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Note

This book is the second in a series. It is recommended that the reader first study, as a prerequisite, the book, "Overcoming Life On A Small Planet."

Preface (Please Read!)

The church emphasis age is giving way to the kingdom emphasis age. A bright new day is dawning. A day in which the believer is looking to God to rule in the fullness of life. It has always been God's desire and plan to fill mankind with His presence, and thereby fill the earth with His truth and His way. The reality of God's provision of wisdom and power is arising in this day to govern the earth, to do business, to bring order to families and all life.

The church is changing from reclusion to reclamation, from a defensive to an offensive posture. In the church emphasis age, which is now fading away, the church, for the most part, isolated itself within the church walls. A mentality developed which allowed the rule of God's ways only over religious matters. Believers tended to separate their "Christian life" from the rest of their lives, and especially from their business lives, and the governing of their nations. The ruling of business, education, government, entertainment and most of the rest of life has been left to the ungodly secular minds of the world. For the most part, the infinite wisdom and ultimate spiritual power of God have been excluded from the governing of our current world.

The emerging emphasis of the kingdom of God is a new season. It is a season in which the church is reaching out beyond the church building walls; a season of spiritual wisdom and power becoming a major factor in all life. It is a season marked by the glory and grace of God, a season of both the love, and the wrath of God, a season of freedom and judgment, a season of peace and warfare; a season of captives being set free and evil kings being dethroned; a season for hidden mysteries to be revealed; and erroneous religious doctrines to be replaced with truth, a time of increased revelation and understanding of the Word of God. It is time for the kingdoms of this world to become the kingdoms of our Lord. The time for the true King to rule on Planet Earth. This book is a product of the changing season. Be prepared to be changed in the new season of God.

CHAPTER 1

Time

(THE EXPERIENCE)

What time is it? Knowing the season or time of the epic story of God and man can help us to understand and cooperate with the workings of God. It is important to discern the time. Yet, is it possible that many people, including Christians are not properly discerning the time? We may need to pause and take a fresh look at the ultimately accurate source of time, God's millennial clock of His Word and revelation by His Spirit. We may need to reset our millennial watch to synchronize it with God's clock.

Luke 12:56: "Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"

The existence of man is experienced in encapsulated increments of time ranging from milliseconds to millennia. Years, decades, centuries, and even millennia can be labeled by man according to how God universally reveals Himself to man during that period. Historians and theologians may speak of eras or dispensations of times when man behaved in certain ways and when God revealed Himself in certain ways. Man's behavior is affected by his perception of God. Time and the experience of man may be reasonably understood, divided, and grouped by the revelation of God received in that era.

Man is dependent upon God to reveal Himself. Though religion may make a valiant effort to know God, man cannot know God by his effort. No amount of intellectual effort will ever lead to the knowledge and understanding of God. God must choose to reveal Himself to man. God sovereignly chooses to reveal certain aspects

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(The Experience)

of Himself to whom He chooses, when He chooses. Though the Bible may be complete and contain the complete revelation of God, it will not be revealed to a man until God causes revelation within the individual.

We do not know all the reasons why God chooses to reveal or not to reveal more of Himself to man. The Bible teaches that the condition of the heart of man and God's sovereign timing are two factors involved. It is also true that the more truth God reveals, the more man has for which to be responsible. God in His great mercy allows time for man to prepare himself for the next revelation by properly responding to the previous revelation. Receiving revelation of God and treating it irresponsibly by allowing the perversions that it exposes to remain leads to destruction.

The powerful revelation of the establishment of the kingdom of God is coming forth on the earth. The revelation of God Himself dwelling within man to guide and rule the world, will bring blessing and peace to those who respond properly. But it will eventually bring destruction for those who will not align with it. God has allowed two millennia of mercy since Jesus and His disciples first announced the gospel of the kingdom. During most of this period of mercy the gospel of the kingdom of God was not widely preached. After the brilliant light of the first century faded, God's messengers had little or no light from God on the gospel of the kingdom. Therefore, during the past two millennia characterized by mercy, man has been free to receive Christ Jesus, by the Holy Spirit, into himself; and yet was not fully held accountable for the gospel of the kingdom. This era is ending and a new era beginning. The twenty-first century is the beginning of the third millennium since Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom.

It has been firmly documented from the Bible that the history of man from Adam to Jesus spans four millennia. From Jesus to the year 2000 AD is another two millennia. Therefore, the history of

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man according to the Bible will complete six millennia in the year 2000, (give or take a few years to allow for man's errors of his calendar, etc.). The seventh millennium of man is beginning as the sixth is completed. Seven is God's number of completion.

The first two millennia were characterized by God's natural law, the second two by the revealed law of God. The third set of two millennia has been characterized by the law of the mercy of God. The seventh millennium is characterized by the law of the kingdom of God.

The seventh millennium will see the revelation of the kingdom of God from heaven on earth. The Gospel of the kingdom will be preached to all the world and all the world must become responsible for the revelation of the kingdom. An improper response to the this message will cause the judgment of God to come upon vast numbers of people and great areas of the world's systems. Catastrophic events will become common place during a portion of the seventh millennium as many of the scriptures of the Book of Revelation are carried out in the earth. This is indeed the end of an era. The era of God's tolerance for rebellious, unresponsive man ends with the wrath of God becoming evident. All natural and supernatural systems will bear the mark of the new era.

A large segment of the population will destroy itself, as one group destroys another, only to be destroyed themselves by yet another group or by some natural plague or disaster. A generation of violent people are already being developed on the earth for the purpose of bringing judgment to vast portions of the world's population. There is coming a generation of people without conscience and with an uncontrollable urge to destroy. (*Joel 2*) These people are a natural product of man seeking his own way and refusing God's way for many generations. The end of these people is their own destruction. The Bible speaks of these as "cursed children, natural brute beast made only for destruction, who's god is their belly, with eyes full of adultery and cannot cease from sin". (*2 Peter 2*)

Time
(The Experience)

Natural systems of the earth are now imbalanced because of man's ungodly ways of living. The imbalance will cause increased natural disasters such as violent storms, volcanos, and earthquakes. Inordinate tides and water levels will sweep over much of the earth's land masses. New, deadly diseases will come forth upon man. The rays of the sun will cause much damage to humans, animals, and plants alike. Again, all of this has been set into motion by imbalanced natural systems created by man's disobedience to the ways of God over the past two millennia.

Yet, God in his mercy has allowed the continuation of man while He is calling out a people who will allow Christ to live within them and rule their lives. Many called out ones will be spared from these judgments and will remain to bring forth the kingdom of God from heaven on earth. They will become a part of the restoration of the planet and will live to continue the kingdom as God lives in them.

God has not changed. Nothing about God has changed. He has always hated sin and would not be God if He did not judge sin. He still loves men and women and the door of redemption is still open to all who will believe.

God also is pleased with His creation of the planet. It is His desire to cleanse and restore the earth as He did at the time of the flood, and at the destruction of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. It has always been God's plan for His kingdom from heaven to rule the earth through mankind. That plan will be realized in the seventh millennium.

While the generations bent on destruction are coming forth, at the same time there is a mighty army of valiant people of God growing on the earth. A generation of Godly believers who are filled with Christ. Men and women who by love and faith are empowered to live and speak the kingdom of God on the earth will overcome

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evil with good. Great displays of natural and supernatural power will emanate from them for the purpose of establishing good upon the earth.

We finite human beings have no capacity to ascend to heavenly things. We are totally dependent upon God to reveal heavenly things to us. But we have surely proven ourselves willing to try to dig out the truths of God. Sincere men of the church have sought diligently, throughout past centuries, to define and teach the events of the kingdom. We have developed varied interpretations of the Scriptures that have become generally valued as truth among diverse groups of believers. The further revelation of the kingdom coming forth as we enter the seventh millennium forces us to reconsider what the original Scriptures really say in light of the revelation of the kingdom of God.

Prior to the further understanding of the gospel of the kingdom (as taught in the prerequisite book "*Overcoming Life On A Small Planet*"), we expected the dramatic glorious bodily return of Jesus to begin the establishment of the kingdom. While we anticipated a great moment of climax to occur at some future date to begin the establishment of the kingdom, it was already quietly growing within us.

Luke 17:20-21: Now when He was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, 'See here!' or 'See there!' For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

The kingdom is like a mustard seed, not a stick of dynamite. The transition into the new era of the kingdom is already happening. There may not be a definitive single event that marks the new era, but each individual will probably mark the day when they person-

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(The Experience)

ally received the revelation of the kingdom. Yet, there are those who are experiencing the same current events, but have no idea that sin is being judged and the kingdom is coming forth.

In the day that Jesus Christ walked bodily upon the earth teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, many religious people totally missed it. The great events taking place around them were seen as something other than the Son of God proclaiming the kingdom of God. It was not just the heathen who missed it; it was the established Bible (Old Testament) preaching religious leaders who could not see. Many people who lived at the same time and in the same place where the mighty works of God were proclaiming the kingdom of God, were not aware of what was occurring. It is no different as the great events of the seventh millennium are unfolding and Christ again walks in his body (the purified bride church, the body of Christ) proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom.

The religious leaders of that day were so into the old way of the law, which was coming to an end, that it was difficult for them to adjust to the new era of the law of grace and the preaching of the kingdom. This led to their violently opposing Jesus who is the Christ and the kingdom he preached. They put themselves into the position of becoming enemies of the same God they sought to proclaim. The gospel of the kingdom is very divisive. It leaves little or no room for straddling the fence. Either a person will see it and align with it or rise up and oppose it. As the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom comes forth in the new era, some very religious people will put themselves into the position of becoming at enmity with God by resisting the gospel of the kingdom.

Time brings change. We must change with the times of God and not attempt to adjust the times of God to us for our comfort. Change is sometimes not comfortable especially for the very mature. Yet it is far easier to change with the time than to oppose God.

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**We must face the future,
forget the past,
and fulfill the present.**

Now, in this time, godly people are experiencing an increase of spiritual light. At the same time, ungodly people are experiencing an increase in the revelation of darkness. It is popular with ungodly people to change with the times and to become increasingly evil in their ways. It is necessary for godly people to change with the times and become increasingly holy in their ways.

In chapter thirteen of the prerequisite book “*Overcoming Life On A Small Planet*”, we began a self image adjustment by looking at who we are in Christ, and Christ in us. As we realize the power of God within us to live righteously, and to promote the ways of God into the world, we simply cannot excuse continuing an adulterated lifestyle. Holiness is great fun, an exciting adventure. There is nothing more exhilarating than experiencing the powerful loving flow of Christ through our natural human bodies. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the power of God released to change lives for good. There is no greater fulfillment for man than experiencing the kingdom of God in the seventh millennium. Why not make the effort and endure the inconvenience of change? Even if it means adjusting some of our previous interpretations of Scripture, it will be well worth it.

CHAPTER 2

Jesus (THE MESSAGE)

The supreme and absolute wisdom of God came from Royal Domain Heaven to Planet Earth in Jesus Christ, and was demonstrated and spoken to man in the life and words of Jesus. The Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ now living in believers is revealing truth and understanding of the life and words of Christ Jesus from the two thousand year old writings of the New Testament. Everything needed to establish the kingdom of God from heaven on earth, and to live its abundant lifestyle can be revealed from the Bible by the indwelling Spirit of Christ.

Christ Jesus did not come to establish the Christian religion nor any other religion. He did not come to give us a religious order or set of ritualistic rules and practices to get us to heaven when we die. He came to redeem mankind and the kingdoms of earth. He came and now abides within believers to establish a very practical kingdom of God. One in which peace and good will toward man prevails. One of the mistakes of “intelligent” “dustlings” is to consider Jesus as the champion of the Christian religion and compare Him to the champions of other religions of the world.

The supreme wisdom, truth, and understandings given through Jesus Christ are not to be catalogued, classified, and labeled as religious doctrines and practices for theology class, Sunday services, nor any other religious ritual. The teachings of Jesus are to be the foundational framework for guiding and empowering the individual and every form of authority in the world. The basic kingdom principles can no longer remain locked up in religion or church. Every ruling authority must structure the outline of its function by the principles of Gods kingdom given through Christ Jesus. No other

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form or set of principles will ever lead to peace on earth and good will toward man.

We must begin to look at the Word of God with the understanding that the theme of the book is the message of Jesus. The message of Jesus is the kingdom or rule of God from heaven on earth through redeemed man, not just how to get to heaven when we die or how to establish a set of doctrines for our denomination. As we stop looking with our religious eyes and begin to ask God for practical understanding of His Word to guide and empower our lives today, we may be amazed at how simple, practical, and real the Word of God really is; especially the teachings of Christ Jesus in the Gospels.

Many Christians separate the “religious” from the “real” within their minds. They may stand outside a church building and function in the “real” part of their thinking, discussing things that are real to them, such as their jobs or a recent sporting event. Then they walk inside the church building, sit down, and subconsciously shift their minds to the unreal religious portion of their minds. Everything that happens, every word heard or spoken is now affecting only the religious portion of their soul and little if any crosses over into the reality portion of their minds. This great wall of separation within the individual prevents the principles and wisdom of God from greatly affecting their life experience. It is not available in the reality portion of their lives to guide their life decisions. Decisions about education, job, business, family, entertainment and other important areas of real life are made without the benefit of the supreme wisdom of God’s kingdom principles.

Religion can become a blinding force that can rob a person of sight. One may see the words of a portion of Scripture and not see the meaning and application of it for their life. One may hear the Word spoken and yet not have ears to hear the powerful truth that will affect his or her daily life. The words spoken may have doctri-

nal or religious meaning for the religious portion of their lives and have little or no effect on the kingdom of God ruling their entire life. The instruction and empowering principles for kingdom living will not appear to the person looking at the Bible with religious eyes and denominationally colored vision.

I've been a part of church services where the Word from God was brought with power and obviously strongly affected the people in the congregation. Yet I was amazed to see the people shift at the final amen, back to their "real" mode and resume conversation about recent sporting events, etc., as though nothing had happened. Only the religious part of their lives was affected and little or nothing changed in their "real" portion or daily lives.

Christ Jesus did not come to earth to fill a portion of our lives nor to become a part of our lives. Christ must fill our entire lives and become our life. The will of God will be done, and the kingdom of God will come in our lives when Jesus is our life. "*Christ in you the hope of glory*".

Similarly we must not interpret the Bible from a partitioned perspective. We must seek an undivided view of interpretation of the Bible for our whole life experience. True purpose for man's life can only come from knowing God's purpose from His Word. The Word of God is a living and powerful force guiding the metamorphosis of the heavenly kingdom of God on earth. The purpose for man is to intimately relate to God in such a way that Christ is formed within him to establish the kingdom of God and rule and reign with him on the planet.

Ruling and reigning with Him encompasses every aspect of life, not just religious matters. All governments, businesses, families, schools, churches, and other institutions in the earth are to be ruled by Christ living in man. Science, technology, arts, and all disciplines of knowledge and practice, every skill of man is to be ruled by the indwelling Christ in man.

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The kingdom of God is much larger than the local church. It is given birth from the church but grows to encompass all aspects of earth. The kingdom of God is larger than redemption. It is in part the reason for redemption and the purpose of the church.

The kingdom of God and His righteous ways of doing and being will rule our lives and eventually our world as we individually and cumulatively seek Jesus, the message of God. Jesus is the message of the kingdom of God on earth, from heaven. He is the King over all other rulers and authorities in the world. He is the Lord over all other men and angels, or any created thing.

The King is now present on earth to rule and reign with believers. The message of Jesus, the gospel of the kingdom of God, is coming forth on earth by the indwelling Spirit of Christ within believers. *Christ in you the hope of Glory. (Col 1:27) He who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. (John 14:12)*

The enlightenment of the kingdom of God in the beginning of the seventh millennium challenges many of our traditional interpretations of Scripture. Even the translations from the original language of the Bible coming forth during the sixth millennium beg to be reevaluated. A return to the original language of the Bible in light of the revelation of the kingdom is needed to clean up some religious traditions interpreted into our contemporary Bibles. Such a study will prove liberating and serene as Scripture flows into harmonious correlated order in our understanding.

CHAPTER 3

Bible

(KINGDOM LIGHT)

When the Apostles, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit penned the New Testament they were often recording events they personally witnessed or heard directly from the Lord. Paul, for example, taught the kingdom of God from the perspective of personally experiencing the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit performing miracles of healing, deliverance, and personal protection. Kingdom power was a part of their daily lives, along with persecutions from the Jewish religious leaders and resistance from some church leaders.

Though kingdom power and authority were a part of their everyday lives, they lived almost two thousand years ago. Surely there has been movement toward the fulfillment of some things since that time. Sometimes because the Bible is so everlasting and alive I feel that we are still living in that same time frame. Of course most things do not change in the spiritual realm. The word of God is forever settled in heaven, and Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. However, it would really be interesting if Paul were here today and we sat down and talked with him. I feel certain he would see and say some things with even more clarity than he did then. Though the Word never changes, our ability to understand it does change as God gives clarification of revelation by the Holy Spirit. Some people talk about returning to first century Christianity. I believe we are entering a greater season. **Seventh millennium Christianity** will exceed first century Christianity. I believe Paul and the others would say a big Amen to that if they were here.

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom of God extensively. After Pentecost the disciples had clear revelation of the gospel of the kingdom and proclaimed it with great power and clarity.

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Paul and others of his day had clearer revelation of the kingdom than any subsequent generation throughout the fifth and sixth millennia.

Paul, toward the end of his ministry, warned clearly that apostasy would soon occur within the church. The great apostasy that began after the first century caused the revelation of the kingdom and the preaching of the gospel of the kingdom to be hidden and lost to the church in general. The great revelation and power of the first century was adulterated and lost as vast darkness covered the world. The church became a religious monstrosity as man's fallen ways replaced the pure leadership of Jesus Christ working within men through the Holy Spirit.

The apostles of the Lamb and the disciples of the first century had a clear revelation of the kingdom of God. Their **original writings in the original language** reflected their understanding of the kingdom of God. Unfortunately the major English translations of the Bible we have today were done fifteen hundred or more years after the first century. The great apostasy of the dark ages caused the pure word of the kingdom to be perverted as many false doctrines of religion affected the understanding of men and clouded the great gospel of the kingdom. Paul had warned that apostasy would come after he was gone. It came and caused the pure word of the kingdom of God to be taken from the church and replaced with other doctrines and rituals.

(Acts 20:29-31 NKJV) For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

In the second and third centuries Christians were greatly persecuted. They were tortured, beheaded, burned, and thrown to wild

beasts. Christians survived in caves, wilderness areas, and under-cover in cities. Despite the attempt by Roman emperors to eradicate Christianity, it continued to spread and to remain relatively pure.

In the fourth century Constantine, a Roman emperor was miraculously converted to Christianity and made it the state religion, bringing an end to the great persecution. The state church of the fourth and fifth centuries was very different from the pilgrim spiritual church of the first three centuries. Constantine established Sunday as a day of worship and rest. During this time the church was no longer being purified by persecution and soon experienced an in-rush of pagan ideas and ways. The church's prosperity was its greatest peril. This was the beginning of corrupt leadership and practices within the church. Instead of the church separating itself from paganism it adapted to it.

Church leaders established a hierarchy of control and power. They fought for position, bought and sold religious favors and positions, openly lived immorally, and developed doctrines to favor their positions of power. The Papal system developed with a number of locally powerful Popes. Eventually the power shifted toward Rome and a universal all powerful Pope. In the fifth century the Barbarians overthrew a portion of the empire and some were converted to Christianity. However, their conversions were nominal and helped introduce pagan practices into the church.

Though some Popes were better than others, in general from about the fifth to the fifteenth centuries the corruption continued. The Spiritual life of the first century church was replaced with a politically powerful, corrupt, and very ritualistic religious system. In this system, the people were required to pay for forgiveness of their sins, taxes were collected by the church, and leaders made themselves as gods. Indulgences were sold. The greater the sin the

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greater the price. The church became very rich. Church doctrines were established by the Papal hierarchy to bring political authority under the Pope. Salvation, or forgiveness of sins could not be had outside the Roman Catholic Church. It was absolutely necessary for every human creature in order to obtain forgiveness to be subject to the Roman Pontiff. Any one who had a different view was considered a heretic and many were killed by the church in an attempt to rid the world of heresy.

Though the church was polluted by perverted leadership and false doctrines, I personally believe that there were real Christians with Godly beliefs and practices deep within the church body and on the fringes. It seems from Scripture that there is always at least a remnant of Godly people during even the darkest of times. They may not be openly visible and history may pass them by but they are there. (*Romans 11:3-5*)

The renaissance of learning brought a renewed interest in the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures, which began to expose the unscriptural corruption of the medieval church. Early reformists met with strong and deadly resistance from the church. Now it was the church that was persecuting Christians instead of the Roman government. The Protestant Reformation of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries began the modern restoration of Christianity. Spiritual truth began to be restored, piece by piece as Biblical teachings were revealed to men. The restoration of revelation continues today and the church continues to attempt to get free from the lingering doctrines and rituals of the past apostasy.

It was during the early part of the current restoration period (1611) that King James authorized the English translation of the Bible that we still use today. It was in this period of limited spiritual light and ritualistic religious background that the Bible began to be translated into other languages. Over twenty major editions of the English New Testament appeared before the Hampton Court Con-

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ference in which King James approved the project that produced the KJV. Most of these and also the KJV were little more than revisions of the earlier work of William Tyndale. The translation of the NKJ New Testament is estimated to be up to ninety percent of the actual wording of Tyndale's New Testament.

With the light they had, the men sought to translate the Hebrew and Greek text into English. But they did not have the revelation of the kingdom of God, nor the gospel of the kingdom that the original first century writers had. They sought to make sense of the Word in the context and framework of their revelation and understanding at the time. Many of the Hebrew and Greek words could be translated different ways. There is no exact word for word comparison between the languages. The translators had to rely on their understanding of the context and the speaker's intent to determine which way to go with the translation and which English words to use.

A number of revisions of the King James Version have been done, including the American Standard Version in 1901 and the New American Standard Version in 1959. All of the translations and revisions have borne the impression of the clarity of revelation and understanding of God from the point in time they were written. They also bear the essence of the spiritual color (area of revealed truth) of the individuals doing the translating.

God continues to reveal Himself and His ways over time to His people according to what they can receive and handle. The church is still very much affected by the trappings of the apostate church of past centuries. As periods of enlightenment come one after another, revelation comes forth and truth is restored to the church. It was only about four hundred years ago when salvation by grace, through faith, was restored to the church. Since that time to the present many powerful truths have been revealed to God's people. With each new enlightenment we tend to think that we now have it all. Yet the revelation of God continues to come.

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The original text as it was originally written is the inspired, infallible, inerrant Word of God. It is God breathed and without error; the translations of the Bible are not; they are an evolved series of translations through different languages from the original.

The recent clarification of revelation of, **“Christ in the believers producing victorious kingdom of God authority, in the world, over the enemy and all of his works”**, sheds new light on the Word of God. At this point in time the revelation of kingdom begs for a return to the original language texts. The clear revelation that may be clearly seen through the Holy Spirit in the original text may be obscured in our translations. We must depend on the anointing of the Holy Spirit to open and explain the Scripture to our spirit.

1 John 2:27: But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.

Considering the Hebrew and Greek in light of the kingdom of God potential now and future, may cause passages speaking of victorious kingdom living to become brilliantly alive; and it may cause some passages to crumble, which seem to say that God’s people can only wait to die or escape.

Various doctrines and rituals of the church originated in the apostate past or in the beginning light of the reformation period. Some long held traditional doctrines may need to be exposed to the light of the Holy Spirit and measured by the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures.

CHAPTER 4

Doctrines

(IN LIGHT OF KINGDOM)

The word “doctrine” is one of the most religious words of the church. It may bring up fantasy images of oracles from God in large solid gold letters, or permanently carved in huge stones set as pillars in the church.

No one knows the number of the multitudes of people who have been killed over church doctrine. Conflicts and all out wars have occurred through the centuries and continue today. Churches are split again and again; families, friends and nations are fractured by doctrinal disputes. Christians are personally wounded in their hearts and figuratively left weak and bleeding, easy prey for the powers of darkness.

The word translated “doctrine” in the New Testament means teaching. It is not a religious word and can be true or false teaching depending on the source. It could be a doctrine of God (*Titus 2:10*), or a doctrine of man (*Col. 2:22*), and even a doctrine of demons (*1Tim. 4:1*).

Most religious people, and all denominations, sects, and cults are convinced that their system of theology is doctrine from God. Therefore any teachings that do not align with their system of theology is seen by them as doctrines of demons and/or doctrines of man. Therefore each group sees the other as deceived by doctrines of demons, and themselves as possessing doctrines of God.

When challenged with a different doctrine most religious people will usually rely on stored data of their minds from past teaching to measure the new teaching before seriously considering it. Even the most open minded may search the Scriptures to **disprove** the new word and to prove their previously held doctrine. Their doctrinally

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colored vision will filter the Scripture and they will usually just not see further truth that might alter their position. Unlike the Bereans who readily received the word and with an open mind, searched the Scriptures to see whether the new doctrines **be so**. One of the major priorities of religious sects and denominations seems to be to defend their particular doctrines.

*Acts 17:11: These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they **received the word with all readiness of mind**, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things **were so**.*

In the limited light of the early reformation period doctrines were established in portions of the church. These developing doctrines mixed with continuing fallacious doctrines and practices of the past have been rooted into the church. Some are now considered precepts of truth in the church today. When a doctrine has been in place long enough it may become considered sacred, though it may have begun as speculative. Once it is considered sacred many would die or kill rather than consider change.

One of the enemy's most effective stratagems may be to pervert the truth of God by bringing forth doctrines of his own into the church. Centuries ago the powers of darkness brought doctrines into the then apostate church. Is it possible that some of the doctrines of demons have become traditional doctrines carried forward into powerless churches of today? Is it also possible that the enemy may have affected the efforts of Bible translators by coloring their selection of words according to some of these perverted doctrines?

In light of the continuing restoration of revelation, we must reexamine traditional doctrines by returning to the original language text as much as possible, and depend on the Holy Spirit to guide our pure heart toward truth. **We must not defend doctrines solely**

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because they are traditionally accepted by our particular branch of the church. It is not enough to believe doctrines just because we have believed them all of our lives. We must not substitute the stored data of our minds for the discernment of the Holy Spirit if we are to continue toward the powerful reality of the truth of God.

*1 Tim 4:1, 6:3: Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to **deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons**. If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even **the words of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and to the doctrine which **accords with godliness**.*

The words of our Lord Jesus Christ may be used along with that which “accords with godliness” as a measure of wholesome doctrine. Clearly, the words of our Lord in the Gospels primarily focused on the kingdom of God (the ruler-dominion of God) on earth. (Re. Prerequisite book, “Overcoming Life On A Small Planet”). Godliness implies in accord with the character and nature of God.

Therefore, any teaching which does not appear to be in agreement with the words of Jesus Christ, nor in accord with the character and nature of God, should be reexamined. The words of Jesus are recorded in the original Greek of the New Testament. By the Word and the Spirit we can know the words of Jesus and the character and nature of God. Any doctrine or teaching which seems to take away from the ruler-dominion (kingdom) of God on earth, or in some way postpones or diminishes the victory over the powers of darkness is suspect and should be reexamined.

The false teacher and teaching can also be known by its fruit (Mat 7:15-20). In practice any doctrine which does not seem to produce good fruit unto godliness in life should be reexamined.

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Some questions we might ask regarding the fruit of a teaching are:

- (1) Does the fruit of the teaching seem to allow the powers of darkness opportunity to function now?
- (2) Does it in any way seem to promote ungodly behavior now?
- (3) Does it give false assurance to those who practice lawlessness?
- (4) Does it create less motivation to serve God and seek His kingdom now?
- (5) Does it seem to elevate anyone or anything equal to or above God?
- (6) Does it cause us to despise prophecy or any other spiritual gifts?
- (7) Does it tend to ascribe the works of God to the powers of darkness?
- (8) Does it cause us to fear the powers of darkness?
- (9) Does it cause us to not love our brothers or our enemies?
- (10) Does it hinder our forgiving from the heart?

Our view of the answers to these and similar questions is not the final factor, but rather may be an indicator that the doctrine in question should be investigated.

The fruit of any doctrine is measured by the effect it has on those receiving the teaching. A true doctrine of God will motivate one toward godliness (alignment with the character and nature of God) and build faith, hope, and love. The teaching will cause godly behavior and activity toward profitable production of the will of God on earth. It should move the individual toward health and well being of spirit, soul, and body. A true doctrine of God will inspire a loving respectful fear of God and a fearless disrespect for evil and the evil one. It will move the individual toward freedom from evil

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bondage to any person, place, or thing. A true teaching of God will move the person toward a total love for God and an allegiance to Him above anyone or anything else. It will move the individual toward alignment with God's love and care for His creation including the earth and the fullness thereof. (1 Cor 10:26 KJV) *For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.* In general a true doctrine of God will implant the ways of God into man and the world.

The fruit of false doctrine will always tend to move toward the opposite of the true. It will in some way tend to erode the principles and precepts of God and plant alternate ways. The doctrines of demons and/or man will allow or encourage movement away from alignment with the character and nature of God and will tend to weaken faith, hope, and love. It will tend to lessen godly behavior and activity of profitable production toward the will and purposes of God. It will tend to inspire a lack of respect for God, and a fear of evil and the evil one. It will move the person toward bondages and addictions. Doctrines of demons and/or man will tend to create allegiances other than to God Himself. These false doctrines will cause the person to not love and care for God's creation, especially the earth and all its fullness.

Many teachings have emanated from the **defeatist attitude** of the oppressed apostatized church of the Dark Ages. The people had been enslaved in religious bondages for centuries. They had not experienced the power of God flowing through their lives. The deceived and unjust religious rulers had controlled their thoughts and beliefs by controlling the teachings of the church. The essence of the doctrines and their belief was that Christians could only expect to live in defeat, misery, poverty, and repression now in this life. According to these doctrines, all potential blessing, victory, prosperity, and freedom would come to them only in heaven after they died. The fulfillment of most of the promised blessings of God,

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which are for His children today, were moved forward in these teachings to heaven after death. Those promises which directly referred to victorious living on earth and could not possibly be viewed as only for heaven, were seen as not for this time, but for after the future bodily return of Jesus to the earth.

Centuries of enslavement to fallacious doctrines have caused a slave mentality and a defeatist attitude to be formed within Christians, much like the Egyptian enslavement had formed in the children of Israel. When it was time for the children of Israel to move into the promised land and possess it, they did not overcome their defeatist attitude caused by centuries of bondage. They did not adjust their beliefs to align with the will and plan of God. Even the great miracles demonstrated to them in the wilderness had not repaired their slave minded defeatist attitude. Their lack of respect for God and their fear of evil made them easy prey for a false report and they did not receive the promise of God. Instead they continued in the hardships of defeat and the misery of poverty. Only after that generation passed away and the next generation took over, who did not retain the old beliefs and attitudes, did the children of Israel enter victoriously into the promise of God.

Not until the twentieth century, the final moments of the sixth millennium, has there been an awakening which is changing the defeatist attitude of the slave minded church. There were great revivals prior to the twentieth century in which many people became Christians. But, the focus of their great hope of salvation was heaven when they died, not the power and presence of God working in and through them to bring forth the rule of God into the world, to destroy the work of the devil, and establish the kingdom of God on earth. The great early American revivals were eventually squelched by denominational church disputes as different denomination leaders argued over the order of services and doctrinal positions.

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Before the awakening of this current time, achieving holiness was often seen as striving to legalistically keep laws and rules. Though the laws and rules were derived by the church from the Bible, they became a bondage to the people. The people struggled with religious rules, without the teaching of the grace of God empowering the believer from within to live holy lives by faith. Some Christians still hold this view. This view tends to cause one to become a legalist and seek to keep externally applied laws and thereby try to walk in righteousness and holiness.

Many others believe that holiness is unattainable in the experience of life and that they must depend on the mercy of God to forgive their continued unholiness. This view tends to lessen the search for further purification and holiness in life now, and accepts positional righteousness as a ticket to heaven that cannot be canceled.

Both of these views are powerless to produce the power of Christ, the anointed one. They do not produce His anointing within Christians to empower them to live holy lives. The spiritual awakening of the revelation of the kingdom of God, coming forth on earth through man, by the anointing of Jesus Christ within man, by the Holy Spirit, is restoring holiness and power to parts of the church.

*Rom 14:17: For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy **in the Holy Spirit**.*

*1 Cor 4:20: For the kingdom of God is not in word but **in power**.*

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Resurrection

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The cross of Jesus Christ is beyond any doubt one of the most paramount events and significant factors of all human history and continues to powerfully impact mankind. The shed blood of Jesus at the cross is God's only provision for the remission of sin. Apart from the cross there is no exoneration of man's sin.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is equal in importance to the cross. Just as the death of Jesus Christ on the cross is imperative for the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is imperative for the overcoming of sin in man. The resurrection is to holiness, what the cross is to forgiveness. Provision is made for mankind to be redeemed from the penalty of sin by the cross. Provision is made for man to be redeemed from the practice of sinful living by the resurrection. (*Re. Chapter 12, of the prerequisite book, "Overcoming Life On A Small Planet"*) God's only provision for man's holiness is the resurrected Christ indwelling believers. It is not the Christ of the cross, but the Christ of the resurrection that lives in believers to motivate and empower man to live in holiness now in this life.

The church of the recent past has emphasized the cross and the forgiveness of sin. The church in the kingdom age is emphasizing the resurrection and the overcoming of sin unto the establishment of godly living on earth. Believers are born into the kingdom of God by the forgiveness of sins through the death of Jesus at the cross. Believers mature into kingdom of God living by the life of Jesus the indwelling resurrected Christ. It is all the work of God by faith. In the past the church has emphasized being born again by faith, but then trying to keep certain rules to achieve holiness and standing in the church. (*Galatians 3, Romans 8,*)

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Rules are necessary for the development of immature children who do not yet possess the capacity to maintain inner guidance and strength to order their conduct. Mature individuals must develop inner guidance and strength. Reasonable rules are usually not overly oppressive to small children; but can be oppressive to mature individuals, who should be guided from within, not controlled from without. Attempting to keep externally applied laws can never accomplish holiness.

The Spirit of the resurrected Christ dwelling within is the motivator who supplies the guidance and strength from within that will generate holiness in the life of the believer. The process of the Spirit of Holiness and the Word within the believer can, over time, correct ideas or concepts which are not in line with God. The Word applied from without can only serve as a tutor to immature believers; and as a measuring stick for unbelievers to reveal their sinful condition. The law leads to the cross. The Spirit leads to resurrection life.

Gal 3:23-26: But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Paul and other first century disciples lived a first hand adventure of the resurrection life of Christ. They sought to be worthy of the resurrection life, and to reach the marvelous fullness of the resurrection of Christ within. This experience was not prevalent in the overall apostatized church of the Dark Ages, and is experienced in sparse segments in and around the church in recent times.

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Reformation period Bible translators were affected by the generic church view that in general all good things would only come in heaven, or at the bodily return of Christ. Therefore, translations tend to be bent toward all references to resurrection being ascribed to only future resurrection after death. This tends to add some obscurity to the great truth of the potent resurrection life of Christ within the believer now.

The religious Pharisees of the first century knew nothing of the powerful resurrection life of Christ. They were very meticulous in the Word (the Old Testament law) and very harsh with their application of the Word, especially toward followers of Christ. Paul admits to being one of the most fierce pharisees prior to his conversion. He personally had a firsthand view of the difference between the resurrected life of Christ within, and the religious external application of the Law. Paul related the advantages and superiority of the resurrection life over his past religious ways in the epistle to the Phillipians.

*(Phil 3:5-7 NKJV): Circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a **Pharisee**; concerning zeal, **persecuting the church**; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless. But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.*

Paul was a devout Hebrew Pharisee permeated with the harsh administration of the law. Religion was the first order of priority for his life. The word “Pharisee” is the Greek word “Pharisaios”, (far-is-ah'-yos) and means an **exclusively religious separatist**, its origin is from the Hebrew word “parash”, (paw-rash'); a prime root meaning to separate, literally to disperse; or figuratively to

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specify; also by implication to **wound, scatter**, declare distinctly, **sting**. The spirit motivating the denominationalism and religious strife of recent times is the same that drove the pharisees of the first century.

Paul emphasizes that knowing Christ and the power of His resurrection in a personal relational experience is far superior to religion. Before his conversion to Christ, Paul was a devout Pharisee and could only hope for resurrection after his death. However, after his conversion to a disciple of Christ, his hope was changed to experience the power of the resurrection life while he was alive, in addition to the future resurrection of his body.

In verse eight of the following passage the word translated “excellence” is “huperecho”, (hoop-er-ekh'-o) and means to excel, **superior, or superiority**; it is translated “better, excellency, higher, pass, and supreme.” The word translated “knowledge of” is “gnosis”, (gno'-sis) and means “**knowing**” or by implication “knowledge.” Paul is saying that knowing Christ is far superior to religion or any other thing. Paul goes on in verse nine to say that he is now seeking the righteousness from God through faith in Christ, instead of his seeking to keep the law.

(Phil 3:8-9) Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence (superiority) of the knowledge of Christ (knowing Christ) Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ (9) and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith;

In recent times there has been emphasis in parts of the church on positional righteousness as opposed to practical experience of

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holiness in life. The teaching asserts that man can only continue to live a sinful life in a sinful world, though he should do his best not to sin and to do right. He is to trust in Christ by faith to forgive his sins, and to make it to heaven after death; or, hope to be part of the generation experiencing the bodily return of Christ to set him free. The emphasis of this teaching may have developed as a backlash or pendulum swing from the pharisee type legalism of externally applied law. Though man cannot obtain holiness by trying to keep the law, **the power of the resurrected Christ within man can create a dynamic power and motivational force of love that will, over time, produce a life of holiness that will fulfill the laws of God.** The power of the resurrection of Christ will also empower the Spirit filled believer to minister powerfully to the needs of others; and to endure the hardships of persecution. Paul's striving was to intimately know Christ and experience the power of His resurrection.

(Phil 3:10-16) That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. (16) Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

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Here, Paul was not speaking of striving to attain the resurrection of his body after his death. He knew that his bodily resurrection was assured in the finished work of Christ. Paul also wrote:

1 Th 4:16: For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.

Scripture often refers to those without Christ as dead. And refers to those coming out of trespasses and sins into life in Christ as rising from the dead. (*Eph. 2:1,2, 5:14*)

Old Testament prophets spoke of the one who would be resurrected to reign upon the earth. Paul quoted Isaiah when he wrote:

*Rom 15:12-13: And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall **rise to reign** over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the **power of the Holy Ghost.***

The word translated "rise" is the same word often translated resurrection. Paul's great hope, and the blessed hope of the Church is the power of the resurrected Christ dwelling within the believer by the Holy Ghost.

Paul prayed earnestly for the Ephesians to be given light to understand the vast resources of the inheritance of the mighty resurrection power of Christ in those who believe and are saints (set apart to God). **The Spirit of Christ within is a direct link to the right hand of the throne of God.** Through the Spirit of Christ saints are directly connected to the all loving, all knowing, all powerful God of all creation, the ruler of all things heavenly or earthly.

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*Eph 1:17-2:10: That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the **riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints**, and what is the **exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power** which He worked in Christ when He **raised Him from the dead** and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.*

*And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be **head over all things to the church, which is His body**, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.*

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should

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*boast. For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.***

True positional righteousness of the saint is one of direct connection to the power of the throne of God to live righteously, and to know and carry out the will and plan of God from heaven on earth. It is not just being seen as righteous while yet living in sin and spiritual impotence. The saints striving is for faith and intimate relationship with Christ, not just trying to keep laws and rules. The grace of God is the unmerited favor of empowerment to live righteously, freely given to the saints, not a whitewash covering for our continued sinfulness and lack of spiritual power.

The resurrection power of Christ within by the Spirit, and connected to the throne of God, brings revelation light. The Word of God becomes powerfully alive as the Spirit of Christ reveals the mighty, life changing, world changing truths of God. Faith is greatly stimulated and becomes a living growing reality in the life and work of the one who is filled with the resurrected power of Christ.

The study of the Word of God is never enough within itself. Without the powerful revelation of the Spirit of Christ, study of the Bible may be unprofitable. It may lead to religious understandings but can not bring about the powerful revelation of God. The pharisees of the first century studied the Word perhaps more than any other known religious group. But without the Spirit of God it seems to have only made most of them more critical, and more of a hypocrite.

Teaching can have its origin from the study of the Word, and yet not be true revelation of Christ. A heart trained in the teachings of man will have difficulty receiving the revelation of Christ, even from the Bible. Paul said he had not received the gospel that he

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preached from man, but from revelation of Christ. We know Paul did not sit under the feet of Jesus to be taught by Him while Jesus was in His body on earth. Therefore, we know that Paul is referring to the revelation of the resurrected Christ by the Holy Spirit.

*Gal 1:11-12: But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, **but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.***

Receiving teachings that are not through the revelation of the Spirit of Christ can pervert one's view of God and the world. Revelation of the Word by the Spirit can cause one to see God as He really is, and to share His world view.

CHAPTER 6

World

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Doctrines developed in the past apostate church age offered little or no hope for man nor the world in this present life. The essence of these doctrines are that the world and its systems are hopelessly tainted with sin and subsequently evil; and therefore are fit only to be destroyed and replaced by a newly created planet. In this view there is no hope for the present world to be cleansed and restored. The only hope for the planet is total destruction by the judgmental fire of God melting and dissolving the very elements of the planet. Some of the fruits from the essence of these teachings are:

◆ 1. A release of the responsibility of man to preserve and care for the natural systems of the planet.

There is little or no incentive for man to cooperate with natural laws of God's order. The shorter range more immediately profitable actions are often chosen over those that align with God's natural order; which are designed for the continued existence of the planet's systems. The underlying rationale seems to be; "why be concerned since it is all going to burn and be destroyed anyway, and probably soon"?

◆ 2. A lack of appreciation for the wonderful creation of the beautiful life supporting planet.

The glorious essence of God can be seen in the beauty of His creation. The beautiful intense blue of the mountain lakes reflect more than the breathtaking awesomeness of the magnificent mountain scenes; it also reflects something about our loving great God. The unfathomable complexity of all the chemical, physical, biologi-

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cal, zoological, meteorological, ecological, and other systems of the planet all speak of our God who created them. They are all designed to work intricately together to support continuing life on the planet, and the continued life of the planet itself.

◆ 3. A lack of respect for the life of man, with its awesome and exciting potential. Man is the only part of God's creation designed to intimately relate to God,—to actually experience knowing Him. Man is designed to represent God in the earth, to rule and reign with Him now, in this present age. A lack of appreciation for God's natural creation leads to a lack of respect for the life of man himself. Man is linked too, and a part of, the world's systems.

Do these fruits seem to line up with the words of Jesus and the nature of God? Jesus came *that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly*. It is God's nature to give life, to heal, and to deliver. It is someone else who desires to destroy. *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.* (John 10:10) Is it God's plan and desire to destroy the earth, or rather to purify it? Jesus often spoke of the wicked being removed and the righteous shining forth on earth. (Matt. 13:24-30, 37-43) The Scripture also speaks clearly of God destroying those who destroy the earth.

*Rev. 11:18b: And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, **And should destroy those who destroy the earth.***

Since the essence of the teachings that the world is bad, and fit only to be despised and destroyed, does not appear to line up with the words of Jesus and the nature of God, we must reexamine the Scriptures that seem to affirm these teachings. Does God love the world's systems or despise them? Are we to love the world or to

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despise the world? Certainly we know that God loves man, but does not love man's sin and evil nature. Could it be that God loves the world, but does not love the evil world system implanted by the devil? Perhaps we should make a distinction in our consideration between the created planet with its systems of life, and the evil world order.

One of the most well known Scripture verses is *John 3:16*. Most evangelical Christians have taught this verse to their small children. We correctly use this verse to instill in children that God loves them so much that Jesus came to save them, and everyone who will believe. We may read the verse, "*For God so loved the world*", but we hear in our mind, "For God so loved **me** or **mankind**". Certainly the individual and mankind are the focus of what is being spoken of here. But more than mankind is being referred to as the world.

The word translated "world" here is the Greek word "kosmos" which is generally interpreted as the worlds systems. Strongs Concordance Greek Dictionary defines the word as orderly arrangement, and by implication, the world and its inhabitants.*

Is it possible that Jesus came to save more than mankind, that He came to save the world? Could God desire to restore all other "kind" as well, including all the adorning and decorative systems, the "kosmos"? Since God has given mankind authority and responsibility to rule the earth, man must first be redeemed and brought into order with God and His ways to save or restore the world. (*See pages 44 & 45, of the prerequisite book "Overcoming Life On A Small Planet."*)

* "G2889. kosmos, kos'-mos; prob. from the base of G2865; **orderly arrangement**, i.e. **decoration**; by impl. the **world** (in a wide or narrow sense, includ. its **inhabitants**, lit. or fig. [mor.]--**adorning, world**." The root or base is: G2865. komizo, kom-id'-zo; from a prim. komeo (**to tend**, i.e. **take care of**); prop. **to provide for**, i.e. (by impl.) to carry off (as if from harm; gen. obtain)--bring, receive."

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God chose to limit himself to rule through man on earth and has never rescinded that position. Man has a free will to make decisions. **Thus God had to become a man to save the world. God became a man in Jesus Christ.** God's original created order is for man to have dominion and rule the world. (*Gen. 1:26-28*)

The man Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven, now rules in the world as he lives within believers on the earth by the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. As men receive Christ Jesus into their lives and **then yield control of their lives to the Spirit of Christ within, the will of God is done from heaven on earth.** The kingdom of God from heaven rules in the world and the ways of God redeem and restore the kosmos.

In every instance the word translated "world" in *John 3:16-17*, is "kosmos". **The key to the redemption of the world is the salvation of man. Thus man's redemption is the world's only hope.**

*John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the **world** that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the **world** to condemn the **world**, but that the **world** through Him might be saved."*

In these verses God speaks of man being saved in relation to the world being saved. There is no distinction made between mankind and the rest of the world as the object of God's saving love. The first priority is that the kosmos be saved. Even the root of the word "kosmos", (komizo and komeo) means to tend or take care of, to provide for and keep from harm. We have seen from other Scripture that God has delegated rule of the earth to man. Man is to carry out the order of God's design. The kingdom of God, the will of God, is to be done through man. More specifically **by Christ Jesus within man.**

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To love the world, or not to love the world? Obviously God loves the world (the world He created and its systems of life). Yet other scripture makes it clear that we are not to love the evil world system, nor to lust for the things in the world.

1 John 2:15-17: Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

The word “world” in the above verses is also translated from the Greek word “kosmos”. Why is it that we are told to not love the kosmos when God said He so loved the kosmos that He sent His son to save it?

God loves the kosmos (world), and we are to love the kosmos (world) with His love. Man is not being told to not have loving concern for the world, but is being told to not have the love of (from) the world. The world has it’s own kind of selfish, lustful, greedy affection the desires of the (sarx) flesh. We are not to have that love of the world. **We are not to lust for the things of the world. But we are to be filled with the love of God for the world.**

The love of (from) God is a fully satisfying inner abundance. The individual filled with the love from God feels no anxiety nor frustrating need for anything else. Nothing further is required for the spirit and soul to be at perfect peace. From this inner abundance flows a great desire and potential to love the kosmos (the world and it’s inhabitants). This desire leads to serving mankind and the world around us by seeking to make things better for everyone; to bring the peaceful, prosperous, order of God to the kosmos. The love from God is a giving kind of love.

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On the other hand the love of **(from)** the world isn't really love, but **it is lust for the kosmos**. It is seeking to fill an inner need that exists because the love of (from) God is not filling the individual. In reality the world's kind of love (lust) is not love, but unlove (the lack of the presence of God's love within). The inner need created by unlove leads to **the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life**. The inner need becomes like a great vacuum trying to fill the void with the kosmos (the world and the things in it, including other people). The kosmos is consumed, used, and destroyed as the inner need drives the individual to get more, have more, be more, and experience more. The love of (from) the world is a taking kind of unlove.

The love of God is in Christ Jesus. The potential for the very love of God in your life and mine is in Jesus. If the Spirit of Christ rules our hearts, the love of God is manifest in our lives.

*John 17:26: And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the **love (agape)** with which You **loved (agapao)** Me may be in them, and **I in them**.*

The usage in this verse seems to indicate that agape is the inner affection from which flows the social outworking agapao, practice of loving. Christ Jesus is the provision for mankind to have the agape love of the Father. Christ in man is the practical method by which the love from God fills the life until no room exists for the love (lust) from the world, for the things that are in the world.

There is a vast difference in having loving concern for the kosmos (as God also does), and seeking to possess or consume the kosmos from our inner lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and pride of this life. The Spirit of Christ Jesus living and ruling within, guides and empowers the individual to walk in freedom from the

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lust of the flesh and to be filled with the love of (from) God. It is impossible for one in whom Christ Jesus does not dwell to be filled with the love of God and to be free of the love of (**from**) the world.

Gal 5:16-17: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Man is inseparably linked to the rest of the kosmos. To harm or destroy the world is to harm one's self. To bless or build the world is to bless and build one's self. As man takes care of the world, the world takes care of man. I'm reminded of an old saying that farmers once used. They said, "If you will take care of the land, the land will take care of you." This same wisdom applies to all the kosmos.

Many Christians may need to rethink their world view. A belief that God does not love the kosmos may have led us to devalue much of what God loves, and sent His Son to save.

The world is not inherently evil. The world is a marvelous and wonderful creation of God. The systems and order of the world are awesomely grand beyond all we can think. The complex intricacy of biological systems, ecological systems, and the physical make up of all things is more than all the minds of man together could ever understand. Yet it all fits and works together to perpetually sustain life. The beauty of the colors, shapes, and patterns of the mountains, lakes, forests, plains, and mighty oceans are marvelous beyond compare. The delicate, delightful fragrance of the rose, the flowers of the field, the spruce and fir tree, the pine tree on a still spring evening, all speak of God's love and provision for the world.

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It is humbling to realize that God has put man in charge of caring for His marvelous creation. To not be concerned about caring for the people, animals, and the ecology of the world is to be apart from the plan of God. As man, by the power of the indwelling Christ, walks in accordance with God's ways the kosmos is healed. Mankind seeking the kingdom of God and His righteous way of being and doing moves man and the world systems toward healing and restoration. (*Matt. 6:33*) (*Rom 8:19-22*) Mankind seeking his own way apart from God moves man and the world systems toward disorder and destruction. God has not planned the destruction of His creation. The power of Christ in man is sufficient to heal and restore the kosmos.

John 3:16a,17b: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,-- that the world through him might be saved.

John 1:29b: Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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Will God burn Planet Earth in judgment, or is He cleansing and purifying it? From the wording of the English Bible translations it appears there is no doubt that God's plan is to burn up the planet. The cornerstone scripture for the belief that God will burn the planet in judgment is 2 Peter 3.

I was shocked when I first looked into the Greek wording of this chapter. The limited revelation of the time and the defeatist mind set of the translators is very apparent in this passage. Some words were used in this passage that are not used anywhere else in Scripture, and some Greek words are translated differently in this passage than anywhere else in the Bible.

Was Peter in his flamboyant manner led of the Spirit to use the strongest possible language to communicate the total annihilation of the complete evil world order, and not the destruction of Planet Earth? I wonder who would want us to believe in the destruction of the planet?

In chapter two Peter refers to the judgment of the world by flood and the judgment of Sodom and Gomorrah by fire from heaven. In these judgments the planet was not destroyed but was purified by the destruction of the evil. When God made a covenant with Noah and all surviving living things after the flood, He used the phrase "destroy the earth". (*Gen. 9:11*) He promised that He would never again bring a flood to "**destroy the earth.**" **Yet the planet had not been destroyed by the flood.** On the contrary, the planet was purified as evil man and his disorderly ungodly ways were destroyed. Peter spoke by the Spirit of God in this same manner, in 2 Peter. Although our English Bible translations makes it seem without a doubt that Peter spoke of the destruction of the planet, a closer look

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at the actual Greek text reveals that it does not necessarily speak of the destruction of the planet.

In the limited amount of study that I have been able to accomplish in comparing the original Greek text with our English translations, I have become reassured of the general accuracy of the translations. There are not many places where recently renewed revelation has exposed translator error based on the translators limited revelation. I believe that 2 Peter, chapter three contains, what is perhaps, the most regrettable and damaging translation errors of all Scripture. The translators were strongly affected by the wide spread, long standing belief that the earth and most of what was in it was evil and could not be saved but must be destroyed in judgment and replaced with another earth. This belief caused them to depart from their own translation practices and make translation errors. They translated some words different from each and every other time the same words were used elsewhere in Scripture. The translators also departed from the context of the passage and added an additional meaning apart from its context.

It will require some effort on the readers part, but anyone who is receiving the revelation of the kingdom of God, that Jesus taught and preached, can, with some study, understand what Peter was really saying and see exactly where the English translations are in error. In this study, it will become obvious that Peter did not speak of the dissolving of the planet, nor the destruction of heaven. He did not speak of the planet being burned into nonexistence by the fire of God. He did speak of a great judgment from God against evil, especially evil men, with all their high and lifted up prideful practices. He also spoke of the burning of everything that man's evil ways have built, from its highest point to its very core and root.

In 2 Peter 3:7, the Greek word "ge"* is interpreted to mean the physical, material Planet Earth. The Greek word "ge" (ghay), translated "earth", in 2 Peter 3:7, has almost exactly the same meaning as

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the Hebrew word “‘erets”* (eh'-rets), translated “earth” in Genesis 9:11, where God spoke of never again **destroying the earth** by flood, **yet the planet was not destroyed into nonexistence**. “Ge” does not necessarily mean the planet. It is also translated: country, earthly, ground, land, and world.

The misinterpretation of the word “ge” in this instance, as meaning the material physical planet is the basis used by translators to view this entire passage as dealing with the destruction of the planet. Based on this interpretation of verse seven other words such as, “elements”, “melt”, and “dissolved” are uniquely translated in this chapter to reflect physical destruction of the planet. When Peter spoke of fire on the earth he spoke in the same manner as God when He spoke of the flood destroying the earth.

There is no doubt that a great destructive judgment is described in 2 Peter. The question is exactly what is destroyed and what is purified by the judgmental destruction. The subject of chapters two and three is ungodly men and their judgment: “false prophets”, “false teachers”, “unjust men”, “those who walk according to the flesh and despise authority”, and those who “turn from the holy commandment and are again entangled”. Peter tells us what is being judged and what he is speaking about in 2 Peter

2 Peter 3:7: But the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition (destruction) of ungodly men.

*H776. 'erets, eh'-rets; from an unused root prob. mean. to be firm; the earth (at large, or partitively a land);-- X common, country, earth, field, ground, land, X nations, way, + wilderness, world.

*G1093 ge, ghay; contr. from a prim. word; soil; by extens. a region, or the solid part or the whole of the terrene globe (includ. the occupants in each application);--country, earth (-ly), ground, land, world.

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Ungodly man is the focus of the fiery judgment. Is this verse saying that purification fire is being kept in heaven for earth, for the destruction of ungodly men, not that the fire is for the destruction of heaven and the planet? As the flood cleansed the earth so the fire of God will purify the earth.

The English translations seem to suggest that even the abode of God will be destroyed with a big bang that will burn and dissolve the planet as well. Or at least the sky and air will all be dissolved with the planet. We must reexamine the Greek words and their meaning in **2 Peter 3:10-12**.

In both the Hebrew and the Greek the word for fire speaks of purification and judgment. Peter is profoundly saying something to the effect that: All the evil ungodly people, with all their evil ways and works,—the very rudiments of their evil lives, with all they have done or built by their lust, greed, sorcery, evil strife, carousing, rebellion, and unloving ways, are going to be totally torn down, dissipated, and burned. Their evil works and power will be dissolved by the fire of God's judgment, from the very deepest root to the most lofty prideful branch.

*2 Pet 3:10 KJV: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens** shall **pass away** with a **great noise**, and the **elements** shall **melt** with fervent **heat**, the **earth** also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up**.*

*(11) Seeing then that all these things shall be **dissolved**, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,*

*(12) Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the **heavens** being **on fire** shall be **dissolved**, and the **elements** shall **melt** with fervent **heat**?*

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The Greek word translated “**heavens**” is “**ouranos**”^{*} (oo-ran-os') and means the sky or the abode of God. By implication it means happiness, or eternity, or the Gospel. Surely God is not going to destroy these things so that they no longer exist. Nothing here needs to be dissolved or burned up.

The word translated “**pass away**” is **parerchomai**,^{*} (par-er'-khom-ahee) and means **to come near or aside, to approach or arrive**, to go by or to go away. It can mean figuratively to perish or neglect. It is also translated: come, come forth, go, pass away, pass by, pass over, past, and transgress. Obviously this word does not necessarily mean to be destroyed or vanish.

The word translated “**great**” is **huperogkos**,^{*} (hoop-er'-ong-kos) and means super, bulging over, burden or weight.

The word translated “**noise**” is **rhoizedon**,^{*} (hroyd-zay-don') and is used only this one time in Scripture. It means a whir or whizzing sound like a crash. It could be something like a great fiery roaring wind.

G3772 **ouranos**, oo-ran-os'; perh. from the same as G3735 (through the idea of elevation); the sky; by extens. heaven (as the abode of God); by impl. happiness, power, eternity; spec. the Gospel (Christianity):--air, heaven ([-ly]), sky.

G3928. **parerchomai**, par-er'-khom-ahee; from G3844 and G2064; to come near or aside, i.e. to approach (arrive), go by (or away), (fig.) perish or neglect, (caus.) avert:--come (forth), go, pass (away, by, over), past, transgress.

G5246. **huperogkos**, hoop-er'-ong-kos; from G5228 and G3591; bulging over, i.e. (fig.) insolent:--great swelling. G3591. ogkos, ong'-kos; prob. from the same as G43; a mass (as bending or bulging by its load), i.e. burden (hindrance):--weight.

G4500. **rhoizedon**, hroyd-zay-don'; adv. from a der. of rhoizos (a whir); whizzingly, i.e. with a crash:--with a great noise.

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So far, this portion of the verse could be saying that **heaven, is approaching and coming near, with a great bulging over burden, and a roaring, crashing sound.** If God, just talking, is like great thunder, what might His stored up wrath released against evil sound like?

Heb 12:25-29: See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.

*Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the **removal** (disestablishment) of those [things] that are being shaken, as of [things] that are **made**, that the [things] which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. **For our God is a consuming fire.***

The word translated “**removal**” in the above passage, is “**met-athesis**”* (met-ath'-es-is) and means transposition, or disestablishment and is also translated “**change**” or “translation”.

The phrase “things that are made” does not point toward material physical earth. It can indicate **what is done or has been done.** Also the word “things” is not in the Greek text at all in this portion of Scripture.

The next key word in 2 Peter 3:10 is the word interpreted, in this passage as the basic physical elements of the earth. **This is the only time this word is interpreted to mean physical elements.** The word translated “**elements**” is “**stoicheion**”*, (stoy-khi'-on) and means something orderly in arrangement, a basal, fundamental, initial serial, constituent. In other words, “stoicheion” means the

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basic, foundational, principles of an order. In this passage it specifically refers to the foundations of the evil order affecting earth, not the physical elements of the planet.

Stoicheion is used seven times in the New Testament in every case it refers to basic principles or rudiments, either of the doctrines and oracles of God or of the evil world order. In no other place is it interpreted as referring to the physical elements.

Heb 5:12 KJV: For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the (stoicheion) first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Gal 4:3 KJV: Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the (stoicheion) elements of the world:

Gal 4:9 KJV: But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly (stoicheion) elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

Col 2:8 KJV: Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the (stoicheion) rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

Col 2:20 KJV: Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the (stoicheion) rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances,

*G3331. **metathesis**, met-ath'-es-is; from G3346; transposition, i.e. transferral (to heaven), **disestablishment** (of a law):--**change**, removing, translation. G3346. metatithemi, met-at-ith'-ay-mee; from G3326 and G5087; to transfer, i.e. (lit.) transport, (by impl.) exchange, (reflex.) change sides, or (fig.) pervert:--carry over, change, remove, translate, turn.

*G4747. **stoicheion**, stoy-khi'-on; neut. of a presumed der. of the base of G4748; something orderly in arrangement, i.e. (by impl.) a serial (basal, fundamental, initial) constituent (lit.), proposition (fig.).

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In 2 Peter 3:10&12, the meaning is the same. The elements that are “dissolved” with fervent heat are the rudimental elements of the evil world order; the basic desires, drives, beliefs and assumptions with all the actions, deeds, accomplishments, and whatever else they make or made.

*2 Pet 3:10 KJV: But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the **heavens** shall **pass away** with a **great noise**, and the **elements** shall **melt** with fervent **heat**, the **earth** also and the works that are therein shall be **burned up**.*

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The word “**dissolved**” in verses 11&12, and the word “**melt**” in verse 10, is the Greek word “**luo**” (loo'-o), a prime verb meaning **to loosen**. It is used 45 times in the New Testament and is almost always translated loose, loosed, loosing, or unloose and **on no other occasion is it translated dissolve or melt**. It is only translated dissolve or melt in 2 Peter 3:10-12. This erroneous translation could only be made by the translator having a fixed preconceived belief that the passage was talking about the destruction of the planet into nonexistence. Luo is sometimes used to indicate the loosening of a strong structure to its destruction. Twice luo is translated “destroy”.

G3089. luo, loo'-o; a prim. verb; to "loosen" (lit. or fig.)--break (up), destroy, dissolve, (un-) loose, melt, put off

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John 2:19: Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy (luo) this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

1 John 3:8b: For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy (luo) the works of the devil.

Luo (loose) is used in the sense of loosening the stones of a strong building, thus destroying the order of it and its existence as a building or strong structure. Peter is saying in this passage that the strongholds of the evil world order are to be destroyed or loosened.

The word translated "melt" in verse 12 is a different word. It is not luo. It is a word used only this one time in the New Testament. Apparently Peter in his exuberance was really reaching for a word to describe the absolute and complete defeat and annihilation of the evil world order. The word he used is "**teko**", (tay'-ko) a prime verb meaning to liquefy. To liquefy implies the removal of all strength, to totally defeat and incapacitate the enemy. In modern day vernacular we might say something like, "He really 'creamed', 'whipped', or 'pulverized' the opponent."

Verse 12, speaks of the heavens being on fire. The word translated "on fire" is "**puroo**" (poo-ro'-o), meaning to kindle, to be ignited, glow, be refined, or figuratively **to be inflamed with anger**, grief, or lust. This word does not necessarily imply the heavens are being burned up. The heavens are inflamed with the wrath of God against evil and the evil world order.

G4448. puroo, poo-ro'-o; from G4442; to kindle, i.e. (pass.) to be ignited, glow (lit.), be refined (by impl.), or (fig.) to be inflamed (with anger, grief, lust):--burn, fiery, be on fire, try. G4442. pur, poor; a prim. word; "fire" (lit. or fig., spec. lightning):--fiery, fire.

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Are these verses not saying that heaven, is approaching and coming near, with a great bulging over burden of wrath against evil, and with a great roaring, crashing sound? And the rudimental elements of the evil world order are loosened (destroyed) with the heat of God's judgment, that all the evil works shall be burned to the bare ground? And seeing that all the evil world order will be loosened (destroyed) we should live holy godly lives? And that we should be expecting and hastening the fire of destruction liquefying the rudiments and works of the evil world order?

2 Pet 3:13: Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Could the new creation "new heavens and new earth" be the redeemed creation set free (loosed) from the bondages of the rudiments or elements of the evil world order? Are the new heavens the redeemed heavens around the earth set free from the prince of the power of the air and his evil order. (*Eph. 2:1-2*) God speaks of redeemed man as a new creation of whom He says all things are made new in 2 Corinthians.

*2 Cor. 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a **new creation**; old things have passed away; **behold, all things have become new.***

Surely when one is cleansed of sin and set free from the bondages of evil by the work of Christ Jesus, one is a new creation and everything is seen from a new perspective. Similarly the work of God from heaven purifying the earth will cause it to become a new earth filled with righteousness, peace and joy. The new heaven (the atmosphere around earth) will no longer be affected by the work of the

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enemy. Jesus has already defeated the enemy and now lives in believers to set men free and have a part in setting the earth free.

Is it possible that we as the mature sons of God have some part in flowing forth the powerful fire of God to restore the world to God's order, and to redeem and renew our planet and its atmosphere from the bulging over burden of evil? And is it possible that evil men had, and yet have something to do with the bringing forth of the evil world order? Is it also possible that the New Jerusalem is the purified holy people of God free from influences of the evil world order?

*Rom 8:19-22: For the earnest expectation of the **creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; **because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God**. For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.*

*Isa 65:17-19: "For behold, **I create new heavens and a new earth**; And the former shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I create; For behold, **I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing, And her people a joy**. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, And joy in My people; The voice of weeping shall no longer be heard in her, Nor the voice of crying.*

*Isa 66:22: For as the **new heavens and the new earth** Which I will make shall remain before Me," says the LORD, "So shall your descendants and your name remain.*

*Rev 21:1-5: Now **I saw a new heaven and a new earth**, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there*

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*was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, **New Jerusalem**, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as **a bride** adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, **the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.** "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**" And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."*

Whether 2 Peter is speaking of the heavens (the abode of God) coming near to earth with fire for loosening (destroying) the evil world order, on the earth, and in the atmosphere around the earth; or whether it speaks only of the heavens (atmosphere around the earth) and the earth being filled with the purifying fire of God, **in either case it is speaking of the purification of the earth. Not the physical elements of the planet and its atmosphere being eliminated by judgmental fire from God.**

Certainly God may choose to remove all or any part of His creation at any time. Or perhaps the earth will naturally grow old and be replaced. But that is very different from judgmental destruction.

All hope of man anchors in the promises of God. The only assurance of continued existence for man and earth is the words of God. The words and promises of God are the only absolute assurance for man. The words of Jesus Christ are more sure than heaven and earth. Even if the sky and earth were to pass away the words of God will remain and shall not pass away.

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*Mat 24:35: Heaven and earth shall pass away, but **my words shall not pass away.***

This verse also does not speak of the planet being destroyed by judgment. The emphasis here is the permanence of the words of God. In the context of this passage, Jesus is talking about the judgments upon evil men and the evil world order. Stating that one will be taken and another left. Thus signifying the removal of some, not the annihilation of the planet.

Is the day of the Lord happening as a thief in the night while people of the world do not believe or expect?

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What is the “day of the Lord”? Does this term refer to the day of the bodily return of Christ? Or does it refer to a season of Christ reigning, or perhaps a time of judgment? Precisely, what does the term “day of the Lord” mean? How could we possibly know when the “day of the Lord” is, if we don’t know for sure what it is? For me, this was one of those terms that seemed to have no particular meaning. It just seemed to be a generic phrase having something to do with the Lord and His reign or something like that.

As the revelation of the kingdom of heaven on earth draws nearer, and as we move closer in time, occurrences that have been seen vaguely from afar, begin to take on more distinct form. From a distance, what may have looked like one event, may prove to be several separate events. Spiritual men seeing the revelation of God hundreds and even thousands of years down the road may have seen events clearly by the Spirit but may not have had specific and detailed discernment of the chronological order of the events. It was sufficient for them at that time to have reported the events only as in the future. As time progresses God is faithful to give His men more specific chronological discernment as needed to fit the season in which they serve.

For example, Old Testament prophets may not have seen the distance between the birth of Christ, His spiritual return at Pentecost, His bodily return, and how this all relates to the redemption of man, redemption of the planet, the judgment of wickedness, the kingdom of God on earth and other events. It was enough for them to see and say these things would happen, though from a distance it may have looked like one general event.

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Similarly, the chronology of things now occurring and yet to come may have been more difficult for saints of only a few decades or centuries ago to discern. Saints of future generations will see more clearly than we of today. There has been and now is a tendency to group all events around the one major event of the bodily return of Christ. Some things that were looked forward to as coming at the time of the bodily return of the Lord, came at His spiritual return at Pentecost and are now with us. Many mighty works of God wait only for our faith at this time. One great hinderance to our faith is believing that we must wait for the Lord's bodily return to victoriously overcome all the work of the enemy. "*As you believe, so be it unto you.*"

The phrase "day of the Lord" is used twenty five times in the Bible, seven times in the New Testament, and eighteen times in the Old Testament. In every case it refers to severe judgments from God destroying the wicked and purifying God's people, for the purpose of establishing God's order through His people on earth. Sometimes it is followed by a statement of God's blessings for His purified people after the purging judgment is finished. The Hebrew word translated "**day**" is "**yowm**"*. It is from an unused root meaning "**to be hot**". It is translated day as to the warm hours of the 24 hour period. It is a space of time defined by an associated term, and is translated many different ways.

*G3117. yowm, yome; from an unused root mean. **to be hot**; a day (as the warm hours), whether lit. (from sunrise to sunset, or from one sunset to the next), or fig. (a space of time defined by an associated term), [often used adv.]:-**age**, + always, + chronicles, continually (-ance), daily, ([birth-], each, to) day, (now a, two) days (agone), + elder, X end, + evening, + (for) ever (-lasting, -more), X full, life, as (so) long as (. . . live), (even) now, + old, + outlived, + perpetually, presently, + remaineth, X required, **season**, X since, space, then, (process of) time, + as at other times, + in trouble, weather, (as) when, (a, the, within a) while (that), X whole (+ age), (full) year (-ly), + younger.

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The Greek word for **day** is “**hemera**”* and can mean age, or a period of time. In 1 Cor 4:3 KJV, herema is translated judgment.

In Biblical symbolic language fire or heat often represents judgment from God. (See the prerequisite book “Overcoming Life On A Small Planet”, chapter 7.) In prophetic type and symbol the Old Testament utterances regarding the “day of the Lord” may also be seen as applying to the times and the people of today, as well as the times in which they were written. And, some passages, such as, *Malachi 4:5-6*, refer only to the time of Christ and following.

The first major use of the phrase “day of the Lord”, is in Isaiah. One can not help but recognize many parallels of Jerusalem and Judah in this passage and parts of the church today. In Isaiah, Chapter 1, God speaking through the prophet makes it very clear that He is not pleased with the corrupt religious ways of Jerusalem and Judah. He promises that the willing and obedient will eat the good of the land, but the rebellious will be purged. The goal or result of the purging is pictured in the first part of chapter 2. The authority to rule will be established in the Lord’s purified people over other authorities.

Isa 2:2 NKJV: Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it.

G2250. hemera, hay-mer'-ah; fem. (with G5610 implied) of a der. of hemai (to sit; akin to the base of G1476) mean. tame, i.e. gentle; day, i.e. (lit.) the time space between dawn and dark, or the whole 24 hours (but several days were usually reckoned by the Jews as inclusive of the parts of both extremes); fig. a period (always defined more or less clearly by the context):--**age**, + always, (mid-) day (by day, [-ly]), + for ever, judgment, (day) time, while, years.

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The day of the Lord is part of the process of purification leading to a godly people ruling on earth God's way. The chastening and purging is aimed at the pride and loftiness of man, the ways of man that are exalted over the ways of God. Chastening is for the cleansing and betterment of God's people, who will repent and turn from their ways to God's way.

*Isa 2:12-17: For the **day of the LORD** of hosts Shall come upon everything **proud and lofty**, Upon everything **lifted up**; And **it shall be brought low**; Upon all the cedars of Lebanon that are high and lifted up, And upon all the oaks of Bashan; Upon all the high mountains, And upon all the hills that are lifted up; Upon every high tower, And upon every fortified wall; Upon all the ships of Tarshish, And upon all the beautiful slopes. **The loftiness of man shall be bowed down, And the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; The LORD alone will be exalted in that day,***

*Isa 4:3-4: And it shall come to pass that he who is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called **holy**; everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem. When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and **purged** the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of **judgment** and by the **spirit of burning**,*

*Isa 30:27: Behold, the name of the LORD comes from afar, **Burning with His anger**, And His burden is heavy; His lips are full of indignation, And **His tongue** like a **devouring fire**.*

The day of the Lord is always chastening for God's people. It is not for their total destruction, but rather for their purification. No matter how severe the chastening, there will always be a purified remnant. It is not so among the ungodly. The day of the Lord can bring total destruction and annihilation to the evil and ungodly of the world.

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In Isaiah, Chapter 13, the day of the Lord is at hand against Babylon as a destruction from the Almighty. The day of the Lord comes against Babylon, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate and destroy its sinners, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. In contrast to Jerusalem against whom the day of the Lord comes for chastening to purification, the day of the Lord against Babylon is for total annihilation. Applying this toward the latter times, there will remain a purified remnant of God's purified people, (New Jerusalem), but the evil world order (Mystery Babylon) will be left no remnant.

*Isa 13:1, 4-6: The burden against **Babylon** which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, Like that of many people! A tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together! The LORD of hosts musters The army for battle. They come from a far country, From the end of heaven; The LORD and His weapons of indignation, **To destroy the whole land.** Wail, for **the day of the LORD is at hand! It will come as destruction from the Almighty.***

Both the Old and New Testaments portray the "day of the Lord" as a season of destruction for the ungodly and a purification of God's people, resulting in the shining forth of God's ways to govern the world. The focus is not just the fire, but the beautiful kingdom of God brought forth from the ashes.

*Isa 61:3: To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them **beauty for ashes**, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.*

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*Mat 13:36-43: Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field." He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. "The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. "The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. "Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will **gather out of His kingdom** all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, **"and will cast them into the furnace of fire.** There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. "Then **the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom** of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

In all of the Scriptural occurrences of the "day of the Lord" these factors are consistent. Always evil is destroyed and godly righteousness established. Is it not for this reason that Jesus became a man and came to earth? The fire of God has burned on the earth since Jesus returned as the Holy Spirit, with tongues of fire at Pentecost. The devil is defeated as the fire of God comes forth on earth today. On the one hand, flaming destructive forces of evil man and nature are destroying lives with disaster and disease; and on the other hand, the love of God is present to heal and restore the repentant godly people who will establish His ways on earth.

The day of the Lord is both personal and general. It is not just a future cosmic event. Nations, groups, and individuals can encounter the day of the Lord in their own life experience. The day of the Lord in the whole earth is upon us. It began when Jesus came and continues to intensify as we enter the seventh millennium. Man will con-

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tinue to try to fight his way out of the results of his ungodly ways. He cannot escape the penalty of his ways. As he depletes a resource to try to fix a breakdown, he will create another breakdown.

Perhaps the clearest account of the day of the Lord in the Old Testament is pictured for us in the book of Joel. Shortly after becoming a Christian, at twenty plus years of age, I remember reading the book of Joel for the first time. It seemed to me that parts of it were a perfect symbolic description of my own life.

Joel 1:4-15 What the chewing locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; What the swarming locust left, the crawling locust has eaten; And what the crawling locust left, the consuming locust has eaten.

Awake, you drunkards, and weep; And wail, all you drinkers of wine, Because of the new wine, For it has been cut off from your mouth. For a nation has come up against My land, Strong, and without number; His teeth are the teeth of a lion, And he has the fangs of a fierce lion. He has laid waste My vine, And ruined My fig tree; He has stripped it bare and thrown it away; Its branches are made white.

Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth For the husband of her youth. The grain offering and the drink offering Have been cut off from the house of the LORD; The priests mourn, who minister to the LORD. The field is wasted, The land mourns; For the grain is ruined, The new wine is dried up, The oil fails. Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail, you vinedressers, For the wheat and the barley; Because the harvest of the field has perished. The vine has dried up, And the fig tree has withered; The pomegranate tree, The palm tree also, And the apple tree; All the trees of the field are withered; Surely joy has withered away from the sons of men.

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*Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; Wail, you who minister before the altar; Come, lie all night in sackcloth, You who minister to my God; For the grain offering and the drink offering Are withheld from the house of your God. Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; Gather the elders And all the inhabitants of the land Into the house of the LORD your God, And cry out to the LORD. Alas for the day! For the **day of the LORD** is at hand; It shall come as destruction from the Almighty.*

In my own life experience I had encountered the devouring of the locust, the wailing of the drunkard, the fierce teeth that ruined the fruitful trees of my life. I also experienced the deep sorrow of repentance, lying on my face wailing before the altar of God. Repentance led to cleansing, healing, and the beautiful restoration of God in my life. Some of my readers may have experienced their own personal day of the Lord, at hand for destruction, leading to repentance and eventually restoration.

Joel 2:25-29: And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

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Just as individuals may meet the day of the Lord, so it is for families, tribes, nations, and the entire world. The great and dreadful day of the Lord for the entire world is at hand.

After the destruction has done away with the loftiness (pride) of man, after everything high and lifted up is thrown down and only God remains exalted, the purification is accomplished and restoration begins. The new life of restoration is always more righteous, more holy, more filled with peace and joy than the old life. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. The chastening must continue until the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will again be pleasant to the Lord. He is saying to Christians who have not kept His way, "Return to me and I will return to you"

The last reference to the day of the Lord in the Old Testament is in Malachi Chapters three and four. This passage was written about four hundred years before the birth of Christ. It clearly refers to the day of the Lord Jesus that was yet future at that time. The prophet Malachi clearly spoke of the day in which the Lord Jesus the Christ would cleanse and perfect His jewels, His people. At the same time great fire of judgment is prophesied for those who are proud and do wickedly. Is this the same coming near of God for judgment that Peter spoke of in 2 Peter?

We can know beyond any doubt that this passage speaks of Jesus and John the Baptist that was to come in the spirit of Elijah before the Lord to prepare the way, because the Lord said so in the Gospels. (*Mat 11:14*) (*Mat 17:11-12*) (*Mark 9:12-13*) Jesus identified John the Baptist as the one spoken of in Malachi 3:3, and Isaiah 40:3, as the messenger sent before the Lord to prepare the way. Also, Zacharias John the Baptist's father was told by the angel that announced John's birth to come, that his son would go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah. (*Luke 1:18*)

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*Mal 3:1: Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, **Will suddenly come to His temple**, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming," Says the LORD of hosts.*

This was written hundreds years before Christ came to redeem the lost and purify His temple, the body of Christ, the believers. He is now bringing forth the purified Bride of Christ, the New Jerusalem. Believers are the temple of the Lord. (1 Cor 3:16-17) Jesus came suddenly to His temple on earth at Pentecost, when suddenly as a rushing mighty wind, and with tongues of fire, the believers were all filled with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ. (Acts 2:1-4) Jesus has been about the business of purifying His people from that day to this. In these latter times we are seeing a multiplication, if not an explosion, of the work of Jesus Christ saving the lost, healing the needy, and delivering those in bondage. We are also seeing a great increase in swift fiery chastening among disobedient believers, and an explosion of fiery judgments upon the wicked acts of man. Who can stand against the Lord today? The day of the Lord!

Mal 3:2-7: But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire And like launderer's soap.

*He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; **He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver**, That they may offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years.*

***And I will come near you for judgment**; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers,*

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*Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans,
And against those who turn away an alien; Because they do not
fear Me," Says the LORD of hosts.*

*For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not
consumed, O sons of Jacob. Yet from the days of your fathers You
have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. **Re-
turn to Me, and I will return to you,"** Says the LORD of hosts.
*"But you said, 'In what way shall we return?'**

Many are now returning to the Lord and He is purifying His people, by His redemptive death and His resurrection life within believers. Who can endure and stand when He is present in His people individually, and corporately in His church. The purifying presence of the Lord is intensifying. The destruction of the kingdom of darkness, and its work is occurring as believers die to their selfish lives, and Christ with His great power appears in His people. Christ working with His people from the right hand of the throne of the Father and within believers is the mighty army of God. The effect of millions of purified believers marching together with the supernatural powers of God and His Holy angels is bringing an end to the rule of the kingdom of darkness, and bringing forth the reality of the kingdom of God on earth. It is causing the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

There is a clear distinction between the chastening for purification of believers and the fiery judgments for the destruction of the wicked in Chapter 3:16 to 4:3.

*Mal 3:16-18: Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another; And the LORD listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him **For those who fear the LORD** And who meditate on His name. **"They shall be Mine,"***

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says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him. Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him."

*Mal 4:1: "For behold, **the day is coming**, Burning like an oven, And all the proud, yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble. **And the day which is coming shall burn them up**," Says the LORD of hosts, "That will leave them neither root nor branch."*

*Mal 4:2-3: "But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. **You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this**," Says the LORD of hosts.*

The day of the Lord is manifesting now! We must come out of deception and believe in the power of Christ within us to destroy the works of the enemy and establish God's ways on the earth. The enemy is desperately seeking to prevent Christians from believing this powerful truth. The only way he can continue his wickedness is to trick believers into believing that the day of the Lord is NOT NOW, and get them to look for it someday in the future.

The time of His bodily return and our gathering together with Him for the great celebration, with the saints that have gone on before, is future, and is the fullness of the kingdom of God on earth. This is a great victory celebration not the beginning of winning the war against the evil one. The war and the victory is NOW, before the great victory celebration of the bodily return of Jesus to earth.

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It is time for all of God's soldiers to stop looking to the sky and waiting for the next heavenly event to occur and go to war against the enemy. With Christ empowering and directing the battle from within you, the evil one and all his wicked, prideful work is ashes under your feet. Let the anointing fire of the love of Jesus be released from within you to save the lost, heal the needy, deliver those in bondage and destroy the strongholds of the enemy in every aspect of life. Love the brethren, and tenderly nourish the children.

CHAPTER 9

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Generalization can be the thief of truth. A little more effort may be required to distinguish different aspects and more details of the Word, but it will lead to more clearly hearing the Word of God; and can lead to more freedom and power of God in life.

God continues to reveal more specific truth from His Word; as the Seventh Millennium unfolds and the kingdom of God becomes more apparent to the world. The Bride of Christ is no longer sitting on the side lines, watching the sky, and waiting for the return of the Lord to do something about the evil in our world. The powerful anointing of Christ within believers is revealing Jesus to the world. Christ truly is appearing or manifesting into our world today. The faith of Godly men and women is increasing and the abundance of increasing spiritual activity is affecting every aspect of the world today.

The defeatist attitude carried over from the apostate years of the dark ages is giving way to the faith of the purified Bride. The body of Christ, like a sleeping giant is awakening. Man is continuing to see more of his foolish pride and lofty view of himself destroyed by the fire of God. The anointings of God are flowing into the world arena to save, heal, deliver, purify, and to make straight paths for the afflicted to walk in. (*Heb 12:13*) Men are returning to the Lord and He is retuning to men.

*Mal 3:7b: Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. **Return to Me, and I will return to you,**" Says the LORD of hosts.*

The return of the Lord that is most important today involves men and women first returning to the Lord. He has promised to return to live in those who seek Him with their whole heart.

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In past generations Christians have looked to the future bodily return of Christ Jesus for much of which is already available to believers now. Increased light makes it possible to differentiate between some Scriptures that speak of His bodily return, and those which speak of His appearing (or manifesting) now in and through the believer. Some Scripture, which applies to the coming of Christ Jesus now in purified believers, has been for centuries, interpreted as generally referring to only the bodily return.

In the fifteenth through the seventeenth centuries, those who translated the Bible into English and other languages, were of the persuasion that the bodily return of Jesus was the only hope of Christians to overcome the evil of the world. Therefore their translation work bears the mark of their persuasion. Many words that should have been translated to refer to the manifestation of the indwelling Christ within believers, were erroneously translated to refer toward the future bodily return.

Several different Greek words are translated “coming” in the New Testament. The word “coming” occurs 125 times in the New King James Version of the New Testament. Most of those occurrences are translated from the Greek word “erchomai” (er'-khom-ah-ee). However, on 22 occasions the word “**parousia**”* par-oo-see'-ah is translated “coming”; but on two other occasions “parousia” is translated “presence”.

*G3952. parousia, par-oo-see'-ah; from the pres. part. of G3918; **a being near**, i.e. advent (often, return; spec. of Christ to punish Jerusalem, or finally the wicked); (by impl.) phys. aspect:--coming, presence.

*G3918. pareimi, par'-i-mee; from G3844 and G1510 (includ. its various forms); **to be near**, i.e. **at hand**; neut. pres. part. (sing.) **time being**, or (plur.) property:--come, X have, **be here**, + lack, (be here) **present**.

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*Phil 2:12: Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my **presence** (parousia) only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

*2 Cor 10:10: "For his letters," they say, "are weighty and powerful, but his bodily **presence** (parousia) is weak, and his speech contemptible.*

The primary meaning of parousia is “a being near”. It comes from the word “pareimi”* (par'-i-mee), which means “to be near” as “at hand”, and comes from two words “para” meaning “near”, and “eimi” (i-mee') meaning an emphatic “I exist”. In addition to the primary meaning of “presence”, parousia also means “coming presence” or “advent”.

For hundreds of years the church has believed that the future visible second coming of the Lord was the only hope for the overcoming of evil and the establishment of God’s ways on earth. Almost all translations of the New Testament and commentaries written about the Bible for hundreds of years have held fast to this view. Our English New Testament translations fully reflect this view. Every reference to the presence of Christ after His ascension is interpreted as future. Therefore every usage of the word “parousia” that involves Christ is translated “coming”, which sounds future, instead of “presence”, which gives the impression of being present. Coming is the better translation in some verses which actually do refer to the visible bodily return of Jesus the Christ. But there are others that are indeed referring to the victorious appearing of Jesus Christ now in believers to rule and reign over evil and establish God’s ways on the earth.

In either case believers are to be with the Lord. Whether we are alive or asleep in the Lord, we are with the Lord and experience the presence of the anointed one with us.

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*1 Th 5:9-10: For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that **whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.***

The following verse, “*1 Thess. 3:13*”, is a typical example of this translation slant. We know that Christ Jesus is with believers now to perfect holiness. He is purifying our hearts now as His **presence** manifests in our lives.

*1 Th 3:13: so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father **at the coming (parousia)** of our Lord Jesus Christ with **all His saints.***

The word “at” is the Greek word “en” and could be translated a number of different ways including “in” or “by”. And of course “coming” could be “presence”. The word “all” is “pas” and can also be translated many different ways including, “any”, “every”, “everyone”, and “whosoever”.

This verse could read: “**That He may establish your hearts blameless before our God and Father by the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ with (or within) all His saints.**”

The English translation makes it seem certain that the verse is referring only to a future **coming** of Jesus when He is bringing the departed saints with Him. This does fit with other verses which do say that Christ will bodily return and will bring those that have died with Him. However, take a closer look at the Greek and it becomes clear that the verse is speaking of the manifestation of Christ within all His saints in this age.

Perhaps there is no Scripture more explicit in distinguishing the **bodily return** of Christ and the **day of the Lord** than 1

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Thessolonians 4:13 to 4:18, and 5:1 to 5:11. The subject changes from the future **visible return of Christ**, to the present **day of the Lord**, at chapter 5, verse 1.

In the last part of chapter four Paul is reassuring the believers regarding the saints that have died. He makes it clear that God will bring them with Him when He bodily returns. The Lord Himself will descend with a shout and with the trumpet of God. There will be a great welcoming party in the air. This glorious victory celebration is very distinctive from the **day of the Lord** which comes as a thief in the night. A thief usually does not come in the night for a celebration but rather to take and destroy.

1 Th 4:13-18: But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep.

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

In the first verse of chapter five the shift is obvious as Paul begins with the word “**But**”. “*But concerning the times and the seasons*”. The word translated “the” is translated into many articles and could be translated this, or these. The word translated “seasons” is “kairon” the plural form of “kairos” (kahee-ros) which

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means set or proper time. Thus this portion could read: "But concerning these times and these specific seasons", referring to the current times and seasons.

*1 Th 5:1-4: But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the **day of the Lord** so comes as a **thief in the night**. For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then **sudden destruction** comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this day should overtake you as a thief.*

The great and terrible **day of the Lord** which comes as a thief in the night is very different from the joyous celebration of the visible bodily return of the Lord. As we have seen earlier the **day of the Lord** is occurring and the **visible return** is yet future. The **day of the Lord** is great because of the promises of God coming forth in His subsequently purified people; and it is terrible because of the great destruction coming forth upon the wicked.

*1 Th 5:9-11: For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that **whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him**. Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.*

The **bodily return of Jesus Christ** is the great and joyous fulfillment of those who are the dwelling place for the Spirit of Christ on earth now. There is no fear in the bodily return of the Lord. In great contrast the **day of the Lord**, coming upon them as a thief in their darkness, is a fearful thing to the disobedient Christian or the

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unbeliever. While the wicked in their darkness are speaking peace, and are without fear of God, fiery judgment comes suddenly upon them for the destruction of evil. The **day of the Lord** judgments are for purification. Christians in disobedience who have become lofty and proud are purified by the fiery trials. The wicked who do not repent and will not fear God will be removed thus purifying the earth. The purification of the **day of the Lord** is preparing the earth for the **bodily return of Jesus Christ**.

It is not necessary that anyone be lost or destroyed! Salvation is available for everyone. Salvation includes the new birth, deliverance, and healing for the repentant believer who will sell out everything for the one important thing; to be a dwelling place for the Spirit of Christ Jesus. Jesus is more than the most important thing in life. He is the only thing! There is no life apart from Him and no hope for the present or the future without Him. Proud and lofty works of man, no matter how great they are in man's eyes, cannot bring real life. Everything that hinders, including religious beliefs and systems should be laid aside that one may seek pure intimacy with Christ Jesus. We should seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness, within us, now; "*Christ in you the hope of Glory*".

Though the potential for the kingdom of God way of life has been available for nearly two thousand years, (since the time when Jesus returned in the Holy Spirit at Pentecost), apparently the time is now full for the restoration of the revelation of the kingdom. Through the centuries man's ways have been playing themselves out, as movement toward the exhausting of his ways, finally leads to accepting God's ways of life. Therefore the writers of the New Testament and Christians through the centuries were indeed looking to a coming Christ and a coming kingdom. The power of the indwelling Christ has been here since Pentecost, but only now in this current season has the explosion of the works of Christ began to be widely manifested around the world.

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The time that Christians have looked forward to since the first century is now. The kingdom of God is again “at hand”.

The error of thinking that only the bodily return of Jesus would bring forth the power to overcome evil, is melting away as the return of the anointings of Christ within believers are changing the world, one person at a time. However, this error remains firmly locked into our English translations of the New Testament. It is not reasonable for us to attempt in this work to deal with the many passages that bear this translation emphasis. We will, however, attempt to deal with a few more passages that are typical and some that seem to be of much significance.

May we suggest that readers begin their own investigative study. Study of the original Greek words is within reach of most everyone with the language helps that are available today. Studying the Word in its original language will help bring forth truth. However, the study of commentaries, which are man’s opinions of the Word and what it says, will not help. The major commentaries that are available all reflect this same erroneous persuasion as those of the English New Testament translations.

What potential for overcoming evil is lacking, now that Christ is present on earth, within believers? There is nothing lacking on God’s part. There is nothing that Jesus could bring with Him at His visible return, that would be more than is available now. The only things standing in the way of Christ being revealed to overcome evil in our world are on man’s part. Christ does not need to visibly bodily return to overcome evil and establish God’s ways on earth. Man is the one who must return. Man needs to return to Jesus Christ, not Jesus’ bodily return to earth. The fire of God is available to flow through Christ in man, to cleanse and heal our world.

Love, that brings faith and unity, is the key factor in the puzzle of cleansing and restoring our world. No one person has all of Christ.

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Many godly people coming together in unity will reveal the fullness of the presence of Christ to meet the needs of the world, to bring cleansing and restoration of God's rule, the kingdom of God. An enemy of the revealing of Christ and the releasing of the power of Christ, is disunity caused by unlove. Only love can melt the intellectual and cultural strife of a segmented body of Christ in the world.

Religion and its sectarianism is a great enemy to the work of God to restore the earth. Faith and power cannot grow in disunity. Disunity cannot be cured by compromising intellectual positions and religious doctrines. Unity can only come from laying down one's life, including the persons' need for their religion or rationale to be the only right one. Taking up the cross and denying self is the road to the love of God and unity, that will produce faith to reveal Christ and His power to the world to save, heal, deliver, and restore.

The fire of God will increasingly manifest as more and more individuals lose their own life and come together in the love of God. The power of prayer, the spoken Word, and faith to move mountains, is as close as agreement of God's people.

*2 Th 1:6-8: ...since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord **Jesus is revealed** from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming **fire** taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The translation of this passage is interpreted by many as referring only to the visible return of Jesus. The rest of this passage makes it clear that it deals with the power of Christ IN his saints, not the bodily return of Jesus.

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*2 Th 1:10-12: when He comes, in that day, to be **glorified in His saints** and to be admired among all those who believe, because our testimony among you was believed. Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and **the work of faith with power**, that the name of our **Lord Jesus Christ** may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Jesus revealed from heaven **in** His saints, coming together with His mighty angels (ministering spirits), with spiritual fire, is the church experience in this day, the **day of the Lord**.

*Heb 1:7: And of the angels He says: "Who makes His angels spirits And **His ministers a flame of fire**.*

*Heb 12:29: **For our God is a consuming fire**.*

The Scripture has always spoken clearly of the heavenly Jerusalem, the spiritual **church** of Jesus, coming together in the presence of God, with Jesus, the holy angels, and the spirits of mature believers cleansed by the blood of Jesus. But, most of us have not grasped the reality of the presence of Jesus and Holy angels together with us in union worshiping and serving God. Scriptures that have been veiled in the fog of religion or futurity are now opening to many and becoming crystal clear revelation and a present reality. When the writer of Hebrews wrote Hebrews 12:22-24, he was speaking to the believers at hand and not just to future generations. He was writing of characteristics of the first century church, all of which are restored and present in the body of Christ now.

Heb 12:22-24: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable

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company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

The word for “Christ” in the New Testament is “Christos”, and means “anointed” or “anointed One”. The anointed Jesus flowing through His people is a flaming fire of spiritual ministry and a consuming fire against wickedness. The word translated angels is “aggelos” (ang’-el-os) and means to bring tidings, a messenger, or preacher. The people of God are now beginning to grasp the significance of Christ living in them. We have begun to touch the fringes of the potential power of God available to the pure hearted believer. At the time of this writing mature faith is beginning to come forth, yet many have so little understanding of mature faith that they are not even sure how to search for it. Even in our wildest dreams we have not imagined the fullness of the reality of faith and power available to the purified sons of God.

As the purifying fires of God do their work, people will be amazed at the level of love, faith, and power released in the children of God. Now is the genesis of the practical reality of the kingdom of God. As the purifying fires are burning, and the glory of the Lord is manifesting, an army of people are coming forth who live only for God, and will not speak of their own, but will speak words from heaven as the oracles of God. The Jesus within them directly communicates with Jesus at the right hand of the throne of God. Through that pure unfiltered communication with the throne of God the powerful world changing words are spoken into the earth. The entire world and heavens around the world are shaking by the fire of God flowing from Christ through His sons. It is not wise to fail to hear and respond to the voice of God. Every thing that can be shaken is being shaken, only the truth of God and His ways will remain.

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Heb 12:25-28: See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

Now this, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

The enemy, that old serpent the devil called Satan is now, in a very practical sense, totally defeated. He and his demons cannot remain in the presence of the fire of the glory of God. He and his powers of darkness are in great fear of what is happening. His only chance is to continue to deceive people into not believing and recognizing the works of God. His attempt is to establish a false picture of his antichrist powers, and bring fear upon uninformed Christians and unbelievers. His antichrist spirits have been greatly overrated by those, who, in the past, have not had a clear revelation of the kingdom of God.

2 Cor 4:4: 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.

Eph 2:2 KJV Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

CHAPTER 10

Lawlessness

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The kingdom of God on earth is the order of God from heaven on earth. In the kingdom of God, mankind and all over which he has authority, is fully ordered by God's heavenly rule. The ways of God from heaven are administered to the world by Christ through redeemed, purified man. The kingdom of God comes as the will of God is done on earth as it is in heaven. (*Mat 6:10*) The will of God is done on earth by the Spirit of Christ within man. What could not be done by trying to humanly keep the laws of God, is accomplished as the love of God is manifest through the Holy Spirit of God working in and through man. (*Rom 8:3-4*) Kingdom of God means that the planet and all that is on the planet is ruled or ordered by the will and ways of God. This produces prosperity for all the earth and all of its various systems. **Righteousness is adhering to, and aligning with the ways of God.** Prevailing righteousness leads to peace on earth and goodwill or prosperity toward man. The kingdom of God is righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. (*Rom 14:17*) Christ Jesus is the law fulfiller, first in His natural body, and now in His body of many members across the earth. (*Mat 5:17*)

Lawlessness is any order other than God's order. Man and anything over which he has authority, anything he does, and anything he affects, can be disordered by lawlessness working through man. Lawlessness is the lack of Christ flowing the grace and love of God, from within man. It is the absence of the grace and love of God establishing God's ways. **Lawlessness is failing to adhere to and align with the ways of God.** Prevailing lawlessness leads to strife, and bad-will, or poverty toward man. The earth and all its various systems are harmed by lawlessness, and left unchecked could be destroyed by it.

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Satan, or Lucifer, the devil, is the original law breaker and is the spirit behind lawlessness on earth. Man becomes the law breaker as he decides to go his own way (the ways of the devil) and leaves the ways of God. Lawlessness is against righteousness, against Christ, against Christ within man. A Biblical word for against is “anti”. The Greek word “anti”* (an-tee') means opposite and often denotes contrast. Anti-Christ means “lawlessness” or “against Christ”.

Much to do has been made by theologians about the future coming of a specific man called Antichrist. The focus on the future coming of a specific man, diverts the attention from the present spirit of antichrist, that is at work now discrediting the great truth of the indwelling Christ in believers. The fruit of the teaching of a coming man called Antichrist is that Christians are less aware of, and less concerned about, the works of antichrist now in the world, and among themselves. This allows the powers of darkness to continue their disruptive and restraining works against Christ, (the Anointed One), and His anointing, in man. This fruit does not line up with the words of Christ and the character and nature of God. As we have previously seen whenever the fruit of a teaching does not line up with these things, the teaching should be investigated by studying the original Greek text in the light of the revelation of the kingdom.

I was again shocked as I began to study the original Greek words regarding antichrist. Again, the lack of the translators revelation, affected and perverted the translation of the original Greek into English and other languages. The translators apparently had little or no revelation of the powerful Spirit of Christ within believers, to victoriously overcome the works of evil in the world.

*G473. anti, an-tee'; a prim. particle; opposite, i.e. instead or because of (rarely in addition to):--for, in the room of. Often used in composition to denote contrast, requital, substitution, correspondence, etc.

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And, again, the church through the centuries, along with all modern translations and theological commentaries, that I am aware of, have held fast to the interpretation of the text as referring to a specific future man called Antichrist. Will a careful study of the original Greek words reveal that there is, or is not, a basis in Scripture for the interpretation of a specific man to come, called Antichrist? Do the references to antichrist deal with the current work of the spirit of antichrist and lawlessness, in man? The spirit of antichrist is now striving to restrain the work of Christ from bringing forth God's order into the world. The work of the spirit of antichrist today is to deny the power of Christ Jesus, now come in the flesh, in believers. His desire is to discredit all spiritual gifts, anointings, and all spiritual works coming forth from the Spirit of Christ within believers. Thus restraining the flow of God through believers, which hinders the overcoming of evil, and restrains the establishment of the kingdom of God on earth.

The spirit of antichrist was at work during the first century, working against the Spirit of Christ, which was coming forth in the apostles to bring forth the kingdom of Christ on earth. John recognized that the spirit of antichrist would continue to be active in time to come, as well as in his day. The work of the spirit of antichrist is always to deny Christ in the flesh, whether His original coming in a natural body, or His now coming in His universal body of individual believers, the purified bride church. The spirit of antichrist will do anything that he can to deny, prevent, or pervert the gifts and work of the Spirit of Christ coming forth within believers to establish God's ways on earth. The antichrist spirit is a spirit of lawlessness and will seek to establish lawlessness (his ways as opposed to God's ways).

*1 John 2:18 KJV: Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, **even now are there many antichrists**; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

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1 John 2:22 KJV: Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son.

The antichrist spirit is a liar and a deceiver. One of his major schemes is to deceive church members and religious leaders, by causing them to believe that spiritual gifts are not available and active today by the Spirit of Christ within believers. One of his most dastardly stratagems is to mimic spiritual gifts, bring them forth in the church, and then allow himself to be exposed as evil. This strategy causes many naive Christians to oppose all manifestations of spiritual gifts, including Christ Himself coming forth in the flesh of His body, the purified Bride Church. This can prevent Christians from benefiting from the powerful gifts and revelations of the Spirit of Christ, and the work of God is hindered or restrained, in the world. Thus the devil is able to continue to oppress the people of the world and continue to propagate his lawlessness among men, including church members.

*1 John 4:1-3 KJV: Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: **Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.***

*2 John 1:7 KJV: For many deceivers are entered into the world, who **confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh.** This is a deceiver and an antichrist.*

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John was writing to Christians when he spoke of the spirit of antichrist working through people to try to deceive them into believing that Christ was **not coming forth “in the flesh”** of His body, the church.

The reason Jesus came to earth,

- died on the cross,
- was resurrected,
- ascended to the right hand of the Father,
- returned to earth as a life giving Spirit,
- and is now seated in His temple,

upon the throne of the heart of the redeemed,

is to **manifest Himself into the world and establish the kingdom of God on earth.**

The devil has failed to stop Christ from dying on the cross and being resurrected. He failed to stop Christ from returning to earth at Pentecost. Now his only recourse is to restrain the appearing of Christ **in the flesh** of His body, the church.

The spirit of antichrist will do anything that he can, to attempt to restrain the appearing of the Spirit of Christ Jesus in His temple, the heart of believers. He will deny the works and gifts of the Spirit coming forth from the body.

1 Cor 3:16: Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?

2 Cor 6:16: And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

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The enemy seeks to be seated in the temple (the heart of man) as God, showing himself as God, ruling in the world and being worshiped as God. Satan, that old deceiving devil is the antichrist. He is the one who opposes God and attempts to rule as God. His desire is still to be number one in the world, to be like the most High. (*Isa 14:12-14*)

When Paul wrote 2 Thessalonians, he was looking ahead to the apostasy that occurred in the church shortly after the intense spiritual light of the first century, after he and the other leaders of the early church had passed away. That “falling away” or apostasy deepened during the dark centuries and continues to plague the church today in some respects.

As the light from God intensifies at this time, and the antichrist’s work of evil intensifies, the “man of sin is being revealed”. The enemy’s great work of denying and disrespecting the Spirit of Christ and His work in believers, has reached great heights and enormous proportions in the world today; as public educational systems, the scientific community, governments, and even some churches have been deceived into believing that the works of Christ through the Spirit are irrelevant to the practical needs of mankind and the governing of the world. Surely the enemy has had widespread success in working through apostate men with powerful signs, lying wonders, and unrighteous deception to restrain the work of Christ. But the enemy’s work is now being revealed!

In the seventh millennium we are seeing the exposing of the man of sin, the antichrist spirit sitting as God in the temple of God, the heart of man. As the lawlessness of the lawless one intensifies, he is more visible and it becomes easier to discern who he really is. The brightness of the coming forth of the Lord in His children is exposing and consuming the antichrist spirit with the Word of the Spirit of the Lord. **It is the presence of the Lord that destroys the work of the antichrist spirit.**

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*2 Th 2:3-9: Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the **man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?***

*And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. For the mystery of **lawlessness is already at work**; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then **the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming (presence)**. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.*

The anointed one and His anointing abiding within the believer is the source of spiritual discernment to know the difference between the cunning lies of the deceiving antichrist spirit and the truth of God. One will not know the difference by comparing intellectually discerned Bible teachings with other teachings of the same source. Spiritual discernment of the Word by the Holy Spirit of Christ, will expose the lies of the spirit of antichrist.

*1 John 2:26-27 KJV: These things I have written to you concerning **those who try to deceive you**. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; **but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.***

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One of the verses erroneously used to point toward the interpretation of a man called Antichrist is 2 Thes 2:3, which refers to the “man of sin”. The word translated man in this verse is the Greek word “tis”*, which is an indefinite pronoun, meaning some person, or any person. “Tis” does not point toward, distinguish, or identify any particular person. Unlike other pronouns that could have been used which do point toward a particular person.

*2 Th 2:3: Let no one deceive you by any means; for that **Day** will not come unless the **falling away** comes first, and the **man of sin** is revealed, the son of perdition.*

The “day” mentioned in this passage refers to the day of Christ’s bodily return and is different from the “day of the Lord” we have studied. “Falling away” is translated from the Greek word “apostasia”* and means defection from the truth. Only this one time is it translated “falling away”.

Study of these passages reveals that they are very consistent with other New Testament teachings and do not speak of a man called Antichrist, but speak of the spirit of antichrist working in man. Throughout history different men in different times have been for a season thought to be the Antichrist. The men of history thought to be the Antichrist were probably in reality an antichrist, that is one who was controlled by or influenced by a spirit of antichrist.

*G5101. tis, tis; prob. emphat. of G5100; an interrog. pron., who, which, or what (in direct or indirect questions):--every man, how (much), + no (-ne, thing), what (manner, thing), where ([-by, -fore, -of, -unto, -with, -withal]), whether, which, who (-m, -se), why.

*G646. apostasia, ap-os-tas-ee'-ah; fem. of the same as G647; defection from truth (prop. the state) ["apostasy"]:-falling away, forsake.

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There probably will be other notorious men inflamed by the spirit of antichrist. There may or may not be a future embodiment of the spirit of antichrist in one particular man, but it is not taught in the original text of these passages. The important thing for believers today, is to recognize the attack of antichrist on their own lives and in their own churches. Teaching the Word may help by indicating that perhaps there is a problem, as we recognize from the Word, the possibility that we ourselves could be affected by the spirit of antichrist. But the presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit can expose the attack of the spirit of antichrist and destroy his work.

Victory in the kingdom of God, in our own lives, is dependent upon the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ (the Spirit of the King) coming forth, establishing His presence in our heart and destroying the work of the enemy.

CHAPTER 11

Spirit (KINGDOM POWER)

The seat of power in a kingdom rests in the king. Only the king possesses all of the resources and knowledge to empower individuals or groups to exercise his ways, to order the kingdom. In the kingdom of heaven, King Jesus is not only the source of authority and power to order all life according to the ways of the Father; but, He also is the life. Jesus is the very source of all existence spiritual or physical, supernatural or natural. The kingdom of heaven on earth is the kingdom of Christ Jesus.

Man has proven from the time of his fall until now, that he is unable to successfully order life on the earth in his own strength or with his own wisdom. The lust of the flesh and the pride of life in natural fallen man produces need and greed that creates self-centered beings who cannot order life according to the ways of the true King. It produces self ruled “little kings” that attempt to rule themselves and others. Every “little king” goes about seeking power to rule as much of the world as he possibly can, for himself, his way. Psychological or religious manipulation, and political or militant force are some of the tools used by “little kings” to bring others under their rule and establish their power to rule more of the earth. Manipulation skills and demonic intrigue are employed to seduce individuals, and then to use them to strengthen the little king’s power to rule.

We are not speaking only of big time political or religious leaders. Ordinary people may employ these and other techniques to get their way in life. To get what they need and want in life, they may use whatever systems and whatever talents they can to rule things their way. Even small children will often demonstrate practices of seeking to rule their world their way.

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Unfortunately, acknowledging Jesus as saviour, walking the church aisle, getting baptized, joining the church, and attending Bible college or seminary does not necessarily remove all of the “little king syndrome”. It is very possible to make it through all of the above processes and yet be affected by the desire to rule one’s own life and the lives of others, which is the desire to rule the world. Spiritual maturity is, in part, a development of doing away with one’s own needs, desires, and agendas. It involves becoming a clear, clean, conduit for the Spirit of Christ Jesus to flow into and through one’s life, to order one’s life and eventually the world according to the will of the Father and not the will of fallen man. The Spirit of Christ Jesus the King must replace the “little king” of self-rule, which is truly a flesh king, often reinforced by the antichrist spirit.

It is important to the enemy to keep this understanding from men, including those seeking to minister for God. The enemy will use anything that he can including religion, to perform a process called “blinding the mind”. His desire is to blind the mind to the existence of the “little king syndrome” in one’s own life. He will also attempt to blind the mind to the marvelous potential of being filled with, or baptized in (saturated with and immersed in) the Holy Spirit of God, the Spirit of Christ Jesus the King (the KING’S SPIRIT). As mind blindness is overcome and spiritual eyes are opened to the awesome potential of the King’s Spirit empowering one from within, the love and power of Christ Jesus can overcome the “little king syndrome” and allow the true King from heaven to rule.

2 Cor 4:4: Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

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*Eph 2:2: in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit** who now works in the sons of disobedience,*

*2 Cor 3:5,-4:2: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but **our sufficiency is from God**, who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, **not of the letter but of the Spirit**; for the letter kills, but **the Spirit gives life**.*

*But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, **how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?** For if the ministry of condemnation had glory, the ministry of righteousness exceeds much more in glory. For even what was made glorious had no glory in this respect, because of the glory that excels. For if what is passing away was glorious, what remains is much more glorious.*

*Therefore, since we have such hope, we use **great boldness of speech**; unlike Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the end of what was passing away.*

***But their minds were blinded.** For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.*

***Now the Lord is the Spirit**; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

*But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **ARE BEING TRANSFORMED** into the same*

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image from glory to glory, just as **BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD**. Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we do not lose heart.

*But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, **not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth** commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.*

Who is the Spirit? “THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT”!

How are we changed? “BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD”!

Who is the Lord? CHRIST JESUS IS THE LORD!

Who is the King? CHRIST JESUS THE LORD IS THE KING!

Who is the Spirit? THE KING IS THE SPIRIT.

The Holy Spirit that indwells the believer is the King, Christ Jesus the Lord, God Almighty, the Creator of all that is created, the one who sustains all creation.

Where is our sufficiency from? Who is our sufficiency to live righteously, to overcome evil, to be saved, to teach and preach and do all the works of God, to be ministers of the new covenant, to rule and reign on earth now? Is it the letter (the law), or is it the Spirit of the King, the one with all power that enables one to be as Jesus is, in the world? (*1 John 4:17*) Indeed! Such a glorious ministry!

The ministry of the Spirit is not a “get by until Jesus comes back” type of ministry. It is the very life of Jesus being manifest, coming forth in our bodies. Only as our “little king” dies, only as we are delivered to death for Jesus’ sake, can the life of Jesus come forth in our body. (*Rom 6:11*)

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2 Cor 4:7-11: *But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.*

We are **hard pressed** on every side, yet not crushed; we are **perplexed**, but not in despair; **persecuted**, but not forsaken; **struck down**, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.**

For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, **that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.**

2 Pet 1:3-4: *as **His divine power has given to us** all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge (knowing) of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

Eph 2:1-10: *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air; the **spirit who now works** in the sons of **disobedience**, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the **lusts of our flesh**, fulfilling **the desires of the flesh and of the mind**, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us **alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)**, and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of **His grace** in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

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*For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; **it is the gift of God**, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are **His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

The vastness and significance of the gift of God and the love of God for man is not easy for one to grasp. Not only while we were sinners, but because we were sinners, God gave His glorious grace gift to man.

The grace gift of God is much more than some have thought it to be. It is more than a free ticket to heaven and a blanket to cover our continued disobedience and spiritual powerlessness. It involves more than the death of Jesus on the cross. The grace gift of God for salvation also involves the resurrection of Christ Jesus and the Spirit of Jesus the King. It is the gift of the resurrected Christ indwelling the believer by the Spirit of the Lord, and empowering the believer to live righteously and to do the will and works of God. It is His workmanship. There is nothing anyone could do to accomplish the works of God apart from God doing the works.

Man must receive the gift of God by faith. One must believe in the heart the resurrected Christ, and confess with the mouth unto salvation. (*Rom 10:8-10*) The process of salvation begins with our willingness to believe and receive the work of Jesus on the cross to pay for our sin, and the work of the Spirit of the resurrected Christ within to overcome sin and produce righteousness.

Those who will be saved and live godly in Christ Jesus will also participate in His death in this life. One can not fully receive the resurrected Spirit of Christ Jesus the King, unless one's "little king" is dead. The process of salvation includes the Spirit of Christ manifesting His life as King in the place of our dead little king. It

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includes restoration, deliverance, and healing to destroy all the work of the enemy in one's life, and to provide a clean vehicle, an open conduit for the Spirit of Christ Jesus the King to dwell in and flow through. The presence of the Spirit of Christ Jesus the King flowing through the individual produces powerful righteousness and puts an end to powerless disobedience. Thus the grace gift of God brings one to salvation and establishes the kingdom of God in the world.

The saving, restoring, purifying power of God flowing in, through, and around the believer may be spoken of by believers as: the life of Christ, the presence of God, the grace of God, the anointing of God, the power of God, the glory of God, the presence of the Spirit of Christ Jesus the King, and in other terms. Our finished salvation depends upon the Spirit of God appearing or manifesting in our mortal body to accomplish His workmanship of redemption. It is God that works in the believer both to create the desire and to accomplish the work of God to save, heal, and deliver man from all the work of the devil. (*Phil 2:13*)

More is required than one's head knowledge type of believing that Jesus died for the sins of the world. More is required than conforming to a religious system by joining a church or following any system or set of rules and practices. Men will continue to yield to temptations and be entrapped in schemes of the devil until the presence of Jesus the anointed one of God is manifested in him. To overcome sin and sinful habits one must abide in the powerful spiritual presence of Jesus. In a real and practical way, one must walk in the powerful presence of the Spirit of Christ Jesus and thereby put to death the deeds of the flesh. One who knows Jesus in this way does not walk in sin. If one walks in sin, one can know that the experience of the grace of God, the powerful presence of the Spirit is not yet fully happening in one's life.

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*1 John 3:5-11: And you know that **He was manifested to take away our sins**, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.*

*Little children, **let no one deceive you**. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning.*

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.

*In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: **Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother**. For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

“God is love.” The predominant characteristic of God is love. His lovingkindness released toward man cannot be stopped. The love of God can reach into the darkest corner; it can flow through the thickest wall; it can overcome the vilest evil. Evil cannot be destroyed by evil. The love of God is the most powerful force in creation to destroy evil and establish righteousness. The love of God produces righteous obedience, peace, and joy in life.

The first characteristic of a person in whom the Spirit of the Lord dwells is the manifestation of the love of God. Anyone who has the righteousness producing love of God within, will love his brother and overcome sin. The love of God produces righteousness and dissolves sinful living. The person in whom the Spirit of Christ Jesus the King rules will practice righteousness and will love his brother.

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Sin and unlove is not of God and anyone who practices sin is not receiving it from God, but is receiving it from the devil. Thus he is of the devil and not of God. The devil is the father of sin. God is the Father of love and righteousness. Thus one who sins is being fathered by the devil, and one who is righteous is being Fathered by the Spirit of God.

This is not a lost or saved issue. It is not a born again or not born again question. Certainly, one must be born again for the Spirit of Jesus to live within. But, many who are born are not yet fully grown and therefore are in a growth process toward righteous living. As minds are being renewed to the Word of God, and old life structures are being cut down and replaced with the seed of God, one's healing and deliverance from all the work of the devil is taking place. The Spirit of Christ is destroying all the works of the devil in the life. Righteousness is a process carried out by the Spirit of God within the willing believer. One must come into agreement with God, for one's "little flesh king" to die and be replaced with the Spirit of the King from heaven, Christ Jesus the Lord.

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. (Rom 3:23) **But we do not and must not continue to live in sin. We must continue on to maturity.** The love of God must be perfected in us. If we truly know Him in the sense of abiding in Christ and His Spirit abiding within our being we will not live in sin. We will keep His commandments. But while we are in the process of dying to our self governing "little flesh king", and becoming ruled by the King from heaven, we have an Advocate with the Father. Jesus is there pleading our case, telling the Father that He is still working on the job of cleansing His child from all unrighteousness. Confessing our sin is the first step to forgiveness for the past act of sin, and cleansing for future righteous living.

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*1 John 1:8 - 2:5: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to **cleanse us from all unrighteousness**. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

*My little children, these things I write to you, **so that you may not sin**. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*

*Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him**. By this we know that we are in Him.*

*Gal 5:14-17a: For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "**You shall love your neighbor as yourself**." But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! I say then: **Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh**. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another.*

The kingdom of God from heaven, on earth, is established and continues by the Spirit of God in man producing victory over sin and establishing God's will on the earth, as it is in heaven.

CHAPTER 12

Victory

(KINGDOM LIFESTYLE)

Victory never implies the lack of a war. On the contrary, victory implies that there has been a war or some form of challenge. It implies winning the war or overcoming the challenge. Faith and the spiritual life of every child of God will be challenged. To seek to be free from the battles and challenges of life is not a reasonable goal. But to be victorious over and through every challenge of life is the kingdom of God lifestyle.

*2 Tim 3:10-12: But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, **perseverance, persecutions, afflictions**, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured. **And out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.***

*2 Cor 4:8-9: We are hard pressed on every side, **yet not crushed**; we are perplexed, **but not in despair**; persecuted, **but not forsaken**; struck down, **but not destroyed.***

God is our source, our healer, our redeemer, our strength. No matter how intense the battle, we always know without any doubt that we will make it through to victory. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. Christ Jesus has defeated the enemy and won the war. We now battle from a position of standing in the victory of Jesus. Our battles are for our faith. Faith to believe and receive the powerful grace of Almighty God, which will drive off the trespassing enemy and establish the righteousness of God.

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*1 John 4:4: You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because **He who is in you is greater** than he who is in the world.*

*Col 2:15: Having **disarmed** principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.*

The word “disarmed” is translated “spoiled” in the KJV and is the Greek word *apekduomai**, (ap-ek-doo'-om-ahee), and means to divest wholly, to be stripped completely of all legal right, to be stripped naked. Jesus has totally stripped the devil and all powers of darkness of any and all rights to this world and anything in it including your life and mine.

*Eph 1:19-23: And what is the **exceeding greatness of His power** toward us who believe, according to the working of **His mighty power** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.***

And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

God did not tell us that there would be no tears. He said He would wipe away every tear. On our journey into the Holy of Holies there is the probability of some painful hits from the enemy. There may be experiences that seem much too painful to bear.

*G554 *apekduomai*, ap-ek-doo'-om-ahee; mid. from G575 and G1551; to divest wholly oneself, or (for oneself) despoil:--put off, spoil.

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They may threaten to destroy our very lives and bring us to the end of every human strength we can muster. The pain of losing a loved one in an untimely and devastating manner, the catastrophe of a tortuous divorce, or the helplessness of seeing one we love maimed by a horrible accident or wasted by illness, can all cause pain so severe that one may feel devastated and nearly destroyed.

Yet, because Jesus lives and the grace of God is real, because He loves us and is always there to carry us through, we will overcome and return to praise Him. We will come through with greater love for Him and for our neighbor, with a firmer faith, and a greater commitment to carry His love to the world.

Rev 7:17: For the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Because God Himself dwells with us and lives within us, and because we are His people we are victorious. As God wipes away our tears the old pains and sorrows pass away. There is no more death. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. Whether we live in this body or pass on, we are with the Lord. (Rom 14:8) (2 Cor 5:8) Death is separation from God, and we will never be separated from Him. (Isa 59:1-2) (Rom 5:17) We do not sorrow as those without hope. (1 Th 4:13) (2 Cor 7:10) Deep long lasting devastating grief no longer exist in our lives. Yes we may feel the intense pain of grief for a season, but it will be transformed into love. The more the pain, the more the love that will manifest in our healing.

Rev 21:3-4: And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear

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from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

Because Christ Jesus has overcome all principalities and powers, neither the devil, nor any of his demons, nor any force of darkness can rule over the one in whom Christ dwells. The real truth is that the person in whom Christ dwells, has in the name of Jesus, complete authority to rule over all principalities and powers including the devil himself. Our only battle is to stand on the Word of God and in faith resist the works of darkness. If our faith is strong, everything is subject to the Christ in us. If we believe the words of God from the Bible and from within by the Spirit of Christ, and bring them forth through our mortal body into the world, nothing is impossible to us. We are the body of Christ, the tabernacle of God on earth, the instrument of God, the interface between the spiritual and the natural realms. Nothing is impossible to him that believes. The supernatural is natural with God and with the one in whom Christ dwells, if we have faith.

*Eph 3:16-21: That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith**; that you, being **rooted and grounded in love**, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to **the power that works in us**, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

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*Mat 17:20b: I say to you, **if you have faith** as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; **and nothing will be impossible for you.***

*Mark 9:23 Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, **all things are possible to him who believes.**"*

*Mark 11:22-24: So Jesus answered and said to them, "**Have faith in God.**" For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to **this mountain**, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that **those things he says** will be done, he will have **whatever he says.**" Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe that you receive them, and you will have them.***

God, I pray, give us revelation to comprehend the vastness of your very own might, strengthening us by your Spirit within our inner man. Help us God to experience the reality of Christ dwelling within our hearts through faith. God help us to walk in the reality of experiencing that all things are possible, and nothing is impossible to him that believes. Teach us how to speak to the mountain, or to anything that you desire to be moved or changed, in the name of Jesus, in faith, and not doubting in our hearts.

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Father I come before your throne of grace. I receive mercy and Grace. I receive your empowerment to speak to the enemy in the name of Jesus. Now, in Jesus' name, I command the powers of darkness, you will not hinder the revelation of this truth to the reader. I break the power of every religious spirit and every work of spiritual blindness, in the name of Jesus. I bind the power of the work of doubt and unbelief, in the name of Jesus. Father, I ask you to release a spirit of revelation and spiritual discernment to illuminate the reality of this truth in the heart of the reader. I believe in my heart it is done, and we thank you for it, Heavenly Father.

The enemy has no power in the world except the power we allow him to have by our unbelief, ignorance, or negligence. His only power is to deceive and to make you and I not believe the Word and work of Christ Jesus. One of his greatest deceptions is to try to make us believe that he really does not exist, or is not active in the world today. He then can take on the disguise of an angel of light and work on and through naive Christians as religious spirits, **even using perverted teachings of the Bible to destroy FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS NOW COME IN THE FLESH**, and to create division, confusion, debate, and disorder among Christians.

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We cannot accurately blame the devil for the lack of the kingdom lifestyle among men and within our own lives. And we can surely never blame God. We cannot even blame the lost and evil people of the world. We Christians must accept one hundred percent of the responsibility for the lack of the power of God flowing through believers to establish righteousness over evil and thus establish the kingdom of God on earth. No one else has been given the dominion and the awesome indwelling power of God Himself to deliver our world from the bondages of evil and bring forth the freedom of the kingdom of God.

In the seventh millennium, the sleeping giant is awakening. Christians are beginning to awaken from their peaceful sleep to discover they are in serious bondage, with ropes of theological concepts, religious orders, and fallacious doctrines. The ropes are staked in tradition and pseudo religious political systems that threaten rejection and persecution to anyone who would dare seek to be free. We Christians relaxed in our recliners, while snacking on rich foods and watching our favorite mind numbing television programs, and drove to work in fine cars, while listening to our peaceful easy listening music on the wrap around stereo, and literally slept in the pew while the pleasant sound of false peace lulled us into deeper deception and bondage.

Oh yes, we have heard the terrible stories about how bad the world has become, but that only caused us to close our little group off even more for fear of the evil. We have blamed evil men, the devil, the government, and God, for the terrible conditions of our world, for the rampant imorality, for the vast destruction of families, the great amount of violence and crime, the breakdown of authority, and the lack of integrity and ethical values in government, business, and among religious leaders. Instead of trusting the Spirit of Christ within us, we have trusted in our favorite sect of theologians to discern the Word of God for us, and puree it and mix it with

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water to make it easy for us to swallow without chewing, and mix it with sugar so that it taste so good that it appeals to our fleshly appetites. Secretly the enemy may have also added his poison to this tasty mix.

The world will be astonished by the tremendous flow of love and power coming forth from individual Christians as the sleeping giant awakens and begins to take responsibility and exercise authority over the powers of darkness to change our world. The religious deceptions that say, “peace, peace”, when there is no peace, will be thrown off like a covering blanket upon awakening.

The powers of darkness will be driven from the awakening church. No longer will the church believe the restraining deceptions that say, “there is no war; there is nothing for you to do or overcome. Jesus will come back someday and everything will be fixed then. He will surely come and take us away out of this dreadful world. There is no use fighting, the devil can’t do anything to us today, he can’t bother Christians. Anyway, God will burn it all up and make a new world someday. Go on back to sleep and maybe Jesus will come back, or maybe while you sleep you will die and go to heaven, and leave this evil world.”

The powers of darkness are stealing, killing, and destroying the children of the world, while denominations fight over doctrines and form. Theologians continue to debate their favorite theories, and proffer their “prees” and “posts” of eschatology, and generally concern themselves with ideologies of intellectual darkness, and postulate their theses of conjecture and speculation, and with their prideful systems of theology try to figure out and explain God. Naive church members who have trusted in their favorite theologians instead of the indwelling power of Christ, can do nothing as their children are overcome in immorality, violence, and drug addiction, and as their own lives are consumed in the things of the world.

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The sleeping church is not just in bondage to religion, it is also in bondage to money, the things it will buy, and pleasure. Sports and games are gods for the sleeping church. “After all, there just isn’t time for us all to be involved in Bible study and prayer on our own. Dr. “so-and-so” will do that and give a good sermon Sunday that will make us feel better, and take care of our Christian duty.”

In the seventh millennium all this foolishness is coming down. It is all wood, hay, and stubble, and will be burned into non existence. The kingdom of God will come forth as true hearted believers bring forth the anointing of the anointed one within, and will stand and speak directly to the powers of darkness and command that their work be stopped; and the will of God will come forth on earth. Spiritual reality is again replacing religious phantasmic concepts created in the minds of theologians, with help from powers of darkness masquerading as angels of light.

Our war is not with theologians, nor pious religious leaders, nor evil violent men, nor any other person. Our war is against spiritual powers of darkness that work on and through anyone they can to destroy faith in Christ now come in the flesh, or to divert their minds to meaningless matters instead of life in God, and to pervert the pure Word and work of God.

Eph 6:12: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

The sleeping giant has not even been aware that a spiritual war is in progress. The awakening giant is not only throwing off the religious bondages, but is also realizing that we have been deceived into a false belief that there was little or nothing we could do in the spiritual realm to overcome the evil in the world. Many have been

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made to believe that the only things that could make a difference were in the natural realm. The realm of government, education, social order, law enforcement, military actions, and humanitarianism are seen as the only real avenues for dealing with the evils of the world, while spiritual warfare is devalued by the world and much of the sleeping church.

The truth is that only spiritual warfare deals with the root of the problem by alleviating the underlying cause and bringing about full correction and recovery. The efforts of warring against the symptoms with human means can never lead to a full cleansing of the root problems and bring lasting correction and healing.

The awakening giant is learning to lay aside striving in the flesh against other people and to employ the mighty weapons of God to destroy the strongholds of wrong thoughts and beliefs that enable the enemy to kill, steal, and destroy. Every problem and negative work on earth can be, and must be overcome first in the spiritual realm, the realm of undaunted faith, boundless love, and endless hope.

The immeasurable GRACE of the living God empowering individuals from within is more than sufficient to destroy the evil. The evil in one's own life must first be destroyed. Then the purified child of God can powerfully intercede for others. Intercession takes on a greater new meaning to the empowered child of God standing against and spiritually assaulting the works and powers of darkness that are binding others. The mercy of God is indeed fresh every morning and today is the day to wake up, repent, put off the old man, and PUT ON THE NEW, the very life and power of the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

2 Cor 10:3-5: For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, cast-

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ing down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Pulling down strongholds of the enemy that are established in our world does not begin with bombing dens of sin, cutting off the supply of drugs, or the enactment and enforcement of more laws. Tanks, planes, bombs, guns, and toughened troops are not the tools to defeat the enemy's strong hold on our world.

Our mighty spiritual weapons in God are employed and brought to bear upon the enemy through love, by the Spirit. We stand to warfare against and defeat the rulers of darkness with **truth, righteousness, peace, faith, healing and deliverance (salvation), and the Word of God, praying always in the Spirit.** (Eph 6:14-18)

The awakening giant is discovering real prayer. The kind of prayer that Jesus taught about, the kind that can move mountains and cast out demons. The same Jesus that spoke to the demons in a young boy and cast them out, the same Jesus that said to speak to the mountain, now lives in the believer who has put off the old man and put on the new.

*Mat 17:18-19: And Jesus **rebuked the demon**, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"*

*Mat 17:20-22: So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will **say to this mountain**, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. "However, this kind does not go out except by **prayer** and fasting."*

*"**And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.**"*

Prayer is much more than quietly bowing one's head to ask for something one needs. There are examples in Scripture of men in prayer speaking to the condition that God wanted to change, and in dynamic faith commanding the evil spirits to release their hold and be gone, or speaking to the dead to arise, or speaking to the sick and deformed to be healed. Elijah spoke to the weather to not rain, and it did not rain for three years. Then he spoke again for the rain to come again and it rained. (*James 5:17-18*) Jesus spoke to the storm, and rebuked the wind and commanded the sea to be calm. (*Mark 4:39*)

Jesus promised believers that as they abide in Him, and He in them, that they would do the works that He did and even greater works. In the early portion of the seventh millennium many such works are coming about, and will increase as the mighty outpouring of the power of God is coming forth into the world to destroy the works of the devil and to do the works of God.

*John 14:12-14: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. "And whatever you ask **in My name**, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. "If you ask anything **in My name**, I will do it.*

◆ To not believe and not accept these promises of Scripture is to **take the Word of God in vain.**

◆ To pray without believing is to **pray in vain.**

◆ To speak in the name of Jesus without faith is to **use His name in vain.**

◆ To say we have the grace of God and yet remain unempowered is to **take the grace of God in vain.**

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2 Cor 6:1; We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

*Mark 16:17-18: "And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name** they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*

*Acts 3:16 "And **His name, through faith in His name**, has made this man strong, whom you see and know. Yes, the faith which comes through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.*

Luke 24:45-49: And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

*Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, "and that repentance and remission of sins should be **preached in His name** to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. "And you are witnesses of these things.*

*"**Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.**"***

*2 Chr 7:14: **If My people** who are called by **My name** will humble themselves, and **pray** and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

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Father, in the name of Jesus, we come before your throne of grace, we receive mercy and grace. I agree with the reader that we are believers and desire from our hearts, all that you have provided for us. Father we choose to repent and turn from any and all that we have done or failed to do that has taken your grace in vain, that has taken your Word and your Name in vain. We repent Father, of every vain prayer.

In the name of Jesus, we bind the work of any powers of darkness that would hinder the full light of the Word and power of God from coming forth. In the name of Jesus, we command you Satan and all powers of darkness you have no part in this work and may not in any way hinder or prevent the revelation of the Word of God and the work of God in the reader. And just now Father I ask you to fill us with your Spirit, endue us with power from on high. I pray specifically now for the reader to be baptized into the fullness of your Spirit. I pray for our understanding to be

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opened to really comprehend the Scriptures. Fill us God, with the Spirit and life of Christ. Let Jesus live in us to the fullest that You desire. We humble ourselves before You Lord, and choose to turn from our prideful religious ways to seek your face with our whole heart.

Father, we ask in accordance with your word that you would forgive our sin and heal our land. We pray in the name of Jesus, Father, let your fires of revival come forth into our land. We ask for a mighty outpouring of Your love and Spirit to come forth in our own hearts and in our land. Thank you Father! We praise your holy name!

CHAPTER 13

Revival

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Revival and the outpouring of the Spirit of God are common terms of the early part of the seventh millennium. Worldwide revival might look a lot like chaos and beautiful peace with great joy, all at the same time. God is pouring out His Spirit upon mankind to destroy the work of the enemy and set up His rule and reign upon the earth, through His body, the purified Bride.

Even at the time of this writing the tongues of spiritual fire are coming forth upon portions of the earth. These are like pillars of spiritual fire that are propelled forth from a great mass of heavenly fire that has come near to earth. Christians are rushing to these spots of spiritual fire to be purified and ignited with the fire of revival. Many of them become blazing cinders themselves and everywhere these blazing cinders go the fires spread. Once ignited these burning coals of fire have little or no respect for religion and all of its bondages and trappings. It is not that they are unruly to the authority of God. On the contrary, they seem to be willing to give up all they have to please Father God, and are deeply in love with Jesus.

Repentance from dead works seems to continue through time after time of brokenness and weeping as the Spirit of God continues to reveal areas of wood, hay, and stubble within the believers heart and life. An intense passion often develops, first for the presence of God, then for the lost to be saved and their brothers and sisters yet entrapped in religious bondages to be restored. Religious forms and theological interpretations are giving way to a reality of understanding of the Word of God. Passages that were important only as foundations for religious structures are becoming life and reality, and are being brought forth into the daily lives of believers. Some feel that, in the past, the foundations have been laid over and over

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again in their lives and only now has there began a reality of building a superstructure of holy life upon the foundation. For some, it is as if they had been standing on the foundation for many years but without walls or roof to protect them from the storms of life and without the intense ecstasy of the reality of the presence of God. The outpouring of the Spirit of God is empowering believers, as has not been seen before in my lifetime. The sense of unending peaceful power is simply there. It is not worked up or sought after in some human way. It requires only an openness to God and a hunger for Him. There are many different manifestations of the presence of God occurring, and many different types of gatherings are being affected. They range from meetings that build into masses coming together with much music and ministry, to small groups of believers in homes, businesses, and anywhere a group comes together to pray and seek the Lord.

The outpouring of the Spirit of God is providing the power for the transfer of the kingdoms of earth from the “prince of the power of the air” to the kingdoms of our God. The change from one government to another is rarely without temporary disorder and conflict. Only, if the previous government is willing to relinquish its position of control and to become submitted to the new government, is it possible to have a transfer of power without warfare. The illegal government of Satan and the powers of darkness are continuing to attempt to rule in the world even though Jesus has defeated the enemy and his army at the cross. The enemy has deceived mankind and caused many to believe that he has authority in the world which he really does not have. The great outpouring of empowerment from God destroys the deceptions and begins the restoration of the army of God to bring to pass the victory over the enemy in the minds and hearts of men, which results in the enemy’s defeat in all the world’s systems.

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The resurrected Christ Jesus, the all powerful King of heaven and earth, is now appearing upon the earth in and through the maturing children of God. Christ, the king, is manifesting in His people. The supernatural church is appearing as truly the New Jerusalem is coming forth from the heavenly realm into the natural realm before our very eyes. Holy angels are present in vast numbers and are eagerly awaiting opportunities to minister powerfully upon the earth. Prayer has never before in my lifetime, been so powerful and so often instantly carried out. One must guard every spoken word, for what one says may be quickly manifested into the world.

In addition to the many reported miracles, I am aware of miracles and manifestations that are not publicly reported, at the direction of the Holy Spirit. People must keep their focus upon God and not allow great miracles to turn their head toward any man including themselves. Some spiritually immature people would put their eyes upon some person if they heard and saw some of the powerful miracles taking place. Therefore God is not allowing some of the mightiest miracles of healing and restoration to be published. Yet, multitudes of miracles are being reported as Jesus is doing what He does in restoring men, women, and children.

Heb 12:22-24: But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

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The shaking of the earth has surely begun as the voice of God is speaking from heaven through His trumpets of revival and passionate pleas for repentance and turning from dead works. There has never been and will never be again a time exactly like this shaking of God that is speaking to the entire world. It would not be wise to be tricked into becoming critical and stand against the works of God taking place in the seventh millennium revival.

Heb 12:25-26: See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven."

No doubt there are tares among the good grain in the field of God's fruitful outpouring in the world. The enemy has surely planted his seeds among the good seed, and will then expose his own works in an attempt to cause doubt and unbelief in the mighty work of God. His strategy is to discredit the works of God, by causing naive Christians and others to believe it is all his work and not the work of God.

God in His wonderful mercy and abundant grace has made provision for correcting this situation and told us about it in His Word. The workers of God's field are instructed not to pull up the tares lest they destroy the good grain. The part God's workers have in dealing with the tares is to pray according to the Word of God for angels to gather them out. The angels will not only remove and burn the tares, but they will also see that the good fruit makes it safely to its desired goal and is not lost.

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Mat 13:24-30: Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'

"He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'

Mat 13:37-39: He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."

The kingdom of God potential is seeded within believers, and must mature to fruitfulness in the good heart soil, the soul (mind, will, and emotions) of God's people. The souls of most Christians are damaged, perverted, and contaminated by many generations of demonic deception and abuse. Mankind is trained and skilled in the programs of the enemy. The world's basic programs of understanding, practice, and feelings are primarily those from the kingdom of darkness.

All the world, including Christians must be reprogrammed from the ways that are currently ruling the world to the ways of God. No

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man or teaching system can effectively do this job. Only God Himself working by His Spirit can reprogram the souls of men to align with, and bring forth, the kingdom of God.

I had no concept of what reprogramming from God in a rapid way on a broad scale might look like. Until the recent outpouring of God's Spirit, probably most if not all Christians could never have imagined the practical spiritual methods employed by God and His angels in renewing the hearts of His people. The powerful presence of God and ministering spirits (angels), in the fires of revival are causing many manifestations of supernatural power changing the yielded individuals, reprogramming them to the ways of God. Many fall to the floor in a semiconscious or an unconscious euphoric state. Amidst billowing outburst of all consuming laughter, or swells of deep crying and moaning, their hearts are changed. Some may lay quietly for hours in a state of spiritual euphoria while spiritual visions instruct or alter the person. A deep awareness of love for God leads to unrestrained worship and mighty surges of praise to God. These conditions may last for hours, and to some degree for days in some. And they may happen again and again as God brings layer after layer of deep repentance and healing of the soul.

To the ones who know the persons involved, the changes are evident and long lasting, and I believe permanent, though time will be required to demonstrate this. Where there was selfishness there is caring; where there was pride there is humility; where there was depression there is joy; where there was frustration and concern there is peace; where there was fear there is increased faith; where there was pain and bitterness there is forgiveness and love; where there was shyness there is boldness; where there was religious debate there is powerful revelation of God. Truly the sovereign renewal of God is upon the land. May it spread to the uttermost parts of the earth.

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The army of God is being formed from the battered and bruised children of God, who are coming out of darkness into the light of the glorious kingdom of God. Christ, the king, is manifesting in His people. Many young people and children even babies are being affected by the fires of revival. Some small children and babies coming into the world at this time are becoming specially equipped to carry the kingdom of God further in their generation. The generational regeneration tendencies will produce a more holy, more powerful generation of believers than the world has seen since the first century. These equipped and empowered children of God will overpower the works of darkness with the light and love of God.

Supernatural gifts, anointing, and powerful prayer will seem natural to these specially equipped servants of the Most High. Their capacity to know and use the Word of God will exceed that of previous generations. Spiritual warfare will move to new levels as the children of God overpower the strongest sorcerers and the most cunning deceivers, who are attempting to continue to rule the minds of men and subsequently the world.

Christians that are alive on the earth at this time, have both a great blessing to be a part of what God is doing, and an awesome responsibility to PRAY. Never has prayer been more effective and powerful than at this time of revival and transition. God's intercessors and prayer warriors must rise to the occasion. Many must accept the call to spiritual warfare and take whatever action is necessary to get into the war. Never before have the fields been more ready for harvest. This is not a time to wait or hold back, but rather a time for every called and gifted believer to release their gifts however and wherever God leads. This is not a time to look back at our failures or lack of productivity of the past. Just because something would not work then does not mean that it will not work now. With the anointing of God in the presence of the fire of revival times, things that would not work before can be very productive now.

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God give us an ear to hear your direction in these powerful times. Father we repent for our failure to fully enter into your plan and work. We choose to turn from anything that hinders or restrains us from fully entering into the gifts and callings that you have given. Father we ask, in the name of Jesus, for wisdom to know what is really important in our lives, and what is not. We ask, Father, for anointing and power of your Spirit to lay down those things that are not really important, and to carry out the work and ministry that You empower us to do.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we come boldly before your throne of Grace, we receive mercy and grace. We thank you Father, that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us, that nothing is impossible to us who believe. We pray for the fires of revival to fill our own souls and to spread to the uttermost parts of the world.

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In the name of Jesus, we stand against all the works of darkness. We thank you Father, that the Lord Jesus Christ has already appeared for this reason to destroy the works of the devil. Thank you, that He has disarmed him, made a public display of him, and totally stripped him of all rights. Thank you Father, that we have power in the name of Jesus over all the power of the enemy.

In the name of Jesus, we command you, Satan, and all powers of darkness, release those held in captivity, we bind the power of spiritual blindness, darkness, deception and delusion, in the name of Jesus. We bind the power of religious spirits, and come against all religious strongholds in Jesus' name. We speak the destruction of religious strongholds, of mans traditions, and doctrines of demons, in the name of Jesus.

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We ask you Father, in the name of Jesus, to release spirits of revelation, understanding, wisdom, truth, and light into the hearts of those previously held captive. We pray for your Word to become alive to us. Give us a great hunger for your Word and your presence. Father we ask that laborers be sent forth into the harvest. We pray for these who are set free to be strengthened and empowered by your Spirit and your Word to enter into the harvest fields. And we say Father, here am I, send me. Let Your will be fully accomplished in our lives. We pray for your kingdom to come and your will be done in our lives today.

We thank you and praise you, Father, for your awesome greatness and your immeasurable love. Thank you Father, for your abundant grace and endless mercy. We worship you almighty God.

CHAPTER 14

Prayer

(KINGDOM ENTERPRISE)

Prayer that changes the natural realm must be made in the spiritual realm. The natural or earthly realm, and the spiritual or heavenly realm, coexist simultaneously. For the sake of understanding, one might compare this to radio and other transmitted electronic frequencies. Many different signals exist carrying many different formats and programs, in the same place, all at the same time, but on separate independent frequencies. With the proper receiver and transmitter equipment, one may monitor or transact the exchange of information on any channel or frequency by tuning to that frequency. Reality at one frequency is not accessible to another frequency, and does not appear to exist to other frequencies.

The spiritual realm might be likened to a higher frequency, and the natural realm to a lower frequency. God and angels are spirits and therefore exist in the spiritual or heavenly realm or frequency. At the same time in the same place, man and all earthly things exist in the natural realm or frequency. Redeemed man is a living spirit and therefore has the potential to relate to the spiritual realm. Man also is an earthling and lives in a natural body with a natural brain that functions in the natural realm. Natural unredeemed man cannot see into or hear from the spiritual realm on his own; he can discern only natural things and spiritual things do not appear to exist to him.

It is as if there exists a veil between the reality of spiritual things and the reality of natural things. To move through that veil one must change to the different frequency of the other side. For an angel to be visible in the natural realm the frequency of existence must be changed to one close to that of natural man. At some point of slowing down the frequency the spirit may begin to be partially visible with the natural eye. In order for man to enter into the spiri-

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tual realm he must tune to the frequency of the spiritual, and tune out the frequency of the natural.

There has been much confusion and debate among individual Christians and denominations regarding the filling of the Holy Spirit and/or the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Scripture clearly speaks of being filled with the Spirit and of being baptized in the Spirit. There may be many fillings of the Spirit but only one baptism of the Spirit. Filling of the Spirit might be likened to spiritual presence coming from the spiritual frequency to our side of the veil into our existence or frequency and filling our being. Being baptized in the Spirit might be likened to our being submersed into the spiritual frequency on the other side of the veil. One who is baptized into the spiritual realm has greater access to the spiritual existence or frequency. It is as if one is given a greater transmitter and receiver to do business on the heavenly or spiritual frequency.

The supernatural gifts are more available to one baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is easier to see into the spiritual realm and to hear God more clearly. Therefore, one can more accurately represent God's desire and plans into the earth. Many Christians consider speaking in unknown tongues as an evidence of being baptized in the Holy Spirit because it requires hearing from the spiritual realm and representing what is heard by speaking it into the natural realm. This is the basis for much ministry from God to man. Preaching, teaching, prophesying, words of knowledge, words of wisdom, and all other spiritual ministry to man must originate from one hearing and seeing in the spiritual realm and representing or bringing forth what God is saying and doing.

Effective intercessory prayer occurs when one cross over into the spiritual realm (or frequency). The spiritual realm is the greater realm. The spiritual originally created the natural. The power to create or recreate the natural is in the spiritual realm. The natural

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realm is changed as one enters the spiritual realm, discerns the will of God, and then first in the spiritual realm prays and meditates the will of God in the matter, in the name of Jesus, and then in the natural realm speaks forth the will of God in the name of Jesus.

The devil is a fallen angel. Angels are spirits; therefore, Satan and all of his demons do their business on the spiritual frequency. That is to say they exist in the spiritual realm. Though natural man is not sensitive to the spiritual realm, demon spirits often assist natural man in sorcery, magic, and different supernatural spirit crafts. The natural man participating in occult practices is informed by and guided by demons. Not being able to see clearly into the spiritual realm, the deceived sorcerer may think that God is his source. The believer who is not yet baptized in the Spirit is not able to tell the difference and may fear entering into the spiritual realm by receiving the baptism of the Spirit. He may ascribe the works of the Spirit of God to demons.

To warfare against the powers of darkness one must also cross over into the spiritual realm. In the name of Jesus, we have authority over all the powers of darkness in the spiritual realm. Satan and every demon must obey any believer who truly speaks with the spiritual authority of Jesus. However, Satan and the powers of darkness are given certain authority in the Word of God. There are certain conditions in which the powers of darkness are given permission by God in His Word to attack and do harm. All of these conditions are brought about by man and his decisions. They are not brought about by God. It is man who gives the powers of darkness place to do their dirty work. The enemy knows his legal rights that are given by God and written in the Word of God.

In a word, sin gives the enemy legal right or license to attack and torment Christians. In another word repentance removes the license to attack or torment believers. Of course the unrepentant

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sinner who has rejected Christ has no defense against the wiles of the devil and must depend on believers for any sanctification or protection that he may have.

In Chapter 23 of the book “*Overcoming Life On A Small Planet*” we dealt with unforgiveness, one of the major legal rights given the enemy in the Word. Another major legal right of the enemy is disobedience. To know the will of God and not do it is disobedience and sin.

James 4:17 Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.

Deuteronomy 28:15: “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you.”

Deuteronomy 28:45-46: Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.

A Biblical word for a legal right of the enemy is a “curse”. Christ has redeemed us from the curse. (*Gal 3:10-13*) But to think that one can walk in unrepentant sin and not open the door to the enemy is foolishness. One must repent to appropriate the work of God to be fully protected from the work of the enemy. Other areas of legal rights in the Word giving the enemy license to attack are: iniquity of the fathers, spoken words, judgments, improper vows, occult involvement, and improper soul ties.

Before a lasting work of deliverance from the work of the enemy in a person’s life can be affected, the conditions which are

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giving the enemy license must be corrected. Jesus has provided all that is necessary to completely rectify the condition and set the person free. There is nothing lacking in the work of Jesus. Our need is to appropriate the work of Jesus into the life situation. For example, we all know that Christ died to save every person in the world. But all are not saved. Some have appropriated the work of Christ while others have not. Some are reborn and some are not. Those who believe and confess with the mouth are saved. Those who do not are not saved, even though the work of Christ and the grace of God is sufficient and available to save them. (*Rom 10:8-10*)

The same thing is true with all the provisions of God through Jesus Christ. There is always an acceptance factor on the person's part. Even though Christ has provided salvation including deliverance and healing, it will not be forced upon an unbeliever. One must believe in the heart and confess with the mouth to bring forth the provisions of Christ. Thus a work of believing (faith) and speaking (prayer) is involved in appropriating the works of Jesus to set us free and to heal the wounds of the enemy.

Obviously the enemy must prevent believing and powerful prayer if he is to hold on to his captives. They are only captive as long as they do not believe in the power and provision of the resurrected Christ in their heart and do not confess with their mouth unto healing and deliverance (salvation, "sozo"*).

The enemy will bring strong delusions wherever he can. He will send spirits of spiritual blindness, darkness, deception and delusion to cloud the spiritual mind of the captive person to keep them from seeing the truth in the spiritual realm. For those entrapped by "pharmakeia"* (drugs, alcohol, witchcraft, occult, etc.) he will send

*G5331. *pharmakeia*, far-mak-i'-ah; from G5332; medication ("pharmacy"), i.e. (by *extens.*) magic (lit. or fig.):--sorcery, witchcraft.

*G4982. *sozo*, sode'-zo; from a *prim. sos* (contr. for *obsol. saos*, "safe"); to save, i.e. deliver or protect (lit. or fig.):--heal, preserve, save (self), do well, be (make) whole.

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mean and violent demon spirits to torment and lead into blatantly evil lifestyles. For those entrapped in religion he will send demon spirits masquerading in the costume of angels of light to subversively plant debate, strife, gossip, backbiting, accusation, condemnation, secret lust, pornography, manipulation, lying, and etc., all hidden under a mask of light; and he will even use the Bible to mislead and create doubts and unbelief.

The enemy has many schemes or patterns of activity. But each and every scheme depends on spiritual blindness and deception to prevent the captive from knowing that the prison doors are open; and that through Jesus one can walk out of all bondages to freedom in the kingdom of Christ.

Isa 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound.

Luke 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised.

The Spirit of the Lord will proclaim and preach, liberty, the opening of the prison, healing to the brokenhearted, and recovery of sight to the blind. Proclaiming and preaching is speaking. The Spirit of Christ within you can speak to the bondages, bruises, and blindness inflicted by the enemy, and can by the power of the Spirit of Christ destroy the strongholds of the enemy. If we can see these things within ourselves, we can deal with them within ourselves.

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We can speak to the conditions in our own life by the Spirit of the Lord, which is speaking in the name of Jesus, and drive the enemy from our land. Just using the name of Jesus in our prayer and proclamation is not speaking in the name of Jesus. To speak in the name of Jesus one must speak from the Spirit of Christ, from the spiritual realm. To attempt to vainly use the name of Jesus, without being filled with the Spirit of Christ, and without seeing or hearing from the spiritual authority in Jesus, will not be effective and can cause increased disorder.

Acts 19:13-16: Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, "We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches." Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so.

And the evil spirit answered and said, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?"

Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

If one cannot see clearly because of the work of spiritual blindness or darkness, one will continue to experience doubt, unbelief, and confusion. One may feel it necessary to defend one's self and one's religious beliefs and enter into debate with the works of God. If this is the case God will provide another person to be used of God to flow the ministry of Jesus to intercede and bind the spiritual blindness, doubt, and unbelief so that one may see and believe and be changed. The person interceding becomes a minister and must be led of the Spirit to help one come to Jesus and receive the work of healing and deliverance from the enemy's wounds and bondages.

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James 5:16: Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

The power of prayer of two in agreement is awesome in the spiritual realm. The spiritual prayer of two in agreement, in the name of Jesus is like the voice of God, completely overpowering all enemy spirits. All evil spirits must absolutely obey the commands of one praying or speaking in the name of Jesus.

*Mat 18:18-20: Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. "Again I say to you that **if two of you agree** on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.*

For those entrapped in spiritual blindness and delusion, the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man is needed to avail the spiritual work of binding the works of the powers of darkness and loosing the works of the Spirit of truth and light into the heart of the one in bondage. When the evil spirits are bound, the person should be able to begin to see the light and truth of God and His Word. Without this powerful spiritual help the person will remain blinded and unable to receive spiritual truth and virtue that would save, heal, and deliver him.

When the light enters the person's heart he or she can and must then decide to receive the light, come into agreement with God, repent of their sin, and begin receiving the grace of God. No one can force another to receive the light of God and turn from their sin. Every person must make their own decisions. However, the person

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in spiritual darkness, covered by evil spirits of spiritual blindness, deception, and delusion does not have the opportunity to receive the light until spiritual power is brought forth by prayer to temporarily bind (stop) the work of the enemy and allow the light of God to get in.

2 Cor 4:4: whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Once the spirits of darkness are bound the Holy Spirit must bring forth the Word of God. Speaking good thoughts or wisdom to the person at this time is not necessarily helpful. **Speaking the Word of God** is the only powerful tool the Holy Spirit needs to bring forth the light and power of God into the persons heart and life. **The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit** for permanently destroying the work of the enemy.

Eph 6:17: And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Once the person has received the Word and responded in agreement with it, powerful prayer of agreement can effectively appropriate the work of the Spirit of God and holy angels to drive the enemy from the land and begin healing the heart and life from the afflictions of the enemy. The individual now has the power within himself to submit to God and resist the devil.

James 4:7-8: Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

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In the final state every person's healing and deliverance is only between the person and Jesus. The minister can only help by adding his or her faith to the situation to bring forth or appropriate the work of the Spirit of Christ to push back the darkness, and then by the Spirit of Christ speak the Word of God into the heart and life.

As the Word and Spirit of God enters the heart, the person will be shown their sin by the Spirit and the Word. As they then repent and turn from disobedience, and begin to walk in the Spirit which produces obedience to God, the enemy's legal rights, are canceled and destroyed.

Gal 5:16, 25: I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The powers of darkness no longer have any legal right to in any way torment or stress the person. The devil is a liar and a cheater and will continue to try to stress the person by deceit. He will bring up the old past sins and disobedience and try to torment with them. (*John 8:44*) One need only continue to submit to God, draw near to Him, and **RESIST the devil and he must flee**. Resisting the devil simply means exercising one's authority over him by speaking forth the truth of God, and commanding him in the name of Jesus to be gone. When one's sins are forgiven by the blood of Jesus they no longer exist in the spiritual realm at all. God puts them away as far as the east is from the west, and they no longer exist. They are permanently and forever blotted out by the blood of Jesus.

Psa 103:12: As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

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Isa 1:18: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

*1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.***

*2 Cor 5:17: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

We are a new creation. God chooses to retain no remembrance of our sin, we are pure and holy in Christ. As we walk in Him, in the Spirit of Christ, we walk in love for Him and our neighbor, and do not walk in sin (*Gal 5:16*) (*Rom 8:1*) (*1 John 2:1*). If however, we should slip out of walking in the Spirit of Christ and stumble, we have only to quickly repent and turn back to walking in the Spirit of God and again the blood of Jesus cleanses us, and we are again a new creation in Christ Jesus. The devil has no place, but we may need to confront him and resist his unlawful attempt to deceive us into receiving his stress and torment.

The Spirit of Christ within the body of Christ today will pray and minister as Jesus Christ prayed and ministered when He was on the earth in His natural body. Jesus spent much time alone with the Father speaking to and hearing from Him. He made His petitions to the Father alone in communion with Him. After communing with the Father, Jesus knew the Father's will and what the Father was doing before going among the people to minister. He had already brought His petitions before the Father, and heard and seen what the Father was doing. He did not go to the people to minister to them without

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asking the Father what He was doing in the matter. When He did confront the situation He spoke to it with authority and commanded the enemy and all of creation involved to come into order with the will of the Father.

*John 5:19: Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, **but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.**"*

The powerless church of the past often prayed long prayers begging the Father for deliverance and healing to take place in a needy person's life. The powerful Spirit of Christ in His Bride will know the will of God and what He is doing and speak in power directly to the condition. In the name of Jesus the believer can command the powers of darkness, and not continue to cry out to God for what He has already provided. The minister must speak to the condition, the disorder, the disease, the demon, the storm, or whatever God wants to change; and command in the name of Jesus that the situation come into order and alignment with the will and Word of God. The believer must hear and see what the Father is doing, get in alignment with it, and flow with it. The believer must speak the will of God with the authority of the name of Jesus.

The spiritual realm is greater than the natural realm. When the work is done in the spiritual realm it will manifest in time into the natural realm.

The work and power of God is activated by faith, which is an undoubting belief within the believer. Nothing is impossible to him that believes. What the Body of Christ believes and speaks will have an effect in the world. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

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Rom 10:17: So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

When a believer spends time with the Father hearing His word and seeing His will, faith is brought forth. When God by revelation clearly speaks something to a believer all doubt is gone and faith is effortless. It comes by the word of God spoken or shown to the believer while in communion with Him. The power of prayer comes from hearing and seeing what the Father is doing and speaking and doing what He is doing.

One must not return to the tree of knowledge of good and evil and try to figure out what God is doing. One must continue to partake of the tree of life and hear by revelation what God is already doing and get in on it by getting in alignment with what one hears and sees Him doing.

To try to figure out what God is doing from one's own perspective can lead to sorcery, as one begins to believe his own plan and speak it forth into the world. One can actually become a hindrance to the will and plan of God by praying and speaking soulish prayers from one's own mind, will, and emotions, apart from hearing God's desire in the particular matter at hand. All things are possible to him that believes, either godly or ungodly. Prayers offered and words spoken apart from the will of God may be answered or performed by the powers of darkness.

CHAPTER 15

Freedom

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Jesus said, you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.

*John 8:31b-32: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and **the truth shall make you free.**"*

What is freedom and what is not? Am I really free? How can the truth make me free? How can abiding in His word make one free? Can one truly become politically free, economically free, socially free, by abiding in the word of Christ, becoming His disciple, and knowing the truth? Or, is the Holy Bible, the Word of God, not true? And, if one can become free through this process, cannot an entire nation possibly become free? And if a nation can become free, cannot the whole world potentially become free?

In the past age the emphasis was on church as opposed to the emerging emphasis of the kingdom of God. In the church emphasis age, the Bible was generally interpreted as having value primarily only to one's "Christian life", or religious training and experience. The Word of God was not sincerely valued as the source of wisdom and guidance for governing our entire lives and the governments of the world.

Many Christians who have been educated by both religious and/or secular higher educational systems have been trained to not value the Word and ways of God as realistic guidance for all governing aspects of life in the world. This has resulted in a multitude of various forms of bondage or slavery. Social, political, financial,

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physical, spiritual, and many other forms of bondage have taken control of the world's people and subsequently its governing systems.

An inversion of truth has occurred which tends to see the Word and ways of God as bondages that limit the freedom of individuals to participate in activities of carnal pleasure. The truth is that carnal pleasures only temporarily satisfy and always create a desire for more. In order to continue the individual's sense of satisfaction, one must have new and increasing activities of carnal pleasure. Therefore they become a lifestyle of addiction or bondage, stealing the individual's personal freedom to make real and free choices in life. The activities of the person's life become those which lead to the fulfillment or satisfaction of the addiction and not those which lead to prosperity and true freedom in all areas of life and government. The lack of productive and prosperous activity creates a dependent person, one who is dependent on someone or something else to provide the necessities of life and external direction or control for life.

Freedom means to be at liberty; at liberty to make decisions without the despotic control of another external force. Some antonyms of freedom are: **dependence**, restriction, **bondage**, servitude, **slavery**, imprisonment, and **captivity**. Any **thing** that brings one toward dependency is leading away from freedom and toward bondage or slavery to that **thing**.

People in the church emphasis age did not understand the difference between independence and freedom. Many have been deceived into believing that independence from any guidance in their lives except their own mind was freedom. **Independence from all authority, including God, is not freedom!** Ungodly or carnal living is not freedom and does not lead to life. On the contrary it leads toward bondage and death, not freedom and life. Individuals, fami-

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lies, governments and all institutions and systems of life will fail if the deception of carnal independence from God and His ways continues long enough. Death is the final result of independence from God and His ways. We are either slaves of sin unto death, or slaves of God's righteousness unto life.

Rom 6:16-19, 20-21: Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.

People in the kingdom emphasis age are beginning to understand that freedom comes only from knowing the truth that God is the creator and designer of life, and that He knows best how to live life, and how to govern in such a way as to produce true freedom and prosperity in every aspect of life.

The church age people, have tried to adapt principles from the Word of God to develop laws and rules for governing in the world. Often the attempt to use the moral principles of the Word of God to establish rule in the world was met with much resistance by those who feared the loss of carnal independence. The subsequent democratic attempts to compromise the ways of God to satisfy the carnal minds and personal addictions of the people have increasingly deteriorated life over the entire world.

People during the past church emphasis age retreated within the church walls and left the world to its own end. The great fallacy

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of the isolationist philosophy of the church is that no one in the world is truly isolated from the results of the actions of others. In the emerging age of the kingdom of God, people are returning to life; returning to rule and reign with Christ, and are beginning to have an impact upon the world. The great sleeping giant, the people of God who were asleep and in bondage in the church, is awakening and moving into life in the world. Kingdom age people are realizing that the **renewal of their mind** to the Word and ways of God, can bring the ways of God into their own lives, and then into their families, their communities, their nations and eventually into the entire world. No longer are we focused on the problems of the world but upon the possibility and potential of the power of God to change the world.

John 1, teaches us that Jesus was the Word and became flesh and dwelt among us. That same Jesus was crucified, resurrected from the dead, ascended to the right hand of the Father, and returned to the earth at Pentecost in the Holy Spirit, not just to dwell among us, but to actually dwell within believers. To abide in the Word we must abide in Christ, we must abide in the Spirit of the resurrected Christ. Only as we walk in the Spirit can we be delivered from walking in the carnal mind of the flesh. (*Gal 5:16*) Only as we abide in Him and He within us by His Spirit can we know the truth and bring forth into the world His ways of life and government of all aspects of life in the world.

We can rule and reign with Him now in this life as we yield to His Spirit and renew our minds from our carnal and church age ways to His righteous and kingdom age ways. (*2 Tim 2:12*) (*Rev 5:10*) His thoughts are higher than our thoughts. (*Isa 55:8-9*) He must live in us and produce His thoughts, His way of thinking and doing. We shall live by the faith of the Son of God, or we shall die by our carnal minds. (*Gal 2:20*) (*Rom 8:13*)

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John 15:4-11 "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.

"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

*"As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. "These things I have spoken to you, that **My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.***

Carnal pleasures never bring lasting joy. Joy is an inner excitement of peace that endures. Joy is peace excited. Peace is joy at rest. Certainly carnal pleasure is fun for a season, but will soon disappear leaving emptiness, until the next participation in an activity of fleshly pleasure. This is true for the nations of the world, just as it is true for individuals. The world, without the joy of the Lord, must depend on strife and war to obtain the ingredients for carnal pleasures.

One of the greatest natural carnal pleasures is to be ruler over other men, to be number one, to be better than others. Men involve themselves in conflicts that range from simple parlor games, to great sports activities, business ventures, and all out wars in an attempt to be greater and to have more than others. Individuals strive against individuals, families against families, tribes against tribes, and na-

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tions against nations, all in an effort to be number one, and to take the things that others have for their own carnal pleasure. The more riches one can obtain and the more luxury one can purchase, the more carnal pleasure one can have. I once saw a slogan on a shirt that read, "He who dies with the most toys wins". I later saw another one that read, "He who dies with the most toys, still dies."

The second greatest carnal pleasure is probably sexual stimulation and activity. The world has moved gradually and steadily toward immorality and extreme sexual perversions in its search for satisfaction from carnal pleasure. Just as common, if not more so, is the practice of overeating for carnal pleasure. Recreational immorality and recreational eating are common forms of seeking carnal pleasure to replace the Joy of the Lord that is lost from not abiding in Jesus.

One of the most severe forms of seeking carnal pleasure is the abuse of drugs and alcohol. For a short season one can alter the body chemistry with drugs and alcohol in such a way as to deceive the brain into a peaceful and pleasurable kind of feeling. But just like all other carnal pleasures it does not last. More and more is required to get the same feeling as the addiction grows into a life controlling bondage.

In the kingdom age men and women are learning that abiding in Jesus, in His Word, and in His love causes His joy to remain in them and their joy to be full, and dissolves the lust for carnal pleasures. The joy of the Lord is our strength to overcome the bondages of addictions to carnal pleasures and to walk in true freedom. The intense drive for carnal pleasure is destroyed by Christ in us. (Col 1:27) Ruling over others, being number one, having more things, sexual immorality and perversion, recreational overeating and all other carnal pleasures pale in the light of the inner joy of the Lord when we truly abide in Him and He abides in us.

Personal freedom of the individual eventually leads to national freedom. Spiritual freedom leads to moral freedom, and then to financial freedom. Political freedom will eventually result from the masses continuing in personal freedom. Only by abiding in the ways of God through Christ Jesus can freedom come forth in the world.

Someone has said that freedom is never granted by the oppressor. There will indeed be a great cost in obtaining freedom in our world. Throughout history many have died in an attempt to gain and maintain a pseudo freedom or independence. Even many of those fighting for a pseudo freedom were not free themselves, but were servants to one form of carnal pleasure or another, or some form of humanistic or religious philosophy of government. Subsequently many who have won the wars for freedom have then imposed their own brand of bondage upon others.

The cost of freedom began with the death of Christ Jesus on the cross and the martyrdom of the first century apostles. No man can number the multitudes of godly men and women who have been slain, and shall be slain as the great war for freedom on the earth roars toward a climatic end. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but spiritual for the pulling down of strongholds.

2 Cor 10:3-6: For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for **pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments** and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,** and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.*

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The war is won or lost in the mind and hearts of men. The true oppressor is not white over black, or communism against democracy, or gentile against Jew, or protestant against catholic, nor any other human or natural thing. The true oppressor is the spiritual enemy of God and man. The enemy uses all of these differences to inflame prejudice, fear, and strife in an attempt to rob the world of freedom. He desires to control and to become number one, equal to God. (*Isa 14:12-14*)

The good news is that Jesus has completely defeated the devil and now lives in believers to destroy all the work of the enemy. (*Col 2:15*) (*1 John 3:8b*) (*Luke 10:19a*)

The bad news is that people of the world have been deceived and entrapped into seeking carnal pleasure, instead of delighting in the Lord and experiencing the joy of the Lord. The joy of the Lord will overcome the enemy's ability to corrupt the individuals life, and thereby take away all of his ability to steal freedom from the world.

Neh 8:10b: Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The devil has only the power given to him by the people of the world. God has given dominion to man and has defeated the enemy. God has not rescinded His position of giving rule of the earth to man. (*Gen 1:26-28*) Man lives or dies by the decisions that he makes. God will not intervene without man's permission. The plan and work of God on earth will not come to pass without man's permission and participation. God had to become the man, Jesus, to carry out redemption and the plan of God on earth. Only man had the God given authority to rule in the earth and it was necessary that redemption come through a man. Jesus was that man and now can

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live in man by the Spirit of Christ and carry out the will of God on earth. Only with the permission and participation of men will it be done, and only by the indwelling presence and power of the resurrected Christ can it be done.

Man, by his collective majority decision to turn from the ways of God and from abiding in Christ, to seeking carnal pleasures, has given power to the devil. The beautiful but cunning serpent of Genesis Chapter Three, who tempted Eve in the garden of Eden, has become the ferocious fiery red dragon of Revelation Chapter Twelve, by the power given unto him by the people of the world.

Is it possible that man now has the potential of Christ within to completely bind the enemy's power and bring forth the plan and will of God on earth, that the destruction of evil is now within the potential of Christ in man? Is it possible that the Word of God is true and that good can overcome evil? Could it be that the Spirit of Christ bringing forth His love in the body of Christ throughout the world can bring forth righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, and overcome the evil of the world?

If we look at the problem, the multitudes of evil men who are bent on destruction, and the great deceptive philosophy of seeking carnal pleasure that rules men around the world, certainly it does not seem possible to the natural mind that evil can be defeated and the kingdom of God can and is coming forth into our world. Looking at the giants in the land is exactly what the enemy wants us to do. (Num 13:32-14-1)

The victory waits only for men to have faith and believe the Word of God. Faith comes where there is righteousness, peace, and the joy of the Lord. Faith in God cannot be strong in carnal pleasure seekers. The prayers and faith of righteous men will unleash the power of God to change the world. The great outpourings of the Spirit of God upon His mature sons can bring forth renewal and people can repent of seeking carnal pleasures and turn to God by the millions.

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While at the same time, the great apocalyptic cataclysmic events of the book of Revelation can destroy evil works and quickly alter the entire scheme of things in the world. Yes, it may be a bloody fiery road to freedom of the World, but God can protect and deliver His children. The kingdoms of the world will become the kingdoms of our God. (*Rev 11:15*) We will rule and reign in the earth with Him. (*2 Tim 2:12*) We will overcome the evil one by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. There is nothing too hard for the Lord. (*Gen 18:14*)

Rev 12:11: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

In the church age, for the most part, Christianity was something that people added to their lives. It was a part of their lives that helped them to be good citizens and do a better job of their vocation. **In the kingdom age, serving the Lord IS our vocation. Christ Jesus IS our lives, not a part of our lives.**

Everything in the kingdom begins with the King, Christ Jesus. Our very lives must be given into His hand whether we live long, or whether we die young in battle, we are the Lords and will be present with Him. Whether we live or die, we shall ever be with the Lord.

Rom 14:8: For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

Adding God into our lives as part of our life will never bring freedom to our lives and to our world. Only as men give themselves wholly to the Lord, will they find real purpose in the job they are

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given to do. They will do every task as unto the Lord and will be better at every work the Lord gives them to do. They will serve others with their whole heart as they serve God by serving others. More will be done and more prosperity will result from seeking to serve, rather than seeking to gain for carnal pleasure.

Kingdom freedom is in the heart and mind of the individual.

Truly the kingdom of God is within you. (*Luke 17:21*) We cannot be free in the world until we are free in our heart. The masses cannot be changed except they are changed from within, one heart at a time. There may be millions being changed in an instant, but the release of freedom is still in each individual heart.

Everything else will follow the mind and heart. We must come to the realization that the rule of the world is within the hearts and minds of men. What we think and believe is far more important than most have realized. The world and all of its complicated systems must respond to the faith and words of men. What men believe and say will manifest into the world.

The war becomes one for the minds and hearts of men. The first battle of the war is the redemption of man. Men must come into contact with the living God and become connected to Him through Christ Jesus. Until the life is yielded to God and the Holy Spirit is indwelling and filling the life, the heart and mind will be in opposition to the will and kingdom of God. The battle is won or lost in what men believe in their hearts.

The just shall live by faith, and the unjust shall die by fear and unbelief. What men believe in their hearts, they will speak with their mouths. (*Luke 6:45*) What they believe and speak releases the dominion forces given to man and begins to bring forth into the natural world the things man believed in his heart. (*Mark 11:23-24*) Spiritual powers are poised to bring forth the thoughts and words of men into the world. The lips and the tongues of men are the source from which the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God, can be launched

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into the world. (*Eph 6:17*) As the resurrected Spirit of Christ dwelling within men speaks forth the empowered Word and will of God, it is planted into the hearts of men and into the world, and the world is changed, set free from the control of the enemy.

In the same way, evil words of unbelief, fear, and hatred are spoken forth from the hearts of ungodly men. Their lips and tongues become the source for the power of the enemy to bring forth evil words or curses to change the world and hinder the kingdom of God coming forth upon the earth.

Beliefs precede words (spoken).

Thoughts precede beliefs.

Words (received) **precede thoughts.**

Words (spoken) **precede works.**

The strongholds of the enemy are in the minds of men. The minds of men are controlled by the thoughts within. The thoughts within man are generated by the inputs coming into the mind. What a mind sees and hears over time will become reality to that person. The person will act and react in accordance with his or her perception of reality, and his or her actions and reactions will effect change in the world. Therefore the key to bringing forth the kingdom of God, God's freedom and ways of life into the world is the planting of the truth of God into the minds of men. By the preaching of the Word the world can be delivered and walk in freedom. (*1 Cor 1:21*)

There are two sources of input into the minds and hearts of men. One is the natural five senses, especially the eyes and ears, the other is the spiritual five senses, especially the spiritual eyes and ears. Everything seen, heard, or felt by man has an effect upon the mind of the person. Every word whether a picture or spoken word must contain and communicate a thought. The thought is planted in the mind of the one seeing, hearing, and feeling and can grow into a

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belief if heard or seen often enough, especially from what is considered to be a reliable source.

From the natural inputs one's mind is shaped into patterns of belief as a child and confirmed and modified as a mature person. Every communication, every word, thought, or feeling has its origin in either the truth of God, or the lies of the enemy. Though often subtle and hidden, every story, every word, or communication moves one toward the ways of God or toward the ways of the enemy, depending upon the origin of the communication. The culmination of the stored thoughts become the belief system of the life and will determine the destiny of the person, and will have an effect on the destiny of the world. Only by renewing the mind to the thoughts and ways of God can one be freed of the strongholds of thought patterns planted by the inputs of the enemy. And only by renewing the mind can one be filled with the powerful potential of God. (*Rom 12:2*) (*Eph 4:23*) (*Col 3:10*)

Spiritual inputs from the Spirit of God within the person can bring new pictures, words, and feelings directly from the Spirit of God into the mind of the believer. The visions, words, and feelings from the Spirit, if received and believed, can destroy old ways of thinking and bring new vision and power into the life and subsequently into the world. Spiritual gifts such as prophesy are vital for those who are not skilled at receiving from the Spirit within themselves. The prophetic word can give them a picture, word, or feeling from God that can be planted into their lives and help bring forth the will and plan of God for the person.

In the same way, evil pictures, words, and feelings can be received in the minds of men directly from the powers of darkness. The evil communications can alter the patterns of thought within the mind and bring forth the plan and will of the devil into the world.

The choices that lead to freedom of the world begin with the choice of what men will choose to see, hear, and feel. The things

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that are focused upon and allowed to remain in the mind and heart of men will bring forth the ways of God in the earth, or the ways of the devil. It is up to each of us individually to choose what we will hear and see, which will destine our thoughts, which will destine our actions, which will destine our lives, which will destine our world.

Freedom or bondage is a choice we make at the level of what we will look at and listen to, and what feelings and thoughts we will allow within our hearts and minds. The enemy desires that one believe that nothing can be done to change the world and everybody is doing it this way, or that way, so one might as well go ahead and do it the same way and enjoy carnal pleasures. He wants you to think something like, "I am only one person and can really do nothing to change the world, and no one is going to know what things I allow in my thoughts, so it really does not matter very much what I think and do".

The truth is that the enemy need only deceive one person (one person at a time) to deceive the majority of the world. As long as sons of God are thinking in this way the enemy can continue his evil works of bondage in the world. He can cause the church to remain in retreat within its own walls and be of little or no effect in establishing the kingdom of God, or the ways and will of God, into our world.

Thanks be to God that now in our time the sons of God are awakening and coming forth to proclaim the gospel of the kingdom from heaven on earth. Now in this day individuals are coming into intimacy with God that causes them to determine to seek and serve God with their whole heart. No matter, if the whole world does not go with them, these maturing sons of God will go anyway. It is not as important to them, whether they live this way or that; the important thing is that God lives within them and is present with them. Long life on the earth is not the first priority. The first and predomi-

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nant priority is that the fullness of God come forth in their lives, and that His kingdom come, and His will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Truly the model prayer given by our Lord has become the theme and purpose of our lives.

*Mat 6:9-10: "In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.***

When different men believe and speak different opposing words, the spiritual war is on. Those who have the greatest measure of rule and the greatest number of hearts believing, praying, and speaking will prevail. When multitudes come into agreement for the will of God, and pray and speak His will and Word, the will of God is done in our lives and in the world.

Do you see why it is such an important strategy of the enemy to divide and cause disagreement among believers? The great potential of millions of believers in agreement would bring a quick end to the enemy's work in the world. He could no longer hinder the kingdom of God.

The strategy of the enemy of keeping mens minds focused on carnal television programing, movies, sports, video games, etc. is very important to him. These things contain subliminal and subtle thoughts and ways, that will lead men away from the Word and ways of God. People, especially young people, will accept what they see and hear repeatedly, and it will mold and shape their minds, which will mold and shape their lifestyle. We cannot focus our thinking on the things of carnal pleasure and expect to live the kingdom of God lifestyle. Feeding our minds on sexual perversion, immorality, violence, and every other form of carnal pleasure, will produce those same qualities within one's character.

Feeding on the Word of God will produce the kingdom of God lifestyle.

CHAPTER 16

War

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The price of freedom is sometimes war. If an alien force occupies a land and will not relinquish control to the true government of the land the people of the land will not be set free until the enemy forces are defeated and made to release the land and its captives.

I can clearly remember seeing, as a young boy, newsreel films of the liberation of prisoners of war from concentration camps during World War II. I remember the pitiful starved skin and bone bodies of the men who had survived the ordeal and managed to stay alive long enough to be set free. Those who had any strength left had large smiles upon their bony faces as they embraced their liberators with great joy. Others were too far gone, too near dead to even get up and could barely manage a smile of gratitude. Many others were already dead from starvation and disease. The liberation had come too late for them.

Everyone wept and jumped for joy. It seemed to me at the time that the whole United States of America was weeping for their pain and loss, or for the great joy of seeing husbands, sons, and fathers set free from cruel bondage. When the war was finally over there was great rejoicing with dancing, singing, shouting and jumping up and down for joy. Everyone wanted to hug someone, anyone. Yet many moms went to their private place and wept for the sons that would never come home. Wives wept bitterly for a season and then usually were married again, but the moms could never fill the empty place created by the loss of their son. They could only find solace in the fact that their sons had died for a good cause, the cause of freedom.

God gave His son for the same cause, our freedom. Freedom from all the cruel bondages of the enemy, freedom to live in abun-

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dance of righteousness, peace, and joy. Freedom to exist with Him eternally apart from the painful, death of separation from Him caused by our sin. Freedom to come into His presence and to know the love of God that is greater than all of the evil in the world. Freedom to overcome fear, remorse, hate, anger, rage, greed, lust, and every evil that would beset us. Freedom to experience the beauties of holiness, and the lack of the frustration caused by evil in our daily lives. Freedom to live in peace no matter what our circumstances. Freedom to die to self that Christ might fully live within us to do all He desires with our days on earth.

Yet there are many still held in the concentration camps of the enemy in cruel bondages. Evil bondages of drugs, immorality, sexual perversions, pornography, alcohol, money, carnal pleasure seeking, evil carousing, strife, hatred, fear, jealousy, insecurity, inferiority, gambling, pride, arrogance, religion, religious sects, cults, occult torments, blood lust, and demonic bondage of every sort. It is too late for many mother's sons and daughters who are already dead from their evil bondage. There is no consolation for their loss. Their children did not die for a good cause. They did not die for freedom, they died from the lack of freedom.

The Body of Christ is changing from a defensive mode to an offensive mode. The victory is already won at the cross and now the resurrected Christ by the Holy Spirit is rising up within believers, who are set free by the power and Spirit of God, for the purpose of attacking the strongholds of the enemy in others and setting the captives free. There is a new generation of children being born to "set free" parents who will walk in a new level of spiritual power not seen on the earth since the first century. There is now the power and potential of God coming forth on the earth in the purified children of God to destroy every stronghold of the enemy and set every captive free. The mighty revivals of the past will seem small com-

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pared to the demonstration of spiritual power brought forth by the Spirit of God and the Holy Angels through the faith of the new generation of spiritual children now coming into the earth.

Strongholds of the enemy must be destroyed on an individual basis. Strongholds are holds that the enemy has on someone. They are primarily in the soul (the mind, will, and the emotions) of the person. A network of evil beliefs and seeds of ideas have grown to control the persons soul and are enforced by evil spirits which first entice the person and then hook them into addictions and patterns of destructive behavior. The entire network is a work of lies that allows the the powers of darkness to torment the soul and blind the spiritual eyes to truth. Those in bondage are prisoners of the spiritual war; the war that for the most part, past generations of Christians did not even know was going on. The weapons of our warfare are spiritual and must be fought in the spiritual realm.

*2 Cor 10:3-5: For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but **mighty in God for pulling down strongholds**, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, **bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.***

*Eph 6:12: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against **principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.***

All that we need to attack and destroy strongholds of the enemy is in the Spirit of Christ and the Word of God. The weapons of our warfare are spiritual prayer, speaking the Word of God, praise,

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worship, and thanksgiving unto God. The joy of the Lord is our strength. Faith activates the power of the Word of God to destroy lies and establish truth. The all powerful love of God, flowing through the Spirit of Christ within the believer and out to those in need is the power of God to destroy the work of the enemy, to tear down networks of lies, thoughts and beliefs planted by the enemy. The anointing of the Spirit destroys the yoke of bondage. The truth of the gospel of the kingdom of God brings abundant life and freedom.

The Lord does not use any one particular formula for destroying strongholds and setting His people free from the bondages of the enemy. Much the same as the Bible records Jesus' healing in many different ways, He continues today to work through believers to heal and deliver in different ways. Different needs and different personalities, with different mixtures of differing degrees of wounds and bondages are uniquely ministered to by the Spirit.

In the past a shotgun type approach was sometimes used by ministers who were unskilled in hearing and moving with the Holy Spirit. Generally speaking a formula type approach toward binding and casting out evil spirits, and offering prayers designed to hit a broad spectrum of possible needs were blasted out in the hope that some would hit the target. In some instances additional wounds were caused by the portions of the blast that missed the mark and instead hit the person or others who were close to the person. The Holy Spirit is a much better marksman. Like a skilled surgeon He can carefully discern the need and remove that which needs removing, and heal that which needs healing, without creating more damage.

The Holy Spirit knows the level and degree of ministry required in each situation. God will not send a bulldozer to remove a splinter in the finger. Nor will he send a pair of tweezers to move

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tons of dirt. The needs of people for healing and deliverance are extremely varied. They range from the demon controlled serial murderer, and the drug addicted Satan worshiper, to the naive young Christian that was painfully rejected, or made a regrettable mistake. God loves them all and Jesus is the answer for them all. Yet the degree of healing and deliverance and the method that God will use to bring the process of healing and deliverance of their souls, are as varied as the persons and their needs.

In the recent past church history there has been such a focus on being born again in order to go to heaven when one dies, that the powerful ministry of Jesus to heal the broken hearted and set the captives free in this present life was largely ignored by many. God is in the business of redeeming mankind, spirit, soul, and body. One's spirit is made alive, made a new creation in an instant upon receiving the redemption of Christ by the Holy Spirit. The soul (mind, will, and emotions) is being saved by the process of the resurrected Christ indwelling by the Holy Spirit and the renewing of one's mind.

One's mind must be renewed, old patterns torn down, and new patterns established that conform to the Word and ways of God; one's self will must be broken and conformed to the will of God; and one's emotions must be healed by the Spirit of Christ. The process of salvation of one's soul, follows the instantaneous rebirth of one's spirit. Healing for the body will often follow the salvation of one's mind, will, and emotions.

*1 Th 5:23-24: Now may the **God** of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole **spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming (or presence) of our Lord Jesus Christ. He **who calls you** is faithful, **who also will do it.***

*Rom 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, **but be***

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transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Eph 4:22-23: That you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

Heb 8:10b: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

1 Th 5:24: He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.

What God tells us to do he will empower us to do by His power within us by His Spirit.

Phil 2:13: For it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Eph 3:16-20: That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height; to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

Luke 24:49: Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon

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*you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are **endued with power from on high.***

The power from on high indwelling the believer is the only source of deliverance and healing, first for one's self and then in assistance to others. The power of the indwelling resurrected Christ is more than enough to break every addiction, every bondage, every evil habit, and to drive off every evil spirit of darkness. No stronghold can stand in the face of the empowerment of the Spirit of God released in prayer by faith in God. God's grace has provided unlimited power from heaven to restore, to renew, to heal, and to deliver.

The Spirit of God can direct us to see below the surface of evil and destructive behavior to the root causes, and to deal with them through speaking the Word, and specific prayer, speaking to the condition. Only in the anointing of the Spirit of God will these words be empowered and fruitful in one's life. There are many conditions common to many people and there are methods of speaking to the conditions common to many person's needs. As the anointing of the presence of God is present to minister, one may receive healing and deliverance by knowing how to speak to some of these conditions that are common to many.

True repentance is always the first step toward complete healing and deliverance. It does not matter what the root causes were, what environmental conditions may have been a factor, nor what kind of genes, family line tendencies, or curses are passed down to the individual. The reality of the whole matter is that God gave His only Son for the redemption of mankind. He has by his mercy and grace provided in Jesus Christ all that is needed for one's complete victory over all evil and every sinful condition. The only reason one remains in sin is one's own choice.

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John 15:22: "If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin."

Imagine with me for a moment. If Jesus had not come and did all that He did, and said all he said, and returned to earth in the Holy Spirit to do all that he does, and if He had not given us His Word, then one's excuses would be valid. One could reasonably say that the devil caused me to do it, or the family line genetics and predisposition toward sin coming from my family line made me like I am, or that the environment I grew up in caused me to be this way and I could not help it. True all these things caused us to be bent toward sin and evil. **But because Christ came and redeemed mankind with His own life, because He ever lives to intercede for us, and because He in-dwells believers to empower and bring about His righteous obedience within us, WE HAVE NO EXCUSE.**

The real factor is not how much one has sinned nor what the causes were. The real factor is **WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH JESUS CHRIST?** Have you sought Him with your whole heart? Have you met Him at the cross and received forgiveness of sin by His blood? Have you received Him by the Holy Spirit into your heart and life? Have you made him the **LORD** of your life? Have you sought His presence by the Spirit? Have you sought Him in His Word? Have you repented for your sin and for not doing all these things? Repentance means a turning about, a turning from our "self walk" to a walk toward God. It means beginning to seek God with our whole heart. It means seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first, above all else in life. After true repentance is in place we can begin to deal with some of the root conditions of need for healing and deliverance, common to many people.

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Two of these common root conditions are discussed in the book, “*Overcoming Life On A Small Planet*”. Chapter 22, “*Beyond Repentance*”, and Chapter 23, “*Forgiveness & Beyond*”. These chapters deal with forgiveness, healing wounds of the heart, and binding and loosing. At this time, it would be a good idea to review these chapters and **be certain that these works have been done within**, before going on with the consideration of other root conditions that are common to many people.

As a warrior in the kingdom of God we are to offensively attack the enemy and his work. The strongholds of the enemy must be destroyed, from the root conditions, to the perverted behavior they have caused. The spirits of darkness and negative character qualities must be directly addressed and destroyed or removed.

Areas of bondage may exist within a person even after true repentance. A part of renewing one’s mind is to drive the enemy away, close any openings that may allow his return, and renew the patterns of thought and life. The anointed words spoken in prayer in agreement with the Word and ways of God can drive the enemy away, close all openings, and destroy wrong thought patterns. The Word of God must be built into the life and His ways must come forth by the Spirit of Christ.

Two of the openings or root causes are **disobedience** and **iniquity of the fathers**. In addition to our own disobedience, there is much scripture to indicate that the children were often affected by the disobedience of their fathers. Though the sins of the fathers are the responsibility of the fathers only, the curse of the iniquity (tendency to sin) of the forefathers is passed on through the generations. We can see, in a very practical sense in the Heart-Trees and the Babylonian Family Pattern, how the children are affected by the iniquity of their fathers. (Re: *Overcoming Life On A Small Planet*, Chapters 15 & 19.) The situation seems to be that if the children have always done everything required of them by the Lord, the iniquity

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is not passed on. Yet most have not always done right at all times and are therefore subject to attacks from the enemy through this curse, and it may need to be severed. This curse can especially be a problem when there is some history of blatant sin and/or demonic activity in ones forefathers.

*Deuteronomy 28:45-46: Moreover all these **curse**s shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you **did not obey** the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you.*

*Exodus 34:7: ...keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children** and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation.*

*Lamentations 5:7: Our fathers sinned and are no more, **but we bear their iniquities.***

*Numbers 14:33: And **your sons** shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years, and **bear the brunt of your infidelity**, until your carcasses are consumed in the wilderness.*

*Isaiah 14:21: "Prepare slaughter for his **children** because of the **iniquity of their fathers**, lest they rise up and possess the land, and fill the face of the world with cities."*

*Nehemiah 9:2: Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they **stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.***

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Heavenly Father, I repent of all disobedience in my life. And I repent for the iniquity of my forefathers, that is in any way affecting my life.

In the name of Jesus, I sever all effects of the iniquity of my forefathers from my life and say they no longer have any effect on my life. I say it is done, this curse is severed, in Jesus' name.

Satan and all powers of darkness, I command you, in the name of Jesus, this curse and all effects of the sins of my forefathers are severed, from my life, and you may never use them again to bring stress of any form to my life. Thank you, Father, for the severance of this curse from my life. Thank you Jesus for freedom and liberty.

Other very common openings and root causes that give the enemy ground and may need to be dealt with are **spoken word curses, improper vows, and judgments**. Words are seeds, living things that can grow and cause great change. Words mixed with belief can rearrange creation. Words spoken to children can shape their entire lives. Words spoken to us or about us are extremely powerful to change our lives for good, or for bad. The enemy certainly hears the bad words and is always looking for a legal right to do bad. A negative or critical word, especially spoken in agreement with another person, gives the enemy the opportunity he waits for.

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Some negative, critical words may be spoken by those who know what they are doing to release evil effects on our lives. Satanists, witches, etc. know how to work with the powers of darkness to come against the lives of Christians. Other negative critical words may be released in ignorance by us or by other unknowing friends or family. Sometimes in discussing the situation of those we are concerned about, we can release negative words to others and even receive an agreement from them. The result of speaking this negative word is that we bind the problem to the person. As believing sons of God, the words we speak are very potent.

*Matthew 12:36-37: But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. For **by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.***

*Proverbs 18: 21a: **Death and life are in the power of the tongue.***

*Matthew 12:32: Anyone who **speaks a word** against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever **speaks against the Holy Spirit**, it will not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.*

*Matthew 4:4: But He answered and said, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every **word** that proceeds from the mouth of God.*

Judgments we have made are powerful tools for the enemy. Every judgment that we have ever made of someone else causes us to be affected by the very thing that we judged them for. Judgments set up a two-way road for the enemy, not only to bind the person in

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the thing we judge or accuse them of, but also to bring the same thing upon ourselves. **The difference between judging and discerning it that there is no condemnation in discernment.** There is condemnation in judgment.

*Matthew 7:1-2: Judge not, that you be not judged. **For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged;** and with the same measure you use, it will be measured back to you.*

John 20:23: If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.

Romans 2:1: ...for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself.

Vows are similar to spoken word curses in that words spoken or written have caused the problem. Vows are usually promises or commitments spoken of one's self or to others. There are two areas of potential curses relative to vows: One is a vow made to God and not kept, or a vow made to someone and confirmed by God that is not kept; the other is a vow made by a person by speaking limiting critical or negative words about his own life, such as: **"I'll never** grow up---get married---have children---get well---be rich---be liked by others---etc. **I will not** live past a certain age, **I will** always be stupid---ugly---incapable---weak---etc. **I could never** sing---speak in front of people---get a good job---quit drinking---have a good life---etc."

Heavenly Father, I repent of every negative or critical word that I've spoken. In the name of Jesus, I sever every curse from my life that has

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been spoken on me by myself or others. I specifically sever (speak any known words that need to be severed).

I sever from my life and destroy every negative word, negative pronouncement, negative agreement, negative confession, and negative prognosis, in the name of Jesus. I destroy every work of Satanic arts and sciences, every work of witchcraft or sorcery, all spells, incantations, and curses in any form. These works are severed from my life now and for all time and eternity in Jesus' name. Thank you, Father.

Father, I repent of every negative judgment that I've ever made of others or myself, whether spoken, written or thought. In the name of Jesus, I sever the curse of these judgments from my life, and from the lives of those I've judged. I specifically sever the curses and release the judgments I've made against my father, mother, _____, _____, and _____. I say that we are free of these judgmental curses. Satan, you may never

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use these again to bring stress of any form into my life or the lives of others. Thank you, Father.

Heavenly Father, I repent for every vow that I've made to you, or to man, and not kept. I choose to pay and make right those which I can. Father, I ask you for mercy, through the blood of Jesus, to release me from the vows which I cannot pay. I thank you Father, that I am forgiven and released from these vows.

I repent of every negative and improper vow that I've ever made, and in the name of Jesus, I sever the curse of these vows and destroy their effect on my life. In the name of Jesus, I specifically destroy the effect and sever the curse of

In the name of Jesus, I command you Satan, and all powers of darkness, you may never again use these vows or any curses related to them, to bring stress or limitation to my life, in any way. Thank you, Father, for setting me free. I proclaim liberty and freedom, in the name of Jesus.

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Perhaps one of the most perplexing strongholds a person may face is **occult involvement and practices**. One, though born again, and in the Word, may still be affected by the demonic spirits and occult practices of one's past. One may find that, even without their approval, an individual may find their mind invaded by occult thoughts. One may hear the thoughts in others minds, though he does not wish to. One may have evil pictures of lust and gore flash into their mind. Spirit beings and evil supernatural occurrences may appear to him or her. While one seeks to be holy—perverted, grotesque, sexual thoughts and pictures may enter one's mind.

Others may have more socially acceptable occult practices. P.M.A. (positive mental attitude) and such related sciences of the mind that seek to alter a person's attitude and life situations may seem like a good thing. But if the science of mind leaves out Jesus as the source and the Holy Spirit as the administrator, it probably has its ultimate source in the enemy. Mind-power focuses on the human but has its roots in the occult.

Christians are sometimes deceived into a form of witchcraft or sorcery. A group of Christians may determine in their own minds, apart from the leadership of the Holy Spirit, what should be done about a certain situation. They may talk about the situation and form an agreement of opinion. They may then pray together for that situation to be determined as they think it should be. By doing this, they may actually cause it to happen. But it may not be the will of God. As an example: they may be praying for a young couple not to get together, or to break up, or for two people to be attracted to each other and get married. Or they may be praying for anything else that they believe would be good, but have not truly heard from God on the matter. These soulish prayers can create much difficulty for people who do not know why these things are happening to them, nor how to warfare against them in the Spirit.

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Occult influences may enter into one's life and create an openness to psychic or occult influences through:

1. Heredity.
2. Involvement or interest in occult activities or practices.
3. Sexual intercourse with an involved person.
4. Drugs.

Once this openness exists, it may remain open until the ministry of Jesus is appropriated by an act of the will of the individual to **renounce Satan, all occult practices, involvements, etc.** Occult practices include anything from psychic readings, astrology, parlor games of divination, to Satanic worship, and witchcraft of all sorts. This person may experience his or her mind being invaded with occult powers and activities against his or her will, and may find it difficult to enter into the presence and things of God until his openness to occult and psychic influences are closed.

*Acts 19:18-20: And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of **those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them** in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.*

*2 Thessalonians 2:9-10: The coming of the lawless one is according to **the working of Satan, with all power, signs and lying wonders**, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.*

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Deuteronomy 18:9-14: *When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations, the Lord your God drives them out from before you. You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.*

Heavenly Father, I repent of all involvement, interest, and curiosity, in any and all cults and/or psychic or occult activities. I turn from all dependency on, or use of any cult, occult, or psychic activity to meet my needs or desires. I say that God and His words, by the Holy Spirit, are my only source of spiritual understanding and power.

Satan, I renounce you and all cult or occult or psychic involvement or practices.

I specifically renounce :

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_____, _____,
_____, and _____.

In the name of Jesus, I command that my openness to occult or psychic influence be closed and remain closed for all of my life, in the name of Jesus. Satan and powers of darkness, I command you, in the name of Jesus, you may never again invade my mind or hinder my entering into the presence of God. These openings are closed and will remain held closed by the power of God, in the name of Jesus. I say I have repented and have renounced Satan and all cult, occult, or psychic practices, and I say, in the name of Jesus, that all openness to occult and psychic influences in my life are now closed. Satan, and all powers of darkness, you may never use these again to bring stress in any form to my life, in Jesus's name. Thank you, Father, for setting me free.

Another often overlooked area of bondage one may have caused, and continue to be affected by, is **improper soul ties**. There are connections or ties made between people who have become close or intimate friends and/or companions. This knitting together

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is a good thing between husbands and wives, or between close friends. However, it can become a bondage when, through disobedience or lack of understanding, one has become knit together with another person, whom one should not be bound together with. One may not have always heard and followed the will of God, and therefore may not have always made good choices, in becoming close with another person. One's soul can become knit together with another person's soul through close relationships, especially through sexual intercourse.

There are good and bad soul ties. Improper soul ties cause bondages that hinder the plan of God for our lives. They can be severed by appropriating the ministry of Jesus, by **believing** in the heart and **speaking** with the mouth the severance of all improper soul ties.

*1 Samuel 18:1-3: And it was so, when he had finished speaking to Saul, that **the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.** Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore. Then **Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.***

The soul tie of Jonathan and David is an example of a good soul tie, one God intended and caused to happen for the carrying out of His will. Marriages put together by God are very similar soul ties. A knitting together of the soul and a real love, lead to making a covenant between the two. We should never attempt to sever good soul ties ordained by God. Some people have lifelong best friends, usually formed in childhood or in adolescence. They may not see each other for years, but they remain just as close forever.

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However, some soul ties are not of God and are not of his will or His doing. Many are formed by man or the enemy and can become very detrimental to the plan of God in the person's life. Family and friends are sometimes perplexed by a woman who is in a bad, ungodly relationship with a man who may beat her and abuse her in other ways. Yet she keeps going back to the man and feels she still loves him. This may not be love at all. It probably is a strong soul tie in the spiritual realm that must be severed for this woman to ever be free to go on with the will of God for her life.

Care must always be taken to only follow the Holy Spirit in determining the will of God in each situation. Not every abused person should leave every difficult relationship. There is often much more involved that may or may not be presented and known at the time. There is usually more to understanding a situation than the perspective of one of the persons involved. God will honor faith and may be working on a situation for salvation, deliverance and healing of all involved.

Although a person may have left a close relationship years ago and may never even think of the other person, a part of him or her may remain tied in the spiritual realm to the soul of the other person. Sometimes people don't realize why they don't seem to be able to give themselves wholly into a relationship. Unsevered soul ties may hinder our freedom to give ourselves, though we never even think of the person. Soul ties are a work in the spiritual realm and do not go away just because we leave a relationship. Some people are tied to so many souls that their life is confused and bound.

Soul ties occur in close relationships of all kinds. One may become soul tied to a pastor or other spiritual leader, and not be able to give themselves into another church or ministry, even after moving on to a new situation. Perhaps the most devastating reality is that we become tied to anyone we have had sexual intercourse with. This certainly includes former husbands or wives. Just be-

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cause the couple ended the earthly marriage does not mean the soul ties between them ended in the spiritual realm. God must direct us as to which soul ties to sever and which ones that He wants to remain. We must never sever ties of a past marriage, even in abusive relationships until we know the will of God for that particular soul tie. We must, not only know if there should be a severing of soul ties, but also when it should be done. Timing may be very important to carry out God's plan.

Heavenly Father, I repent of anything I've done wrong to create improper soul ties. In the name of Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, as an act of my will, I sever all improper soul ties and spirit ties from my life. I specifically sever the soul tie and spirit tie with _____, _____, and _____.

(Continue to speak all names with whom ties are to be severed.)

I say these ties are severed in the name of Jesus. Satan, and all powers of darkness, I command you in the name of Jesus, you may never use these again to bring stress or bondage into my life. Thank you, Father, for setting me free, for severing these ties and curses. Thank you for liberty and freedom to give myself according to your will. Amen.

Author's Agreement:

Heavenly Father, I agree with these prayers of the reader. I stand in full agreement that true repentance has occurred and that all curses and bondages of every sort are severed from the life of the reader, in the name of Jesus. I thank you Father, for severing the curses of spoken words, judgments, and improper or broken vows.

Thank you Father, for setting the reader free from all influences and effects of the iniquities of their forefathers.

I especially, thank you Father, for the severance of all curses caused by interest or involvement in cult, occult or psychic practices.

Thank you Father, for severing improper soul ties and setting the reader free from the bondage of these ties.

I thank you Father, that the reader continues to walk in forgiveness toward others and continues to receive healing of the heart.

I say, in the name of Jesus, these works are

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done, as of this date and time. I command you Satan and all powers of darkness, you may never again use any of these things, to in any way bring stress into the readers life. Satan and all powers of darkness, I bind your power, in the name of Jesus, I command you to be gone from, and to be far from the reader.

In the name of Jesus, I proclaim liberty and freedom in the life of the reader. I thank you Father , for healing and deliverance, through your mercy and your grace gifts, flowing through your love. Praise you Lord, for your great and awesome works. Thank you Jesus for such a great salvation to such an abundant, joyful, peaceful life. You are glorious Lord and your ways are above all we can think.

I ask you now Father, to bless the reader, with the fullness of your Spirit, with truth, knowledge, revelation, enlightenment, joy, peace, let the fullness of your love be manifest in the heart of the reader. In Jesus Name. Amen

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Isa 9:2-7: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them a light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation And increased its joy; They rejoice before You according to the joy of harvest, As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.

For You have broken the yoke of his burden and the staff of his shoulder, The rod of his oppressor, As in the day of Midian. For every warrior's sandal from the noisy battle, And garments rolled in blood, Will be used for burning and fuel of fire.

*For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the increase* of His government and peace* There will be no end,** Upon the throne of David and over **His kingdom,** To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. **The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.***

Individuals who have been in great darkness or oppression see the great light of the glorious gospel of the kingdom, and are set free as they come to the light. (Mat 4:16-17)

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Isa 60:1-2: Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

*John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but **have the light of life.**"*

*John 12:36 "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may **become sons of light.**"*

In the natural realm, after the oppressor is defeated and the captives set free the war ends and the victors rule. The new government is in full control and begins the process of restoring and repairing all that was damaged by the oppressor. Our new government* is the Child that was born, the Son that is given. The burden of the empire or government is upon Jesus's shoulders. He carried the load of the cross upon his shoulders to redeem man. Today as He lives within believers (His body on earth), He carries the load of responsibility for governing the kingdoms of the world, in and through the sons of God.

*H4951. misrah, mis-raw'; from H8280; **empire**:--government. H8280. sarah, saw-raw'; a prim. root; **to prevail**:--**have power** (as a prince).

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*H4768. marbiyth, mar-beeth'; from H7235; a multitude; also offspring; spec. interest (on capital):--greatest part, **greatness**, increase, multitude.

*H7965. shalown, shaw-lome'; or shalom, shaw-lome'; from H7999; safe, i.e. (fig.) **well, happy, friendly**; also (abstr.) welfare, i.e. **health, prosperity, peace**:-- X do, familiar, X fare, favour, + friend, X greet, (good) health, (X perfect, such as be at) peace (-able, -ably), prosper (-ity, -ous), rest, safe (-ly), salute, welfare, (X all is, be) well, X wholly.

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God became man in Jesus to redeem and rule, or govern, the world. Only man is given authority to have dominion in the earth. It is man's God given responsibility to govern the world. Christ Jesus the King came as one man and paid the full price of the redemption of man and the world. Man now has the potential and responsibility to become **sons of God**, and to become **one with Christ and the Father**, for the purpose of ruling and reigning in the earth.

This is the season on the earth for the King to rule and reign in His sons. Sons of God are one with Christ and the Father. Sons are in Him and He is in His sons. (*John 1:12*) (*Rom 8:14*)

*Rom 8:19-21: For the earnest expectation of the **creation** eagerly waits for the revealing of the **sons of God**. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because **the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.***

*John 17:20-21: (Jesus speaking) I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as **You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us**, that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

*John 14:18-20: (Jesus speaking) I will not leave you orphans; **I will come to you.** "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. **Because I live, you will live also.** "At that day you will know that **I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.***

This is the time of the fulfillment of these Scriptures.

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It is happening! It is here! It is now! Men are becoming purified by the work of the Lord and are walking into holiness, and God Himself is resting upon and within His sons. We become sons when we are one with Jesus. Jesus is the only begotten Son of God, and only He living in us can make us sons of God. When we are truly one in Him, as He is one in the Father, and Jesus and the Father are one in us, we are the sons of God. We become the sons of God when we stop being sons of the devil and are cleansed from his hindering beliefs and ways. (*John 8:44*) When we overcome by the blood of the Lamb, and the word of our testimony (lifestyle), and do not love our lives to the death. We become mature sons. (*Rev 12:11*)

Now, in this time, the vast anointing and power of God is within purified sons upon the earth! Awesome miracles and works of God are happening now to those who believe! The potential is with sons of God now, to bring forth the government of God, and rule and reign in families, business, education, media, agriculture, health care, transportation, political governments, music, wild life management, forestry management, and all areas of life on Planet Earth. As sons of God, produce sons of God, and children brought up by sons of God grow up without the limiting beliefs, or should I say unbeliefs, of the past generations, great exploits in all areas of life will become common. The love and power of God now abiding in sons of God will rule our world and complete the redemption process that Christ Jesus died for.

In the past church emphasis age some people believed that all who had prayed a prayer to accept Jesus as saviour were completed sons of God, and possessed all the fullness and power that they would ever have this side of heaven. In the kingdom emphasis age men are now understanding that becoming a son of God means becoming one with the Son of God, and being ruled only by the

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Father. Becoming a son of God is a process, a process of being delivered from the work and ways of the enemy. It is a process of no longer being ruled by one's own soul, or any thing else, other than God Himself. It is a process of becoming filled with the love of God, the power of God, the wisdom of God, and the fullness of the Spirit of Christ.

If you were the son of a cow, you would be a cow. You would think like a cow, walk like a cow, eat like a cow, and look like a cow. If you were the son of a duck, you would be a duck. You would think like a duck, walk like a duck, quack like a duck, and swim like a duck. If, through becoming one with the Son of God, you are a son of God, you will think like God, walk like God, speak like God, you will be the son of God in the earth. Not that you will replace God; you will carry God within you; and together with you, God is in the earth, walking about, thinking like God, and doing like God; and you are ruling and reigning with Christ in the earth.

Sons of God are followers of Christ, and follow more than church doctrines, dogmas, precepts, and principles. Sons of God follow the light of God within themselves. They move in spiritual realms, guided by Jesus Christ within themselves. Sons bring forth governing forces from heaven, to establish the Fathers will on earth.

Ruling and reigning with Christ was seen in the church emphasis age as only occurring after Jesus bodily returns and sets up the kingdom. In the emerging kingdom emphasis age it is being revealed that Christ in believers, is the potential for ruling and reigning in life now. Now, the governing forces of the world are subject to Christ and therefore subject to Christ in man.

*Rom 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more **those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.***

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*2 Tim 2:11-12: This is a faithful saying: For if we died with Him, We shall also live with Him. If we endure, **We shall also reign with Him.** If we deny Him, He also will deny us.*

*Rev 1:5-6: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and **the ruler over the kings of the earth.** To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, **and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father,** to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.*

*Rev 5:10 **And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.***

Jesus is the King, the only bonafide ruler of the earth. He is the highest power over the earth and all that is in it. Jesus is a man, and therefore has the rights of man to rule in the realm of man and earth. Jesus is God and therefore has access to heavenly power and wisdom, with which to rule. Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God, has at His disposal all the supernatural power, wisdom, and knowledge. All of the attributes of the Father are in the Son. There is nothing impossible to Christ, nothing is too hard for God.

*1 Tim 6:15-16: KJV, Which in his times he shall show, **who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting.** Amen.*

Col 1:15-20: He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether

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thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

The change of governments, from the rule of the enemy, to the kingdoms of earth becoming the kingdoms of our God, does not begin with what men do on earth. **It begins with what men think and believe on earth.** The renewal of the governments of the world, and eventually the subsequent renewal of Planet Earth, must begin with the renewal of the minds of men to the thoughts and ways of God. In the church emphasis age the kingdom was taught and preached by many as a future happening that was not for now. As long as the government of God on earth, is preached and believed as only future it cannot and will not come to fruition in the earth. All of the potential for Christ to rule the earth, and for the will of the Father to be done on earth as it is in heaven, is now fully in place in the earth.

Sons of God, in the kingdom emphasis age, are teaching and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, the good news of the government of God. As the kingdom is preached and people believe, the power of God is released to establish the will of God on earth.

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Renewal

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All governments of men on earth, begin with what men think and believe. Belief systems develop from the people's perspective of reality. The experiences of a person, especially the things one has seen and heard repeatedly, from what is accepted as a reliable source, will determine one's perspective of reality. A group of people with different backgrounds will have different perspectives. They could all be given the exact same exposure to the exact same circumstances and they each would see a somewhat different thing and come to different conclusions.

They would decide different courses of action in response to the circumstances as they perceived them. Interpretation of what one experiences is a natural process of the mind and will automatically occur. The resulting interpretation will depend on the programming within the person's mind. Human minds, somewhat like computers, are programmed with stored data, and programs of action for dealing with current inputs based upon previous experiences or programming.

The mind has the power to process the information and begin to investigate the possible results of the situation, and possible courses of action to alter the situation to achieve an envisioned goal or inner desire. Logic and strategy are developed in the mind, all based on the person's perspective of the situation at hand. Experience and training have given the person his or her perception of strengths and limitations of his or her power to change the situation and circumstances. Except for an extremely desperate situation, one will only use those resources that one believes are potent and available to alter the situation. One will not use resources that one does not know are available, or that one does not believe are potent.

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Centuries of programing has been developed in the minds of Christians, much of which limits the power and potential of Christ in man to change the world. The great reformation period in the fifteenth to the seventeenth centuries began a massive reprogramming from the age of severe darkness to increased light of God. That reprogramming continues today, reaching into greater and higher light of God. Sons of God are progressively discovering self imposed limitations and breaking through them to greater revelation of the power of God available to them.

The negative limiting words of past teachings and experiences imprison one's soul. Each limiting negative word, when planted in one's heart, is like a bad seed growing into prison bars. We are restrained and limited on all sides. It is like being in an invisible enclosure. We cannot straighten up and stand tall because our head will hit the ceiling of the enclosure. We cannot move in this direction or that because we will bump into the wall. This cripples our ability to function in the spiritual realm, our ability to believe and use the great potential of spiritual power to rule our circumstances in accordance with the will of the Father.

With our heads we may know intellectually that Jesus, the anointed one of God and His anointing abides within us---the same Jesus who listens to the Father and always obeys---the same Jesus who does mighty miracles and marvelous works of God. Yet, because of the continuing restraint of the prison bars of inner beliefs planted by the world and the church age mentality, we may fail to fully experience Christ within. The mighty rivers of the living water of the love and power of God greatly desire to flow from the Christ within. Yet, our restraints and limitations planted by experience and the limiting teachings of men, may prevent all but a small trickle of flow. Those around us who thirst for the love and power of Christ are defrauded by our perceived limitations, faults, and spiritual in-

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abilities. And the kingdom of God is restrained from coming forth from within us to meet their needs.

Believing that the kingdom of God is not for now, hinders the works of Christ flowing through believers. Mighty works such as salvation, healing, and deliverance are hindered and often left undone. Works of God to alleviate suffering, pain, and poverty of spirit, soul, and body are restrained. These works that could bring peace and goodwill to our world wait for the river of God. What might happen to benefit the lost and dying if you and I would break through our enclosure and allow the rivers of living water to flow to the thirsty people around us? What would happen to our world if everyone in whom Christ dwells broke their self imposed restraints and let the power of the faith of Christ destroy their invisible enclosures, pouring out a flood of the living water of the Word, love, and power of God?

Will you continue to believe the restraining religious doctrines of the past and continue to be restrained from presenting the powerful love of the grace of Christ to the world around you? Or will you renew your mind to what Jesus says about you and the kingdom of God on earth, and flow the spiritual power of the living God by the anointing of the Anointed One, Christ Jesus within? Will you listen to the old mental programming, and allow only a trickle of the rivers of living water to flow from your inner being? Or, will you hear the Word of the Lord and allow unrestrained rivers of living water to flow to the dry and thirsty land around you?

*John 7:38-39a: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.**"*

But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive.

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Now is the time! The time is now! God is abundantly flowing His grace, His love, His power, to and through His people. The Word of the kingdom, the gospel of the kingdom of God is coming forth now on our small planet. Please do not assume that you will have plenty of time to renew your mind and do the works of God later.

If you have studied the teachings of Jesus in the Gospels and read “*Overcoming Life On A Small Planet*”, you know that the kingdom of God is not just the church or something religious. The kingdom of God from heaven encompasses all of life. The powerful principles and anointing of Christ are the foundation and power for real success in every area of living. No business will succeed like a Christ directed and empowered business. No teacher will teach children reading, writing, and arithmetic better than one anointed of Christ. Every job, work, or service will be performed better by the Christ directed and empowered son of God.

Will we continue to be just a trickle in a dried up river bed? A river bed that should be flowing full of the crystal clear life giving, cleansing, water from the throne of God, through the Anointed One, the Christ within us?

Rev 22:1: And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Do we dare stand before God and tell Him how bad His world is; tell Him how dry and barren the world and its people are; while we are the only thing limiting the flow of rivers of living water? Do we dare to continue our “trickle down” spiritual living?

Thank God for those who are now flowing rivers of living waters and are heartily serving God, in ministry, in business, in edu-

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cation, and every area of the kingdom of God. If you are one of those and you know that your river is flowing full, please pray for the many “trickle down” servants.

Today is the right time for us to sever the bonds and prison bars of what we have been programmed to believe, or should I say not believe. This is the time to cast off our self imposed limitations and believe God. What do we have to lose? Our trickle is not doing much good for the world or ourselves.

Will we continue to decide to believe what men’s words and actions have planted in us? Or, will we decide to believe what God’s Words and actions say about who we are in the kingdom of God? Will we renew our minds and be reprogrammed to the Word and ways of God? We must continue to walk toward the light and be renewed in the ways of God in the emerging kingdom of God age, in which we live.

Renewing the mind is a spiritual work brought about by the decision processes of the mind. We must make natural decisions with the natural mind to focus upon things of the Spirit of God and His Word, and to eliminate inputs which are of another spirit. Spiritual discernment must be exercised to recognize what is of the Spirit of God and what is of religion, the world, or spirits of darkness.

*Heb 5:14: But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who **by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.***

*Rom 12:2: And do not be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

*Eph 4:23: **and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,***

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Col 3:10-11: and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Renewing the mind means laying aside previously held mental patterns and programs which automatically direct one's life. The old limiting beliefs must melt away and be replaced with new patterns and programs according to the Word and ways of the kingdom of God. The mind must be fed with the truth of the positive message of the gospel of the kingdom. One must control what one sees and hears, which will affect what one thinks and feels. Focusing upon the vast unlimited potential of the kingdom of God with all its provisions, power, victory, glory, beauty, peace, and joy, will lead to the reality of the kingdom of God in you, on earth. As the kingdom spreads like leaven in bread dough, and multitudes focus upon the kingdom, and begin to seek the Lord with their whole hearts the kingdom is established in our world.

Mat 13:33: Another parable He spoke to them: "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal till it was all leavened.

*Mark 9:23: Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, **all things are possible to him who believes.**"*

*Prov 23:7: **For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.***

*Mark 11:23-24: "For assuredly, I say to you, **whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into***

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*the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. "Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, **believe** that you receive them, and you will have them.*

*Phil 4:4-8: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy; meditate on these things.

CHAPTER 19

Evangelism

(KINGDOM RECRUITMENT)

Multitudes are becoming citizens of the kingdom of God. Great numbers of individuals are changing their citizenship from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, the kingdom of God from heaven. Their allegiance is being changed from the ruler of darkness to King Jesus and the throne of Father God. The citizens of the kingdom of God have their citizenship in heaven and bring forth the rule of Father God from heaven, on earth.

Phil 3:20-21: For our citizenship is in heaven,...

The will of God from heaven is done on earth as the indwelling Spirit of the resurrected Christ hears and obeys the desires of the Father. The mature sons of God rule and reign in life with Christ Jesus, and the power of God is released to change life on our small planet.

Evangelism is one of the major works of the Spirit and power of God to change life and government in the world. The Scripture says “You must be born again”. (*John 3:6-7*) The process of becoming a citizen of the kingdom of God begins with spiritual birth. As in the natural, so it is in the spiritual. A natural child cannot be born alone. It requires the participation of others to bring forth birth. Participation in the procreation process in the spiritual realm is called evangelism.

The previous rulers of the passing world order, the powers of darkness, do not like to see the citizens of their kingdom transferred into the kingdom of light. Every soul that is born again strengthens the kingdom of God on earth and weakens the rule of darkness on earth. Jesus Christ came to earth and **fulfilled the law**

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in his life as the son of man on earth. Jesus, now living within sons of God becomes the **fulfillment of the law** of God on the earth. The love of God within the believer, brings obedience to the will of Father, by the Spirit of Christ.

(Mat 5:18 KJV) For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

*1 Pet 1:22-23: Since you have purified your souls in **obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren**, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which lives and abides forever.*

The powers of darkness seek to blind the minds of all whom they can, in an attempt to prevent people on earth from seeing the light and coming into the glorious kingdom of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the true King of Planet Earth.

*(2 Cor 4:4 KJV) 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.*

*John 8:12 Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "**I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.**"*

*Col 1:13: He has delivered us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us into the kingdom** of the Son of His love.*

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In the fading church emphasis era of the past, evangelism was carried out largely by intellectual debate of the Word. Soul winners would go out armed with their favorite Scriptures and lists of questions and comments, and engage unbelievers and those of other denominational faiths in conversational debate, in an attempt to persuade them to receive Jesus as saviour and join their church. Often preaching from the pulpit presented the goal of evangelism as joining the church, just as much as receiving Jesus. In many cases the terms were so entangled that they became synonymous. In other church groups evangelism included conversion to compliance with a number of church rules and ordinances, such as, baptism, dress, participation in certain activities, and abstinence of others.

There were powerful evangelistic moves of the Spirit of God during the church age, but for the most part evangelism was not very powerful and was often one here and one there. Yet, gifted evangelists did see many born again in large evangelistic meetings. Until the preaching of the kingdom in very recent years, missionaries often met with very little success. Many spent most of their lives with very sparse fruit. The church found it difficult to get people to go out of the church and evangelize. Many classes were taught and many meetings were held to discuss “witnessing” and evangelism in the streets and door to door. Yet actual participation was difficult to get started and more difficult to keep going.

In the emerging kingdom emphasis era, the power of God is manifesting in miracles, healings, and other signs when the Word is preached with boldness into this present day darkness. The darkness has grown rapidly more severe in recent decades. The full out darkness of sin and occult interest and practices have caused a great darkness upon the world. The violence, crime, immorality, deceptive occult practices, and evil works of darkness have clouded the landscape of earth. The light of God is blasting forth into the gross

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darkness through powerful miracles and mighty works of God, much the same as the first century when Jesus began His ministry of light in an almost totally dark world. Casting out demons, words of knowledge, words of wisdom, powerful prophecies, and dramatic demonstrations of the power of the Spirit of God are sent to break through the blindness of the minds of the people in darkness. As darkness intensifies the light becomes more powerful.

Isa 60:1-5: Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

Power evangelism is the way of the kingdom age. Thousands are coming to Christ in recent years through the bright light of anointed powerful ministry. Spiritual gifts, miracles and healings are gaining the attention of multitudes of those who are sitting in darkness.

Mat 4:16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.

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In the darkest parts of the earth the light is shining forth in powerful manifestations of the Spirit, demonstrating God's love and power to the multitudes covered by darkness. In the seventh millennium the power of God flowing through pure hearted sons of God will bring millions of souls into the kingdom and anointed ministers will guide them toward maturity in walking in the kingdom of God lifestyle.

In the passing church age the power gifts often became merchandise for the building of the church or denomination and for enriching the ministers in material goods. Men sometimes sought to build their kingdoms with the power gifts of God, rather than build the kingdom of God into the hearts and lives of God's people. In the emerging kingdom age only those with a healed and purified heart will be able to continue to flow in the power gifts of the Spirit. All others are being exposed and set aside from the flow of the work of the Spirit of God.

*Rev 2:26-27: And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations; **He shall rule them with a rod of iron;** They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'; as I also have received from My Father.*

Rev 19:15-16: Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

*Rev 2:16 Repent, or else I will come to you **quickly** and will fight against them with **the sword of My mouth.***

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*2 Pet 2:1 But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves **swift destruction**.*

The sword of His mouth is the powerful words spoken forth from Christ Jesus the King, ruling and reigning in and through the purified sons of God. Kingdom apostles and prophets are bringing forth powerful words to bring correction and repentance. Quickly repenting and being cleansed will lead to greater life, failing to do so will lead to swift destruction.

Power evangelist are speaking forth the light of God and demonstrating the kingdom of God. Power evangelism is flowing through believers, not just a few chosen mighty men, but all who will believe, and by the Spirit, hear and speak the will of God with boldness. Word without power is not the kingdom of God, it is a form of godliness.

2 Tim 3:5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!

Prayer and laying on of hands in the name of Jesus by believers is producing miracles and healings that are turning individuals and their families toward Jesus and away from this present darkness. Words of personal prophesy, quickly fulfilled, are turning men toward God and away from darkness. Words of knowledge are exposing individuals and demonstrating the power of God to the lost. This work will continue only in those who refuse to merchandise it or to allow it to be merchandised.

1 Cor 4:20: For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power.

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Music is a powerful force of the Spirit in evangelism. In the emerging kingdom age, music is as varied as the people who participate. There is the soft and sweet music that moves one into spiritual realms of great peace and blessing. And the rolling dynamic powerful music with a great powerful engine of the Spirit to move men into awesome praise and worship of almighty God, producing great freedom to interact with God, and great boldness to flow in the gifts of the Spirit.

Kingdom age music is not for listening, it is for doing. It is for moving with the Spirit, uplifting hands, dancing, moving, weeping as blessings flow, shouting as joy pours forth, kneeling or laying prostrate as the Spirit speaks and works on the inward man, groaning as intercessions come from the Spirit that cannot be uttered, singing by the Spirit in unknown words, singing new songs given by the Spirit, and whatever else the Spirit desires.

Music is a great evangelistic tool when people come into the church building, but carried forth from the building, live on the street, in the park, in the town square, and wherever else the Spirit leads, it is an awesomely powerful evangelistic force.

The enemy has used evil music to greatly impact the souls of many people in spreading filth and occult darkness. Evil music is used to implant evil thoughts, ideas, and ways of life in people without their actually knowing what is going on, until they are deep into demonic deception and evil practices.

The music of God coming forth is just as powerful to bring people to God, and His heavenly kingdom lifestyle. Those who might not be able to hear a spoken word because of their darkness may receive through music and become open and softened in their soul by godly anointed music. Many are attracted by music that would not slow down long enough to listen to preaching. You can almost always draw a crowd together with music.

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God is raising up many anointed musicians to have a part in evangelizing our world in the Seventh Millennium. These anointed musicians are ministers of God and must walk in the same level of spiritual purity as every other minister in the kingdom. Music is also a very easy spiritual gift to merchandise. In the fading church emphasis age, many gifted and called musicians and singers sold out their gift to merchandisers.

Using the gifts of God and the anointing of the Spirit to get something one wants or needs, such as money, fame, or recognition is a deadly practice in the emerging kingdom age. The lame excuse that this is being done to further the gospel adds additional perversion and contamination to the gift God has given. Obscurity is not a bad word in the work of God in the kingdom. The important thing is for us to transport and deliver the gift God has put within us, with purity, to the place, and in the time, of God's choice and direction. One may become well known, but with purity it need not contaminate the soul. Or one may minister powerfully in obscurity, but with purity it need not frustrate or hinder the soul.

Pretending does not work in the kingdom age. Real is the operative word. One's motives must be real; one's ministry and message must be real. The phony pretending that some got away with for a season in the church age will no longer stand. It is better to sit down and listen than to stand up and be unreal. If one does not have it, one should not try to give it, but rather seek to find someone with it and receive from them.

Job 20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?

Mat 23:28 Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

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*James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality **and without hypocrisy.***

Hypocrisy is an enemy to evangelism. Individuals are disappointed and turned away from the kingdom of God by unreal attitudes and actions of dualistic Christians. Men and women are drawn to the real love of God flowing through a pure hearted believer; but they are repelled by the phony pseudo love portrayed by some Christians of the passing church age. Singleness of heart is a characteristic of sons of God. Duplicity is a characteristic of religious Christians.

Luke 11:34 KJV: The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

*Luke 11:35-35: Therefore take heed that the light which is in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, **the whole body will be full of light**, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.*

The pure light of the love of God flowing through pure hearted believers is a very powerful force drawing unbelievers toward God. In the seventh millennium, the increasing number of believers with clean hearts and clear light are causing potent evangelism to bring vast numbers of new citizens into the kingdom of God.

Mat 5:16: Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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The seemingly insurmountable mountain of the deplorable state of affairs on Planet Earth can be repaired by the kingdom of God. All of the seemingly unsolvable problems created by the greed of unregenerate men and the hypocrisy of religious men, are indeed overcome in Christ Jesus.

John 16:33b: ...but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

1 John 5:4-5: For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world; our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

The plan of God is full restoration of His ways ruling through the sons of God upon the earth. The full manifestation of Christ overcoming the world will be completed in the seventh millennium. If you are reading this, you are blessed to be alive in a time when you are a potential part of the mighty works of God to restore men and eventually the planet. The mighty works of God are already begun and will continue into the future.

The things that men have esteemed to be of great value are giving way to the rise of those things which natural men have esteemed to be of little or no value. The Word and ways of God are becoming the foundational ways of doing and being. The Word and ways of God, which have been valued only as foolishness by unregenerate men of the world, are beginning to rule the affairs of men. The religious ways of man are giving way to the reality of the kingdom of God.

Do not be deceived or misled by the persecutions and natural

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disasters coming forth in the world. The great apocalyptic and cataclysmic events are a part of the complete renewal of the earth. One must look beyond the destructive fire upon the earth to the restoration of the ways of God. His righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit, will eventually rule Planet Earth. The kingdom of God is now ruling in the hearts of the sons of God, and is already affecting the earth. The sons of God must bring forth the kingdom of God from heaven to redeem and rule the earth. It is not God's plan for the kingdom of darkness to destroy the planet.

Many men of God are returning to the original Scriptures, (as close as is possible) and with the leadership of the Holy Spirit are discerning and proving the truth of the Word of God. Many religious doctrines are melting and are being replaced with the truth of the oracles of God. The kingdom of God is shining forth from the Word, exposing and expelling erroneous teachings. Many false teachers and cult groups are coming forth with doctrines of demons, claiming to have the fresh light of God, in an effort of the enemy to prejudice believers against the revelation of the truth of God coming forth in the seventh millennium.

True spiritual discernment is necessary to distinguish true revelation of the light of God, from the deceptive false light of the enemy. It is not always possible to determine the true light from the false by intellectual evaluation. The false will usually turn toward religious intellectual interpretation of Scripture, which leads toward religious ways apart from real and practical life. The truth will lead toward spiritual life and understanding that is real, practical, and powerful in every area of life.

Christ the King, is the reality of God from heaven, ruling all life and all systems of Planet Earth with His LOVE, by His power, and according to His wisdom, flowing through you and other believers, by His Spirit.

The time of the writing of this book is the early stages of major transitions in the body of Christ and the whole world. Transition times are not times marked by a sense of natural stability by those living through

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the transition. Great times of transition are most often marked by times of great tribulation. Powerful, purified people of God are now being prepared to be a part of the great transitions of our small planet.

The early centuries of the seventh millennium are not a time for faint hearted nominal Christians, and certainly not a time for religion and religious debates. It is a time for whole hearted seeking God, a time for great joy and rejoicing as the presence of God fills His temple. It is a time for great faith of God's children to bring forth mighty exploits of the work of God. It is a time when the pure minds of men, cleansed by God, and unclouded with evil, will bring forth astounding understandings of life, universal creation, and all existence---a time of the spiritual meeting the natural and becoming one in the minds of men. Simultaneously it is a time of great tribulation as massive dissolving of all that opposes God. There shall by no means enter into the fullness of the kingdom age, anything that defiles.

*Rev 21:27-22:6: **But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.***

And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the middle of its street, and on either side of the river, was the tree of life, which bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

And there shall be no more curse, but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it, and His servants shall serve Him.

They shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

There shall be no night there: They need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever.

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*Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants **the things which must shortly take place.***

Author's Note

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shown me.

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, but are eyewitnesses of his majesty, 2 Pet 1:12-16.

*His servant ,
Therefore yours,
In His love,*

Brother Ron