won't be able to explain how you knew. When you follow this knowing, and doubt not, the power of God will manifest in your life. You will know where to go, when to go, what to do, and how to do it. It will be an automatic "knowing" with no previous intentions.

The Holy Spirit is like a gentleman. He never forces you or compels you to do anything. He only leads, guides, comforts, teaches, and helps you to be what the LORD wants you to be. He is your source for all that God has for you. He is your servant, sent by Jesus to help you in every need. Get to know Him, and walk with Him. Stay in the Word that other spirits do not try to imitate the Holy Spirit and lead you into error. There are many spirits in the world, but there is only One Holy Spirit. He works all things together for your good (Rom. 8:28).

If you have been around for a while, no doubt you have seen many Christians fall by the wayside, following false manifestations thinking they are God. Do not be discouraged, you can know the truth and the truth will set you free (John 8:31,32). Once you have seen your error, return to the LORD and let the Holy Spirit be your helper, guide, comforter, teacher and lead you in the way of righteousness and truth. He is your servant, sent by Jesus. Receive Him for Who He is and trust Him, comparing everything with the Word.

The Bible tells us, "**there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.**" The water is the Word. The Holy Spirit always

agrees with the Word and the Blood. These three together always agree as One. Do not look for other witnesses, these three are all you need. Those who look for other witnesses usually get off into error.

Praise God for all He has done in your life, and follow Him all the days of your life on this earth. He loves you, and wants to be your God and you to be one of His children (2 Cor. 6:18).

The LORD will never leave you. It is up to you to maintain your relationship and fellowship with the LORD. If you leave the LORD, it is your doing. He will not force you to continue in Him until the end.

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