

CHAPTER 3

"CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH"

...."And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high"

Luke 24:49

IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE THAT EVERY BELIEVER HAVE THEIR MIND RENEWED TO THE WORD OF GOD THAT THEY MIGHT COME TO THE FULL REALIZATION THAT THERE IS NO GOOD IN US, THAT IS, IN THE FLESH

In this teaching we are going to look closely at the urgent need for every believer to be "clothed with power from on high" - at ALL times. We will take a look at some examples from the Word of God, and see from the ministry of Jesus and the ministry of Paul just how important it is for each of us to both be led and empowered by the Holy spirit in "all things" and at "all times".

...."Now while the people were in a state of expectation and all were wondering in their hearts about John, as to whether he might be the Christ, John answered and said to them all, "As for me, I baptize with water, but One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to untie the thong of His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. And His winnowing fork is in His hand to thoroughly clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.....Now it came about when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also was baptized, and while He was praying Heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of Heaven, "Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased". And when He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age."

Luke 3:15-17, 21-23

John had been baptizing the people - urging them to a deep repentance from their sin, that they might draw near to God and turn from their wicked ways. As he

speaks he makes mention of Jesus, the One who is coming to baptize them with the Holy Spirit and fire. In this teaching we shall go on to see what the "ministry" of Jesus involves. This is very important indeed, for we have been called to be a "continuation" of that Ministry and to bring that Ministry to its fulfillment in the earth. We know that Jesus was the spotless Son of God and that He walked in sinless perfection all the days of His life. As we study the Scriptures we shall see the provision that the Father empowered Jesus with, and we shall come to see clearly that we need to partake of that divine provision in every way. Many Christians in "their" efforts to serve God do not wait to be "clothed with power from on high", but rather go their own way, on their own strength - believing that what they do will somehow please God. In reality, nothing could be further from the truth! It is of the utmost importance that every believer have their mind "renewed" to the Word of God that they might come to the "full" realization that there is no good in us, that is, in the "flesh" (Romans 7:18).

IT IS TIME FOR EVERY BELIEVER TO DILIGENTLY SEEK - AND THEREFORE GAIN - A DEEP AND PROFOUND REVELATION OF THE DIVINE REQUIREMENT

It has been a lack of knowledge of the Scriptures that has "allowed" fleshly activity to run rampant in many areas of the church at large. Quite simply, people do not draw near to the Father and His Word, and therefore they do not "know" the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart concerning true Christian service. Because of these things they cannot possibly come to a true knowledge of what the Father requires of them - in order for them to fulfil their portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth. The very fact that they have lacked diligence in pursuing the revelation of God's Word clearly indicates that there still remains an element of self-desire in their heart, and thus they end up "attempting" to do things which they believe will please God. Through the maintenance of a "wilful" ignorance - that is, the desire to go their own way; do their own things and seek after the things of the world rather than the things of God - they seek to please men rather than please God, and thus they continue on operating outside of - and apart from - the Holy Spirit. As the judgement which is upon the household of God intensifies in these most critical days, those children of God in rebellion will need to repent (with a deep and thorough repentance) or else suffer the judgement of the "unrighteous". It is time for every believer to diligently seek - and therefore gain - a deep and profound revelation of the Divine Requirement (Luke 10:27) so that

they might be found pleasing to the Father in EVERY way - fulfilling His purpose in the earth, and continuously laying aside all rebelliousness in their own heart.

DEFINING "THE DIVINE REQUIREMENT"

It is written in Hosea 4:6:

...."My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge"....

Those who have allowed their heart to be hardened in their relationship with the Father - for whatever reason - shall SURELY lack a revelation of the Divine Requirement. The Divine Requirement calls for one to give their heart wholly to God at ALL times - and thus be empowered by the Holy Spirit in ALL things. The Divine Requirement calls for one to truly make Jesus the Lord of "all" of their lives (spirit, soul and body). It calls for EVERY Christian to have as their only measure the same measure that is found in the life of Jesus as He went to the Cross (obedience unto death). The life of the Cross MUST be established within our own lives by the continual empowerment of the indwelling Spirit of God if we are going to fulfil the Father's purpose for us in the earth. As we look closely at the scriptures concerning these things we shall begin to see clearly how the anointing, that is, the indwelling Holy Spirit, affects our ministry and causes us to walk above error (rebellion), that we might truly represent both the Father and Jesus in every way.

JESUS, HIMSELF, WARNED US OF THE FACT THAT THERE WOULD BE MANY WHO WOULD COME USING HIS NAME AND ATTACHING IT TO THEIR WORKS - EVEN THOUGH THOSE WORKS DID NOT HAVE THEIR ORIGIN IN THE HEART OF THE FATHER

These things which I have just spoken of are very, very important. Many people have misrepresented Jesus Christ in all that they have done - some over a very long period of time. Many things have been done "in the name of Jesus", but Jesus Himself warned us of the fact that there would be many who would come using His Name and attaching it to "their" works - even though those works did not have their origin in the heart of the Father (Matthew 7:21-23; Matthew 24:4-14). We must develop a very close relationship in this last hour with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in order that we might be found walking in the

"fulness" of the ministry that we have been called to - living and moving and having our being in Christ, exercising a "pin-point accuracy in ALL things pertaining to the most holy purposes of God.

THE BASIS FOR ANY (ALL) TRUE SERVICE TO GOD IS FOR OUR HEART TO BE WHOLLY GIVEN TO HIM

We know from the scriptures that Jesus grew up walking blameless before the Father in ALL things, surrounded by brothers and sisters (Matthew 13:53-58). We also know that His heart was always inclined towards the Father and the doing of His will. Again, the thing that must be established in the forefront of our "thinking" with regard to our Christian service is the fact that the basis for any (all) "true" service to God is for our heart to be "wholly" given to Him. We must be found willing to do all of the Father's will - all of the time (or at the very least be willing to be made willing to do all of His will - if there is still a ground of fear remaining). These things must be established in the heart of every child of God before they can enter into the Kingdom - and thus begin to go on into the deeper things of God and their part in the establishing of the fulness of His plan for the Glorious Church.

ABIDING IN HOLINESS - THE PLACE OF ALL TRUE EMPOWERMENT IN THE KINGDOM

There have been many doctrines and traditions (lies) that have remained in many areas of the church at large. These "doctrines" have been formed within the church throughout the centuries since Pentecost under the direct influence of the spirit of antichrist. A hierarchy of the forces of darkness have been able to establish these false doctrines - and the darkened mind-sets that are their spontaneous by-product - through men and women whose hearts were not "wholly given" to God. Therefore it is not surprising in any way to note that these "doctrines" ALWAYS (sometimes very subtly and sometimes very blatantly) call for less than "whole-hearted" consecration and service to God - the chief aim of Satan being to keep the children of God from entering into the place of "abiding" in holiness - the place of all true empowerment in the Kingdom.

IF THE CHRISTIAN IS NOT TOTALLY EMPOWERED BY THE LOVE OF GOD, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN SHED ABROAD IN THEIR HEART, THEN THEY SHALL SURELY BE MOTIVATED BY PRIDE AND SELFISHNESS (FEAR)

Without obedience to the "principal" commandment of God (the Divine Requirement) THEN all of the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven (true doctrine) fall by the wayside. For if the Christian is not totally empowered by the love of God, which has already been "shed abroad" in their heart, then they shall SURELY be motivated by pride and selfishness (fear) and thus, seek only for our their gain. Let it be clearly understood by all those who truly love God, these things have no part in the establishment of the Glorious Church in the earth or the establishment of God's Kingdom in hearts of men!

PRAYER (COMMUNICATION WITH GOD) IS THE FOUNDATION OF EVERY TRUE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOUR

...."And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time. And Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit; and news about Him spread through all the surrounding district. And He began teaching in their synagogues and was praised by all. And He came to Nazareth where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogues on the Sabbath, and stood up to read"

Luke 4:13-16

From the scriptures we know that Jesus, after He had been baptized with the Holy Spirit, was led out into the desert by the Spirit of God in order to be tempted by Satan. Jesus also spent that time in prayer before the Father. It was a time of deep intercession and prayer before He entered into the fulness of His ministry. Prayer (communication with God) is the "foundation" of every true Christian endeavour. We are able to see clearly from the ministry of Jesus, that He spent much time in prayer and abiding fellowship with His Father and that it was only in this way that He was able to walk through the temptations which Satan had placed before Him (Jesus passed the test which Adam had failed in the garden of Eden).

BUT NOW, AS HE MINISTERED THE WORD OF GOD TO THEM IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEIR HEARTS WOULD BE EXPOSED AND THEY WOULD BECOME OFFENDED

Verse 14 states that Jesus returned to Galilee "in the power of the Spirit", and as we shall see there was now a "distinguishing" mark upon His ministry. Once in Nazareth, Jesus entered the synagogue there as was His custom, but as He stood up to read He was about to speak the "anointed" words which would change things in the hearts and minds of the people who were present. It is obvious that before this day Jesus had been well accepted by the people of Nazareth, but now as He ministered the Word of God to them in the power of the Holy Spirit, their hearts would be exposed and they would become offended.

..."And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book, and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are downtrodden, to proclaim the favourable year of the Lord". And He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed upon Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all were speaking well of Him, and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?" And He said to them, "No doubt you will quote this proverb to Me, "Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we heard was done at Capernaum, do here in your home town as well." And He said, "Truly I say to you, no prophet is welcome in His home town. But I say to you in truth, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when a great famine came over all the land; and yet Elijah was sent to none of them, but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." And all in the synagogue were filled with rage as they heard these things; and they rose up and cast Him out of the city, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city had been built in order to throw Him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, He went His way"....

Luke 4:17-30

THE DIFFERENCE LAY IN THE FACT THAT THERE WAS POWER IN THE WORDS WHICH HE SPOKE

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit Jesus was led to open the book of the prophet Isaiah and begin reading at a particular place. It is important to note here that, as He read the scriptures, there was something which made Him "distinguishable" from the previous times. It mentions in verse 22 that "all were speaking well of Him and wondering at the gracious words which were falling from His lips"; and they were saying, "Is this not Joseph's son?" Indeed the difference lay in the fact that there was power in the words which He spoke and which had not been there to that degree in past times because Jesus had not yet been "clothed with power from on high". God used this word which Jesus spoke as a sign - as a word spoken forth in a prophetic tone actually speaking of Himself and the ministry which he was about to carry out in the earth. He was speaking clearly of the purpose of the Father - and revealing to them the ministry which He had been called to, both then and in the days until the end of the age.

THE ANOINTING THAT WAS UPON HIM WAS TO SET FREE ALL THOSE WHO WERE IN BONDAGE TO SATAN (AND SO IT IS WITH US TODAY)

It is written in 1 John 3:8 that Jesus came to "destroy the works of the devil", so from both that scripture and from Luke 4:18 we are able to see clearly that the Anointing that was upon Him was to set free all those who were in bondage to Satan (and so it is with us today) and that - from that day forth - Jesus would go forth administering the life of God - thus destroying the works (darkness and death) of Satan. Again, we must look at the importance of the time Jesus spent in prayer before He entered into the fulness of His ministry. That prayer and fellowship with the Father that preceded His preaching prepared Him in every way to minister God's Word in accordance with the Father's perfect will. As He stood to speak in the synagogue He did not just read that one portion from the book of the prophet Isaiah, but after reading it He closed the book and gave it back to the attendant, and then He began to expound on the things which He had just read. It was this speaking by the unction of the Holy Spirit which caused the people to "wonder" at the words which proceeded forth from His mouth. How important it is for us to draw the link between our time spent in fellowship with God and the ministry of His Word! For it is only in that precious fellowship in His presence

that we are "clothed" with His power.

"PRAY WITHOUT CEASING"

It is very important to realize that in our ministry - whether individually or corporately - we can in no way bear fruit for the Kingdom without a strong foundation of prayer. Again, prayer is the foundation of every "successful" Christian endeavour - and indeed every Christian endeavour was meant to be successful! But let it be clearly understood that without prayer (intimacy with the Father and His Word) and the power of the Holy Spirit we shall not be successful in "anything" we set our hand to. Many things which are done in the name of Jesus "outwardly" are failing because people have not set themselves in a place of constant fellowship and communicate with God, and thus they have allowed themselves to be led and empowered by "forces" other than the Holy Spirit. If there is any failure whatsoever in any so-called "Christian" endeavour it has to have been a result of one's failure to obey the command to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), and one's failure to lay down their self-life to depend fully upon God at ALL times.

IF WE DO NOT SET OURSELVES IN CONTINUAL FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER AND HIS WORD THEN THERE SHALL BE AN INABILITY WITHIN US TO HEAR THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

If we do not set ourselves in continual fellowship with the Father and His Word THEN there shall be an "inability" within us to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit. We must understand that the whole ministry of Jesus is characterized by the power and authority of God, through the Anointing which was in Him. As Jesus walked in the earth He relied entirely upon that Anointing, which was both in Him and upon Him, and He was enabled to do many great and wondrous works in setting the captives free and revealing the will of God in the earth - thus portraying perfectly the nature of God the Father to the multitudes (Hebrews 1:1-3). In the same way, as we allow the Holy Spirit who dwells within us to flow forth unhindered, we shall be "distinguishable" as Jesus was distinguishable from those in the world, and the captives shall be set free! This is extremely important because in this century and throughout the Church age there have been a great many of God's people who have not been distinguishable from those around them in the "secular" element. This is simply because they have conformed themselves

to the ways of the world rather than the ways of God and thus they have come to the place wherein they depend solely on their own understanding rather than the wisdom of God. As they remained in "heart-fellowship" with the world their way became "tainted" (impure) - having been influenced by the darkened wisdom of the world in the age in which they lived. Today we can see the results of this in many areas of the church through the traditions and false doctrines of men which have been set forth down through the centuries since Pentecost.

WE NEED TO BE THE MOST DISTINGUISHABLE PEOPLE IN THE EARTH!

If a child of God refuses to rely entirely on the Holy Spirit - thus refusing to be "filled" with the Holy Spirit - and they are content to continue relying on their own darkened understanding then they can in no way become the "distinguishable" people which they are called to be. As God's children, we need to be the most distinguishable people in the earth! Those around us should be seeing things in us that they do not see in the other people of the earth. They should see the peace and joy and love and life of God Almighty which has set us apart from the death and darkness and trouble which pervade the "world". If we are the same as those who remain in bondage to fear and death, then how will they ever be able to see the answer (true salvation in Christ) they need in our lives. Why would they ever be expected to believe anything we speak about God if we are found in the same bondages as they are in? It is only as we are continually filled to overflowing with the love and life of God that we shall be found portraying the "living" Christ to all who cross our path - bright and shining lights in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (Philippians 2:15)!

THE FATHER HAS BEEN PREPARING HIS OWN POSSESSION IN THE EARTH EVER SINCE THE FALL OF ADAM

...."And they will be mine", says the Lord of hosts, "on the day that I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him." So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him"....

Malachi 3:17-18

These words which God spoke through the prophet Malachi are very significant to us today! The Father has been preparing His own possession in the earth ever since the fall of Adam. It began with Him finding men who would listen to (obey) Him (Noah, Abraham, Moses etc.) and evolved into an entire nation (Israel). For us today the "possession" spoken of here refers to the Father's ultimate aim - and that is the "Body of Christ" or the true Church, the spotless and unblemished Bride of Christ. This "possession" which Father is preparing for Himself shall ultimately begin to operate in "sinless perfection" in ALL things.

BECAUSE OF FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORLD AND ITS WAYS A VILE DISTORTION OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST - AND THE WILL OF GOD IN THE EARTH - HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE MULTITUDES

God is speaking through His prophet Malachi to the people of Israel - Israel being a direct type and symbol of us today, as God's people. From this passage we are able to see that a time has come wherein the people are no longer able to distinguish what is truly of God and what is not, or between one who truly serves God and one who does not serve Him. Because of "fellowship" with the world and its ways, (in Israel's case Baal worship and, in our case today, the various forms of idolatry which have plagued the church and which have kept many of God's children in fellowship with the world and its system of doing things) a vile "distortion" of the Lord Jesus Christ - and the will of God in the earth - has been presented to the multitudes. Up until this time the church has continued to walk in an area "far below" the fullness of God's "best", and what life and light has surfaced, has been "diminished greatly" by the strife and division which is found in the midst of many children of God. In light of the fact that we are born-again children of God and in light of the fact of the wondrous Provision which God has made for us to walk in this earth, ANY conformity to the world and its ways - a conformity which causes us to be "undistinguishable" even from those who do not believe in Jesus Christ - is an abomination before the Father, and now we shall see what He has planned to "remedy" the situation!

THROUGH THIS EXTREMELY INTENSE REFINING PROCESS OF HOLY FIRE WE SHALL ONCE AGAIN BE THE DISTINGUISHABLE PEOPLE WHICH WE WERE CALLED TO BE IN THE EARTH

...."For behold the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My Name the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings: and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. And you will tread down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing", says the Lord of hosts"

Malachi 4:1-3

The "day" which is spoken of here in verse one has now arrived. And the "burning" spoken of here refers to the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh that is even now beginning to increase daily in the earth. In these days, the Holy Spirit (the manifest presence of God) shall be poured out through those children of God who "empty" themselves, and who thus become "pure" vessels of holiness and truth - vehicles for the "righteous" judgement of God upon His church (through no unrighteous motivation of their own, but through the love of God which has been shed abroad in their heart). As the Holy Spirit is poured forth upon all flesh in these days, "all the arrogant and every evildoer" will be as chaff, and no longer shall any "impure motivation" be found in the Church of Jesus Christ. Through this extremely intense refining process of holy fire we shall once again be the "distinguishable" people which we were called to be in the earth. Let there be no mistake about the seriousness of this judgement, for indeed whoever is not for God is against Him! Even at this very late hour many children of God are still unaware of those things which are about to take place! Let each one of us be found to be fighting against Satan and for God in this last hour. Let us be conformed in every way to the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart and forsake all "heart-fellowship" with the world and its ways (Matthew 12:30) (James 4:4).

WE MUST COME TO REALIZE THAT IT IS THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT, WHO DWELLS WITHIN US, THAT DWELT WITHIN JESUS AS HE CARRIED OUT THE FATHER'S WILL IN HIS EARTHLY MINISTRY

In these most glorious days great signs and wonders shall follow all those children of God who truly reverence Him. In being continually filled with the Holy Spirit, the Father will establish them as a "distinguishable" people in the earth. We must realize, as we study the Word of God, that many people still tend

to place Jesus on a "pedestal" far out of their reach. In one sense this seems fine because He indeed is the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, but we also must come to the "realization" that He came to show us the way and to direct and empower us in ALL our paths. As we "allow" the Holy Spirit to reveal the ministry of Jesus to us - through daily fellowship with (and total dependence upon) Him - we shall see how all the things which Jesus did (perfect obedience unto death and total reliance upon the Holy Spirit and the word of the Father) while He was in the earth apply to the carrying out of the portion of His ministry which He has blessed us with. We must come to realize that it is the same Holy Spirit, Who dwells within us, that dwelt within Jesus as He carried out the Father's will in His earthly ministry.

UNLESS ONE HAS A STRONG HEART-DESIRE TO PROCEED ON IN THE THINGS OF GOD - A HEART-DESIRE THAT MUST BE FUELLED DAILY - SATAN SHALL SEE TO IT THAT THEY REMAIN IN SOME FORM OF BONDAGE TO FEAR AND DEATH!

It is written in John 14:12:

...."Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go to the Father"....

As we spend time fellowshiping with the Father and His Word daily the Holy Spirit is able to reveal the true character of God and, thus, in coming to a continually deeper understanding of His omnipotence, we shall come to truly understand these words which Jesus spoke. And, in the casting aside of all doubt and unbelief, we are no longer going to look at miracles (the power of God released into the natural scheme of things) as the "impossible", but we shall come to know fully that "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26) (Mark 9:23) (Luke 18:27). The reason why many have been hesitant to step out in faith and believe for the "miraculous" and supernatural power of God to work in their own lives is quite simple: the Divine Requirement (Luke 10:27) and the "fulness" of our glorious salvation in Christ were not preached to them - and they themselves did not seek diligently for it. Because of these things many - immediately after they experienced the "new birth", fell into an area of "backslidness", and continued to conform themselves to the ways of the world. Unless one has a strong heart-desire to proceed on in the things of God - a heart-desire that must be fuelled

daily - Satan shall see to it that they remain in some form of bondage to fear and death! But as one seeks to know the "fulness" of their salvation, the Father shall be enabled to lead them - through the power of the Holy Spirit - to those who will preach the uncompromised Word to them and He shall set them under "Anointed" teachers who will be pure vessels of His love and truth to them.

IF ONE DOES NOT HAVE A REVELATION OF THE DIVINE REQUIREMENT (LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART....) REVEALED TO THEM BY THE HOLY SPIRIT...THEN THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THE WILL OF GOD!

...."For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore from now on we recognize no man according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh; yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come"....

2 Corinthians 5:14-17

In this portion of God's Word the apostle Paul speaks of the "essence" of the Divine Requirement, that is, the basis of the true Christian life that we are called to live - and these are the things which every Christian needs to have "a burning" revelation of in their heart. For if one does not have a revelation of the Divine Requirement (Love the Lord with all your heart....) revealed to them by the Holy Spirit and if they truly do not know what God has called them to do, then there is absolutely no way that they are going to be able to carry out His will! And thus, in their attempts to do so, they shall fall into darkness and error. Therefore, as those who truly love God, we must continually harken to the voice of the Holy Spirit and hear what He has to say on this matter of the Divine Requirement!

EVERY TIME WE LEAN UPON OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING - AND THUS ACT INDEPENDENTLY OF THE SPIRIT OF GOD - WE ARE LIVING FOR OURSELVES AND NOT FOR GOD!

The love of Christ controls us as we feed upon (assimilate) the Word of God continually, thus allowing the love of God to be shed abroad in our heart - and at the same time allowing the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit, to enlarge our capacity for His Presence to dwell within us. Verse 15 states that Jesus died for us and that "they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf". From this portion of scripture we can see clearly that we are no longer our "own", but Christ's and that we are no longer to live for ourselves - but for Him in ALL things, at ALL times. Every time we lean upon our own understanding - and thus act independently of the Spirit of God - we are "living for ourselves" and not for God! From this, we are able to see clearly the extreme importance of having our minds continually renewed through constant fellowship with the Father and His Word - daily allowing the Holy Spirit to work to His full capacity in our lives.

IT IS ONLY AS WE HAVE A REVELATION OF THE CROSS SOLIDLY FIXED IN OUR HEART THAT IT IS NO LONGER A DIFFICULT THING TO STOP LIVING FOR OURSELVES

As we receive a continually deeper revelation of the love of God that was poured forth at Calvary (as we begin to comprehend fully what Jesus did for us) we begin to understand the great and awesome sacrifice of His love! It is only as we have a revelation of the Cross solidly fixed (established by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation) in our heart, that it is no longer a difficult thing to stop living for ourselves - to live entirely for Jesus. Because the "uncompromised" (unadulterated) Word of God has not been preached from many pulpits, many of God's children are left (through the continued impartation of death and darkness) with the impression that they themselves must do something to help God fulfil His plan for the Church. Because they do not have the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and/or have a very shallow revelation of the "true" Christian life they proceed in their "daily activities" not clothed with the "power from on high" which would enable them to carry out to perfection the Father's will for their life and ministry.

WE SHALL NO LONGER REGARD ANYTHING ACCORDING TO THE FLESH, BUT RATHER ACCORDING TO THE REVELATION GIVEN TO US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT - THROUGH OUR SPIRIT....THE FATHER REQUIRES EACH ONE OF HIS CHILDREN TO LIVE LIVES WHICH ARE BASED SOLELY ON THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF HIS

WORD (WILL)

Each and every one of us are able to look back to the time when we knew Christ only through the eyes of the flesh - that is, the preconceived notions and doctrines which are a product of the "flesh", and not the Holy Spirit. But we came to know - through the process of developing a proper relationship with the Father and His Word - that if one "mentally ascends" to spiritual things then they can, IN NO WAY, gain a proper image of the Lord Jesus Christ and the purposes of the Father in the earth. It was not until our lives were wholly given to God and we received the "infilling" of the Holy Spirit - thus allowing Him to have His way with us (allowing Him to lead us into all truth and to teach us all things) - that we began to truly understand both the essence and the absoluteness of the Divine Requirement, and thus sought with all of our heart to be conformed to the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart in every aspect of life and ministry. As we meditate upon the Word of God - both day and night - and thus allow our mind to be transformed and renewed to the pure and undistorted Truth, we shall no longer regard anything according to the flesh, but rather according to the revelation given to us by the Holy Spirit - through our spirit. In other words, we see Jesus in all things as He truly is, not "tainted" in any way by the darkened wisdom of the "fallen" nature of man. And thus, we are able to see clearly that the Father requires each one of His children to live lives which are based SOLELY on the revealed knowledge of His Word. It is in having that firm "foundation" of revealed knowledge that enables us to transcend all the temporal evil of this world and also destroy the strongholds of Satan at every turn (Matthew 7:24-27).

IF WE ALLOW THE MENTAL ASCENSIONS AND DOCTRINES OF MEN TO INFLUENCE US IN THIS MOST CRITICAL HOUR - IN ANY WAY - WE SHALL REMAIN IN A FORM OF BONDAGE TO THE DARKNESS OF THIS WORLD AND WE SHALL BE FOUND TRUSTING IN ITS WISDOM OVER AND ABOVE THE WISDOM OF GOD

If we are to be found abiding in a continual state of divine empowerment then EVERY thought must be brought captive to a "perfect obedience" (a revelation of the Word [Will] of God), for as we do, our every word, thought and action shall surely come into perfect accordance with the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart (2 Corinthians 10:5). As the child of God "allows" the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to continually enlighten their heart they shall

come to see clearly that they are to be empowered in "all things" by God and that they are to walk in this earth in the same manner which Jesus Himself walked - carrying out in a perfect obedience their portion of the same ministry that He was "anointed" to carry out. It is only the Blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin and allows us to fellowship with the Father in His Presence. It is this fellowship in His Presence - and the "quality time" spent there - that enables the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word of God to our heart - and causes us to have the "blessing" (perfect empowerment) of God upon "all" that we set our hand to. And so, if we truly love God - desiring nothing less than the fulness of His will - we must come to the place wherein the things which I have just written are simple and clear truth to us. If we allow the "mental ascensions" and "doctrines of men" to influence us in this most critical hour - IN ANY WAY - we shall remain in a form of bondage to the darkness of this world and we shall be found trusting in its wisdom over and above the wisdom of God.

WE MUST COUNT OUR BODIES DEAD TO SIN - AND KNOW THAT WE HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO THE FLESH

We know that when we were "born again" God created a new (regenerated) spirit within us, but we must realize that our soul (mind, will, emotions) needs to be continually transformed and renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God - and also that our bodies must be presented continually as a "living and holy sacrifice" (Romans 12:1-2) before God. In other words, we must count our bodies dead to sin - and know that we have no "obligation" to the flesh (Romans 8:12-17). As Christians, it is certain that Satan will attempt to infiltrate our "thought-life", but as we are diligent in replacing those thoughts which he attempts to place in our mind - with the "revealed" Word of God - moment to moment, day by day, then our mind shall surely be renewed to God's ways and our bodies shall come into a "perfect" submission - brought captive in every way to carry out the will of the Father.

IF ONE TRULY DESIRES TO ENTER INTO THE DEEPER CHRISTIAN LIFE THEY MUST CONTINUALLY YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

From these things one is able to see clearly - as they walk daily separating ourselves unto the Father and His Word - the wondrous provision God has made for them to walk in this earth the same way that Jesus walked. If one truly desires

to enter into the deeper Christian life they must continually yield to the Holy Spirit that He might enter into their heart in the fulness of His power to work (through a continual self-denial on their part) in their lives and guide them into "absolute" truth - teaching them "all" things. Every born-again child of God must seek to be empowered and led by the Holy Spirit in ALL things, at ALL times, if they truly desire to serve the Father and carry out His will in the earth. All those who truly love God must allow their hearts and minds to be flooded with a "Christ-consciousness" - for it is only in this way that one shall gain an "abiding" revelation that they can do NOTHING in their service to God apart from His empowerment. In many cases people have become so used to attending "church" on Sundays and having the minister put forth God's Word in whatever way (truth or error) while they just sit back and relax - not expecting to have to do anything or participate in any way. But - regardless of where one is now, spiritually speaking - as they gain a revelation of the Divine Requirement of God and His plan for the establishment of a Glorious Church, they shall come to see clearly that they themselves are called to minister unto and fellowship with God daily - regardless of their calling.

REGARDLESS OF THE GOOD APPEARANCE OF THEIR WORKS - IN REALITY, THEY WERE IN NO WAY CONFORMED TO THE WILL OF GOD FOR THEIR LIFE AND MINISTRY

To walk in the fullness of our calling in the earth will take discipline and perfect obedience, but we have the assurance in the Word and the Holy Spirit that this is not an unattainable thing for us. The "baptism" - and continual infilling - of the Holy Spirit must be preached to every congregation regardless of their "doctrines" or "creeds"! As one looks out upon the church, they see a great many "denominations" and factions - and these things should not be so! In this last hour God, as He spoke through the prophet Malachi, shall raise up a people who are "distinguishable" and because of this we shall once again be able to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. As the uncompromised Word goes forth concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit (that is the Anointing that abides within) those who truly love God shall "allow" themselves (through proper positioning in the Spirit and their relationship to the Father) to be led to the places where God is being worshipped in Spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24) - places where His Word is being put forth in an uncompromised fashion. Because of this, many shall enter into

"true" service to the Father for the first time in their lives! Even though in the past they "seemed" to have a passion or zealotness for God at times they were not operating in His power and thus - regardless of the "good" appearance of their works - in reality, they were in no way conformed to the will of God for their life and ministry.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

As the uncompromised Word goes forth in this last hour concerning the Divine Requirement (a heart wholly given to the purposes of the Father) - and the people of God open their hearts to hear it - multitudes shall leave the "denominational" churches and flow to the places (true spiritual environments) where God is being worshipped in Spirit and in Truth. Those who truly love God shall be fed with the spiritual food which is needful for them to continue on into the fulness of His will for their life and ministry. Those who continue to "live for themselves" shall remain in the places where they have been (in their spiritual complacency) and their lot shall be one of an ever-increasing fear, great darkness and death. In this last hour we must - through a steadfast faithfulness and obedience - begin to operate in the principle of the Body of Christ and that is: as individual members of the Body, we can do "nothing" apart from the Head (John 15:5). In the same way as our own physical members can do nothing apart from our head (brain and its impulses), the Father is desirous of a people who seek to do nothing independently from the revealed knowledge of His Word - and who, thus, are led and empowered by the Holy Spirit in ALL things. Jesus said that we can do "nothing" apart from Him. It is time that we harkened to the words of Jesus and begin to seek a deep revelation of what those words mean to each of us - both individually and corporately - in the Church. There is a "remnant" being raised up in the earth who worship the Father in Spirit and in Truth and who "diligently seek" to abide in a perfect obedience - seeking to do nothing apart from the Head, which is Christ. They are the ones that God shall use mightily to establish the Glorious Church in the days ahead.

WE MUST IN NO WAY BASE OUR PERCEPTION OF WHAT THE TRUE CHURCH IS UPON THAT WHICH WE PERCEIVE THROUGH OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

We must not in any way "seek" to follow after "the sons of disobedience"

(those who continue to walk after the flesh and who conform themselves constantly to the ways of this world) for their words and actions do not have their source in God and His love, but rather in the pride and arrogance of man's fallen nature. The Father likened this situation - which has been found in the church up until this time, to a paralyzed arm in a body "co-existing" with a healthy arm when, in reality, that "dead" arm was "incapable" of receiving the messages sent from the head. And so, again, we must be found developing a "Body of Christ-consciousness" in this last hour - one which allows us to see the True Church through the eyes of the Father. We must in no way base our perception of what the true Church is upon that which we perceive through our own understanding (or by what we have seen and experienced up to this time through our five physical senses) - for in this last hour, by the power of God, the Spirit of obedience shall rest heavily upon ALL those who truly love Him, and they shall indeed be conformed to the image of His dear Son, Jesus Christ in EVERY way! This will cause the explosive manifestation of the Glorious Church in the earth - the Glorious Church that was always intended by the Father from the beginning.

ONLY THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE SAID AND DONE IN OBEDIENCE TO GOD, THROUGH A REVELATION OF HIS WORD (WILL) AND THE UNCTION (EMPOWERMENT AND LEADING) OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN BE CONSIDERED TRUE KINGDOM-SERVICE

And so, as we keep our eyes fixed on the Word of God - and that holy Word is revealed to us through the enlightening power of the Holy Spirit - we shall continually be found exercising an absolute faith in God for the manifestation of a true working "Body of Christ" (a spotless and unblemished Church) in the earth. This is imperative! For it is then - and only then - that the Church shall truly be "distinguishable" from all of the "counterfeits" - which Satan has attempted to portray as truth. Only those things which are said and done in obedience to God, through a revelation of His Word (Will) and the unction (empowerment and leading) of the Holy Spirit can be considered true Kingdom-service. We must draw this definite distinction between the true Church and the church which still holds "carnality" (selfishness) as its god. It is certain that there has been no provision made for anything which is apart from Christ to be included in the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ! Let us therefore not fall prey to the deceptions of the Evil One in this hour, for the day is surely coming - burning like a furnace - and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff and the day that is coming

will set them ablaze, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. All which has its source in wickedness and iniquity (unrighteous motivation) shall depart from within the Church in this last hour and all those who have been called out and gathered together in the Name of Jesus - those who worship Him in Spirit and in Truth - shall be seen as the true servants of God. How important it is for each one of us to receive this "revelation" from the Holy Spirit, for if we allow ourselves to fix our eyes on anything other than the Word of God then surely we will continue to settle for the "social organizations" of men, rather than the "true Church" of God - a Church which is clothed in its entirety with power from on high.

IN THEIR REFUSAL TO SUBMIT THEMSELVES WHOLLY TO THE WORD OF GOD (NOT TAKING HIM AS THEIR SOLE AND FINAL AUTHORITY) MANY HAVE CAUSED THEMSELVES TO REMAIN ENTANGLED IN THE BONDAGES OF DARKNESS AND FEAR

There is a great refining process going on right now amongst the children of God - in order to separate those who have been called, but who have not yet separated themselves from an ardent fellowship with the world and its ways. In their refusal to submit themselves "wholly" to the Word of God (not taking Him as their sole and final authority) many have caused themselves to remain entangled in the various bondages of darkness and fear, and unless a deep and thorough repentance is forthcoming they will have sealed their own destiny by their own choice! We cannot say that we truly love God and then not seek to obey His every command - at all cost to ourselves! To do so is to walk in a very low level of spiritual maturity - a level of spiritual maturity that will not suffice for any child of God desirous of "overcoming" in this most critical hour! Only those who seek to walk in perfect obedience - those who desire to live for God and His purposes alone - shall enter into the fullness of His life (Kingdom-life) and be blessed (empowered) above all the peoples of the earth in this last of the last hour.

IT MAY SEEM - AT TIMES LIKE A LONG AND HARD PROCESS (THE TRANSITION FROM CONTINUALLY LEANING UPON ONE'S OWN UNDERSTANDING TO ABIDING IN THE MIND OF CHRIST)

It is certain that we, as Christians, will - IN NO WAY - be found obeying the commandments (instructions) of God unless we remain in constant fellowship

with His Word. This daily fellowship "allows" the Holy Spirit to continually reveal to us what we are to do and - through a steadfast faithfulness and perseverance on our part - bring us to the place wherein we come to depend upon the Anointing, which abides within us - for all things, and at all times. It may seem - at times - like a long and hard "process" (the transition from continually leaning upon one's own understanding to abiding in the mind of Christ), but as one is diligent to "practice" the acknowledgement of the Father and His Word - day in and day out in all things - they shall surely gain a continually deeper revelation of the fulness of God's wondrous Provision that is theirs, in Christ.

IN THIS PLACE OF ABIDING IN THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF THE FATHER'S WILL WE SHALL BE KEPT IN A PLACE WHEREIN THE EVIL ONE CANNOT TOUCH US (INFLUENCE THE MOTIVATION OF OUR HEART)

As long as we are desirous of (and actively) walking in ALL of the "light" (revelation knowledge) that we have received through the Holy Spirit in our inner man, the Father shall not be hindered from continually revealing more of His Word and the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart to us. In this place of abiding in the revealed knowledge of the Father's will we shall be kept in a place wherein the Evil One cannot "touch" us (influence the pure (righteous) motivation of our heart). It is only when one desires to go their "own" way for an ongoing period of time - thus allowing "wilful sin" to remain in our lives - that they step (drift) outside the covenants of promise and "allow" themselves to become "open targets" for the vile schemes of Satan. In knowing that it is Satan's objective to kill, steal from or destroy us, we need to be very aware of our true "spiritual positioning". We need to pay close attention and take heed to the lessons which were shown to us through the people of Israel as they wandered about in the wilderness. There was no need for them to wander in the "wilderness" for 40 long years, but because they hardened their hearts against God and would not hear His voice - refusing to be obedient - they were afflicted greatly in their rebelliousness (Psalm 95) (Hebrews 3:7-4:13)!

IT IS IN THIS PLACE OF INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP, ALONE, THAT ONE COMES TO THE FULL REALIZATION THAT WITHOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT THEY CANNOT FULFIL THEIR SERVICE AND MINISTRY AS A CHRISTIAN

We must - in our hungering and thirsting after righteousness (to be righteously motivated) - seek at ALL times for a revelation of what the Father would have us do and say - in order that we might truly enter into and continually walk in the fulness of our inheritance in Christ. To do that (be found obedient in all things) we are going to have to enter into an intimate fellowship with the Father and His Word - without exception. It is in this place of intimate fellowship, alone, that one comes to the "full" realization that without the Holy Spirit they cannot even begin - let alone fulfil - their service and ministry as a Christian, in the earth.

THE CLOSER ONE IS TO THE FATHER THE MORE THEY SEEK TO DILIGENTLY CARRY OUT HIS WILL AND THE FURTHER ONE IS FROM HIM (AND FROM HIS WORD) THE MORE THEY SEEK TO CARRY OUT THEIR OWN DESIRES

The day shall come, and now is, when we - through our diligence and our obedience in allowing the power of God to work in our lives shall cause - through the release of holy fire from our innermost being - ALL rebellion and sin to be removed from the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is only in sinless perfection (by the power of the Blood) and "perfect" obedience (by the total empowerment of the Holy Spirit) that we may truly call ourselves Christians. Let us not use the word "Christian" without gaining a deep and full revelation of the significance of the word - and all that it entails (requires). Let us heed the call to consecration and holiness - for there is no excuse for anyone who is truly born of God to "misrepresent" Jesus Christ in any way! As all those who truly love God continue seeking to walk in faith and obedience at all cost to themselves - being empowered by the Holy Spirit in all things - they shall continually draw nearer to the Father. Because of this closeness and intimacy with His heart they shall come to the place wherein they seek to carry out only His will. Always remember: the closer one is to the Father and His Word the more they are "infused" with godly desire - thus causing them to diligently carry out His will, and the further one is from Him (and from His Word) the more self-desire is fuelled (kindled) and thus, they seek to do and say only that which runs in line with "their" agenda or "doctrine".

BECAUSE MANY WHO ARE PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL ARE NOT DOING SO WITH THE PROPER MOTIVATION OF HEART THIS HAS CAUSED GREAT INACCURACY AND ERROR TO GO FORTH FROM MANY PULPITS

...."Now He said to them, "These are My words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things which are written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".....

Luke 24:44-49

As we look at this portion of scripture we see that Jesus has already gone to the Cross and has risen and He is talking to His disciples here just before His ascension. As He spoke to them He opened their hearts and minds to understand the scriptures and He shed light upon all which was written of Him therein. Jesus also put them in remembrance that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in His Name to all the nations beginning from Jerusalem. The key phrase in this passage is "proclaimed in His Name", for indeed repentance, with a view to - and as the condition of forgiveness of sins - has been preached and proclaimed outside of "Christ", and therefore apart from the bondage-breaking power of God! Because of this there are many who have not truly or fully harkened to the call upon their lives. Because many who are "proclaiming" the Gospel are not doing so with the proper motivation of heart this has caused great inaccuracy and error to go forth from many pulpits and thus vast multitudes have continued to remain in bondage to the self-life (the flesh)! Our sole source of motivation, as Christians who are truly seeking first the Kingdom, must be the love of God - which is shed abroad in our heart by the Holy Spirit, and which causes us to seek His empowerment in all things! As we align ourselves with the will of God by faith, and thus allow ourselves to be "controlled" by the Holy Spirit, the words we speak and our actions being in perfect accord with the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father heart, THEN the power and blessing of God shall be upon ALL that we do and say. And thus, as that power issues forth from us, the Life (Zoe) of God shall be administered to set the captives free and to meet their deepest needs.

IT IS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO REVEAL THE WILL OF GOD AND THEN SHOW US HOW TO APPLY THAT PORTION OF HIS WILL (WORD) ACCORDING TO HIS WISDOM AND HIS UNCTION

After Jesus commanded them to go forth in His Name He also put them in remembrance of the promise of the Holy Spirit (vs.49), and gave them a solemn warning which still applies to each one of us today:

...."You are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high"....

What He was saying in this passage is, "Do not make any move, no matter how big or how small, until first the Father's will has been "revealed" to your heart and you are filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit". It is only through the power of God that we are enabled to fulfil any task which He has given to us in our Kingdom-service. It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to reveal the will of God and then show us how to apply that portion of His Will (Word) according to His wisdom and His unction. It is in this way that the absolute life (love, light, truth) of God is able to flow through us as we step out in faith on His revealed will, for it is most certain that He - in His great faithfulness and power - is watching over His Word (will) to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12)! There shall NEVER be a lack of God's power to meet the needs of the people we minister to as long as we continue to walk in the "perfect" obedience which is required of us.

IT IS ONLY AS WE HAVE GIVEN OUR LIFE WHOLLY TO GOD - THROUGH THE CONTINUAL EXERCISING OF A SELF-DENIAL - AND HAVE BEEN BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT WE SHALL COME TO THE PLACE WHEREIN THE BLESSING (GRACE-EMPOWERMENT) OF GOD IS UPON ALL THAT WE DO AND SAY

There are many in the churches who are attempting to fulfil the "Great Commission" without walking in the power to do so. Only as we remain "in Christ" - and thus are empowered by the Holy Spirit - are we going to be able to accomplish the will of God for our life and ministry. To be in the position of abiding in the will of God we must live the "life of the Cross" - that is, continually seeking to come to the place of having an absolute dependence (trust) upon God

for ALL things, being filled with the Holy Spirit and refusing to align ourselves in ANY way with the lies of Satan. With a solemn urgency I say again that we must not in any way attempt to serve God in our own understanding, but we must wait until we are clothed with power from on high - WITHOUT EXCEPTION! It is only as we have given "our" life wholly to God - through the continual exercising of a self-denial - and have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, that we shall come to the place wherein the "blessing" (grace-empowerment) of God is upon "all" that we do and say. All these things which I have just spoken of are very clear and straightforward to those who have a revelation of the Divine Requirement (Luke 10:27). But what has happened through the centuries since Pentecost is that "good works" - that is, works which proceed from the flesh and appear "good" but are not righteously motivated - have become acceptable within the structure of the church, and this has led to great darkness!

WHEN ONE ALLOWS THEMSELVES TO BECOME SEPARATED FROM THE WORD OF GOD TO ANY DEGREE THEN THEY ARE SURELY DECEIVED BY THE EVIL ONE INTO THINKING THAT THEY ARE ACCOMPLISHING THE WILL OF GOD - WHILE IN REALITY THEY ARE BEING HELD CAPTIVE BY SATAN TO CARRY OUT HIS WILL (SCHEMES)

As we look throughout the Church age at these so-called "good works" we are able to see clearly that they led the multitudes into a continually greater position of darkness and death. This was because, to the degree that one "maintains" a dependence upon their own understanding - through the continual seeking after self-glory - they become separated from the "living" Word of God and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit which was given to the Church to set the captives free (Luke 4:18), and deliver them from all the works of Satan (1 John 3:8). When one "allows" themselves to become separated from the Word of God to any degree then they are SURELY deceived by the Evil One into thinking that they are accomplishing the will of God - while in reality they are being held captive by Satan to carry out his will (schemes). The "flesh" is ALWAYS content to do less than what the Father desires to accomplish. It is the Father's will that not only every one of His children walk free in the earth from the "law of sin and death", but also that they take that message (the Gospel of the Kingdom) to the entire world, for it is indeed God's will that not one soul should perish (1 Timothy 2:4) (2 Peter 3:9)! Not only have many of the captives out in the "world" not been

set free, but there are many in the church who remain in captivity (bondage to fear) and this is truly an abomination before God! Because of these things one can expect in this last hour the fire of Almighty God to enter in and cleanse His church from all sin and rebelliousness and disobedience - and all those who truly love Him are praising Him for it!

AS WE LIVE OUR LIVES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIVINE REQUIREMENT, THAT IS - ABSOLUTE DEPENDENCE UPON GOD FOR ALL THINGS - WE TOO SHALL BE EMPOWERED IN EXACTLY THE SAME WAY IN WHICH JESUS WAS EMPOWERED

...."Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and strength, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And He will delight in the fear of the Lord and He will not judge by what His eyes see, nor make a decision by what His ears hear;".....

Isaiah 11:1-3

It is clear that in this passage the prophet Isaiah is speaking of Jesus, but what we, as Christians, must have a revelation of is the fact that 1 Corinthians 1:30 states:

...."By His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption"....

We need to understand that as we are "in Christ" we are empowered to do all of the things that He did. 1 Corinthians 2:16 states that, "we have the mind of Christ". Each one of us needs to "up" our revelation and thus come to understand clearly that the Holy Spirit Who came to dwell in men's hearts on the day of Pentecost, is the same Holy Spirit who indwelt Jesus as He walked in the earth. As we live our lives in accordance with the Divine Requirement, that is, absolute dependence upon God for ALL things, we too shall be empowered in exactly the same way in which Jesus was empowered. And so, in light of these things we are able to take the description given in Isaiah 11 and apply that word to our own lives (ministry).

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD WILL REST ON HIM

We know that the Anointing of God abides in us and rests upon us as we go forth carrying out God's will in the earth.

THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

What is wisdom, but the ability to discern all things through the eyes of God and apply the power of God to any given situation we are confronted with, to "remedy" it.

THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL AND STRENGTH

"The Spirit of counsel and strength." The Holy Spirit causes us to meet the needs of all those who cross our path, to set them free from any bondage which they might be enslaved by.

THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE FEAR OF THE LORD

Not only do we have the knowledge to know what is going on - and understand all things in light of God's will and purpose - we also are sustained and controlled by a deep and abiding holy fear and reverence of the "Holiness" of the God we serve, and we are empowered by His power to remain in a place of nearness to Him even though we walk surrounded by the death and darkness of this "temporal" world.

HE WILL DELIGHT IN THE FEAR OF THE LORD, AND HE WILL NOT JUDGE BY WHAT HIS EYES SEE, NOR MAKE A DECISION BY WHAT HIS EARS HEAR

Because the love of God is continually shed abroad in our heart we come to the place where we will delight wholly in the Lord and cherish His wisdom in ALL of our ways. When the Word of God and the Holy Spirit are given their proper place in our lives THEN we shall indeed be found walking by faith and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7) - and every decision or judgement (discernment) we make shall be based NOT on what is perceived through our own understanding, but rather on the "revealed" knowledge of God's Word. From this passage we can

see clearly some deeper aspects of the wondrous provision which the Father has made for each one of us in the Holy Spirit (the Anointing, which abides within us), and thus understand more clearly that we MUST be clothed with the power and presence of God to even begin the enormous task which has been set before us. Every child of God must come to the full realization that it is ONLY BY FAITH that we are able to carry out God's will in the earth - that is, faith in the revealed knowledge of His Word, and His Word alone. There are too many children of God who still continue to rely upon (or place their faith in) their own understanding and because of their "mental ascensions" to God's Word, Jesus Christ has been very badly misrepresented in the earth. In the glorious days ahead all of these things shall end and all those who are truly faithful and obedient to the will of God shall be that "distinguishable" people that the Father desires us to be - and thus, the "spotless and unblemished" Church shall become a "reality" in the earth (Ephesians 4:25-27)!

THEY OFFER - AT BEST - BAND-AID SOLUTIONS TO THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, AND THUS CAUSE THEM TO SEEK THEIR SOLUTIONS AND THEIR ANSWERS IN THE WORLD

...."Ask rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain- the Lord who makes the storm clouds; and He will give them showers of rain, vegetation in the field to each man. For the teraphim speak iniquity, and the diviners see lying visions, and tell false dreams; they comfort in vain. Therefore the people wander like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no shepherd. My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the male goats; for the Lord of Hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, and will make them like His majestic horse in battle"....

Zechariah 10:1-3

As the Lord speaks through the prophet Zechariah in this passage the "rain" spoken of here refers to the Holy Spirit. Now is the time of the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh, through the vessels which the Father has prepared in the midst of His people. The "teraphim" and the "diviners" are representative of all of the "error" in the church - and indeed ALL that has its root in Satan rather than God. The word states, "they comfort in vain". Why do they comfort in vain? Because without the love of God dwelling in one's heart and without the power of the Holy Spirit - that is the Anointing of God - they will in no way be able to set

the captives free. They offer - at best - "band-aid" solutions to the needs of the people, and thus cause them to seek their solutions and their answers in the "world". The church of the Lord Jesus Christ should not be seeking her answers in the world, they should be seeking "all" of their answers in the Word of God - having come to the knowledge that every need or problem which could befall them in this earth has already been met and provided for in Jesus Christ in the shedding of His Blood at Calvary. Any time we do not acknowledge God and His Wisdom in ALL of our ways we exercise rebellion against Him! Therefore, we must bring every thought captive to His Word at all times and thus allow the Holy Spirit to shed the love of God abroad in our hearts. Faithfulness and diligence in this matter will cause our "every" heart motivation to have His love as its source (Proverbs 3:5-6).

"THEY ARE AFFLICTED BECAUSE THERE IS NO SHEPHERD"

This is the result of the "compromised" word of God being presented to the people. The "distorted" Word of God - which has been put forth in many areas of the church - is devoid of God's life and power. This impartation of death and darkness through unholy vessels only fuels the unbelief and self-desire which continues to dwell in the hearts of those who still desire to live for "themselves" to any degree. The traditions and doctrines of men being put forth from many pulpits cause many to wander about like lost sheep - seeking answers where there are none! Let it be clearly understood that there is no "true" leadership or authority apart from the Word of God - and therefore let EVERY child of God be found ordering their entire lives with their eyes focused on Jesus Christ alone! For it is only in this way that they shall be enabled to "rise above" the error and traditions of men and doctrines of devils which - up until this time - have both weakened and hindered "true service" in the church!

LET IT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL THOSE WHO ARE CALLED TO LEAD THE PEOPLE OF GOD (INTO THE FULNESS OF THEIR INHERITANCE IN CHRIST) MUST RELY UPON THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR ALL THINGS - AT ALL TIMES

...."My anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the male goats; for the Lord of hosts has visited His flock, the house of Judah, and will

make them like His majestic horse in battle"....

vs.3

The "shepherds" referred to here are symbolic of those people who are called to lead and minister to God's people. The house of Judah is symbolic of all those people whose hearts are turned toward the Lord. From this passage we are able to see clearly that God has a purpose for His people. He desires to make us "like a majestic horse in battle". He desires to make us a distinguishable people in the earth - a people who operate solely upon His life and power. But without the Holy Spirit dwelling and abiding within us, and without our reliance upon Him at all times, then it is certain that the multitudes shall remain, to some degree, in an area of affliction. Let it be clearly understood that all those who are called to lead the people of God (into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ) MUST rely upon the Holy Spirit for ALL things - AT ALL TIMES.

IT IS TIME FOR EVERY CHILD OF GOD TO PUT ASIDE ANY DESIRE TO MENTALLY ASCEND TO THE WORD OF GOD

...."Be diligent to present yourselves approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the Word of Truth"....

2 Timothy 2:15

Before we deal with this scripture let us first re-establish the fact that we can do nothing apart from Christ and without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. The way in which we handle "accurately the Word of Truth" is to first allow the Holy Spirit to reveal that Word to our hearts. It is time for every child of God to put aside ANY desire to "mentally ascend" to the Word of God - that is, try and figure out in one's own strength what it means or how it may apply, through the darkened understanding and perceptions of a "sin-consciousness". If one continues to do this then they shall SURELY reap the darkness and death which comes as a result of a constant sowing to the flesh. We must do ALL of our "sowing" to the Spirit. This, in turn, will cause us to reap abundantly, the absolute life of God - the Zoe, the very essence of what makes God, God! That is what we shall sow into our lives as we walk in absolute dependence upon - and obedience to - the Anointing, which abides within us. If one receives nothing else from this teaching, they need

at least to come to a "full realization" that they can do nothing outside of Christ - without being found in sin and rebellion against God. It sounds like an "absolute" revelation and it is an absolute" revelation! It is what Father requires that one needs to concern themselves with NOT what they "think" is required - or what they desire to do. It is time for "every" believer to hold fast to the Head and, keeping their eyes fixed upon Jesus, walk in perfect accordance with the will of the Father for their life and ministry.

IF WE DO NOT SPEAK WORDS WHICH ARE IN PERFECT ACCORDANCE WITH THE THOUGHTS AND INTENTIONS OF THE FATHER'S HEART - THAT IS, THE TRUE AND EXACT KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WILL - AND SPEAK ONLY BY THE UNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - THEN WE ARE GOING TO LEAD PEOPLE INTO SIN AND DARKNESS, AND AWAY FROM GOD INSTEAD OF TO HIM

...."But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness".... (vs.16)

If we do not handle the Word of God accurately (the way which God desires us to handle it) then certainly we would already be in a "form" of ungodliness, but we shall be led into further ungodliness if we allow ourselves to partake of "worldly and empty chatter". If we do not speak words which are in perfect accordance with the thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart - that is, the true and exact knowledge of His will - and speak ONLY by the unction of the Holy Spirit - then we are going to lead people into sin and darkness, and away from God instead of to Him.

SPECULATIONS, OPINIONS AND THEORIES ARE THINGS WHICH EXALT THEMSELVES ABOVE THE NAME OF JESUS

...."Nevertheless, the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, "The Lord knows those who are His," and, "let everyone who names the name of the Lord restrain from wickedness". Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honour and some to dishonour. Therefore if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honour, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and

peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. But refuse foolish and ignorant speculations, knowing that they produce quarrels"....

Timothy 2:19-23

We, as Christians, need to develop the attitude wherein we desire to operate only in the true and exact knowledge of God. We must take no thought for the "theories" and "opinions" and "speculations" of men, for all of these things are apart from the Word of God (Christ). Speculations, opinions and theories are things which exalt themselves above the Name of Jesus. We need to receive "all" of our instruction from the One who teaches us all things and leads us into all truth, and that of course is the Holy Spirit. We must realize that we are called to be different from the world and those who dwell in it and it is only the Anointing, which abides within us, that causes that "distinguishable" difference to come about in our lives. Therefore, if we are not depending on the Holy Spirit then we will not be any different and if we are not any different from those in the world it is a sure sign that we have given the deepest affections of our heart to something other than God. Jesus said, "If you love Me you will obey My commandments"; He also went on to talk about the fact that if we follow Him the world will hate us because the world only loves that which belongs to it. Therefore, if we are received and accepted by the "world" then we need to take a close look at our walk, for indeed all those who desire to live godly lives in Christ Jesus will be persecuted (2 Timothy 3:12). Let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit that we might indeed abstain from all wickedness - that we might be found both faithful and diligent in our handling of the Word of Truth (2 Corinthians 7:1).

EACH AND EVERY BELIEVER SHOULD BE FOUND CONTINUALLY REFUSING TO MOVE INTO AN AREA OF PRESUMPTION IN THEIR WALK

...."Then Moses said to the Lord, "See, Thou dost say to me, "Bring up this people! But Thou Thyself has not let Me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Moreover Thou hast said, "I have known you by name, and you have also found favour in My sight. Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found favour in Thy sight, Let me know Thy ways, that I may know Thee, so that I may find favour in Thy sight. Consider too, that this nation is Thy people". And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest". Then he said to Him, "If Thy

presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. For how then can it be known that I have found favour in Thy sight, I and Thy people? Is it not by Thy going with us, so that we, I and Thy people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"

Exodus 33:12-16

As we begin to study this scripture we enter in at a point just after the people of Israel had built the golden calf and God's wrath was upon them. But through the intercession of Moses and the mercy of God, they were able to continue on as God's people.

In verse 15 Moses states:

...."If Thy presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here"....

The "presence" referred to here is the Holy Spirit - and we see that Moses refused to move apart from Him. Every child of God MUST have this same attitude in their heart if they truly desire to enter into true service! Each and every believer should be found continually refusing to move into an area of "presumption" in their walk - NEVER moving until they have the will of God revealed to their heart and the "unction" of the Holy Spirit inwardly confirming the necessary corresponding action. It is as the child of God begins to walk in the fulness of this revelation that the "Body of Christ" shall come together as one - and in that place nothing that is said or done shall be said or done apart from the Head, who is Christ.

In verse 16 Moses states:

...."For how then can it be known that I have found favour in Thy sight. I and Thy people?"

In other words, "how can I be **DISTINGUISHABLE** if I do not have Your Presence with me?" It is certain that we, as Christians, are no different from others in the earth outside of - and apart from - Christ, but we are supernaturally distinguishable in (with) Him. In reality, who was leading the people of Israel? Was it Moses the man? No, it was God, but Moses was His vessel before the

people. It is no different today in every area of the Church, as the "five-fold" ministry goes forth to minister God's Word to the people. The apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers are indeed leaders, but it is the Spirit of God who must lead and empower in ALL things.

WE SHALL AFFECT, POSITIVELY OR NEGATIVELY, EVERYONE WHO CROSSES OUR PATH - ACCORDING TO OUR OBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD AND THE SPIRIT OF GOD

Moses answers his own question when he says:

...."Is it not by the going with us, so that we, I and the people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"....

We know from the Scriptures that God answered Moses' prayer and from this we can see that the heart-attitude of Moses and the heart-attitude of every Christian must be the same - as they seek to become pure vessels of God's authority in the earth. We must refuse - at all cost to ourselves - to make ANY move apart from the Holy Spirit. Those who refuse to allow themselves to be led by the Holy Spirit - and thus refuse His presence - shall "misrepresent" Jesus Christ in ALL that they do and continue to allow Satan great inroads into the church through the ground of selfishness and fear and rebellion found within them. It is not just ourselves that we affect by not relying "fully" on the Anointing - which abides within us. We shall affect - positively or negatively - everyone who crosses our path according to our obedience to the Word of God and the Spirit of God. Let us be those who are given wholly to God - in order that we might be pure vessels of His love and Truth at ALL times. It is time now for every true believer to walk in the fulness of the power of the Holy Spirit - in order that every trace of Satan might be removed from the Church! Regardless of what position we are called to we shall truly be "distinguishable" if we "allow" the Holy Spirit within us to flow unhindered in our work, in our families and every other facet of our life.

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORLD TAKES US INTO AN AREA OF CONTAMINATION AND CAUSES US TO RELY ON THOUGHTS WHICH DO NOT HAVE THEIR SOURCE IN THE MIND OF CHRIST

Fear, "fellowship" with the world, and sin, are the three things which hinder

the outpouring of the Holy Spirit through us. Selfishness is a manifestation of fear, and if one continually considers themselves (self-seeking) before they consider Jesus and before they consider the will of God for their life and ministry, then not only shall they misrepresent Jesus Christ, but they shall also hinder greatly the "outpouring" of the Holy Spirit through - thus causing the "captives" in their sphere of existence to remain in bondage! Fellowship with the world takes us into an area of "contamination" and causes us to rely on "thoughts" (impulses) which do not have their source in the "mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 1:16) but rather in the mind of Satan - that is, the mind which is behind the entire "world" system. These things are real and every child of God needs to know about them. Wilful sin (rebellion) retained in one's life causes the grieving of the Holy Spirit. Therefore - in order to walk in the fulness of our ministry and allow the fulness of the Holy Spirit's ministry to work in our lives - we must continually be found cleansing ourselves from (protecting ourselves against) ALL defilement of flesh and spirit.

THE POWER OF THE ANOINTING FLOWING THROUGH US HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO DO WITH THE WAY THAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT FEEL

The power of the Anointing flowing through us has absolutely nothing to do with the way that we may or may not "feel". If we wait upon "feelings" then we are going to "preclude" faith as we go forth to minister. In other words, we shall make it impossible for ourselves to exercise faith in the Word of God if we still seek to lean upon our own understanding (discernment through our five physical senses and emotions) in ANY way. We know that without faith we cannot please God, and that whatever does not proceed from faith in God's Word is sin (Hebrews 11:6) (Romans 14:23)! Let us receive these things into our heart, that we might go on into the deeper things of the Kingdom and begin to function as a "distinguishable and authoritative people" in the earth.

THE FATHER HAS MADE GREAT PROVISION FOR ALL WHO ARE IN CHRIST TO RISE ABOVE THE SPIRIT OF ERROR

...."I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different Gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the Gospel of Christ. But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary

to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed. For am I now seeking the favour of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ"....

Galatians 1:6-10

In this portion of scripture we are looking at the apostle Paul ministering to the church. The initial "preaching" that Paul speaks of in verse eight was done in the power of the Holy Spirit, and Paul says to them that if he, or anyone else, should come and preach that which is contrary to the revealed Word of God (in other words, that which is outside the Anointing of God) they should come under the judgement of God for their part in the distortion of the Gospel. The Father has made great provision for all who are in Christ to rise above the spirit of error. The one prerequisite for this though is for one to ALWAYS be willing to do ALL of the will of God - at ALL times (John 7:17). Then, if one should minister anything outside of and apart from the Anointing - that is, outside of God's will and heart - we shall be able to discern whether it is truth or error in our inner man, because of the Holy Spirit within us and because of the aforementioned righteous motivation toward the will of God.

IT IS THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO TEACH US ALL THINGS AND LEAD US INTO ALL TRUTH

From this we are able to see clearly that regardless of physical circumstances and regardless of flesh and blood, the onus is still upon each individual believer to discern "all" through the Anointing - which abides within them. There are many who still believe that they must "depend" upon other people (flesh and blood) to some degree, but every child of God must come to a clear realization of the fact that it is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to teach us "all things" and lead us into "all truth". As we "desire" to do the will of God at ALL times, the Holy Spirit within us shall be enabled (through our continued yielding) to direct our path - continually causing us to walk in "all of the light" that we have (John 7:16-18).

SEEKING THE FAVOUR OF MEN OVER THE FAVOUR OF GOD IS THE ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN TO CAUSE ONE WHO IS PUTTING FORTH GOD'S WORD TO PREACH A GOSPEL CONTRARY TO THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD AND APART FROM THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Seeking the favour of men over the favour of God is the one thing that is certain to cause one who is putting forth God's Word, to preach a gospel contrary to the revealed knowledge of God's Word and apart from the power of the Holy Spirit. When one has truly given their whole heart to God to serve Him and to love Him THEN they shall no longer seek to please themselves or others, but rather they shall seek only to please the One they serve. To please God we must be found walking in "absolute faith" (absolute faith being defined as the absolute dependence upon His Word and the power of His Spirit). Paul states clearly that if we are still trying to please men then we are not yet "bondservants" (true servants) of the Lord Jesus Christ. If there is ANY fear in us of what others think, if there is ANY desire in us to please others ahead of God, it is to that degree that we shall compromise our "service" to God. Therefore, we must continually allow the Holy Spirit to do the "deepest" work of the Cross in us - in order to remove any ground which would lead us into an area of compromise. We cannot be a "bondservant" or a "handmaiden" of the Lord Jesus Christ and walk in the fulness of our ministry until our "all-consuming desire" is to please the Father above ALL others. If we continually seek to please the Father - above all else - THEN we can count on the people who cross our path to be set free and to be greatly blessed of God through our ministry - regardless of what that ministry might be.

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM THAT WE ARE CALLED TO PREACH IN THE POWER OF THE ANOINTING HAS NOTHING WHATSOEVER TO DO WITH THE DARKENED WISDOM OF MAN

...."For I would have you know, brethren, that the Gospel which was preached by me is not according to man"....

(vs.11)

The Gospel of the Kingdom that we are called to preach in the power of the Anointing has nothing whatsoever to do with the darkened wisdom of man - or the preconceived notions and doctrines which are a product of that fallen nature. It has

nothing to do with anything that we perceive through our five physical senses or our "own" understanding.

AS WE LIVE THE LIFE OF THE CROSS AND ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE CONTINUALLY FILLED TO A GREATER DEGREE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT...THEN THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM AND REVELATION IS ABLE TO REVEAL THE DEEPER THINGS OF THE KINGDOM TO US

In verse 12 we have Paul's answer as to where the source of his preaching comes from:

...."For I neither received it from man nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ"....

(vs.12)

How did Paul receive the revelation which he preached? Through the Holy Spirit - the Anointing which abides within. As we live the life of the Cross and allow ourselves to be continually filled to a greater degree with the Holy Spirit - having allowed the Father to "enlarge" our capacity for His presence - THEN the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" is able to reveal the deeper things of the Kingdom to us, and we are enabled to see the will of the Father clearly. And thus, we shall come to know the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart. As we lay our lives down - continually yielding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit - THEN the Father is enabled to fill us with His life (Mark 8:34-35). But it is certain that we must diligently (and continually) pursue a desire for all of the things pertaining to life and godliness - in order to "allow" the Holy Spirit to cause those things to manifest in our life and ministry - in their fulness. It is indeed worth it to lay down our lives completely and pursue the deeper things of God. The Father has nothing but "good" planned for us - ALWAYS. He desires us to be partakers of His Holy nature - which is indeed the greatest of all the blessings which He has bestowed upon us in Christ. For the essence of all blessing (empowerment) is the very presence and nature of God Himself!

IT IS ONLY AS THE CHRISTIAN STEPS INTO AN ABIDING LIBERTY (WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS LIBERTY) THAT THEY WILL BE FOUND WALKING IN THE FULNESS OF THEIR CALLING - ALLOWING THE ANOINTING WITHIN THEM TO FLOW

THROUGH TO REACH AND TOUCH ALL THOSE WHO CROSS THEIR PATH

...."The end of all things is at hand; therefore, be of sound judgement and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. Above all keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a (the) multitude of sins"....

1 Peter 4:7-8

In 1 John 2:27 the Word states:

...."The anointing which you received from Him abides in you and you have no need for anyone to teach you"....

As we come to rely entirely upon the anointing and, thus, allow the Holy Spirit to teach us every moment of every day, we shall continually be found learning more about the "majesty" (glory-magnificence) of the awesome God we serve. As we begin to count every "circumstance" we find ourselves in as simply another opportunity to learn to depend more upon the Father and His Word - learning to apply that Word to every situation - we shall truly come into a "full dependence" upon the Anointing, which abides within us, and begin to experience, to a continually greater degree, the absolute light, life and love of God (Zoe) in our lives. In this portion of scripture the apostle Peter is prophesying with a great urgency in his spirit, saying, "the end of all things is at hand". Due to the lateness of the hour these are very important words for every true believer to meditate on. There are some instructions here which shall enable the faithful one to walk free from the sin and bondage of the world. It is only as the Christian steps into an abiding "liberty" (where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty) that they will be found walking in the "fulness" of their calling - allowing the Anointing within them to flow through to reach and touch all those who cross their path. This is the place wherein one is truly "clothed with power from on high" - in even the smallest details of their life and ministry. The Father desires to accomplish a great many things even through the "small details" of our lives and, thus, we need to pay close attention to them. To be found walking in love at ALL times - first toward God - is the "principal" commandment. Thus, it is of the utmost importance for each and every child of God to maintain a "sober" spirit - in order that they might continually communicate with the Father and His Word, and thus discern ALL

things through His eyes.

WE MUST REALIZE THAT INCLUDED IN THE ANOINTING, WHICH ABIDES WITHIN US, ARE THE MEANS (THE ONLY MEANS) AND THE POWER (THE ONLY POWER) TO ACCOMPLISH THE ENTIRE WILL OF GOD FOR OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY

...."Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each has received a special gift, employing it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God"....

1 Peter 4: 9-10

Many people attempt to discern what God has given them in the way of a "special gift" and then attempt to apply it in their own understanding. Let it be clearly understood that everything that we have received from the Father needs to be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit. Then, as it is revealed to our heart, we act, through the unction of the Holy Spirit, upon those things which we "know" to be true. We must realize that included in the Anointing, which abides within us, are the means (the only means) and the power (the only power) to accomplish the "entire will of God" for our life and ministry. As each individual Christian adheres to the guidance of the Holy Spirit they shall THEN "corporately" fulfil the ministry of Jesus Christ. If one truly desires to walk in perfect love (an absolute faith) then they must in no way allow themselves to remain in bondage to ANY element of self-desire and self-agenda. For one to do so will surely cause them to "deviate" (stray) from the path which the Father has set out for them and it is certain that they shall then, in some way, be found misrepresenting the Word of God! As one gains a deeper revelation of the Cross and how it applies to their life and ministry they shall no longer be "presumptuous" in their service to God - that is, get out ahead of Him or be behind Him in ANY way.

IF WE DEPEND UPON OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING IN ANY WAY, AND THUS COME TO SPEAK AND ACT APART FROM THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WILL AND THE UNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THEN WE ARE NO LONGER GLORIFYING THE FATHER IN OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS - WE ARE SEEKING TO GLORIFY (EXALT) OURSELVES REGARDLESS OF WHETHER WE FEEL WE ARE OR NOT!

...."Whoever speaks, let him speak as it were, the utterances of God, whoever serves, let him do so as by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever"....

1 Peter 4:11

Peter is speaking here of all those who belong to God. As Christians we are representing God whether we are speaking to our children, whether we are speaking to our next door neighbour or whether we are ministering from the pulpit. If we depend upon our own understanding in ANY way and thus come to speak and act apart from the unction of the Holy Spirit then we are no longer glorifying the Father in our words and actions - we are seeking to glorify ourselves regardless of whether we "feel" we are or not. All those who do "anything" apart from Christ have - as their deepest heart motivation at the time - a desire to exalt themselves above God! This is the spiritual reality of ANY action taken or ANY word spoken apart from Christ - and the Anointing which abides within.

GOD'S WORK CAN ONLY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY GOD'S POWER!

Now we can begin to understand the seriousness of the sin of presumption - for it indicates both rebellion and idolatry in the heart! Those are the two things which will surely remove us and keep us from the presence of God - and prevent us from hearing clearly the voice of the Holy Spirit. Jesus said that he would never fail us or forsake us, but we, by our rebellious actions, can most certainly fail and forsake Him - and remove ourselves from the place (spiritual environment) He desires each of us to be. The Father can in no way "fellowship" with those who are wilfully walking in any form of sin, idolatry or rebellion - nor does He desire to. But He has most certainly made the Provision for us to be free from all manner of sin and rebellion and idolatry - as we diligently align our hearts with the thoughts and intentions of His heart through a perfect and abiding fellowship with Him. It is our choice and we must choose this day and every day whom we are going to serve. If one is going to act on anything which proceeds from the "flesh" then it constitutes the fact that they are seeking the "glory" for themselves - regardless of what it looks like or sounds like outwardly. How do we truly glorify God in all things? We speak the utterances of God and we operate only in the wisdom and strength which He has supplied (the Anointing) - for God's work can ONLY be accomplished by God's power!

THE BLESSING OF OBEDIENCE - THE CURSE OF DISOBEDIENCE

...."The Lord will establish you as a Holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you will keep the commandments of the Lord your God, and walk in His ways. So all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of you. And the Lord will make you abound in prosperity...in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers to give you"....

Deuteronomy 28:9-11

The first fourteen verses of this chapter give us a clear look at the blessings of obedience and from verse fifteen on we see that which is under the "curse" of disobedience. The Father has ALWAYS set His standard (measure) by His Word and, thus, it is our obedience or disobedience to that Word (Will) that will decide which judgement we place ourselves under. It will be either the judgement of the righteous (in Christ) or the judgement of the unrighteous (all that is apart from Christ - sin, the world, and all that which is in agreement with the "mind of Satan"). One is never able to complain about the judgement they are under - and thus accuse God of doing something which is unjust - because He has already stated His standard (an absolute standard) in His Word, and as we either "align" ourselves to or separate ourselves from that Word "we" will determine which judgement shall befall us (manifest in our life).

THE POWER OF GOD IS MEANT TO REST UPON US AND FLOW THROUGH US SO THAT WE MIGHT BE A DISTINGUISHABLE PEOPLE IN THE EARTH, AND THAT SIGNS AND WONDERS MIGHT FOLLOW US IN ALL THAT WE DO

Once again, in this passage we can see the Lord speaking of a "distinguishable" people.

Verse ten states:

...."So all the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the Name of the Lord and they shall be afraid of you"...

How are people going to see that we are called by the Name of the Lord if we do not seek to do all things by His power? "And they shall be afraid of you." The word "afraid" used here covers the whole spectrum between respect and absolute dread of the power of God within us and upon us. Indeed, the power of God is meant to rest upon us and flow through us so that we might be a distinguishable people in the earth, and that signs and wonders might follow us in all that we do.

IT IS THE WILL OF THE FATHER FOR ALL OF HIS CHILDREN TO ABIDE IN DIVINE PROSPERITY!

...."And the Lord will make you abound in prosperity"....

This is another aspect of the Father's will. It "seems" a strange thing to me how people can so easily twist and distort the Word of God - in saying that God does not desire His people to be prosperous. They tell us that God wants us to live this way or that way, or that God wants you to be sick in order to teach you something. These are all lies of Satan! Yet many cling to these lies due to the simple fact that they have not diligently sought the truth in the Word of God - the truth that will replace any lies that Satan has attempted to deceive and control them with. This can only be because they still desire to maintain a grip upon their own lives - and thus they remain in bondage to fear rather than experiencing the "fulness" of their salvation through the continual exercising of an absolute dependence upon the Father and His Word.

CERTAIN EVENTS SHALL TAKE PLACE THAT NEED NOT HAVE EVEN HAPPENED HAD THOSE INVOLVED GIVEN THEIR HEART WHOLLY TO GOD!

As the revelation of the Divine Requirement (Luke 10:27) is put forth in the church in this last hour many shall finally come to the realization that God's Word MUST be given first place in their lives. In these days we are going to see clearly those who truly love God. Those who truly love God are those who "seek" to obey Him - those who have put His Word first place in their life. Those children of God who are content to continue riding the "wave" of worldliness (darkness) which - up until this time - has been found in many areas of the church, shall continue to move farther and farther away from the will of God - without being "conscious" of

it. This will lead to much tragedy in the days ahead. Certain events shall take place that need not have even happened had those involved given their heart "wholly" to God!

THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE A VESSEL OF THE RELEASE OF THE FATHER'S BEST - WHATEVER THAT MAY MEAN IN ANY GIVEN MOMENT - IS A TRULY GLORIOUS THING!

As we become fully dependent upon the Anointing that abides within us, that Anointing shall flow forth upon the words we speak and the actions we carry out and cause all sin and rebellion that crosses our path to be judged - making all those who come into our presence conscious of the Living God in some way. Sometimes we will not see or feel the physical manifestation of the Holy Spirit being poured out, but deep in the heart of that person we can know by faith that a glorious and eternal work is being done. Through the words we speak and our very presence, indeed, through every area of our lives, as we walk in the places where we have been led and speak the words we are given unction to speak, we are going to be found setting the captives free - for the unhindered life of God shall be administered through us as we continually humble ourselves before Him. If there is anything which should cause us to desire to be pure vessels of the Holy Spirit - at ALL cost to ourselves - that is it! The opportunity to be a vessel of the release of the Father's "best" - whatever that may mean in any given moment - is a truly glorious thing!

TO BE A PURE LIGHT WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO CLEANSE OURSELVES FROM ALL DEFILEMENT OF FLESH AND SPIRIT CONTINUALLY

John 12:32 states:

..."And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself"....

Now certainly we know that this statement of Jesus describes His death on the cross (vs.33), but it is also symbolic of the "ascension" life that we have in Christ - that is, to be seated with Him in the Heavenly places at the right hand of the Father. As one walks from that position of ascension (absolute authority), clothed with power from on high, then they shall indeed be used to draw men to

Christ. Why? Because we are the light of the world (Matthew 5:13-16). But to be a "pure light" we are going to have to cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit continually, in order that we not hinder the flow of the Holy Spirit upon the hearts of men.

LIGHT, SPEAKING IN A PHYSICAL SENSE ATTRACTS, AND IN THE SAME WAY - SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING - THE LIGHT AND LOVE OF GOD WILL ATTRACT ALL THAT SEEKS IN ANY WAY TO ALIGN ITSELF WITH HIM

Light, speaking in a "physical" sense attracts, and in the same way spiritually speaking the light and love of God will attract all that seeks in any way to align itself with Him. On the other hand all that aligns itself with Satan (darkness and fear and rebellion) - and is therefore outside of and apart from God - is ALWAYS "offended" at the manifestation of the true Light and is thus repelled. This is an "absolute" spiritual principle, and it is precisely why when one is in an area of "backslidiness" (because of a continued desire to lean upon their own understanding in the pursuit of self-desire and self-agenda) they are moved farther and farther away from the Word of God - through the influence of the forces of darkness that are working against them. There is also the fact that when one is convicted of their sin and rebellion any time they are exposed to the anointed Word of God they "naturally" separate themselves from that Word - and in all likelihood the vessel delivering the Word. On the other hand when a heart "diligently seeks" God then - regardless of physical circumstances and the attempted schemes of the Evil One - whenever divine light manifests that one is "drawn" closer to the Father and His Word in every way.

THE TRUE (GLORIOUS) CHURCH WILL CONSIST OF ALL THOSE WHO REFUSE TO DEVIATE FROM THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - THOSE WHO HOLD FAST TO THE HEAD, WHO SUPPLIES ALL

Matthew 5:13 states:

...."You are the light of the world"....

and Isaiah 60:1 states:

...."Now I will arise, now I will be exalted"....

Jeremiah 33: states:

...."It shall be to Me a name of joy, praise and glory"....

These are all expressions of God's will for His people - both individually and corporately in the Church. In this passage in Jeremiah, God is speaking of the "resurrected" Church, the Body of Christ. As we look out upon many areas of the church today it is not a name of joy and praise and glory to God. We see misrepresentation, we see error and we see death in the place where life alone should stand. We can praise God that that day has come to an end! In these days, as the people of God individually consecrate themselves unto Him (and thus begin to seek only to walk in the fulness of their calling) they will continually fill and saturate their heart with the Word of God. This will allow the Anointing which abides within them to work in His fulness in their lives - empowering these faithful ones to become that one True Body in the unity of the Holy Spirit that the Father so desires. The True (Glorious) Church will consist of all those who refuse to deviate from the paths of righteousness - those who hold fast to the Head, who supplies all.

**IN THIS STATE OF INEXPRESSIBLE GLORY THAT SHALL SOON
MANIFEST IN THE EARTH EVERY WORD WE SPEAK SHALL COME
TO PASS ACCORDING TO THE HIGHEST PURPOSE OF THE FATHER
BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITHIN US**

It is only as we come to abide in Christ that we shall be considered a spotless and unblemished Church - and thus the most "distinguishable" people in this earth. In this state of inexpressible Glory that shall soon manifest in the earth every word we speak shall come to pass according to the highest purpose of the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit within us - regardless of what it takes for Him to bring it to pass in the physical realm (Jeremiah 1:12). In other words in this last of the last hour God will back every word His faithful ones speak because they will be found in "perfect accordance" with His Will! We are talking of the very highest level of faith (absolute faith working through a perfect love) and the need for every believer to come to the place wherein they are, at ALL times, in absolute dependence upon God and His power. As one fills their heart to overflowing with

the Word of God, EVERY word which springs forth out of their heart shall be found in "perfect" accordance with the will of God. Because of their faithfulness in allowing the deepest work of the Cross to be done continually by the Holy Spirit any desire within them to serve themselves will have been removed.

THEN - AND ONLY THEN - CAN THE POWER OF GOD BE FREELY ENTRUSTED TO THEM

As one truly desires to do all of God's will all of the time; as they seek only to wait upon God for revelation of that will (and thus come to "fear" presumption - counting it as an abomination) THEN - AND ONLY THEN - can the power of God be freely entrusted to them. As one "ministers" from this position of absolute faith in the unhindered power of the Holy Spirit, the captives shall indeed be gloriously set free! These are the "works of Jesus" and also the "greater works" which He spoke of (John 14:12). There is nothing "complicated" about how Jesus came to this earth and walked in the power of God - and did many, many great things. But let us take our eyes off of the "things" and let us diligently be found seeking to have a revelation of how those works came to pass. As we do we shall surely come to a deep revelation of the fact that the very same Provision (the Holy Spirit) which empowered Jesus is there to empower us also!

AS WE CONTINUALLY FEED ON THE WORD OF GOD OUR INNER MAN (SPIRIT) BECOMES STRONG - DOMINANT OVER BOTH OUR SOUL AND BODY - AND WE ARE DRAWN BY A FERVENT INWARD AND HOLY DESIRE TO CONTINUE ON INTO THE DEEPER THINGS OF GOD'S KINGDOM

...."Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Thy presence, and do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Thy salvation, and sustain me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors Thy ways, and sinners will be converted to Thee"....

Psalm 51:10-13

In Psalm 51, which is a Psalm of David, we are going to take a look at the heart-attitude which we need to have that will allow us to be continually "clothed with power from on high". God has already promised us that He is both willing

and able to "clothe" us with power, therefore, we must look at our part and see what our heart-attitude of prayer towards Him needs to be. As we study this Psalm it is not hard to understand why God called David a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). We are able to see clearly David's heart-attitude in the above prayer - for indeed out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34). We know that God looks upon and judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart (1 Samuel 16: 7; Hebrews 4:12) and when He "judged" the thoughts and intentions of David's heart He judged him to be a man after His own heart. Each of us, as children of God, are called to be sons and daughters whose heart is perfect (righteously motivated) towards the Father at all times (Matthew 5:48). First, we need a "clean" heart, one which is continually cleansed from "all" defilement. Secondly, we need a "steadfast" spirit, and the way in which the Father accomplishes that task in us is to lead us to a place wherein His Word is put first in our lives. As we continually feed on the Word of God our inner man (spirit) becomes strong - dominant over both our soul and body - and we are drawn by a fervent inward and holy desire to continue on into the deeper things of God's Kingdom, steadfast in our love towards Him - and towards all those He brings across our path.

THE FATHER IS ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH MIGHTY THINGS THROUGH US AS WE OPEN OUR HEART TO BE A PURE VESSEL OF HIS ANOINTING

...."Do not cast me away from Thy presence and do not take Thy Holy Spirit from me"....

From this verse we are able to see clearly that David cherished two things. First, he did not want to be apart from the presence of God. This same heart-attitude becomes stronger and stronger in us as we stop living for ourselves to any degree and live only for God. Secondly, he also said, "Do not take the Anointing (the Holy Spirit) from me". David realized the power of the Anointing to both keep him and deliver him from his enemies. He realized fully that the mighty exploits that he was doing were empowered by God - and not himself. He knew that it was God's presence which supplied the wisdom to run his kingdom and give him strength and courage in the face of his most dire adversity. In the same way, the Father is able to accomplish mighty things through us as we open our heart to be a pure vessel of His Anointing.

**IN VIEWING OURSELVES IN THE LIGHT OF GOD'S WORD
CONSTANTLY, THE HOLY SPIRIT SHALL BE ENABLED TO DO HIS
DEEPEST WORK AND CREATE IN US AN ATTITUDE WHICH IS
CONDUCTIVE TO EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY**

Many go forth in the Name of Jesus misrepresenting Him because they act apart from the power of the Holy Spirit. They do not diligently seek the "life of the Cross" (absolute dependence upon God through self-denial) and, therefore, they do not "allow" the power of God to work in their life and ministry. Every child of God needs to be continually seeking to do ALL things through the power and unction of the Holy Spirit. In order for one to walk in the fulness of the ministry to which they have been called they must "maintain" a proper attitude in their heart at ALL times (Proverbs 4:23). To do this we must see ourselves as the Father sees us in Christ. In viewing ourselves in the light of God's Word constantly, the Holy Spirit shall be enabled to do His deepest work and create in us an attitude which is conducive to "excellence in ministry".

**THE PURER WE ARE - AS VESSELS OF GOD'S LIFE - THE MORE
EFFICIENTLY DEATH IS PUT UNDER OUR FEET!**

As we become pure vessels of the Father's blessing (grace-empowerment) we shall be used greatly to administer His life, light love etc. to a continually greater degree in the days ahead. People speak of the different anointings: the anointing to heal, the anointing to cast out demons, etc. but, in reality, it is still the simple administration of God's Life - a life and light which exposes and consumes all that has its source in death and darkness. The purer we are as vessels of God's life the more efficiently death is put under our feet.

**AS WE WALK DAY BY DAY IN FAITH - LEARNING TO BECOME
DEPENDENT UPON THE WORD OF GOD FOR ALL THINGS - WE
SHALL EXPERIENCE THE FULNESS OF ALL THAT BELONGS TO US
IN CHRIST, AND ALSO THE GREAT JOY (SPIRITUAL STRENGTH)
THAT COMES ALONG WITH THAT**

There is a great joy in experiencing the "fulness" of the salvation which the Father has provided for us in Christ - that is, "soteria" - the deliverance from every "temporal" evil. Many attempt to narrow down the salvation which has been

provided for us. Some may count it as the "New Birth" alone. Some people may count it as the New Birth and material prosperity - but not physical healing. Indeed, there are all sorts of different "doctrines" of men concerning Salvation, but it is the Father's heart-desire that each one of His children experience the "fulness" of His life and love - and thus come to the full realization of His "absolute" triumph over the "law of sin and death" through Jesus at the Cross (Romans 8:12). As we walk day by day in faith - learning to become dependent upon the Word of God for ALL things, we shall experience the fulness of all that belongs to us in Christ - and also the great joy (spiritual strength) that comes along with that.

THEY SHALL, IN THEIR ABIDING, COME TO KNOW THE TRUTH AND THAT TRUTH SHALL SET THEM FREE FROM ANYTHING WHICH IS APART FROM CHRIST AND THE FATHER'S PERFECT WILL FOR THEIR LIFE AND MINISTRY

Again, there are those that say healing is not for us today. There are those who say the baptism of the Holy Spirit and speaking with other tongues is not for us today. Some say God's miracle-working power is not for us anymore and that we must place all of our hope in the wisdom of the world and the "wonders" of modern technology. Anybody may say what "they" want to, but as the child of God begins to fellowship with the Father, and as they diligently pursue the Word of God - thus allowing the Holy Spirit to reveal that Word to their heart - then they shall, in their abiding, come to "know" the Truth and that Truth shall set them free from anything which is apart from Christ and the Father's perfect will for their life and ministry (John 8:31-32). Even should the "multitudes" come against that which they have learned and had revealed to them by the Holy Spirit they will in no way falter or change their course from the narrow path of perfect obedience, and they shall continually be enabled to walk in that "revelation" - regardless of any pressure which comes against them (Matthew 16:17-19).

THE REFUSAL TO JUDGE OR DISCERN OR TAKE ANYTHING OTHER THAN THE REVEALED WORD OF GOD AS ONE'S FINAL AUTHORITY SHOULD BE THE FIRST AND FOREMOST OBJECTIVE OF ONE SEEKING TO WALK BY (ABIDE IN) FAITH

We must remember that it is not "flesh and blood" (people) that are trying to remove the Word from our heart, it is Satan! For our struggle is NEVER against

flesh and blood but against Satan and his forces (Ephesians 6:12). To the degree that one fixes their eyes on Jesus and to the degree that they seek with their whole heart to live for God, it is to that degree that they will "clearly" see that their battle is NOT against flesh and blood - regardless of what that vessel has said or done to us. When one is faithful to refuse to be moved by anything other than the revealed Word of God THEN their entire walk shall be moved from the "physical" realm into the spiritual realm. It is in this place of being seated at the right hand of the Father with Christ that one is enabled to continually keep their eyes "on the things which are not seen rather than the things which are seen" (2 Corinthians 4:18). The refusal to judge or discern or take anything other than the revealed Word of God as one's final authority should be the first and foremost objective of one seeking to walk by (abide in) faith.

IN THESE DAYS, THE UNCOMPROMISED WORD OF GOD MUST BE PREACHED AT ALL TIMES IN THE POWER OF THE ANOINTING - FOR IT IS ONLY IN THIS WAY THAT THE CAPTIVES SHALL BE GLORIOUSLY SET FREE

Whatever aspect of salvation (our covenant with God) we ourselves leave out as ministers of God - through unbelief and the failure to diligently seek first the Kingdom in all things - causes someone, somewhere, to remain in bondage to the lies and afflictions of Satan (fear of death). As one goes forth to preach (minister) God's Word and there yet remains something within (self-desire-fear) which causes them to preach a distorted revelation of the call to total and constant empowerment through the continual infilling of the Spirit of God (and the "absolute" victory of Jesus Christ over Satan and the fulness of salvation), then those who hear the words they speak are going to remain in bondage! In these days, the uncompromised Word of God must be preached at ALL times in the power of the Anointing - for it is ONLY in this way that the captives shall be "gloriously" set free - free to serve God with ALL of their heart, free to fulfill their portion of the ministry of Christ, free and empowered to bring every one of Satan's strongholds in the hearts and minds of all those who cross their path to nothing!

Amen

