Part 1- Kingdom Life Basics

Introduction

Imagine what it would be like for each of us to lay down one night at home in our familiar bed and awaken in the morning in a different unfamiliar place, a place where we had never been before.

Everything around us is different and unfamiliar. After a time of sheer unbelief and trying to go back to sleep, that we might awaken again from this strange dream, we begin to come to grips with the reality that this is really happening. We have no idea what is going on but it is true that we are in a new place.

As we search about our new surroundings, it becomes apparent that most everything is different. We are in a new reality. What do we do now?

There are only two general choices. If we are going to survive in this new reality, we must either adjust to our new world or seek to adjust our new world to us. Our old lifestyle will not function in the new place. Our previously learned ways of life will not enable us to provide for the basic needs of life.

I am not sure if many would survive such a sudden shift. It may not be possible for most of us to learn an entire new system of life quickly enough to survive. Certainly, survival would be much easier if there were a more gradual shift over an extended period of time. If the transformation was more gradual, more people might be able to learn the new ways of life in the new world.

A new world is coming forth on Planet Earth.

Merciful and loving God has been moving mankind toward the new redeemed world one step at the time for two thousand years. It has not been a consistent rate of advancement. It has indeed been an up and down or back and forth progression. However, the advancement has continued in the spiritual realm from the first century to this present hour.

The change has been occurring through many generations. God has allowed opportunity for mankind to exhaust his every effort to rule the world without Him. Degradation of natural man has continued its downward spiral of self-focused self-serving godless existence. While at the same time a remnant army of sons of God (male and female) has been being gradually formed and trained through the generations.

I believe that it is obvious that in this current season the rate of advancement has greatly increased. As we near the latter stages of the world's transformation from its fallen state to its redeemed and restored state of the kingdom of God, things are happening much more quickly.

The finished work of Jesus is progressively being formed in God's called-out people and will eventually flow into the entire world. We are currently in a season of much revelation coming forth from God in preparation for functioning in the new world governed by the kingdom of heaven. In this present season, the substance of the New Jerusalem lifestyle is coming into our view by the Spirit of God. Practical understanding of the kingdom is being revealed to and proclaimed by apostolic and prophetic servants of God.

In this series of writings, my intent is to bring forth practical spiritual kingdom understanding in preparation for living the new lifestyle of the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. I believe the Lord is directing me to speak into where we are now and where we are soon going and not to go back to square one and re-invent the wheel so to speak. Other written and video materials that are written more from the beginning of the word of the kingdom are available at www.openheaven.com.

Kingdom Reality

What is your reality?

The passing world system is governed according to the tree of knowledge of good and evil from within the fallen intellect of man influenced by the powers of darkness. This natural physical life consisting of that which can be seen by the natural eye or felt by the natural touch is the only reality for natural human beings. Natural needs and desires of the flesh motivate their basic course of life. Lifestyles have developed worldwide based upon the needs, desires and limited concepts of man inspired from covert darkness.

The God of heaven came to earth as a man.

Over two millennia ago the transformation of life on earth began as the incarnate Christ Jesus began to speak and demonstrate the renewed reality of the kingdom of God into this world. The word and power of the kingdom astonished and greatly impacted the first century disciples. At the same time it greatly disturbed the existing systems of life on earth. The extraordinary LOVE of God demonstrated in and through Christ Jesus, captivated all who believed and greatly antagonized those who did not believe. Heaven's order and higher ways of life began to be seeded into those who received Christ Jesus. Heavenly truth and righteous ways of life began to restore the kingdom of God within those who received the Son of God.

The kingdom of God is a heavenly spiritual reality. It is higher and more powerful in every way than the natural reality that was created by and is sustained by the spiritual kingdom from heaven.

The kingdom of God on earth is governed by the tree of life which is the Lord and King Christ Jesus. The fullness of the kingdom that we are beginning to experience is in Christ Jesus. The unprecedented resurrection of Christ Jesus, His ascension to the throne of God, and His subsequent return in the Holy Spirit to indwell His people, has provided the potential for the reality of the full measure of the new kingdom life to be available on earth now.

The full potential of Christ abiding in His people on earth is soon to be more fully manifested. This will produce the new world on earth as it is in heaven.

Our old-world ways will not function in the new world.

The old will be cut down and burned so that nothing that lifts itself against God will remain. The axe has been laid to the root of the tree and it is shaking and trembling soon to come crashing down. Neither root nor branch of the old world order shall remain to contaminate the New Jerusalem ruling city of the Israel of God. Holy angels will remove the fruitless tares and the sons of God will shine forth. Nothing shall enter the New Jerusalem, kingdom of God lifestyle that defiles.

Some of the characteristics of the old-world ways contrasted with the new-world ways are listed below. These and more will be unpacked in subsequent chapters to follow.

Old World	New World
Lust	Love
Pride	Thankful Humility
Darkened Understanding	Heavenly Spiritual Wisdom
Religion	Relationship with God
Humanism	Live by the Spirit –Walk in the Spirit
Independent	One with God and Creation
Driven	Led by the Spirit
Rebellious	Submissive
Need and Lack	Fully Supplied to Complete God's Plan
Competition	Cooperation
Striving to Excel	Flowing the Glory of God
Fear, Worry and Anxiety	Faith, Rest and Peace
Resentment	Forgiveness
Working to Get	Working to Serve

Investing to Supply

Health and Well Being

Serving Others

Blessing Others

Investing to Gain

Ruling Over Others

Sickness and Disease

Using Others

These are only a few of the changes we are being prepared to awaken to in the New Jerusalem, Kingdom of God lifestyle.

Luke 12:32-34: "Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell what you have and give alms; provide yourselves money bags which do not grow old, a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches nor moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

We are kingdom seekers on a journey of transformation into the Kingdom of God – New Jerusalem – the city of God. The season of receiving the good pleasure of Father's gift of the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven has come upon us.

God's Kingdom Tribal Lifestyle

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Prolog

God's Royal Priesthood

In this writing, God is not speaking to us about theological understandings or religious positional truths. He is speaking to us about practical reality of spiritual experience now in this present time. Religious and secular training may have numbed some of us to experiencing the fullness of life in the Spirit.

Life does not originate in the natural but in the Spirit in heavenly places. Walking in the Spirit and abiding in Christ are spiritual truths of utmost importance to fulfill life in the natural. We should not allow religious or secular thinking to erode the reality of Father God with us now in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit. God is bringing marvelous transformation in preparation for the fulfillment of the kingdoms of this world becoming the kingdoms of our God (Rev 11:15).

The Spiritual Family of God

One tribe of holy people taken from every tribe and nation – one family with one Father is coming together. A nation of spirit beings are becoming as one in one Spirit – one spiritual ethnicity from among multitudes of natural ethnicities.

The spiritual family of God is not gathering in one geographical location or one place of intellectual persuasion; it is gathering and becoming one in the spiritual realm. With the same spiritual DNA of Christ many diverse parts of the Body of Christ are assembling bone-to-bone and joint-to-joint in the Spirit.

In the natural, God's royal priesthood is scattered across the world. However, in the spiritual realm they are of one Spirit in one heavenly place in Christ Jesus. Father God has *raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, Eph 2:6.* Being spiritually seated in Christ connects us to the love, power and wisdom of Father *who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, Eph 1:3.*

Father God in Christ Jesus dwells within us by the Holy Spirit. In the new tribe of royal priest the manifestation of Father's presence in us is becoming reality. By revelation we have known the Father is in Christ and Christ is in us by the Holy Spirit. However, now we are beginning to experience the presence of Father in His glory bringing forth true DNA sons of God on earth.

Spiritual Common-union

The spiritual communion of all God's people comes together in one place. Every connection with the one true God in prayer is with the same Father God. Every true word of prophecy or gift of the Spirit comes from the same living source. Love, power and wisdom flow by our heavenly connection in intimate communion with our Heavenly Father in us through Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit. The Father's pattern and power for the service of ministering to the needs of the people are in Christ Jesus seated in the heavenly spiritual realm. Everything needed to fulfill our part of the Body of Christ on earth flows from the throne of Father God in Heaven.

Full redemption by the cross of Christ and the restoration of spiritual life re connected us into Father God. The resurrection life of Christ Jesus abiding within us by the Holy Spirit makes us sons of the Father in the family of God. This enables us to function as royal priest in this world. Royal means kingly and priest implies a sacred, holy minister of God. A royal priesthood has to do with reigning with Christ in this world and bringing the things of God to help His people to fully connect into Him. Literally it is the life and rule of Christ Jesus flowing through us to bring the order of the kingdom from heaven into this world (Rev 5:10) (Rom 5:17) (2 Tim 2:12) (Col 1:27).

God's royal priests are first spirit beings connected into Spirit God in heaven in Christ Jesus. Secondly, we are sent to earth abiding in natural bodies to bring forth the spiritual DNA of Christ to order the world to the heavenly design of Father God.

1 Pet 2:9-10: But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God....

The royal priesthood is not religious.

The function of the royal priesthood encompasses all aspects of natural life on earth with the unction of Spirit from heaven. God is the creator of Planet Earth and all that exist on it which includes our natural bodies and all living things on earth. Therefore, He knows fully how to direct His people in providing and caring for the earth and all that is on it.

The royal priesthood includes sons actively doing business providing the needs of mankind and the world in all areas of life. All of this is to be done according to the empowerment and direction from God in heaven. Every work ordered by God is potentially the direct function of the royal priesthood. Any occupation God puts us into is for the purpose of serving Him by providing for needs of people and the world around us.

According to God's plans and purposes, the supernatural realm and the natural realm work together for the heavenly benefit of creation. The kingdom of God is the will of God being done on earth as it is in heaven.

In Christ and Christ in Us

The term "in Christ" has to do with us as spiritual beings now seated in heavenly places, becoming one with Father God, and receiving His provision for supernatural spiritual life. The term "Christ in us" relates to our life in the world bringing the things of Father from heaven to earth. God's royal priesthood of mature sons are fully aware as redeemed spirit beings that are one with God in heaven and at the same time on earth in natural bodies bringing the life and works of Christ Jesus to restore this world to our God.

The precious gospel (good news) of the kingdom of God as Jesus really preached it is again being proclaimed in this world among His people. There is no greater message and no greater cause than bringing forth the word of the kingdom of God from heaven on earth.

Col 1:27: To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Mat 6:33: But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

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Chapter 1- Ordered by Father's Love

Currently life in this world on earth has been eroded and is moving toward self destruction caused by hyper disorder. Planet Earth is suffering and groaning under the stress of worldwide disorder. Nations are crumbling multitudes of people are becoming as dust before the winds of drought as famines, and wars are resulting from worldwide godless disorder.

Religions and ungodly secular humanism are infested with demonic antichrist spirits of perversion, violence and murder that are pouring out hatred and rebellious rioting against truth and order.

Lust and greed always lead to fear and pride as one earthly tribe destroys another. Ethnic cleansing spreads across the world as one sect seeks to remove another from the face of the earth.

Natural life without God runs on human desire enacted with human wisdom by human strength. Strong human desire for natural things to satisfy our base fleshly drives can be called lust.

Kingdom of God life runs on Father God's heavenly desires enacted with His wisdom by His strength abiding in human beings in whom Christ Jesus dwells by the Holy Spirit.

Natural lust and pride without God lead to a life of disorder, strife, and poverty. **Heavenly desires from God** lead to peaceful order, harmony and prosperity.

Natural fallen living without God leads only to death, even while we are alive. **Kingdom of God living with God** is eternal life now and forever in Christ.

The love, power and wisdom of the kingdom will change our world.

Natural man has, for the most part, denied the higher spiritual wisdom of Father God that is only available in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit. By receiving and living by heavenly wisdom, all of the problems of the world can be dissolved and the order of the kingdom of heaven established on earth.

There are deep, hidden mysteries of the wisdom of Father God that are only revealed through His Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10,12-13: However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the **wisdom of God in a mystery**, the **hidden wisdom** which God ordained before the ages of glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." But God has revealed

them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the <u>deep</u> things of God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit Who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak not in words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Spirit teaches, **comparing spiritual things with spiritual**.

The Greatest Kingdom Mystery Law

Within the kingdom there is one greatest of all kingdom principles, one greatest spiritual mystery law, and one greatest kingdom concept that saturates the entire kingdom, and every other principle or law of the kingdom. It is the force that draws and holds the kingdom together, the glue that bonds the kingdom into unity. It is the motivation for every work in the kingdom. It is the power that causes all other kingdom principles to work. It is the root of righteousness, obedience, peace, and joy, the reason for the cross, the resurrection, and Pentecost. It causes purity, purpose, production, prosperity, contentment, and faithfulness. It causes men to become faithful servants and stewards. It can change a harlot or adulteress into a purified bride. It is the source of grace, mercy and forgiveness.

This greatest mystery in the kingdom cannot, with man's words, be easily explained. It must be experienced and felt Spirit-to-spirit. The most passionate, intense, and pleasurable natural experience cannot compare to the greatest thing in God's kingdom.

The greatest mystery law, principle, concept, understanding of the kingdom, the predominate force and most significant factor in the kingdom of God is THE LOVE OF GOD.

Without the love of God, there would be no salvation for mankind. Jesus would not have come to earth. There would be no cross, no resurrection, no indwelling Holy Spirit, no righteousness, no peace nor joy on earth, no forgiveness, no deliverance, no healing of the heart, no real reason for living, no relationship between man and the living God, and no drawing force establishing God's kingdom on earth. Apart from the love of God, there is no kingdom of God from heaven on earth. Yet, who can describe what the love of God is?

John 3:16: **"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."

Matthew 22:36-40: "Teacher, which is the **great commandment** in the law?" Jesus said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

The number of those who really know the love of God in a personal, intimate experience is increasing. **God is love**. The spiritual union and intimacy of knowing (experiencing) the love of God is the greatest fulfillment in life. Earthly accomplishments and human desires all fade into the distance. Life's highest highs pale in the rapture of experiencing God's love. There is nothing one would not do, nothing one would not give, to please Him. The only fear is the fear of disappointing Him. The heart's greatest desire is to hear His voice, to do His bidding, and to be pleasing in His sight.

The love of God is **love from God** and **love for God**. The love of God flows toward us, from God, through Jesus. The Holy Spirit in us produces love from within us that flows toward God through Jesus, and we feel intense love <u>from</u> Jesus, and we feel intense love <u>for</u> Jesus. We are passionately and desperately in love with Jesus.

LOVE PURIFIES

Jesus' love motivates us to purity. Our desires are to be, to have, and to do according to His will. No other needs can drive us. He is all we need. His will and ways are always righteous obedience to the Father.

This greatest mystery of love can change harlotry to purity. The love of Jesus can change a rebellious, adulterous bride into a faithful, purified bride without spot or blemish. Jesus, by the love relationship, becomes one spirit with His bride and is manifest in her so that His life becomes flesh on the earth. As His presence appears within us and is revealed through us, we become as He is; we are purified. (Ephesians 5:25-27, 29-32, 1John 4:7-91, John 4:12b-13,16,19

Paramount Transformational Power

There is no power greater than the power of love. Nothing else can transform the world. No other power or force can overpower love. Nothing can neutralize the inherent power flowing within love. Every work of evil in man can be neutralized by love. Nothing can conquer love and there is nothing that love cannot conquer.

God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God and God in him. Every aspect of man's life in the world can be transformed by love. Every burdensome weight and stressful oppression of man can be fully relieved by love. In a very practical and real way, the love of God in a person will transform his or her life. The love of God in a large number of people will transform areas of the world. The love of God in all people will transform the entire world. In a real and practical way, the world can be transformed into the kingdom of God.

It is impossible to abide in God and His love, and not be a transforming agent in the world.

"Unlove" is the absence of God and His love. Life in the fallen world is based in unlove. Every aspect of natural man's life in the fallen world is guided by the ways of unlove.

Mankind is designed to abide in God and His love, and God in him. Great emptiness characterizes the lives of people whose inherent need for God's love is unfulfilled. The neediness in mankind can never be fulfilled without love. The desperate need for more and more of something to fill the emptiness leads to competition, greed, strife, fear, pride, and every negative, stressful, destructive force known to man. The entire world becomes filled with strife. War is everywhere and every person competes against others. All of the problems of the world stem from this basic lack in mankind.

Husbands and wives fight and divorce. Employees strive against and deceive employers. Employers exploit employees. People climb over one another in a competitive effort to attain a higher position. Customers strive with merchants and merchandisers take advantage of customers. Law enforcement fights with criminals in an attempt to enforce thousands of laws enacted in an attempt to control the deceit and violence of the people.

The whole world becomes a battlefield. Everything in business and all of life revolves around trying to get more while giving the least possible to get it. Even the highest of charitable human motives are mixed with hypocritical values of "What's in it for me?" All this and much more exist because of the lack of love abiding in mankind.

God's Love Brings Order

Do you see how God's love in man can alleviate all need and stop all strife of the world? No more wars, no more crime and, eventually, no more sickness, no more disease. Some would say, "Yes, but it is not possible for man to love and live this way," and they would almost be right. Until Jesus came, man had failed to abide with God in His love. Christ Jesus did what others did not do and lived as one with God in the Holy Spirit.

The GOOD NEWS is that Christ Jesus can now live in people by the Holy Spirit. Thus, the potential now exists for all to have Christ's life abiding within. Through Christ all can now abide in God and His love. We can now bring the paramount, transforming power of God's love into practical reality in the world through Christ in us by the Holy Spirit. Christ in His people can destroy the works of the devil.

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

The greatest mystery of the kingdom of God is the transformational power of love.

The world has already been greatly changed by the love of God expressed in the cross of Christ Jesus. No other person in all of our world's history has had as great a transformational effect as Christ Jesus. Now, the LIFE OF JESUS is set to transform every area of life in the world. Through Christ Jesus living in them individuals are transformed. By LOVE, individuals filled with Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit, can transform families, businesses, schools, media, cities, nations and the world.

Truly Christ in us is the hope of glory!

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Chapter 2 - Humility, Faith and Spiritual Wisdom

Pride is a major factor in fallen world living. It is often considered a virtue in the old-world order of human competition. Humility is often considered as weakness in the competitive lifestyle of the passing evil world systems.

In the kingdom of God, pride and arrogance are recognized as sin that God hates and that leads to destruction (Prov 16:18). Humility is a valued virtue that opens the door to great grace from God. God always resists the proud but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6).

In the natural fallen world, human intelligence and cunning or shrewdness are considered as wisdom. This worldly wisdom involves envy and self-seeking that leads to confusion and many evil things (James 3:16).

In the kingdom of God lifestyle, spiritual wisdom is pure, full of peace, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality or hypocrisy (James 3:17).

Being Transformed from the Old-World Order to the Ways of the Kingdom of God

A significant transformation is taking place in the hearts of believers. Religious pride and arrogance are giving way to the pure, holy, and humble character and nature of Christ in us by the Holy Spirit. Love is becoming tangible as Christ is being formed within His people.

Through the natural processes of life we grew to be conformed to the ways of the fallen world. It was not in our thoughts or intentions to do so. It happened by natural means as the things of the fallen world systems were planted in us and grew to become our life experience. The new life of Christ cannot be fully formed in us until the old is laid down to make way for the new. The process of transformation from the old-world ways to kingdom living involves our willingness to lay our lives down presenting our bodies as living sacrifices holy, acceptable to God (Rom 12:1-2).

Christ, planted in us by the Holy Spirit, will grow in us as naturally as the old-world ways grew. By the renewal of our minds, we are being transformed to have the mind of Christ. The seed of Christ planted in our hearts by the Holy Spirit will cause the structure of our lives to be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ Jesus (1 Cor 2:16) (Eph 3:17).

A life structure of submission and obedience to God will result from being rooted and grounded in the love of God. The Christ life is planted in us and naturally grows from the seed of love. It is an easy yoke of freedom.

The life-structure of submission and obedience is characterized by humility, faith, and heavenly wisdom. We know that we are loved. We know God loves us and that all things will eventually work for our good. All fear and insecurities are dissolved in the midst of God's love growing in us. It is easy for us to trust and believe. We feel secure, confident, safe, self-assured, and considerate of others.

We know that it is God who has supplied all of our needs. This causes us to feel HUMBLE, thankful, and meek and leads to a gentle, caring, and yielding attitude toward others. The central characteristic of our life-structure is a sense of ABUNDANCE, a feeling of having all

we need and more. It doesn't matter how much or how little we have, we feel no sense of lack. We have no driving wants or frustrating needs in our heart.

Psalm 23:1: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 37:4: Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the **desires (or wants)** of your heart.

Philippians 4:19: And my **God shall supply all your need (or lack)** according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

The Light of God Fills Our Lives

The Spirit of God fills our lives with the enlightenment of Christ. Spirits of truth, wisdom, understanding, and revelation come to dwell in our spirits. We are open to receive the light of God which flows readily into our lives. We can hear and obey the direction of God for our lives. We are able to have intimate communication with God. His truth is revealed to us from His Word by His Spirit. We can hear and understand spiritual truth with clarity. Deeper reality from heaven is revealed to our open hearts. We have enlightened ability to discern truth from error.

Isaiah 11:2: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, the Spirit of **wisdom** and **understanding**, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of **knowledge** and of the fear of the Lord."

Ephesians 1:17-18a: ... 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** ...

1 John 5:6b, 4:6b: And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is **truth**. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Becoming Fruitful Sons of God

We become fruitful kingdom sons as Christ's life in us flows out to transform the world around us. The attributes and assets of heaven are available to flow through us from the throne of God. With purity, holiness, and humility we acknowledge that all things are possible – we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. There is nothing remaining within us that will limit or misuse the power of God in us.

We will do only what we see and hear the Father doing. Even if we were starving we would not command a stone to become bread unless the Father directed us to do so. We have no needs that can drive us. We are satisfied with what He has provided. We are always Spirit led and never need driven.

We are trustworthy as a faithful bride. The powerful gifts that God releases in us will never be used to meet a personal need, when God has not so directed. We have the power of Christ within us to command a raging storm. However, we only have the authority to do so when we hear from God. When He tells us or shows us to do so, we have the power and the authority to turn the storm or command it to be calm. We would not turn the direction of a

storm when God has not said, though thousands were in peril in its path. However, when God says to do so, we will quickly command the storm, and it will obey.

Becoming a son of God means becoming one with the Son of God. It means being led only by the Father. Becoming a full mature son of God is a process. It is a process of no longer being ruled by one's own soul or anything else other than God. It is a process of becoming filled with the love, power, and wisdom of God and the fullness of the Spirit of Christ.

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 only begotten Son of God, you are a fully adopted son of God, you will think like God, walk like God, speak like God, you will be a son of God on the earth. In His sons God is on the earth, walking about, thinking like God, and doing like God. Mature sons of God rule and reign with Christ on the earth.

Jesus was one in number when in His natural body. He was multiplied in the first century disciples. However, they were few in comparison to the many sons that are coming forth in this age of the return of the kingdom of God reality through oneness with Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit. This is not at all an elitist thing. Every human being has the potential of becoming a son of God. It is open to every person in the world. The elite One is Jesus

Sons of God are followers of Christ. They follow more than church doctrines, dogmas, precepts, and principles. They follow the light of God within themselves. They move in spiritual realms guided by Christ within, by the Holy Spirit. Sons bring forth governing forces from heaven by the Holy Spirit to establish the Father's will on earth.

In the past ruling and reigning with Christ was seen as occurring only after Jesus' bodily return. In the kingdom, it is being revealed that Christ in His people 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 us.

- Col 1:27: To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you, the hope of glory**.
- 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.
- 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. He is the only bona fide ruler of the earth. He is the highest power over the earth and all that is in it. Christ Jesus has at His disposal all 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.

Nothing is Impossible to Christ in Us

Christ not only has all power, He also has all authority. Christ dwells in sons and sons dwell in Him.

We may need to pause and let it sink into our spirits that all things are possible through Christ in us. Our natural minds do not have the capacity to even begin to receive the fullness of this reality.

Father, open our hearts and minds to fully hear and receive the reality of Christ in us. We ask, Father, in Jesus' name, that You fill and saturate us with the love and fullness of Christ by Your Holy Spirit – dissolving every hindrance, every doubt, fear, unbelief, and all limitations within us that in any way restrain the fullness of power, love, and wisdom of the life of Christ from flowing through us to rule and reign in this life now – transforming this world to You kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. Thank you Father! You are glorious and worthy of all worship and all praise. In the glorious name of King Jesus, Savior and Lord of all we pray. Amen and Amen.

Through Christ in us by the Holy Spirit we can intimately relate to God and to one another. The kingdom of God consists in relationships with God and man.

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Chapter 3 - Kingdom Relationships

The kingdom of God exists and functions in what can be viewed as two major planes of relationship: vertical and horizontal. Both planes are absolutely necessary for the kingdom of God to rule on earth as in heaven.

The vertical plane is the relationship of God and man. The horizontal plane is the relationship of man with man and man with the world. Actually, this is God relating through man to man and to the world. The vertical plane is paramount. It is the source or conduit for all spiritual heavenly life on earth – the kingdom of God or kingdom of heaven on earth.

The goal of the current worldwide kingdom endeavor is to receive and establish the kingdom of God (government of God) with all its nature, characteristics, and attributes from heaven on earth.

God's Relational Plan for Transformation

Intimate oneness with Father God through Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit is God's plan for transforming natural mortal human beings into Spirit-living and Spirit-walking sons of God, joint heirs with Christ. Relating to God spirit-to-Spirit is the real and practical experience of eternal abundant life now and forever. Life of God flows from the realm of heaven into the heart of man, into the earth realm. The life of Christ with His character and nature is formed in His people by the Holy Spirit. As spirit beings who have a soul and live in a body, our spirit being is consumed into the Spirit of Christ, saturating and forever transforming our spirit being into the life of Christ. Thus, Christ Jesus is multiplied in the earth through many sons.

Sons of God live by the Spirit and walk in the Spirit. Our life as sons comes from the Spirit of God. We are led and directed by Christ on the throne at the right hand of God through Christ on the throne of our lives on earth. We are empowered by Christ from the throne of heaven and Christ within us by the Spirit that raised Christ from the dead. Sons are raised by His resurrection life within us into the fullness of the stature of Christ by the Holy Spirit.

The Dissolving of the Illusions of False Religion

The kingdom of God is about real spiritual relationship. Religion seeks to replace spiritual relationship with form, ritual, rules, and systems of structured relationships that create an illusion of godliness. The Christian religion, as practiced by much of the world, has been infiltrated by spirits of humanism, independence, and more. Often in religious systems biblical teaching of Jesus as savior with a focus on heaven after death is often mixed with man-centered, rather than Christ-centered programs.

The true work and power of the Holy Spirit in bringing forth the kingdom of God in this life is often not understood or practiced in this environment. Often the people are driven internally to strive to conform to a code of Bible-based ethics instead of being led and empowered by the Spirit of God.

This mixture opens the door for religious spirits of control and manipulation to affect the leadership and the people in the pews. Other degrading spirits will often follow the religious spirits that further disrupt and discredit the godly part of the message and ministry.

These systems of mixture that cannot enter the kingdom of God are being dissolved. It is not God's church that is being dissolved. Currently, the fresh expression of God's kingdom church (ekklesia), which is being purified, is growing in the grace of the kingdom of God reality.

God's Spiritual Family Relationships on Earth

In the kingdom, human organization and hierarchical structure are not the order of life as it was in the passing church systems.

The kingdom church is a living spiritual organism functioning collectively as one body of many members, body organs, all connected to the one Head, Christ Jesus, by the Holy Spirit of God. The body is made up of many spirit beings living in human bodies filled with the life of Christ by the Holy Spirit. Every person (spirit being) that is part of the body is connected by the Holy Spirit directly with Christ Jesus who is seated at the throne of God in heaven and at the same time abides in His people. All authority and all power are given to Christ Jesus, the Sovereign King and Lord who is one with the Father.

The Body Relates as Family

The headship of every individual and every gathering in the body is Christ Jesus. Every person in the body relates to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.

In the kingdom there is a recognized distinction between headship and leadership.

Biblically, leaders are referred to as elders. Elders are simply the more spiritually mature brothers and sisters. Elders individually lead the younger (less spiritually mature) brothers and sisters. The fruit of the relationship will be the elder leading the younger into a mature relationship with Christ Jesus until the younger can accurately hear and obey God by the Spirit; at which time the younger has become an elder (spiritually mature brother or sister).

Collectively, a group of elders can also help steer a group or lead a gathering, much the same as a family or tribe in the natural realm looks to the more capable and mature for leadership.

The Holy Spirit does all the structuring without any design from human intelligence.

Elders are spiritually recognized and respected by the people who are spiritually led to turn to them for teaching and edification.

The mature character of love and wisdom in the more mature person, expressed in daily family-type relating, establishes the elder and younger relationships.

The elder and younger relationship will change at the time the younger can hear and relate to Christ Jesus by the Spirit for himself. Then the relationship becomes a brother-to-brother relationship of edifying one another by the Spirit.

Elders are mature brothers and sisters, not lifelong fathers and mothers. Spiritual fathers and mothers are simply mature brothers and sisters (elders) who relate to younger brothers and sisters by nurturing them with the love of Christ and the substance of His life

and word by the Holy Spirit. In the kingdom of God, there is only one true spiritual Father of all, our Heavenly Father, God Almighty.

Servant Gifts to Edify the Body

God has provided five special servant-gifts to edify (grow up) His people. The Bible refers to these as apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. They are five different types of gifted people to mentor the body. In the kingdom these gifts are not ruling offices. They are all servants. They each provide for God's people, but each in a distinctly different way.

The apostle tends to see the overall larger picture. The prophet is primarily an ear to hear God and a voice to people who may not hear the voice of God clearly. The evangelist loves to plant the word of Jesus in the hearts of those who have never received it. The shepherd is the mentor who sees to the growth and development of the immature as they grow into their gifts and places of service. The teacher is the one who brings spiritually anointed definition to the fine points of spiritual reality.

The Gifts are all from Christ Jesus and are literally His attributes in His people by the Holy Spirit. Christ is the Great Apostle, the Spirit of prophesy, the evangelist, the Great Shepherd, and the Master Teacher.

The spiritual family of God is eternal and is both in heaven and on earth. The heavenly realm and the earthly realm are accessible to God's people by the Holy Spirit. As redeemed spirit beings that live in a body and have a soul, we have access both into the spirit realm and into the earthly realm. We relate in the spirit realm to Spirit God, our Heavenly Father through Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit.

In the heart of God in heaven, Christ Jesus, Holy Spirit and Father are all one. We have one God. Emanating out from the heart of God there are three manifestations of one God that become all things to His people. God in Christ relates to us as our Father, Husband, Lord, Savior, King, Elder Brother, and provider of every provision of life now and forever. We relate to God as His children, sons, bride, brother, servants, and more.

The Father is in Christ, and Christ is in the Father. The Spirit of God (Holy Spirit) can become one with our spirit, filling us with the Spirit of Christ, the life of Christ in us. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is the filling of our spirit and saturation of our being with the Spirit of God. Being baptized in the Holy Spirit opens us to greater access into the spirit realm. Our soul (mind, will, and emotions) through our natural bodies give us access into the natural earthly realm. We have the unique position of functioning as the interface between the spiritual realm and the earthly natural realm. We have the opportunity to bring the will of God from heaven to earth.

Spiritual kingdom relationships with God and with one another are God's plan for full redemption of mankind and the kingdoms of this world. Christ in us is the hope of the glory of God filling all the earth.

Rev 11:15: Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

The core ingredient of all the relational structure of the kingdom of God is the love of God flowing from God by the Holy Spirit. Love, His love in us is the substance of kingdom relational life in the kingdom of God.

Part 1 – Kingdom Life Basics

Chapter 4 - The Fullness of Love

The folly of a "happy" life of secular self-centered pleasure seeking and powerless religious pretention is a godless fantasy that becomes a shallow, empty, and meaningless existence. Existence in this world without the fullness of God and His kind of love is not really life. It is an experience in continuous disorder and death.

Man-centered living has led to vanity of soul and spiritual weakness for most of the world's population, including many Christians. As a result of massive continued godless humanistic living, a strong spirit of poverty and lack is already griping much of the world, and is rapidly encroaching upon all the nations of the world.

Painful and difficult circumstances are removing the comfort of the self-serving pleasure-seeking independent lifestyles of recent times. The systems of life employed in our passing secular and religious ways of life are breaking down and will not continue to provide the temporary comfort and pleasure that they have in the past.

The painful end of life as it has been is the beginning of the kingdom of God life on earth.

Or perhaps it should be said that the beginning of the kingdom of God life on earth is the end of life as it has been.

Paul said it this way, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

As the reality of God's kingdom lifestyle of unconditional sacrificial love fills our hearts, a much deeper and eternally significant life is transforming us into sons of God. The life of Christ is being formed in us by the Spirit of Holy God, the Holy Spirit of God.

The predominant characteristic and evidence of the Holy Spirit filling our lives with the life of Christ is an abundance of "agape," unconditional sacrificial love, which produces a self-sacrificial life unto God. God's kind of love in us always produces a life of unconditional sacrificial love that leads to willing obedience to God and the reality of His presence and power with us.

Charles E. Newbold, Jr., in Chapter 17 of his book, "Stepping into the Circle," writes the following about "agape":

"The original Greek idea expressed in the word agape is unknown before the New Testament. However, it is given particular meaning by its use in the New Testament. Jesus with His own life and in selflessly dying for us gave unmistakable meaning to agape. "But God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Rom. 5:8. Jesus Himself said, "Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13. We cannot miss this aspect of Jesus' sacrifice of His own

life, that He would love us that much, and that the Father would love us that much. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." John 3:16."

"Agape," then, in its truest sense has to do with sacrificial living. It can be understood as the unconditional, sacrificial surrender of self – the giving up of something of self that is in the best interests of another person, even unto death. One dictionary defined agape as "selfless love." I would broaden even that to say, "selfless living."

Christ Jesus willingly submitted to become the unconditional sacrifice of love for the redemption of mankind and the world. The fullness of love and life is in Christ Jesus.

The God kind of love is always giving. We sacrificially give to what we really love. We expend the substance of our lives day-by-day and moment-by-moment for what we love.

True love is an all-consuming passion <u>from</u> God and <u>for</u> God. God's love in us by the Spirit causes us to become living sacrifices unto God as we become conformed to the life of Christ. The nature and life of Christ is formed in us as our lives become one with God. Our old life passes away and the life we live now is the life of Christ in us.

There is also false love.

False love is a consuming passion for anything other than God or in place of God. The things of the world and the pleasures of natural life, the created things that God has made, can become false loves, other gods. Natural man without God is conformed to this world by his natural mindset of pride and lust for the things of the world.

The unconditional sacrificial love of God constrains us as we abide in intimate relationship with God by living and walking in His Spirit. We do not fulfill the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life as we live and walk in the Spirit.

We can recognize our false loves for false gods by what or who we sacrifice to – what we give our time, effort, and other resources to or for. If we have false loves, we will give of our lives to them instead of to the true God. What we expend on them is taken away from the true God.

False gods have a hook in them. They usually feed some inner need within us that should have been met in God. False love develops as we turn to a false god to meet a need. Having that need or desire met by a false god can grow into a dependency on or an addiction to the false god that then creates its own intense needs and desires in us. Another word for strong desire is lust. The more we give to a false God the more the demand grows and the more we must give it. The god of self is always behind false love for false gods.

Almost anything in this world can become a false god. Many things that are good with proper use can become false gods that consume our lives when misused. Years of life are lost, families are destroyed, health is broken, and fortunes are wasted, and on and on go the vast sacrifices made through false love for false gods. The kingdom of God in our lives on earth is wasted. The whole world suffers as godless poverty results from turning away from our one true God to the many self-made and demonic false gods.

A few of the false gods that multitudes of people have replaced the true God with are things like false religions, wealth, social or political status, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, sexual promiscuity or perversions, pornography, romance, over-eating, electronic games or toys, TV, sports, gambling, sorcery, entertainment, and others. Anything we give of our substance to that is apart from the leading of God in our practical daily lives may be a false god for us.

The reign of the false kingdoms of darkness ruling over this world must come to an end. The true kingdom of God is coming forth on earth. The kingdom of Christ Jesus ruled with unconditional sacrificial love bringing forth the power and wisdom of God within His many sons must fully come forth on earth. The kingdoms of this world are becoming the kingdoms of our God.

It is happening now in you and me and every maturing son of God. Eventually an army of maturing sons must carry the unconditional sacrificial love of God in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit to every corner of the globe – to every village, town, and tribe. Now is the beginning season of redemption of this world from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of God. All that is not of God must be exposed as darkness. Therefore, the darkness is becoming even deeper as the light of God is arising upon God's people.

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness is covering the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD is arising over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ~ Isaiah

The deep darkness has to do with the failure of the false systems of man that were inspired by the powers of darkness. The apocalyptic and cataclysmic events are bringing down the old fallen-world systems to make room for the kingdom rule of Christ. Christ in His many sons by the Holy Spirit will replenish the earth with the rule of unconditional sacrificial love of God. The kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdoms of our God.

Come quickly Lord Jesus in the fullness of love in Your many sons. Lift up Your people to rule and reign with You as mature sons of God. Father, Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven — You alone or worthy of all of our worship, of all of the substance of our lives. Kingdom of God come, will of God be done. Let all the earth be filled with Your glory. Amen!

In the time of this writing, the kingdom of God on earth is developing as one worldwide tribe of people living in many small villages around the world. Each small village is not a part of the local fallen world culture around them. The kingdom village may be only a few families that form a subculture apart from the culture around them. The autonomous kingdom villages are spiritually connected to all the kingdom villages of the world. This is entirely a Holy Spirit network of one tribe of kingdom people under one Head worldwide.

Part 2 – Localized Living

Chapter 5 - Faith, Rest and Peace

The frontier of kingdom of heaven life on earth is like small villages linked together in a wilderness of hostile environment. Inside the tribal villages of kingdom people, there is unity, agreement, and a sense of loving connection and godly protection. The flow of the glory of God fills the villages.

The tribal villages become as shining lights in the midst of the darkness of godless existence that is filled with evil of every sort. Pain and suffering fill the darkness of despair. False glory of fallen human prideful intelligence builds kingdoms of self-worship and the human folly of lustful pleasure-seeking that leads to deep depravity. Wars, strife, and killing of the innocent become normalized among the depraved people.

Some of the people who are seated in the darkness look up and see the light of the glory of God upon the villages of the kingdom people and begin to walk toward the light (Isa 60). They are cleansed of their ways of darkness as they move through the light toward the brightness of the glory of God. The love of God flowing through the tribal people receives the seekers and guides them into the kingdom of heaven way of life.

However, multitudes in the darkness hate the light and will not come toward it (John 3:20-21). They also do all they can to stop others from entering the light of the kingdom of God (Luke 11:52). Their desire is to destroy the villages of light, but God is the protector of the kingdom villages (Psa 230). Driven by spirits of darkness the people of darkness wait outside the light to viciously attack anyone entering or leaving the villages of light. Those who are leaving the darkness to enter the kingdom light must press through the demonized forces seeking to prevent them from entering the real kingdom of God on earth from heaven (Mat 11:12).

Inside the kingdom tribal villages, cooperation leads to peace and prosperity. God working with them and their cooperation with one another, rather than competing with each other, leads to high levels of production of all that is needed in the village. There is no competition in the kingdom of God. The pure love of God motivates every person to serve and provide for one another. Giving is the way of the kingdom. Taking is the way of the fallen world.

Inside the kingdom tribal villages, there is rest to the soul as the Spirit of God working in the human spirit receives the responsibility for the well being of the soul and body. Our souls are at rest as our entire lives are in the hands of the Spirit of God. The powerful grace of God in Christ Jesus within us empowers us to live godly lives in peace and joy.

In the tribal village lifestyle, faith (believing and trusting) becomes normal to our lives of resting in the Spirit of God within and around us. Faith becomes reality of experience, and there is no longer doubt or fear. There is no need of striving to do or to be. God plants His

desires in us and then guides us into full wisdom and empowerment to fulfill His desire. Holy angels are sent to work with us to affect all creation with the life and works of Christ Jesus.

Frontier kingdom tribal villages are temporary. They are kingdom seed organisms planted on earth from heaven. As the extreme judgments of God cleanse the earth of all that lifts itself against God, the kingdom of God will spread across the entire world. The frontier villagers will spread to replenish the earth with God's kingdom people. The glory of God shall fill the earth.

In this current season, frontier kingdom tribal villages are set apart and self contained living organisms of relational life. They are forerunner colonies of the kingdom of heaven on earth. The economy within the villages is love-based, and the medium of exchange is loving service. Everyone seeks to provide equally for themselves and the other people of the village. All of the people work together, each providing their talent or gift to care for one another.

There will not be need to seek provision from the outside Babylonian world. God will help the kingdom tribal people to transfer the wealth of the wicked into the kingdom villages. As judgments fall the resulting harvest will cause many in the darkness to come to the light and bring the wealth of the world into the kingdom (Prov 13:22) (Isa 60:5) (Isa 60:11). Sons will come from afar returning to the spiritual mountain of God. The provisions of the harvest will be transported into the kingdom tribal villages (Isa 60:4).

One Head of the Tribal Villages

Christ Jesus flowing through the Holy Spirit is the only head of the kingdom tribal villages. Every mature soul looks to Christ Jesus for headship. Village elders are simply those who have walked longer with Christ Jesus by the Spirit and lead others to grow fully and intimately into the headship of Christ Jesus by the Spirit. Village elders lead the younger into following the headship of Christ.

Tribal elders are simply village elders led by the Spirit to move between the villages and carry the substance of God from village to village. Each of the village and tribal elders (mature sons) may function in the gifting of apostle, prophet, evangelist, shepherd, or teacher or whatever gifting God desires for them.

We must look forward and not look back.

Faith, rest, and peace will fill our souls if we look upward and ahead to the reality of the kingdom of God. If we look to the dark circumstances of this world and the vast areas of darkness of the past, we will die where we stand. Lift up your eyes and look to the higher places of God and see the glory of God pouring out through the Spirit to grace us for this season of becoming the kingdom of heaven on earth (Psa 121-1). If we look back to the passing city of religious systems of false traditions of man and doctrines of demons, we will not enter into the forerunner villages of the kingdom of heaven that are forming by the Spirit on earth now (Phil 3:13).

If we will set our faces toward New Jerusalem, supernatural Spirit-of-God empowerment beyond where we have been and what we have seen is before us (Jer 51:50). We must set

our mind's affection on things above and not on the things of the earth (Col 3:2). There is a beautiful garden before us and ashes of a scorched earth behind us. Looking back will dissolve our strength, and we will crumble as a pillar of salt. Rock salt looks strong but will crumble under stress and collapse (Gen 19:26).

God is strengthening His kingdom people to enter into the promises of kingdom reality. For a number of years the trumpets have been blowing out the message to come out of Babylon. We should be prepared by now to cash in all of our investments in Babylon and prepare to invest in the journey into the promised kingdom of God. Prepare provision for the establishment of tribal kingdom villages with those of the love connections that God has been and is putting together.

Josh 1:9-11: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess."

The love of God by the Holy Spirit will draw us together with others to become one with Christ in kingdom villages. Love by the Spirit will motivate us to invest the supernatural provision of substance for life in one another.

Part 2 – Localized Living

Chapter 6 - Investing Christ into This World

As natural fallen human beings, we have a very tiny window of perhaps 86 years through which to view only a microscopic speck of the vast existence of creation from its origin to its end of time. Only a micro portion of created history is visible from our tiny natural window. The wisdom of the ages past and future is not in view through our tiny window.

The knowledge of natural man is less than trivial in the scope of all that is and was and shall be. Even with serious study of stored historical data and our best future casting that is based upon our limited understanding of the past, we remain clueless of the reality of the spiritual kingdom of God.

Spirit to Spirit Enlightenment

In great contrast to our fallen natural state is the redeemed state of becoming one with God in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit of God. The wisdom of the ages past and future is opened and available to redeemed man. As a son of God, our available light from our spiritual window comes from the fullness of God from eternity past to eternity future. There is no end to the potential of available light of heavenly wisdom, love, and power flowing from the open-heaven connection in the Spirit of Christ Jesus.

Connecting, becoming one with the life and light of heaven is for those who truly and completely love God – those who have become living sacrifices unto God. The beauty of holiness is measured out in our love from God and for God. The more love, the more holiness – the more holiness, the more access to the potential of heaven now on earth. Holiness does not produce love; love produces holiness.

To live and walk in the Spirit is to live and walk in love with God. The walk of faith begins and ends with walking in God's love. All wisdom and power are available to those who believe (walk in faith) – those who live and walk in the Spirit – those who walk in love with God.

With God all things are possible. If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes. ~ Jesus

The living Spirit of Christ in us is the only source of heavenly love, holiness, faith, wisdom, and power. This powerful heavenly Christ-Life in us always leads to true humility of soul. There is a complete absence of pride and fear. Perfect love removes all fear and pride and replaces it with humble rest in righteousness, peace, and joy. To live and walk in the Spirit is to live and walk in love with God.

Localized Tribal Villages of Love

The Spirit of Christ in us will draw us together with others who also live and walk in the Spirit. As we connect and gather with others walking in the Spirit, the presence of the glory of God increases. A spiritual radiant glow of the light of the life and love of God emanates from the villages and shines among men (Mat 5:14-16).

Sadly, many people in the world today have witnessed a lot of religious mixtures and counterfeits. Many will be greatly encouraged by experiencing the true manifestation of Christ appearing in His people on earth. Evangelism will be easy as people are drawn to the light and will seek out those who are walking in the Spirit to help them find the way to the fullness of Christ and become living sacrifices to God.

God's investment will produce the fruit of the kingdom of God on earth.

God has invested the life of Christ Jesus into His many sons. Our lives are to be invested into serving one another in kingdom villages that are, in turn, invested into the world to establish the love economy of the kingdom of God on earth. God has also invested special spiritual gifts and holy angels (ministering spirits) to help us to disciple people into the reality of the kingdom of God under the headship of Christ.

God's investments will pay off. All will not be lost. His word will not return to Him void. His purpose will be accomplished. However, we have a vital part in whether or not we will be part of what God is doing. It is possible for us to waste the investment God has put in our hands. The greatest investment is the cross and the potential of the resurrected Christ in us by the Holy Spirit.

In my opinion, one of the most grievous sins is to rob God of the offering of our lives as a living sacrifice to Him – to steal from God by wasting or misusing our lives and the gifts that He has given. Using our lives and gifts for the god of self or any other god is to waste God's provision and sacrifice our God-given kingdom potential to another god. To turn our backs to the potential of Christ in us by the Holy Spirit and turn to fulfilling the lust of our flesh with the things of this world or to a man-centered religion that denies the Spirit of Christ in us by the Holy Spirit is grievous spiritual harlotry.

Many Christian people today are beginning to see that they are not walking in the reality of the kingdom in the Holy Spirit. They are beginning to sense that there are some among them who are filled with the Spirit of Christ and living a humble life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit that they do not have. They are recognizing that their lives currently consist in the self-fulfillment of satisfying natural desires for self aggrandizement and pleasure. Ultimately, though, they do religious things; their life is wasted in a form of godliness without the reality of the life of Christ manifest in them by the Holy Spirit.

In the increasingly difficult times of judgments in the very near future, there will become a greater contrast and separation between those who both live in and walk in the Spirit and those who do not. The kingdom of God is in the Holy Spirit. There is no kingdom of God outside the Holy Spirit. There is a major difference from having only the earnest or guarantee of the Holy Spirit and the fullness of the Holy Spirit by being submersed, saturated, and filled with the Spirit of God. The difference is like the difference in having a seed or experiencing the full fruit of that which was in the seed.

Gal 5:24-25: And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Rom 8:9: ... Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

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

Mark 1:8: "I (John the Baptist) indeed baptized you with water, but **He (Jesus) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.**"

We do not worship the gifts or the process. We worship the Giver and use the gifts wisely according to the leadership of Christ in us by the Holy Spirit.

Those who receive and are baptized in the Holy Spirit are filled with the fullness of the Spirit of Christ and have the potential to live in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit, to establish the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

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Part 3 – Spirit to spirit

Chapter 7 - THE FIRE OF GOD COMES

Throughout recent centuries God has been restoring piece by piece that which was lost when Adam and subsequently all mankind fell. The process of restoration involves first the revelation of what is to be restored. It is revealed as being reality for the time in which it is to be restored.

Over 500 years ago salvation by grace through faith was restored. In the early 20th century, the revelation of the baptism with the Holy Spirit was restored. The gifts of healings and miracles were restored. Later in the mid 20th century, prophets were restored, and then in the latter part of the century and into the first part of the 21st century, the apostles are being restored. These are just a few of the most recent major restorations to the Body of Christ.

Now that the prophetic is restored, God reveals what He is doing to His prophets. As the prophets proclaim the revelation of what God is doing, it begins to come to pass. A true prophetic proclamation resonates in the hearts of mature believers and prepares God's people to receive the next piece of restoration from God.

Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets, Amos 3:7.

The Restoration of the Baptism with Fire

This may not be fresh to some of you. However, the greater revelation of the fire portion of being baptized by Christ Jesus with the Holy Spirit and FIRE is being freshly revealed and made real in me.

Mat 3:11: I (John) indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

New or fresh revelation is God uncovering for us what has always been. It is as if God lifts up the cover or lid, and our eyes are opened to fresh revelation. We may then marvel that we have not seen before this obvious reality that is now so clearly exposed.

I believe that in this season, the lid is NOT being gently lifted off the revelation of THE FIRE of GOD. The lid is being blown off with an explosion of power.

This will be more than the revival fire that has been poured out historically time and time again. In revival we cried out for God to SEND THE FIRE. His fire has now come and we are beginning to grasp what it means to be baptized by Christ Jesus with the Holy Spirit and FIRE.

This does not involve the hype and showmanship of highly promoted performance-based conferences. This is not a stage or platform production. The fire of God is not geared to man-made staged performance. You can lay aside the rock bands and high powered so called "praise music" with its costumed and choreographed dance. The fire of heaven is coming down in the person of Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit. The Body of Christ will come forth filled with the Spirit of Christ from within and saturated with the fire of Christ upon us.

Living Water and Fire

Probably most if not all of us have been experiencing to some degree the inner working of the baptism and fullness of the Holy Spirit – the gifts, peace, inner power, joy, and more. However, most of us have probably not truly experienced the baptism with Fire coming UPON us in this present season. **The fire of God is the glory of Christ falling upon us from above.** It is the Christ in us coming together with the Spirit of Christ from above. The restoration of the baptism of fire is coming upon us exploding the powerful works of Christ Jesus into a desperate and failing world.

The fire of His glory is suddenly coming upon purified holy sons and daughters of God. The glory will not rest upon mixture or flesh, as the revival fire of the past has done. The Holy Spirit was poured out on flesh in revivals and outpourings in the 90s, and a measure of fire came for a short season. This that is now coming forth is much more and will be Spirit to spirit. Mixture will be quickly burned away, and only pure holiness will remain in the fire.

This past Sunday afternoon, I was meeting with a few close friends. We were seated in a relatively close circle each sharing from our hearts and from the scriptures. Something was said about being thirsty for the coming of more fullness of God or something like that. I heard in my spirit that it was in us and needed to flow out of us as living water. I read a couple of scriptures from John.

John 4:13-14: Jesus answered and said to her, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

John 7:38: "He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

As I read these verses I began to feel a strong stirring of unrest and dissatisfaction within. I began to proclaim that it is in us. We have it and are not letting it flow out to each other. We thirst and do not have, because we are not pouring out the rivers of living water to each other. I don't have it because you are not letting it flow out to me. I was saying something like that when **suddenly the fire of God fell upon me**. The Spirit of God came UPON me and fire (glory) came upon my being like I have not experienced in a long time, if ever before.

At my age, I usually get up from a seated position slowly with help by pushing myself up with my arms. When the fire came upon me, I suddenly leapt straight up from my chair with shouts and did some sort of a rapidly stepping scooting sort of a dance or something in

a tight circle as tongues and words flowed profusely from me. I could not see anything but the glory. I fell back into my chair and prophesied and praised as the river poured from me. As far as I could tell, glory filled the room and impacted us all. I do not sing at all, but at some point in all this, I actually flowed into spontaneously leading worship choruses. Prophecy, prayer, and praise flowed like a river.

It was like the flow of living water (Spirit) from within flowed out and met the fire of God. Perhaps this is a key to the fire (glory) falling upon us. First the dissatisfaction with our not flowing the living waters of the Spirit of Christ out of us. At the instant we begin to flow the living water, the fire comes.

It is as if the inner flow of the living water of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of God's people can meet up with Holy Fire and create explosive power. The heavy lid of religion with its erroneous theology of doubt and unbelief and our personal gods of prideful self-consciousness have held back the release of the power of the Spirit, creating an extreme back pressure in the bosom of God's Spirit-filled people.

In the natural realm water contained in an enclosed vessel that is heated with fire becomes steam pressure. As the fire increases the pressure builds, and when the lid comes off, it explodes. At best we have been experiencing small leaks of power flowing out to the atmosphere of the world from the sons of God.

The pressure for the release of God from within us is now ready to explode into the world as God helps us to blow our lid off to full-out release the explosive power of spiritual reality of Christ Jesus.

First the Cross, Next the Spirit, Now the Fire

After the cross, the resurrected Christ Jesus gathered with His disciples before ascending to the Father and gave them instruction. They were sent by Jesus to do the same work God sent Jesus to do by the same power. Then He breathed the Holy Spirit into them (John 20:21-22).

Prior to this moment the disciples had not received the Holy Spirit. Even though they had followed Jesus and believed He was the Son of God, until Jesus died on the cross they remained of the first Adam. Because of the sinful state of mankind, they could not fully receive the Holy Spirit. However, it was at this moment after the cross, the sin curse had been broken and those who followed Jesus were able to receive the Holy Spirit from the breath of the resurrected Christ. Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into them much as God had originally breathed His Spirit into Adam (*Gen 2:7*).

At this point redemption became a reality for the disciples who now had the Spirit of God in their lives. For the first time since Adam, the Holy Spirit was again within men other than Jesus. However, they did not yet have the full empowerment of the life of Christ Jesus within and upon them. He was still standing before them awaiting His ascension to the Father.

Christ Jesus had to return to the Father and become a "life-giving Spirit" (1 Cor 15:45). Only then could the Holy Spirit impart the fire of Christ Jesus to dwell with and empower the disciples who would receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The disciples were instructed to not depart from Jerusalem but to wait for the empowering baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-8).

All of this took place in a relatively brief period of time. The cross and resurrection had broken the curse of sin and changed the sinful state of the disciples, opening the way for Jesus to breath the Holy Spirit into them before ascending to the Father. Then the promise of the Father could come at Pentecost in the full baptism of the Holy Spirit and FIRE. These works of God were being planted into the world to be multiplied in the fullness of time when all things were made ready.

From the revelation of the work of the Cross by grace through faith being restored around 500 years ago, to the baptism of the Holy Spirit about 100 years ago, to the revelation of the kingdom of God life on earth in the past few decades, to the recent restoration of true holiness by the Spirit within, to the today restoration of the FIRE of Christ Jesus coming UPON pure-hearted Holy Spirit-filled people of God, the restoration continues.

The Fire of God is the Glory of Christ Jesus

Forerunners of FIRE are emerging now. The real and fresh baptism of the Holy Spirit **with fire** will soon spread to the corners of the earth bringing the manifest presence and power of God into view of all. It will bring great empowerment to the humble and sudden destruction to the pride and loftiness of man. The progressive transformation to the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven is now being clearly seen by God's people. The gospel of the kingdom is restored and being widely proclaimed. The FIRE of the Spirit of Christ is coming upon Holy Spirit-indwelled people bringing God-empowered LIFE.

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Chapter 8 - Entering Heavenly Spiritual Reality

Before us is one of the most significant times of spiritual change of all known history. We have entered the season of the fulfillment of the purposes of God in Christ Jesus. All that has been done on earth since the birth of Christ Jesus has been preparation for and moving toward that which is now coming into view. Supernatural heavenly spiritual reality has come to earth from heaven in maturing humble sons of God. Grace empowerment of God is dwelling on earth in Christ abiding in His people.

We are now engaged in a time of rapid preparation to bring forth the glorious plan of God on earth from heaven – the kingdom of God is come, and the will of God is being done. There are yet multitudes to be brought in and prepared for the rule of God on earth as it is in heaven. Never before have so many humble holy people been so disconnected from their natural lives and walking in the supernatural spiritual reality of God in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit. Yet many more are now being called to step through the veil into the glory of the supernatural realm of heavenly life.

Leaving Our Past Life

For many believers, natural life has become a drudge and loss of life's purpose and passion. They are overloaded with responsibilities of natural needs and requirements of structured social order. There is little or no passion for the purposes that once motivated them with hope for things to come. Hope has been delayed and has faded from them. The things they thought would bring life and freedom have brought boredom and bondage.

Coming near to the presence of God in and among others is not pleasant for them. They see others alive with what they do not have. Or they see others only acting out Christian roles pretending to be what they really are not.

They continue in their unfulfilled desperate longing for the divine purpose and intimacy with God that seems always just beyond their reach.

Reaching back to the old self-effort of self-denying to try to become dead to self enough to really experience the presence of God, leads only to increased failure and more discouragement. They may even begin to believe that the people around them are the problem. "If only my husband, my wife or my church family or friends or whoever, would do what I need and be different, I would feel good about things again." Fantasy thoughts of abandoning their present life and responsibilities enter their minds.

The Call of God

Believe it or not, sometimes the above desperate feelings are related to God's call and His working in our lives. God is probably just as disgusted with our prideful, self-focused, pleasure-seeking lifestyles as we are. However, in His ultimate wisdom and love, He knows

that our materialistic, pleasure-seeking, pseudo-Christian lives are simply substitutes for the spiritual reality of life that we may have never experienced.

Many of us have been trained by the world to take care of ourselves and strive to gain fulfillment in our natural lives by setting goals based on what we deem will bring us what we want. The challenge of striving to reach our goals does give our prideful, competitive souls increased purpose and motivation for a season.

One of the most discouraging scenarios occurs when we reach our goal and find it empty. At this point, our false purpose and motivation that stimulated our lives evaporates leaving us with only the responsibility of tending and maintaining our empty dream. The obvious natural resolution is to regain our purpose and motivation by coming up with new greater goals. For believers this may involve a change of direction toward what we deem as more worthy religious goals. "Surely, my striving to become a significant minister in the church and doing self-sacrificing things to reach the lost will provide the missing deep inner satisfaction of my life."

At some point a shocking and depressing crash results from again discovering the self-established goal and self-motivated dream of being a super minister for God is just as empty as our other goals were. We are again left with the heavy burden and responsibility of feeding and maintaining the works produced by our dreams. The work takes on a life of its own and begins to rule us and everyone that is with us according to its needs and desires. Our unmet natural and spiritual needs have caused us to create monsters that seek to consume us. Spiritually, most of the world including many believers, have become as dry bones with no life left in them.

CAN THESE DRY BONES LIVE?

God is breathing fresh life of His Spirit into His kingdom army. The spiritual fire of God is once again restoring the desperate and entrapped believers to true life in the Spirit. Fresh breath of the Spirit of God is blowing into the lives of those who once walked in His Spirit and are crying out to Him in the darkness of night for the glory of God to fill their lives greater than ever before. Many others who have never before known the fullness of the Spirit are quickly being filled abundantly with the life of the Spirit. The power of God is coming upon and within His people. God is removing stony hearts and filling lives with the exciting fire of His Spirit.

The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones.

Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry.

And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."

Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

"I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." "

So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone.

Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them.

Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live."' "

So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. ~ Ezekiel 37:1- 10

Answering the Call to Glory

This is a work of God not the works of any man. Our self-effort to cleanse ourselves or to cleanse others is fruitless. It is the glory of God that brings life from death and gives light to consume our darkness.

We cannot prophesy the unjust into becoming just or the unholy into being holy. We cannot prophesy living people into being righteous or holy.

"He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." ~ Rev 22:11

However, as God directs, we are to prophesy the dead into living. We can prophesy glorious life into dead dry bones of useless lives.

Prophesy the breath-of-God supernatural life of glory coming into your own drybones life.

As long as there is anything remaining of our self will and strength to try to clean up our lives and make ourselves righteous and holy, we are not yet "dry bones" enough to enter the heavenly spiritual reality of the glory of God.

Prophesy the breath of Spirit life to the purposeless and passionless dry-bones drudge of natural life. The glory of God will dissolve our self-will and clean us up. The fire of abundant life of Christ Jesus in His kingdom glory is upon those from whom and in whom the words of Spirit flow.

Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

'Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live.

We are the mighty army of God raised from dead dry bones into the glory of the kingdom of God on earth. Our lives are filled with purpose, and the passion of God flows through our lives. Passion for the glorious kingdom of God is manifesting in our lives now and for eternity. We are entering heavenly spiritual reality. Life will never be the same again.

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Chapter 9 - Moving in the Spirit of God

As servant sons of God, we not only have the privilege to walk in the reality of Spiritempowered supernatural life, we have the responsibility to do so. We must be about our Father's business. All of the resources of heaven are potentially available to us for accomplishing the will of our Father. Every day everywhere we go the limitless potential of Spirit God surrounds us. Countless powerful holy angels (ministering spirits) are available to assist us in the works of the business of our Heavenly Father.

A spiritual army is arising from the valley of the shadow of death. The lifeless shadow has lain upon the hearts and lives of God's people, who were created to be kings and priests to rule and reign in this world with Christ. The enemy has, through false religious and secular doctrines and understandings shadowed our hearts from God's supernatural spiritual reality. The arising spiritual army does not move by natural human strength or guidance and does not employ weapons built by man. 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. ~ Paul

Divine supernatural love, power, and wisdom of Christ abiding in mature servant sons working with powerful angels will overcome all that lifts itself against God. Major strongholds of the enemy that are well fortified in the social order and governments of the world will be overcome by God's army moving in the Spirit of God.

Ascending Above the Shadow

The shadow of death robs God's people from life in the brilliant light of spiritual reality. It limits our ability to walk in the love, power, and wisdom that is far above natural fallen human life and the works of the enemy. Under the shadow of death the fullness of the reality of heavenly life in the Spirit is greatly limited. Intimate trust in God and faith to powerfully serve Him is hindered by the shadow of death. We are to serve Him by bringing forth His life into this world to transform the world into the glorious kingdom of God.

God told Adam and Eve that they could eat from all the trees of the garden except for one tree. They were told that if they ate of that one tree in that day, they would **surely die**. That day they were separated from intimate walk with God. They spiritually died that day, and life in the world abruptly changed. They were excluded from the intimate life with Father God and were cut off from the fullness of His provision in the garden. God provided a temporary sacrificial covering for them but their intimate walk with God was broken by their disobedience. Death (separation from God) passed upon all descendents of Adam.

For all who will receive it, Christ Jesus has provided the restoration of all that was lost in Adam.

The shadow of death on God's people is not total spiritual death. Total spiritual death is total separation from God.

From Adam to Christ, God's people lived in the valley of the shadow of death. God's provision sustained them through their faith expressed by keeping the law of blood sacrifices and offerings that looked forward to the coming of Christ Jesus to fully redeem all that was lost in Adam, including walking with God in the Spirit. David wrote in Psalm 23 about God preparing a table before him in the valley of the shadow of death, in the presence of his enemies. This is a picture of God's provision while moving through the valley of the shadow of death.

Spiritual life was poured out at Pentecost. The Spirit of Christ in the Holy Spirit returned to abide in His people to bring forth the finished work of restoration of heavenly Spirit-to-spirit life on earth. The shadow of spiritual death was removed from those who received the Holy Spirit. The brilliant life of supernatural spiritual life was poured out upon and into those who received it.

Sadly, through the generations, many people returned to partaking of the fruit of the forbidden tree of human intellectual knowledge as supreme over spiritual reality of God's strength and guidance in life. The shadow of death returned upon the hearts of people and the brilliant supernatural spiritual reality of God became foreign to them. The enemy, working through religious and secular education, devised doctrines of demons that became traditions of men that opposed the truth of supernatural spiritual reality and restored the valley of the shadow of death.

The army of God arising in this day is ascending above the valley of the shadow of death into the fullness of the brilliant glory of spiritual life that is far above natural life (supernatural life in Christ by the Holy Spirit).

The proclamation of the gospel of the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven is releasing the power of God from heaven to overcome the death of separation from God. Eventually the whole earth shall be free from the shadow of death and filled with the brilliance of the glory of God.

Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! ~ Jesus

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Chapter 10- Recapturing Past Strengths in Today's Glory

In its depth, the glory of the Lord rest upon the powerful engine of God's loving-kindness. The righteous goodness of God's perfect love is the core of all existence and the glory of creation.

The kingdom of God on earth is to shine forth the brilliant light of the glory of God. God's holiness flowing through the Holy Spirit in the hearts and lives of God's people is the potential source of the glory of God covering the earth.

The manifest kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven awaits pure hearted men and women cleansed within from every spot or wrinkle of impurity. Heaven's glory must have a clear channel to flow through.

The glory is like a powerful beam of light that becomes intense heat when it encounters resistance. Explosive and destructive results occur when the powerful light meets impeding impurities.

For decades now God has been gradually turning up the flow of glory light causing the impeding impurities in His people to begin to burn away. To avoid the uncomfortable spiritual cleansing sensation of "heart burn" many have backed away or turned from the brilliant source of holy righteousness flowing in the manifest presence of the glory of God.

All of our fleshly ways and demonic entanglements with the culture of the fallen world systems impede the flow of the light of the glory of God. Religion provides false systems to justify the wicked even while their darkness remains. Religion can become a shield to stop the burning in our hearts as we turn from the bright light of God's glory and truth. False man-made religion can be much more comfortable for a season but, in the end, will be a great loss of the glory and abundant freedom of life in the Spirit of God.

Returning to the Spirit

For those who have turned away from walking in the fullness of the Spirit there needs to be a return to the place where they left the Spirit and a full overcoming of whatever it was that caused them to turn away. Always the ultimate source of turning away from fully walking in the Spirit is the work of the enemy. For some it may have been Christian education laced with doctrines of demons that caused a partial shift from the tree of life and hearing God, to the tree of knowledge and intellectually discerning biblical principles.

One of the enemy's favorite schemes is to produce a counterfeit that looks like the true spiritual reality. When the false has been seen by seekers, it can cause them to turn away from the true spiritual reality when they see it, because it looks like the false that they had seen before. This has led to many believers resisting the true walk in the Spirit of miracle working power and guidance of the Spirit of God.

For others the turning away came because of distractions. The enemy can use naturally good things to distract us from the focus on Christ Jesus and walking in the Spirit. Things such as family, business or work, secular education, religious church responsibilities and many other forms of cultural pressures may have been used to distract and divert our attention from living and walking in the Spirit.

The word of the kingdom of God will not prosper in us apart from living and walking in the Spirit of God. In this time of entering the kingdom age, the glory light is being turned up to bring cleansing of impurities and release the brilliant glow of the glorious kingdom of God. It is like God has His hand on the big glory light control knob and is turning it up at an increasing rate.

The powerful holy light of the glory of God will burn and consume evil causing much destruction among all that will not turn to the light and allow their internal impurities to be removed. The same light of glory that produces righteousness, peace and joy in the pure-hearted sons of God brings destructive judgment to those who refuse Christ Jesus and the life of spiritual reality from heaven.

Spiritually Intimate with God

Through the season of severe destructive judgments falling upon everything that exalts itself against God, we will flourish under the shadow of Almighty God. I speak of spiritual intimacy that is available only to those who live and walk in the Holy Spirit. All we have today of Jesus and the Father in this life is through the Holy Spirit. As we are saturated and filled (baptized) with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Christ fully lives in us and we abide in Christ Jesus in intimate oneness with God. Thus we dwell in the secret place with the Most High and remain under the shadow of the Almighty.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence.

He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day,

Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you.

Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. (Psalm 91:1-8)

Overcoming False Debate

Demonic deception working through religion has so clouded and confused many good people that they are missing the reality of the life of God in the Holy Spirit that produces the fullness of the kingdom of God within. Great tragedy and loss will soon be upon many as the glory turns up and the laser like light of God burns away their present lives. All they have trusted in and found comfort from that was not of God, will burn as wood, hay and stubble. There is no reason to debate with them or challenge the false beliefs they cling to that are eating their lives as worms devour a carcass. It is God that will bring full resolution of the matter.

Rev 22:11: "He who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still."

Ministering to unbelieving Christians as with any ministry must be led and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Only by the guidance of the Holy Spirit can we flow in the perfect will and timing of God in every situation. Trying to follow spiritual principles with our natural understanding is always problematic. However, in this time of intense cleansing judgment that we have entered into, it can be a deadly serious blunder to follow principles or our human feelings.

As the Holy Spirit leads, there are times to support and stand with them - a season to try to teach them the word by the Spirit - to plead for their turning to the Spirit of God and from religious spirits and false teachings. The Holy Spirit may also lead, at other times, to stop standing with and supporting them – to be separated from them while the impurities are judged. "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

The work of Holy Spirit is the key to the ministry of Jesus. There can be no healing of hearts without the work of the Holy Spirit. Denying the fullness of the Holy Spirit disallows the healing of wounds in the heart and hinders coming to repentance for cleansing. Denying the fullness of the Holy Spirit over religious debate is severely dangerous to this life. It is the love and mercy of God that brings severe cleansing judgments to turn believers to the fullness of life with Him now or to take them home to their reward.

It would be difficult to grasp the vast amount of loss involved in debating and rejecting the reality of being fully filled within with the Holy Spirit and saturated from without with the Holy Spirit which is the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire. Perhaps a couple of the major losses are the ability to be spiritually built up and to receive revelation of divine mysteries through praying in the Spirit. One of the major gifts through being submersed in the Holy Spirit is a Spirit-given prayer language that connects us directly into the glory light of God.

I could write on for days of the benefits, the miraculous spiritual life, the marvelous worth and absolute necessity of being Spirit-baptized and receiving a prayer language of unknown tongues (unknown to man and the enemy). However, many books have already been written and many sermons recorded by others in years past. I can only tell you that it is time to seek the fullness of Christ Jesus in the Holy Spirit with all of your heart. Pray in the Spirit and be prepared for the times of severe cleansing judgments and the subsequent release of the glorious kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

Even if the entire world denied the baptism of the Holy Spirit and praying in tongues, these things are real and urgently needed in our lives today to see us through this day-of-the-Lord Judgment season and empower us to shine forth the glory of God in the kingdom of God.

Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isa 55:6-9)

Keep on pursuing Love.
The Sword of the Lord comes.

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Chapter 11 - Reality Replacing Religion

We are in a season of the release of heavenly authority to many who have turned from religion to the reality of life in God. The mighty works of Father God in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit are now becoming reality in this season. The Pentecostal power that had morphed into a religious form is becoming living reality in God's people. This year of 2012 will see the waning of religious form and the beginning of true kingdom reality for maturing sons and daughters of God.

What we have preached and hoped for but did not truly experience is becoming the reality of our lives in this season. Seemingly without effort the supernatural miraculous works of Jesus will come forth in God's humble people without even a hint of pride or merchandising. What we have said that we believed and tried to make happen will be done by the power of God abiding in His holy humble people. Truly the priesthood and the kingship of Christ are becoming manifest in His body of believers on earth.

Do not look for this as a big show. It will be seen in multitudes of humble gatherings, small and large that will be veiled to those who are not willing to receive the fresh reality of kingdom life.

Religious striving is passing away among God's kingdom people.

Religion has ruled the world under the prince of this world – the prince of the power of the air. All religion is powerless without believers/followers. Religion appears to be man-made. However, it always originates from the dark spiritual world of the enemy. The only authority the enemy has is the authority we allow him to have. Deception is his primary weapon.

The enemy was in the garden with Adam and Eve but was completely powerless until he deceived Eve and then Adam. The devil must deceive human beings to usurp the authority given to mankind to rule in the world. To usurp our authority, he must separate us from the reality of life with God and entice us to follow him. The more he can make his false religion look like the reality of life in God, the more easily he can deceive people into following him and releasing their God-given authority to rule in this world. Religion is designed to placate the innate desire in the hearts of men for life in God.

Eph 2:1-3: 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.

The Precious among the Vile

In this current year (2012) and beyond will be a season of separation for sanctification and connection for preparation. God will lead His people into an intense time of preparing for the

coming season of devastating circumstances in the world and glorious spiritual life in Him. The kingdom of God that has been formed within us will manifest under cover from the world in the most precious spiritual gatherings we have ever known. In these God connected groups and gatherings, the manifest presence of God will lovingly bond together and prepare His people to endure the hard times immediately ahead and to eventually plant the kingdom of God solidly into the entire world.

Beyond the season of devastation, in another season to come, the fullness that is developing under cover will be released into the world. The clearing and the deep plowing of the land of this world will leave little to none of the previous world order and fully prepare the soil of this world to receive the seed of the kingdom planted by the prepared people of God. The Bride City of God will become a reality on earth.

Draw near to God

By far the first and primary area of preparation for every child of God is intensely relating to God in the Spirit. Of course, this should have always been our priority. However, it truly must be our number one focus in this season. All other preparations will be of little or no value if we are not truly seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness FIRST in our lives. Intimately relating to God in the Spirit and becoming one with Him will release the authority of heaven within us to supernaturally accomplish the will and plan of God. Clear direction from God through praying in the Spirit and hearing in our spirit will enable us to walk through turbulent times without fear.

As we walk in oneness with God, we must hear and obey what He speaks for us personally to be and to do. He can prepare a table before us in the presence of our enemies. God may use some of us to be a part of growing and preparing the food for that table. Others may be used in preparing for other needs, for other provisions and services. Extremely basic life will develop with the necessities of life locally grown, made or built from whatever is available and with whatever tools are available. If we are truly one with God and are obediently doing what He says when He says, the Spirit will coordinate the works of all to fit together in the tribal lifestyle of the future.

Through the life of God in us, we shall overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of our testimony and not loving our lives to the death. Whether we live a long life or a short time in this body, we are the Lord's and will never be apart from Him. Our great desire is to fully serve Him and to accomplish all He has given us to be and to do in this life.

We are very important to one another and closely knit together in Him as each joint supplies its part. This will be more acutely seen and experienced in the seasons of devastation ahead for this world and the glorious season of experiencing the deepest river of His love filling us with His life and flowing the glory of the kingdom to one another. The glorious kingdom lifestyle is at the door. The kingdom is truly at hand in this day of the Lord.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.
Do not be wise in your own eyes;
Fear the LORD and depart from evil.
It will be health to your flesh,
And strength to your bones. ~ Proverbs 3:5-8

Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ~ Jesus

The Sword of the Lord comes.

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Chapter 12 - God's Holy Nation of Many Tribes

Be greatly encouraged and throw off all the dust of the world situations. Lift up your holy hands and receive the unlimited power of Spirit God.

Stand and shout for the God of victory is upon you. No longer entertain the "God is getting ready to" or "God is about to" scenario.

God has been "ready" for a long time, and God is not "about to" if we will not move.

Release the fire from heaven that is within. Stir up the inner spirit man. Fan the heavenly fire with the wind of the Spirit. Be kindled again by the Holy Spirit with fire from the coals of the altar of God in the heavenly Spirit realm. Call for the Spirit of God to quicken your spirit, soul, and body.

Get angry with our spiritual slothfulness and viciously attack the slumbering spirit that we may quickly become ministering flames of fire. Be empowered by the one *Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire*. ~ Heb 1:7

I hear the trumpeting voice from heaven blowing forth the call to arise and move into full power and quickness to again preach and teach with the anointing of heaven's fire glowing like burning embers in hurricane force winds. The mighty rushing winds of the Spirit will blow again more than ever before.

God is roaring from heaven into the hearts of His sons to throw off all restraints and rush into the wind to be charged with the explosive life of God. You are sent to the world for such a time as this. The kingdom of God NOW IS TO BE PRESENTED IN GREAT POWER to the entire world.

The whole world must see the true demonstration of the power and the glory of God in all its wisdom and love. Those who believe will be transformed and connected into the kingdom of God way of life in the same day they believe. The people of the world will be judged by their response to the fullness of the glory of God that is demonstrated before them in the pure holy and humble sons of the Most High God. The kingdom of God must be preached in power to all the nations of the world.

By faith reach up, cry out to God until the mantel of worship overtakes us and fully connects us into the highest voltage of Spirit power and glory that our supernatural bodies can endure flowing through us to the world.

All things are possible to those who believe. However, because we do not believe, we do not step out of the boat; we do not move from our natural way of being and doing but rather continue in the way of Balaam, the prophet who loved the wages of unrighteousness and was restrained by the voice of a man from a donkey (2 Pet 2:15).

Hear the word of the donkey or hear the trump of the trumpet or hear the roar of God's fire coming near, but by all means, hear the call of God to move far beyond yourself and step into Christ. Walk on the water and tread on scorpions and serpents for nothing shall stand before you, if you will hear and obey the voice of the Lord.

The time for seeking to fill our own coffer is past. And the time to empty all God has put within us to the people who walk in spiritual blindness is now urgent. The roar of the fire of God from the heavens is coming nearer and nearer to the earth to burn away all that defiles and all that contaminates the holy people of God and His glorious kingdom on this earth.

Release the glory of God from within or face the fire of heaven from without that will burn away all that is not of God. Sons of God who have become entangled again in the things of this world will experience cleansing fire of judgment worse than before they became sons of the Most High. For if, after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning ~2 Pet 2:20.

Beyond the fires of cleansing judgments

God is building a spiritual worldwide heavenly nation of kings and priests to administer the redeemed and cleansed earth - one nation, one new man taken from many tribes to become one holy nation unto God - ruled from one spiritual pattern city, the New Jerusalem. There shall nothing enter into the ruling city of God that defiles. The New Jerusalem lifestyle is coming down now from heaven into the hearts of God's people and will have its place ruling the building of God, His temple, His nation, His kingdom from heaven on earth.

Eph 2:17-22: And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both (Jew and Gentile) have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Release Now

In the Spirit I see heavy chains like log chains holding back the sons of God keeping them tied to things of this world. The chains are being shattered. I see the links of steel exploding into many pieces releasing the sons of God. I believe holy angels are zapping the chains with the power of heavenly fire disintegrating them and releasing the bound sons of God.

Pray with me:

Father, we ask you to destroy the chains that bind us to the things of this world. Release us to freely move in the full power of Your Spirit. God help us to release the Spirit life of Christ that you have placed within us. Stir us up by Your Spirit. Let the full fire of Your glory flow unrestrained through us now. Pour Your powerful boldness into us that we may release the works of Christ Jesus into the world to bring forth your kingdom way. Father, release the full glory of heaven upon Your sons and daughters now to proclaim the gospel of Your kingdom

to the entire world that none may be lost who will receive You and Your glorious life and that all will be without excuse for not walking into Your kingdom way.

Father, we turn from all bondages, fears, doubts, and any form of spiritual restraint in our lives. We give all that we have and all that is in us completely into Your hands to do with as You choose. Let us hear Your voice clearly and give us heavenly strength to fully be and do all You speak to us. We praise You God that we are chosen to be a part of the awesome works of kingdom redemption that You are bringing about in this time. We are greatly humbled to become vessels for Your use in this endeavor of worldwide transformation. Let your Spirit fully live in us now and burn away all the chaff of our lives. Help us, Lord, to spiritually wash one another's feet to cleanse the dust of walking in this present world. Thank you, Father, In Jesus' wonderful name, – Amen.

Can you see it? Can you feel the power of the Spirit God surging in your spirit, filling your soul with radical obsession for abandoned life emptied of the cares of this world and overflowing the liquid fire of the glory of heaven? If you can feel it, break out of the mold of this world and explode into the spiritual heavenly realm. Let your Spirit leap into the air and shout with all your might for the glory of God has come upon you.

If you cannot yet feel the awesome power of God surging life through you, fall on your face before the altar of God and cry out to Him until He comes to you in great glory. Search your heart, and be broken before Him. YOUR FATHER WILL COME TO YOU. YOU WILL NO LONGER BE PLAGUED BY AN ORPHAN SPIRIT. THE LOVE OF YOUR FATHER WILL EMBRACE AND CAPTIVATE YOU IN HIS ETERNAL ARMS. YOU WILL BECOME HIS COMPLETED SON ON EARTH FROM HEAVEN.

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren ~ Heb 2:10-11.

The Spirit of the Lord comes.

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Part 3 – Spirit to Spirit

Chapter 13 - All Authority in Heaven and on Earth

Loving humility fills our hearts and lives as we experience greater revelation of God's love. His love establishes His authority in us. God's love brings power and wisdom from heaven into us and through us to the world around us. Experiencing His love charges us up with an abundance of His love to be discharged to others. The love of God flowing through us transforms the atmosphere and touches the people around us. There is no lack in the body of Christ when each joint is fully connected to Christ by the Holy Spirit and is properly joined to one another in the Holy Spirit. Each joint imparts what God has placed within them to the body.

Abiding in Christ and Christ abiding in us is by the Holy Spirit.

Christ Jesus and our Heavenly Father are the source of all authority, all love, and all power. God is also our source for wisdom to apply and manage these heavenly resources. In this life now on earth, all we have of God comes by the Holy Spirit; even the written word must be made alive by the Spirit. We must be filled and saturated with the Holy Spirit to fully receive the flow of the resources of God from heaven. We cannot love as God loves except the Spirit of God dwells in us. Love flows into us through the Holy Spirit of God. Our part is to use the gifts and tools provided by God to keep ourselves built up in the Holy Spirit. One of the most powerful tools available to us is prayer, especially praying in the Holy Spirit.

To discredit the fullness of Holy Spirit disconnects us from fully receiving the provisions and works of Christ and Father God in our lives now. Failure and discouragement will prevail outside the fullness of being filled and saturated in the Holy Spirit of God. If we are unwilling to be fully saturated and filled with the Spirit, we will not be able to fully connect with others who walk in the Spirit. This lack of full connection limits the full flow of heavenly resources to one another. If His LOVE fully abides in us and we are rightly connected to one another by the Spirit of God, we will be delivered and saved from the inner turmoil of the devastations of this life.

The Authority of the Cross and the Resurrection

Keeping the commandments of Christ Jesus is easy if we are rightly connected with Christ in the Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "My yoke is easy and my burden is light." When one struggles to "live the Christian life", one is not fully living and walking in the Holy Spirit of God. Life and keeping commandments become hard and wrought with failures, if we are not properly using the powerful tools provided for building ourselves up in faith an keeping ourselves in the love of God (Jude 1:20-21).

Our Lord Jesus always provides the authority and power to accomplish every commandment that He gives us. Christ Jesus in us provides the authority to accomplish His commands to us. It is God who works in us both to will and to do of His

good pleasure. We are never left alone to strive to keep the commandments of God. Within every word God speaks to us is the authority to accomplish it.

Immediately after Christ Jesus forever altered the course of this world through His death on the cross and His resurrection, He met with the disciples and spoke these powerful words to them. "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Prior to Christ Jesus coming to earth, He had all authority in heaven. After the cross and resurrection, He had recaptured all authority on earth as well. All authority in heaven and on earth is in Christ. Therefore, if Christ by the Holy Spirit fully dwells in us, all authority in heaven and earth dwells within us.

The command to disciple all nations is linked to Jesus having all authority and being with us always. We are without excuse. What God says for us to do, He empowers us to do.

Jesus had told the disciples earlier that they would do the works that He did and greater works because he was going to the Father and returning to them, to be in them instead of with them.

Nothing is lacking on God's part. If we are not being and doing all that He has planned for us, there must be something lacking on our part in receiving or appropriating the fullness of what God has provided.

In John 14:12 it is clear that faith (believing) is a big factor. "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"

Hearing the word mixed with faith brings forth the fruit of the word. Abiding in Christ and Him in us brings forth much fruit. As we live and walk filled and saturated in the Spirit, we are connected into the vine and hear His words clearly, and faith comes by hearing.

Faith is both a gift of the Spirit and a fruit of the Spirit (1Cor12:9) (Gal 5:22). Faith works by love, and love also is a fruit of the Spirit. Obviously, if there is a lack of production (fruit) in our lives, there is a lack of connectivity in the Spirit of God – a lack of practical reality of living by and walking in the fullness of abiding in Christ in the Holy Spirit.

The Comforter, Helper, Holy Ghost – Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God the Spirit of Christ.

I realize this may be a difficult concept for some. Please bear with me to look a bit into the language of this passage. Let's take a closer look at the translation of this passage. Jesus is telling His disciples that the Father will give them another Helper/Comforter. The Greek word translated another is "allos" and means "else" (i.e. different) and is translated sometimes as "more" or "other." If I remember right, there is another variance of "allos" that means specifically "another" which is not used here.

John 14:16-18: "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may abide with you forever; the **Spirit of truth**, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

The Greek word translated "Helper" or "Comforter" is "Parakletos" and means "an intercessor, consoler." It is also translated as "advocate." "Parakletos" is used only five times in the New Testament, four times in the Gospel of John referring to the Holy Spirit and once in 1 John. In 1 John 2:1 it is translated as "advocate" and refers directly to Jesus Christ.

1 John2:1: My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an **advocate** with the Father, **Jesus Christ** the righteous.

In John 14;16-18 Jesus was telling His disciples that He would come to them <u>differently</u> as Spirit to abide in them and not in a natural body standing with them. We know that Jesus is Truth, and He promised to come to them as the Spirit of Truth to abide forever. He went on to tell them that the world would not be able to see or know Him, but you already know Him because He is with you and shall be IN you. Then Jesus clearly emphasis the point with the statement, "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you."

In John chapter 17, Jesus makes it clear that He and the Father are one, and they as one shall be in us. We have One God - Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit are ONE God. If we are baptized in the Spirit and walk in the Spirit, we are saturated and filled with the one Spirit God: the resurrected Christ, in whom all authority in heaven and earth rests, abides in us and us in Him.

This message of authority is very important in this day of the falling of Babylon.

As the mighty Babylonian systems battle one another and bring destruction and devastation to much of the world, it is vital that the people of God walk in the Spirit and the authority of Christ to establish the kingdom of God people. This pure and holy humble remnant will bring forth the New Jerusalem order and way of life upon the ashes of the past Babylonian world systems. The authority of Christ Jesus will fully establish the glorious kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

There will truly be beauty for ashes.

Isa 61:1-4: 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; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, 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." And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

Keep on pursuing Love. Love never fails and His kingdom never ends.

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