

CHAPTER 2

THE ANOINTING ABIDES WITHIN

...."And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you. And you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him"....

1 John 2:27

WE MUST BELIEVE

Every believer must have a revelation of the fact that as they seek the Lord from a pure heart, that is, as they desire to do all of His commandments and all of His will moment by moment, they are assured of having all the light and wisdom which are needed to accomplish the Father's will at any given moment of their walks. This is the true hope and trust that each one of us must have as we set our feet upon the narrow path and begin to walk in the "perfect" obedience which God requires. We must believe that He has ALREADY made the provision for us to walk in the portion of Jesus' ministry which He has called us to fulfil in the earth, for if we do then we will not be inclined to lean upon our "own" understanding even in the most pressure-filled situations.

WE MUST DRAW A LINE BETWEEN THAT WHICH IS SOULISH AND THAT WHICH IS SPIRITUAL

As we begin to look at the Word of God concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we begin to see the truly wonderful provision that the Father has made for us, and thus we come to understand that we must learn how to rely on that glorious provision in all things. It is certain that the Father raises up many great men and women to teach us His Word and it is certain that the Anointing is both on them and within them to bring the children of God into the fulness of their inheritance and into the abundance of truth and revelation which the Father desires each one of His children to have. But we must draw a line between that which is "soulish" and that which is "spiritual" because many people are caught in the trap of relying on "flesh and blood" - rather than the Anointing which has its source in God, and if they continue this reliance upon "flesh and blood" and the tainted and darkened wisdom

of Satan (the old nature), they shall never come to the place wherein they are reliant on the Holy Spirit and the "absolute truth" of God in all things (that is the revealed will of God).

"I AM WRITING THESE THINGS TO YOU, THAT YOU MAY NOT SIN"

In the above portion of scripture the apostle John is writing to the Church, and he is nearing the end of his ministry. He has had many great years of service to the Lord and to the Church and he is reflecting on some things, and as he reflects on these things we begin to see the importance of, and gain a deeper revelation of, the things which are so important to the Father's heart.

...."My little children, I am writing these things to you, that you may not sin"....

1 John 2:1a

Right from the start we must realize that God's Word is there to lead us into ALL truth, and guide us on the straight and narrow path of His perfect will for our lives - in order that we might not remain under the power of sin, and thus live lives which are pleasing to Him.

...."and if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous"....

1 John 2:1b

Here we are put in remembrance of the precious Blood of Jesus for the remission of our sins. In the previous chapter the apostle John talks of how that Blood "cleanses us from all sin" and how as we "confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness..." (1 John 1:7,9).

"IF YOU LOVE ME, YOU WILL KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS"

...."And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but

whoever keeps His Word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked"....

1 John 2:2-6

There are some important principles in this passage which we must look at.

Jesus said:

...."If you love Me, you will keep My commandments",

and again

...."He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me, and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love Him, and will disclose Myself to him." ..."If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him and We will come to him and make our abode with him"....

John 14:15, 21, 23

From this portion of God's Word we can see clearly that we must take our obedience to the Father and His Word as the only measuring stick of our love towards Him. The degree that we obey God is the degree that we love Him, and to the degree that we love God and have His love shed abroad in our hearts, it is to that degree we are able to "truly" love others with His love. These are very basic truths, but it is so important for every one of us to have these things revealed to our heart to a continually greater degree by the Holy Spirit - in order that we are not deceived by the lies of the Evil One. As we draw near to the Word of God and obey His commandments, we will have the assurance that our "motives" are pure and that our heart is clean before the Father at ALL times - thus allowing us to be pure vessels of His love and truth to all who cross our path.

ABSOLUTE SURRENDER

The Word of God states in verse 5 that:

...."whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been

perfected"....

We need to have a deep revelation of the love of the Father, for it is in truly knowing Him - and having His love shed abroad in our heart - that causes (empowers) us to walk in obedience, and most importantly, to have a constant desire to do "only" His will for our lives. That, of course, is the measure of the "absolute surrender" to which we are called: the laying down of our own lives (the self-life) in order to do all to the greatest glory of God. This is precisely why the apostle John writes in verse 6:

...."The one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked"....

As who walked? As Jesus walked in the earth!

Jesus said:

...."I can do nothing on My own initiative. As I hear I judge; and My judgement is just, because I do not seek My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me"....

John 5:30

Everything Jesus did while He was in the earth He did in obedience to the Father's Word - through the power of the Holy Spirit. And so we too, if we desire to live the true Christian life and operate in the fulness of what God has provided for us, must walk in the same manner in which Jesus walked, that is, to live the life of the "Cross" - being obedient to every command of the Father God at ALL times.

In verse 7 the apostle John is refreshing the memories of those in the Church as he writes:

...."Beloved, I am not writing a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you have had from the beginning; the old commandment is the word which you have heard. On the other hand I am writing a new commandment to you which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away, and the true light is already shining"....

1 John 2:7-8

As we continue on into the deeper things of the Kingdom and our minds are constantly being renewed by the Word of God - through the power of the Holy Spirit - the darkness (or veil) which was there before no longer remains, and we begin to be "enabled" to see ALL things through the eyes of God, and come to the place of truly understanding the deepest thoughts and purposes of the tender, loving heart of the Father. This glorious knowledge of His holy character is the catalyst to abiding in a pure and ever-increasing love - both towards God and all those who cross our path.

THE ABSOLUTE CALL TO WALK IN LOVE

..."The one who says he is in the light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes"....

1 John 2:9-11

To the degree one depends on their own understanding, it is to that degree they are "hating" their brother, and to that degree they are not able to truly love their brother. On the other hand, to the degree that one's heart is filled with the love of God, to that degree they are "enabled" to operate in light and love - the way the Father desires us to: with His love alone, never allowing ourselves to be influenced by some "temporary" feeling or emotion. As one "abides" in Christ - and thus the light and love of God floods their heart - they shall begin to see ALL things through His eyes. The spontaneous by-product of this superabundant light will be that they shall surely come to a "continually" deeper realization of their call to walk in love (towards God and man) - at all cost to themselves.

WE MUST BE WILLING TO PUT ASIDE ANY THOUGHT FOR OURSELVES

As one continually seeks to walk in love - coming to the place where they would rather lay down their lives than violate the "law" of love - that one will reach the point where there is "no cause for stumbling in him". In other words, all the "ground" has been removed. We know that Jesus (the Word) was a perfect standard raised up by the Father, and that He is a "stumbling stone" to all those who allow "selfishness" (self-desire) to work actively within them. As the love of God is

revealed to a deeper degree in the heart of one who is truly "seeking first" the Kingdom they shall indeed continue to stumble at the revealed knowledge of His Word UNTIL they are willing to put aside any thought for themselves - in order to do "all" the will of God. If we maintain any desire at all to gratify our own selfish desires then we shall stumble, and the path to revealed knowledge shall be blocked until a deep and thorough repentance is forthcoming. We must continually draw near to the Word of God so that we might allow the Father to deal with us and purify our hearts - replacing every element of "self-desire" with the desires of His heart. It is only in this way that that one will come forth as gold - a gold which has been tried and tested, with no "impurity" whatsoever. We must ALWAYS keep in the forefront of our thinking that the true measure of the Father's love calls for each one of us to forsake all that is of the "lower life" in order to lay our "lives" down for the brethren.

WE MUST DRAW THE CONNECTION IN OUR THINKING BETWEEN THE WORD OF GOD ABIDING IN OUR HEARTS AND THE OVERCOMING OF THE EVIL ONE, THE OVERCOMING OF THE WORLD AND THE OVERCOMING OF SIN

...."I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one. Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever"....

vs.14-17

We must draw the connection in our thinking between the Word of God abiding in our hearts and the overcoming of the Evil One, the overcoming of the world and the overcoming of sin. For without a revelation of this in our hearts, the "fulness" of our inheritance in Christ shall remain beyond our grasp. If we truly desire to do all of God's will then we are going to have to realize that we must rely "entirely" on the provision which the Father has given us in Christ - and He has given us the Holy Spirit, who abides within us, to lead us into all truth and empower us in every way to fulfil the Father's perfect purpose for our lives and ministries. As we go on in this study we are going to look at all the different hindrances which cause us to take our reliance off of the Anointing that abides within us, and we are also going to see

the wondrous provision which the Father has made for us to walk with Him in perfect obedience - above error, - in order that we might come to the place of abiding wherein we present the true image of our "ascended" Lord (the fulness of His authority) at all times!

THE POWER OF GOD FLOWING THROUGH HIS CHILDREN WILL ALWAYS CRIPPLE AND PARALYZE SATAN'S SCHEMES!

...."Children, it is the last hour; and just as you have heard that antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen; from this we know that it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know"...

1 John 2:18-20

Satan had attempted to place "his" people in the Church (just as he continues to today), but because of the power of the Holy Spirit flowing through the people of God whose hearts were wholly given, those people did not remain. Thus, Satan's schemes were not able to be carried out because the Holy Spirit convicted powerfully those whose hearts were not one with the Father. Indeed, the power of God flowing through His children will always cripple and paralyze Satan's schemes! The reason Satan has been able to work so freely in the Church up until this time is because, quite simply, the people of God have not been relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. They have been conformed to the world and its ways and to a great degree have remained in bondage to sin, and therefore they hindered greatly the anointing within them from flowing forth and Satan was able to enter in to the midst of the congregations.

THE ANOINTING THAT ABIDES WITHIN US IS MULTI-FACETED

The Anointing that abides within us is "multi-faceted". In the ministry of the Holy Spirit we have been provided with everything we will need to fulfil the Father's will for us in the earth. Now taking that as the absolute standard of revelation concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we need to go on to see what the many aspects of the Holy Spirit's ministry are, and we need to find out how we can learn to rely on His power at ALL times - and thus experience the many benefits which come,

through a continued reliance on the Wisdom of God. When we are truly "seeking" to rely on the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, the Father has a way to get across to us what is truth and what is error, but if we desire to partake of "fellowship" with the world (to retain sin in our lives or seek our own glory rather than the glory of God) then Satan - somewhere along the line - is going to be enabled to cause us to place our trust in his lies (error). If we truly love God with all our heart and desire only to walk in His uncompromised truth, that is, to live the "true" Christian life, THEN the anointing that abides within shall continually be able to enlighten us and provide direction for us - and keep us in a position which is above error (rebellion).

THE ANOINTING THAT ABIDES WITHIN US IS CONTINUALLY RELEASED AS WE MAINTAIN A DEEP HEART-DESIRE TO WALK IN ALL OF THE LIGHT (REVEALED KNOWLEDGE) THAT WE HAVE - AT ALL TIMES

The anointing that abides within us is continually released as we "maintain" a deep heart-desire to walk in ALL of the "light" (revealed knowledge) that we have at ALL times. Regardless of how small the amount of revealed knowledge one might have in the beginning of their walk the Father will always keep that one and direct their path. If one seeks anything for themselves - and thus leans upon our own understanding - they shall be led into error, but if they seek all for the glory of God they shall SURELY be kept apart from, and walk above, error. It is the will of the Father that each one of His children walk above error and in perfect obedience at all times. Those people who are entrusted with the ministry of God's Word need to pay particular attention to this truth; for if one is in a position of "delegated" authority and begins to put forth the Word in error (a result of rebellion [self-agenda in their own heart]), then the sheep will be led astray. They will not only be led astray, but they will also be led further away from their "only" hope and salvation, and thus wind up in a place wherein Satan is able to harm them to a "certain" degree.

AS WE CONTINUALLY FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER - AND THUS COME TO ABIDE IN HIS WORD - WE SHALL GAIN A CONTINUALLY DEEPER REVELATION OF HIS ABSOLUTENESS

From these things we can see clearly why the Father, in this last hour - as the judgement of His household begins (1 Peter 4:17) - is judging first all those who are entrusted with the ministry of His Word. Each one of us must learn to rely

"completely" on the Anointing that abides within us in order that we might be true servants of God - servants (sons and daughters) who continually lead His sheep into His perfect will for their lives. We must come to the realization that it is an ever-continuing process of learning to depend on (trust) the Father and His Word - that is, the Anointing that abides within us - for "all" things. All is an absolute word which describes the nature and character of God - for He is an "absolute" God. There are over three thousand references to the word "all" in the Bible. As we continually fellowship with the Father - and thus come to abide in His Word - we shall gain a continually deeper revelation of His absoluteness, and we will surely see that we need to depend on His power - and His power alone - every moment of every day in order to carry out His perfect purposes for the Church and the Kingdom. As we continually walk in all the light that we have He will continually lead us into "perfect" obedience, and into the place wherein we would not dare (through an abiding holy reverence) to depend on anything apart from Him. The Father never intended for us (His children) in any way to walk in this earth empowered or led by any one or any thing other than the Holy Spirit. The Word and the Holy Spirit are the two things which the Father has provided - and in them are found all of the things which are necessary to fulfil His will - both individually and corporately - in the Church. To the degree that we, as children of God, move away, or separate ourselves, from the Word and the Holy Spirit it is to that degree that we shall "misrepresent" Jesus Christ! Therefore, from this, we can see why every one of Satan's schemes is aimed at moving us away from the Word of God, and thus away from dependence upon the Anointing that abides within each one of us - a "dependence" which we need to exercise continually in order to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us into ALL truth.

WE NEED TO BE A PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR HEARTS WHOLLY TO GOD

In Jeremiah 29:13, the Word states:

...."and you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart"....

We need to be a people who have given their hearts wholly to God. We are commanded to love the Lord our God with our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole strength and our whole mind, and it is extremely important that EVERY child of God learns to walk in obedience to this absolute "commandment".

In Proverbs 3:5-6 it is written:

...."Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight"....

As we receive a deeper revelation of the "Divine Requirement" (Luke 10:27) - and how it applies to our own lives - we will understand that to experience the fulness of the Father's love and wondrous blessing (empowerment) for our lives, we are going to need to make an absolute commitment to Him in ALL things; for if we do not make that absolute commitment, then there will still remain within us the desire to retain "certain" things (leaven) that will cause us to forsake a total dependence on the Holy Spirit. This will lead us which lead us to depend on the darkened understanding of the "soul-life" (the lies of the Evil One).

MANY HAVE MAINTAINED A "SIN-CONSCIOUSNESS" - CAUSED BY THEIR CONTINUED WILLINGNESS TO SEE "CERTAIN" THINGS THROUGH THE EYES OF THE FLESH AND THEIR OWN SELF-INTEREST (SELF-DESIRE) RATHER THAN THE EYES OF THE FATHER

It is through the Father's "refining" process (which He brings us through as we are willing to be brought through it) that we learn to depend "solely" upon the anointing that abides within us. As we delve deeper into this study of the anointing we are going to see the many things that we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to do: to walk above error, to walk above sin and to walk in perfect obedience and holiness before the Father and His Word. Many believe that these areas cannot be attained to while we remain in the earth with these "flesh" bodies. This is because they have, in some manner, maintained a "sin-consciousness" - caused by their continued willingness to see "certain" things through the eyes of the flesh and their own self-interest (self-desire) rather than the eyes of the Father. When one finally sets their "gaze" on the Word of God - with the sole intent of seeking "absolute" truth - and as they lay aside EVERY encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles (Hebrews 12:1-20), THEN they shall gain a continually deeper revelation, day in and day out, of the "Living Christ" in their own lives and, thus, they shall come to see clearly that they can do ALL of the things which are required of them - through the "abiding" Christ living within them, Who strengthens (empowers) them.

THE PREREQUISITE TO WALKING IN THE FULNESS OF THE ANOINTING THAT ABIDES WITHIN US (PERFECT EMPOWERMENT) IS TO LOVE THE FATHER AND HIS WORD WITH A WHOLE AND PURE HEART - SEEKING ONLY TO DO ALL OF HIS WILL AT ALL TIMES!

This is a truth which must be emblazoned upon every one of our hearts, for there are many who preach that holiness is not possible and that perfect obedience and "sinlessness" are the product of some "vain" imagination. In doing so, all that they are doing is openly exposing the deepest desire of their own heart which is to retain their own sin and self-desire that they might continue in their "own" ways - unholy ways, which are apart from the will of the Father. The prerequisite to walking in the fulness of the anointing that abides within us (perfect empowerment) is to love the Father and His Word with a whole and pure heart - seeking only to do all of His will at all times!

THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We are now going to look at some scriptures concerning the ministry of the Holy Spirit and as we study them we are going to see the different characteristics of His ministry and how the Father applies them to our own lives. In doing this we shall surely see what a glorious and wonderful provision He has made for us in Christ!

...."When the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness of Me, and you will bear witness of also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. These things I have spoken to you, that you may be kept from stumbling. They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. But these things I have spoken to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you of them. And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, "Where are you going?" but because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go I will send Him to you. And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness and judgement; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you no longer behold Me; and concerning judgement, because the ruler of this world

has been judged. I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you. A little while, and you will no longer behold Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me"....

John 15:26-16:16

One of the Holy Spirit's main tasks is to bear witness of Jesus Christ, in other words, to reveal the Word of God to us; for He is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation and the Spirit of truth.

THOSE CHILDREN OF GOD WHO HAVE ALLOWED SATAN TO HOLD THEM CAPTIVE TO DO HIS WILL....DO SO BECAUSE THEY HAVE NOT DEVELOPED - NOR SOUGHT TO DEVELOP - AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE FATHER

...."An hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. And these things they will do, because they have not known the Father or Me"....

John 16:2-3

Those children of God who have "allowed" Satan to hold them captive to do his will - and who have thus been used to persecute those who continue to walk in faith and obedience, do so because they have not developed, nor sought to develop, an intimate relationship with the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, and therefore they have stumbled in the darkness. Satan's will is to tear down and divide the Church; God's will is to build and "unify" the Church.

"PARACLETOS" - ONE CALLED ALONGSIDE TO HELP

...."For if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you"....

vs. 7

The Amplified Translation defines the Word "paracletos" in this verse: Comforter, Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthened, Standby and the cross reference in the New American Standard Translation gives the literal meaning of "paracletos" as "one called alongside to help". As we look closely at these words we see that each one defines a different characteristic of the Holy Spirit's ministry. All of these different aspects are indeed found in the "Anointing" which abides within each one of us and once again we begin to gain a deeper understanding of the magnificent provision that the Father has made for us to carry out His will in the earth.

WE HAVE NO ONE TO BLAME BUT OURSELVES IF WE ALLOW DARKNESS TO ENCOMPASS OUR HEART AND MIND

...."But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth"....

vs.13a

We are a people who are to be "led" by the Holy Spirit! If we call upon "others" for guidance in a "spirit of idolatry" - and thus seek the counsel of worldly wisdom (in order to lean upon our own understanding and fulfil our self-desire born of fear) THEN we shall be led into "all" error - and away from the "all" (absolute) truth that the Father has provided for us through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. To the degree that we allow ourselves to depend upon the Holy Spirit, it is to that degree that we shall be led into a continually deeper knowledge of the truth. We have no one to blame but ourselves if we allow darkness to encompass our heart and mind! For if we diligently seek the truth in ALL things, the Father will SURELY cause us to walk above "every scheme" of the Evil One and, at the same time, lead and guide us into the fulness of our glorious salvation and inheritance in Christ!

IF WE, IN ANY WAY, SEEK AFTER THAT WHICH IS FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR OWN SELFISH DESIRES, DARKNESS SHALL SURELY ENTER IN!

...."For he will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come"....

vs.13b

It is very important for us to realize that when Jesus walked the earth He continually received instructions from the Father, in and by the Holy Spirit, and then operated in obedience to those words - thus fulfilling perfectly His ministry while He was in the earth. And, in the same way, the Holy Spirit reveals the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart - as we diligently pursue His perfect purpose (will) - and relays them to our spirit. As we hearken to the voice of the Holy Spirit - walking in obedience to the words He speaks and the "impressions" He places deep within us - we are THEN empowered to carry out His "leadings" in perfect accordance with the thoughts and intentions of the Father's will, for He is surely watching over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). As you can see this is a very simple process, but of course we have Satan working continually - with his vile schemes, to lead us astray and cause us to go after things which are apart from God. If we, in ANY way, seek after that which is for the fulfillment of our own selfish desires, darkness shall surely enter in! And thus, to the degree we allow that darkness to enter in and allow our hearts to be hardened towards God, it is to that degree that our ability to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, shall be "impaired"!

TO WALK IN PERFECT OBEDIENCE ONE IS GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD ABIDING IN THEIR HEART

To walk in "perfect" obedience we are going to have to have the revealed knowledge of God's Word "abiding" in our heart, and also be able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit - as He tells us how to apply that word in EVERY situation. To meet these "requirements" each one of us will have to separate ourselves from the world and unto the Father and His Word. THEN, as we continually fellowship with, and abide in, the Word, we shall be separated from sin and enabled by the "Spirit of wisdom and revelation" to see ALL things clearly - through the eyes of the Father.

ANOTHER FACET OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY IS THAT HE WILL REVEAL THINGS TO COME

As we stay in close fellowship with the Father, the Holy Spirit shall indeed reveal "things to come" in many different ways - mainly in impressions, sometimes in that still, small voice, but regardless of how we receive the "revelation" we can be assured that we shall always be at least one step ahead of Satan and his schemes - and that we are being perfectly prepared to enter into the fulness of the Father's call on our

life and ministry.

IT IS ONLY FROM THIS PLACE OF INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP THAT WE SHALL COME TO EXPERIENCE THE FULNESS OF OUR PRECIOUS INHERITANCE IN CHRIST

To the degree that we fellowship with the Father and His Word - and thus minister unto Him - it is to that degree we will become more and more proficient in "allowing" the Holy Spirit to work in our lives. It is ONLY from this place of intimate fellowship that we shall come to experience the FULNESS of our precious inheritance in Christ - the very fulness of our "salvation". It is the Holy Spirit who discloses that Covenant to us, and it is certain that we must learn to walk in the fulness of the provision which the Father has blessed us with if we are to fulfil perfectly our portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth!

THE FATHER HAS EMPOWERED US TO WALK THE SAME WAY THAT JESUS WALKED WHILE HE WAS ON THE EARTH

...."Because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you"....

John 16:6-7

The disciples had sorrow in their hearts because they sensed that Jesus was leaving them "physically" and they did not comprehend what the promise of the Holy Spirit really meant, at that time. But Jesus was telling them that He was giving them something better: that He would be able to "abide" in them and be with them at all times - not just physically, but dwell in their innermost being to guide them and lead them into all truth and cause them to walk in perfect righteousness before the Father. Again, as we spend quality time with the Father and His Word, we begin to receive a continually deeper revelation of the ministry of the Holy Spirit - and it is truly an amazing thing to see how greatly the Father has empowered us to carry out His will. Quite simply, He has empowered us to walk the same way that Jesus walked while He was on the earth - and not only has He empowered us, but He has commanded us to walk that way! The Holy Spirit's ministry is to conform us into the image of Jesus Christ. He is constantly working in us the deepest work of the Cross - teaching us to

depend on God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) for all things. This continuing work causes us to come into that perfect conformity with Jesus that the Father desires for each one of His children.

GIVING IS THE DEEPEST CHARACTERISTIC (OR PRINCIPLE) OF THE FATHER'S NATURE

..."He who has My commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves Me. and he who loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him. and will disclose Myself to him... If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make our abode with him. He who does not love Me does not keep My Words; and the word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me. These things I have spoken to you, while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you"....

John 14:21.23-26

It should be no secret to any child of God that if they are going to keep the commandments of God, they are going to need to "know" what those commandments are! They are also going to need to "know" when to carry them out. The only way for us to walk in "perfect" obedience in this earth is through an absolute dependence upon the Word of God and the Anointing, which abides within us, that is, the Holy Spirit. Indeed as we love the Father and His Word - through our obedience - that love we give shall be given back to us pressed down, shaken together and running over (Luke 6:38). Giving is the deepest characteristic (or principle) of the Father's nature, and as we love Him back with the abundant love that has been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, He will provide us with a deeper revelation of His love (Himself) in order that His love might be poured out through us upon all who cross our path. As we continue on from "faith to faith" (Romans 1:17) and "glory to glory" (2 Corinthians 3:18), the deepest treasures of God's Kingdom shall become our reality - thus enabling us to fulfil all of His will, in perfect obedience. As we obey ALL of the Father's commands (that have been made known to us through the Holy Spirit) we shall have more of His will for our lives revealed to us. And, as we are faithful to that which has been revealed, we shall indeed spiral upwards into the fulness of the "resurrection" and "ascension" life of our Lord, to be seated with Him in the heavenly places at the right hand of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-23).

THERE ARE MANY WHO ATTEMPT TO GAIN A REVELATION OF THE FATHER'S HEART (WILL) YET FAIL TO OBEY THE SIMPLEST OF HIS COMMANDS

There are many who "attempt" to gain a revelation of the Father's heart (will) yet fail to obey the simplest of His commands. But the Father has said: "first obey and THEN shall I be enabled to disclose Myself fully to you". It is most important for EVERY believer to understand that our obedience to God is not simply "works", but rather corresponding action to that which has been revealed to our heart by the Holy Spirit. Obedience to the Father ALWAYS has as its deepest motivation - our love of Him and the perfect fulfillment of His overall plan and purpose. Let us not - through our own foolishness - ever seek to gain anything from the Father, apart from our obedience (love for) to Him, for He surely desires to fellowship with each of us and make us one heart and mind with Him. The mind of the flesh cannot, in any way, comprehend the love which the Father, but He has given freely - to all those who will "believe" - the Holy Spirit, Who has been appointed to reveal all that God is. One must NEVER feel sorry for themselves as they walk in the earth carrying out the Father's will, for He has made the provision necessary for Him to walk just as closely with us as He walked with Jesus in His earthly ministry. Therefore, we need to do those things (consecration and obedience) which will allow Him to truly abide in us, and us in Him; for as we do, we shall indeed gain a continually deeper revelation of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit with each passing day.

THE FATHER IS A REWARDER OF THOSE WHO SEEK HIM

...."If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make our abode with him"....

John 14:23

This degree of fellowship which the Father offers is there for every child of His, but it is only through a determined decision on our part to be obedient to Him - that is, to love the Lord our God with our whole heart, which will allow us to be partakers of the fulness of this magnificent blessing. Only those who are faithful and who are "constant" in their obedience will ever experience the "depth" of the Word which Jesus has spoken in the above portion of scripture. In light of these things, it is well worth "forsaking ALL to follow" Him. We must have a revelation of the fact that the Father is a rewarder of those who seek Him, and know that as we seek Him

from a pure heart that we shall be rewarded and blessed in ways that transcend any form of "mental" comprehension.

JESUS WAS THE EXACT REPRESENTATION OF THE FATHER'S NATURE

...."The word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me"....

vs. 24

It is important for us to know that Jesus was the exact representation of the Father's nature (Hebrews 1:3), for from this realization we are able to say that all things which are expressed through the Word of God are an expression of the thoughts and intentions and purposes of the Father's will and desire for all of mankind. We need to fellowship with - and continually draw near to - the Father and His Word, in order that we might come into perfect agreement with Him at ALL times. How else could one possibly be enabled to know and carry out His will in the earth, to perfection.

IT IS A GLORIOUS ASSURANCE THAT WE HAVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT - THE ASSURANCE WHICH ENABLES US TO KNOW THAT WE CAN WALK INTO ANY SITUATION AT ANY TIME KNOWING THAT HE WILL BRING TO OUR REMEMBRANCE THE EXACT WORDS WHICH WE ARE TO SPEAK IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FATHER'S PERFECT WILL FOR THAT MOMENT

...."But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you"....

vs.26

Jesus said the Holy Spirit will teach us ALL things. What then are "all things"? To the children of God "all things" are those things we need to have in order to fulfil our portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth. The Father has placed His "Anointing" in our hearts, to abide within us and lead us into all truth. This allows Him to reveal those revelations that we need to build His Church and tear down every stronghold of Satan. This also allows us to obtain ALL that we need at ALL times in order to

meet the deepest needs of all those who cross our path. It is a glorious assurance that we have in the Holy Spirit - the assurance which enables us to know that we can walk into ANY situation at ANY time "knowing" that He will bring to our remembrance the exact words which we are to speak in accordance with the Father's perfect will for that moment. Of course all of these things are dependent upon the consecration of the individual believer - that is, their separation from the world and unto the Father and His Word. Should the child of God choose to separate themselves from the Word, and thus enter into fellowship with the "world" and its ways, the Anointing within them shall be both quenched and grieved to the point where He is no longer able to freely communicate the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart to them - because of the hardness of their heart (Ephesians 4:17-19).

AS WE SUBMIT EVERY AREA OF OUR LIVES TO THE FATHER AND HIS WORD - AND THUS CONTINUALLY DRAW NEAR TO HIM - WE ARE ABLE TO HEAR THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH GREAT CLARITY

Another facet of the Holy Spirit's ministry is to bring to our remembrance all the many aspects of the revealed knowledge of God's will which we have been blessed with in our experience - and which apply to any given situation or circumstance in our lives. From this we are clearly able to see that as every child of God seeks to walk in perfect obedience - and as they allow no "unwholesome" word to proceed from their mouths, that is, any word which is not in accordance with the heart and will of the Father - they shall come into that unity which He desires us to have in the Church, through our common dependence upon the Anointing which abides within each one of us. Many are caught up in the fear of "hearing" some voice other than the Spirit of God, but this "fear" is nothing but foolishness in light of the simple, yet wondrous, provision which the Father has made for each one of us to walk in the same manner as Jesus Himself walked in the earth. As we submit every area of our lives to the Father and His Word - and thus continually draw near to Him - we are able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit with great clarity. The Father gave me an analogy to show me the simplicity of this truth. He said to me that if two people are standing in a room together and one is given a message by the other to take to those who are right outside that place, and after having taken "every" precaution to ensure that what he heard was that which had been spoken, he immediately goes and delivers those words, what opportunity is there for error to have crept in? The answer of course is none. Therefore, from this we can see that as we spend quality time with the

Father, in His presence, learning and having revealed to us the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart, we become trustworthy stewards of His Word - expressing only what He has said. Not what "we" have said - or what we think should be said - but only what the Father has said.

THE ONLY REASON ONE IS NOT ABLE TO HEAR THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS BECAUSE IN THEIR HEART THEY ARE NOT WILLING TO DO ALL OF THOSE THINGS WHICH HE WILL SPEAK TO THEM

If one's deepest heart-desire is to place ALL of their dependence upon the revealed knowledge of God's Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit (the Anointing which abides within us) THEN they shall surely be found walking in a manner which continually transcends ALL error (rebellion) and all darkness! One might look out on the tremendous amount of false teaching and error and tradition which is evident in almost every congregation of believers and come to the conclusion that there is no way for them to walk above error in handling the things of God. But, quite simply, the only reason one is not able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit is because in their heart they are not willing to do "all" of those things which He will speak to them. It is all a matter of "positioning". If we truly love the Father, and desire only to obey His every command, THEN we shall surely draw near in fellowship (with His Word), and in that abiding fellowship we shall no longer be strangers to His Holy voice - but rather that voice will become the one "most" familiar to us. If, on the other hand, we choose to fellowship with the world and its ways - and thus "allow" our affections to draw us away from the Word and into a position outside the Word of God and the Kingdom - then the only voice we will be familiar with will be the lying voice of the Evil One. Satan seeks only to lure us away from the Father's will for our lives and into the death and destruction which he (Satan) has reserved for all those who will foolishly walk outside the Covenants of promise.

THE ESSENCE OF TRUE MINISTRY: ABIDING FELLOWSHIP WITH THE ONE WHOM WE SERVE

If we are not in a position (by our own free will) to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit then we are in a position (by our own free will) to hear the lying voice of Satan, and so, in light of these things the rebellious child of God should not be surprised if they cannot hear the Holy Spirit's voice. For to the degree that one places anything in their lives above the Father and His Word, it is to that degree that they prevent

themselves from hearing the One who is called to guide them into ALL truth. To all those who truly desire to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit I say this: separate yourselves from the world and its ways (fear, selfishness and rebellion) and draw near to the Father and His Word. In the "inner chamber" (the secret place of His presence) the Father will separate you from any ground of fear (sin) that you have retained. As you remain close to the Father and His Word, He shall remove the false way from you and graciously grant you an abundance of His truth. The key to hearing the voice of the Anointing which abides within you is to obey that which you "know" to be from Him, for as you do all these things, God (the Father, Son and Holy Spirit) shall have been given His proper place in your life and His voice shall be more distinct than any other, at ALL times. As we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us into the proper "position", He will keep us in that position - and thus keep us in a place wherein we are "enabled" to truly and accurately represent Jesus Christ in all that we do. This is the essence of true ministry: abiding fellowship with the One whom we serve.

IN A CONSTANT SEEKING AFTER PERFECT OBEDIENCE LIES THE FULNESS OF THE REVELATION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

...."Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also. As for you, let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father. And this is the promise which He Himself made to us: Eternal life. These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him"....

1 John 2:22-27

As the apostle John writes here, he is warning the Church of the danger of the spirit of antichrist - through which error has begun to find its way into the midst of the congregation. He is calling them to rest assured, and to continue on and be diligent in the things which they have heard. He also reminds them that the Father's promise is life (absolute) and that He has provided the anointing, which abides within

them, to keep them above ALL the deceptions and schemes of the Evil One. How blessed is the assurance of these words to all those who are willing to do all the will of God (John 7:17), for in that willingness lies the "highway to holiness" and the narrow path of perfect obedience which every last child of God is called to walk upon in this life. In a constant seeking after perfect obedience lies the "fulness" of the revelation of the ministry of the Holy Spirit - and how He continually causes us to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ, and protects us from all manner of evil which Satan attempts to afflict us with. We must all come to the place where we can say boldly with the apostle Paul, "We are not ignorant of his schemes" (2 Corinthians 2:11) for this is indeed a dangerous age!

THE DENIAL OF THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS - AND ALL THAT WHICH WAS ACCOMPLISHED AT CALVARY - WILL ALWAYS BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF SATAN'S SCHEMES

..."Beloved, do not put faith in every spirit, but prove (test) the spirits to discover whether they proceed from God; for many false prophets have gone forth into the world. By this you know (perceive and recognize) the Spirit of God: every spirit which acknowledges and confesses the fact that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, actually has become man and has come in the flesh is of God- has God for its source. And every spirit which does not acknowledge and confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh (but would annul, destroy, sever, disunite Him) is not of God - does not proceed from Him. This (non-confession) is the spirit of antichrist, of which you heard that it was coming, and not it is already in the world. Little children, you are of God - you belong to Him- and have (already) defeated and overcome them (the agents of antichrist) because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world. They proceed from the world and are of the world, therefore it is out of the world (its whole economy morally considered) that they speak, and the world listens (pays attention) to them. We are (children) of God. Whoever is learning to know God progressively to perceive, recognize and understand God (by observation and experience) and to get and even clearer knowledge of Him - listens to us: and he who is not of God does not listen or pay attention to us. By this we know (recognize) the Spirit of Truth and the spirit of error"....

1 John 4:1-6 Amplified Translation

Again, in this passage John continues to admonish the Church concerning the spirit of antichrist - the author of all those things which set themselves against Jesus Christ and against the work which He was called to do in the earth. The "ministry" of Satan is to deny the power of the Blood of Jesus, and any word spoken (or action taken) which aligns itself with a denial of the power and reality of the Blood has its source in Satan and is error (antichrist)! Jesus came and lived in an earthly body and walked in obedience and "sinless" perfection before the Father - even to His death on the Cross - and thus He paid the price for sin and thus He redeemed mankind from the "law" of sin and death which he was born into as a result of Adam's treason. The denial of the power of the Blood of Jesus and all that which was accomplished at Calvary will always be at the forefront of Satan's schemes - for that precious Blood which was shed on our behalf ratified the New Covenant and bestowed upon each one who will only believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, "true" sonship. Praise God for this mighty and awesome work of His love which he carried out on our behalf while we were yet dead in our sin (Romans 5:8, Colossians 2:8-15)!

EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST BE VERY AWARE OF ANY WORD SPOKEN BY THEM (OR BY OTHERS) THAT DENIES THE POWER OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Every child of God must be VERY aware of any word spoken by them (or by others) that denies the power of the precious Blood of Jesus - in order that, in their own case, they might be corrected by the Holy Spirit, and that they might pray for others who have spoken words not in accordance with the reality of the Blood. Only as one comes to the place of seeking to "see" and discern through the eyes (heart) of the Father at all times will allow them to see EVERY attempt of the Evil One to deny the finished work of Calvary. When a person makes a statement such as "healing is not for us today" or "I do not believe that it is God's will to heal everybody", those statements constitute a blatant denial of the Blood of Jesus before the Father, and that is the "spirit of antichrist"! For too long many children of God have continually blasphemed Him with every breath - as they unknowingly (although they should know!) "allow" their own darkened "speculations" and foolishness to exalt themselves above the revealed knowledge of His holy Word. The good news is that as the "glorious" Church becomes a reality in the earth, ALL sin and fear and error shall be burned and consumed by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, thus paving the way for vast multitudes to finally be set free - TOTALLY FREE!

VAST MULTITUDES ARE WHOLLY IGNORANT OF THE FACT THAT TO CARRY OUT GOD'S WILL (WORK) WE MUST BE "CLOTHED WITH POWER FROM ON HIGH"

Another vile lie which Satan seeks to portray as truth and which - up until this time - has crippled the work of God so greatly is that one has no need of the "baptism" and the continual infilling of the Holy Spirit after the "New Birth". This leaves vast multitudes wholly ignorant of the fact that to carry out God's will (work) we must be "clothed with power from on high". Many adhere to, and believe, the lie that God somehow requires "their" help (the arm of the flesh), and thus the revelation of the "absolute surrender" which the Father truly requires of each one of His children - that is, to live the life of the Cross - is shoved into the corner in the name of "self-glory" and the exaltation of the darkened wisdom of this world. Two things are certain: if a word or action has proceeded forth from the "flesh" then it is of Satan, and in its deepest roots (motivation) there shall always be found a denial of the Precious Blood of the Lamb and the power therein - regardless of how "good" it sounds.

SHOULD ONE STILL CHOOSE TO RETAIN THEIR BELIEF IN THE LIES OF THE EVIL ONE THEY SHALL SURELY REAP THE JUDGEMENTS OF A HOLY AND RIGHTEOUS GOD UPON THEIR LIVES

It is the "spirit of religion" which continually attempts to cause men to believe in "darkened knowledge" (the traditions and doctrines of men and demons) rather than "enlightened" knowledge or "revealed" knowledge, but in this last hour, through the holy apostles and prophets, the absolute revelation of the "life" (love-light) of God which He desires each one of His children to have is coming forth from the Throne Room - exposing and removing all the lies and the error from the hearts of all those who truly love Him - all those who desire only to serve Him from a pure heart. Yet - in light of these things - should one still choose to retain their belief in the "lies" of the Evil One they shall surely reap the "judgements" of a holy and righteous God upon their lives - for once one has "willfully" chosen to reject the Blood, there no longer remains a sacrifice for their sin only the certain "terrifying" expectation of judgement and wrath (Hebrews 10:26-31).

IT IS ALWAYS ONE'S FAILURE TO SEPARATE THEMSELVES UNTO THE FATHER AND HIS WORD THAT CAUSES THEM TO REMAIN IN DARKNESS

If one truly believes that "healing" (or any other portion of the fulness of their precious inheritance in Christ) is not for them, then they leave Satan a wide open door to enter into their lives and lay ALL manner of affliction upon them - for as one has measured and believed (or not believed) the Word of God so shall it be done unto them. Many say that they do not know what the truth is concerning various doctrines, but because of their "fear" of "missing" the truth they indeed end up believing the very lies which they say they are trying to avoid. This all sounds like a "sincere" motivation on their part, but in reality it is always one's failure to separate themselves unto the Father and His Word that causes them to remain in darkness. For there is no fear in love (1 John 4:18) and as one comes to abide in the Word, the love of the Father is continually shed abroad in our hearts and expels every trace of fear.

ALL UNBELIEF STEMS FROM FEAR AND ALL FEAR STEMS FROM A MISTRUST OF THE FATHER AND ALL MISTRUST STEMS FROM ONE'S FAILURE TO PLACE HIS WORD FIRST IN THEIR LIFE

All unbelief stems from fear and all fear stems from a mistrust of the Father and all mistrust of the Father stems from one's failure to place His Word first in their lives. Always remember: FEAR IS ONLY AS "REAL" AS ONE BELIEVES IT TO BE! Therefore, from these things, we can clearly see the absolute need for each one of us, as children of God, to abide in His Word and in His love - which are inseparable - for it is then, and only then, that every ground of fear shall be removed from our hearts. And, in our nearness to the Father and our dependence upon the ministry of the Holy Spirit - Who dwells within each one of us - we shall no longer believe the lies of Satan nor place any faith in anything which is apart from the "revealed" (traditions and doctrines of men). The people of God "perish" in this earth for one reason and one reason only, and that is a lack of revealed knowledge of God's Word (Hosea 4:6)! The only way to receive the needed revelation knowledge is to partake of the ministry of the Holy Spirit; that is, learn to rely continually on the Anointing that abides within us - the Anointing that has been given to teach us "all" things and guide us into all the truth. This is not some provision which the Father has made in secret! This is just a matter of every one of God's children getting back to the Word of God as their sole "foundation", and learning to depend on what the God has

said RATHER than what Satan has said.

WE MUST HAVE A DEEP REVELATION OF THE FACT THAT JESUS CHRIST HAS DEFEATED SATAN AND ALL OF HIS FORCES ONCE AND FOR ALL - AT CALVARY

..."Little children, you are of God - you belong to Him and have (already) defeated and overcome them (the agents of antichrist), because he who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world"....

1 John 4:4

To the degree that we place our reliance and dependence upon the Holy Spirit, it is to that degree that we shall walk in the salvation (deliverance from every temporal evil) which has already been provided for each one of us in Christ! To the degree that we have opened our hearts to receive the revelation that the Greater One lives in us, it is to that degree that Satan shall not be able to overcome us (with anything that has its source in the "law of sin and death" Romans 8:1-2). We must have a deep revelation of the fact that Jesus Christ has defeated Satan and all of his forces once and for all at Calvary! As we walk in obedience to the Word of God - having separated ourselves from the sin which can so easily entangle us - and, having separated ourselves from any "heart-fellowship" with the "world" system, then we shall surely be found walking "above" all the "temporary evil" of this world. It is this position of being seated with Christ at the right hand of the Father that empowers us to walk in the fulness of the "ascension" life (the fulness of our authority in Christ) - seeing and doing ALL in the power and wisdom of God.

SATAN'S SCHEMES WILL ALWAYS SEEM IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERCOME IF OUR EYES ARE NOT "FIXED" ON JESUS

If one does not have a revelation of the fact that: "Greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world", then the one in the world (Satan and all of his agents) shall seem greater to them than the One who lives within them. Satan's schemes will always seem impossible to overcome if our eyes are not fixed on Jesus but - in keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus - we shall not only not be ignorant of the Devil's schemes, but we shall overcome them and put him to flight - destroying his "strongholds" in the process! We need to be clear in our understanding of the fact that the Father has empowered us to do "all things" (through Christ Who strengthens us).

As we empty ourselves, that is, lay aside any desire to lean upon our own understanding, we shall be filled and consumed with the Holy Spirit and Light shall flood our being. This divine Light shall expose "all" that attempts to exalt itself against the purposes of God - both within us and within all those who cross our path.

TRULY THE FATHER HAS EMPOWERED US TO WALK ABOVE ALL ERROR

Truly the Father has empowered us to walk above all error and if we are in any way deceived it is not because He has forsaken us but because we, in some way have forsaken Him. It is only through the Holy Spirit (the Anointing which abides within) that we are able to obtain the revealed knowledge which is needful for us to fulfil our portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth. Indeed, there is no other provision, no other source by which we can live (survive) apart from His Word and His Spirit. Any attempt by us to live outside of the Father's provision shall end in the death and darkness and corruption (desolation) which is the harvest of those who have continually sown to the "flesh".

SOWING TO THE SPIRIT FOR US MEANS SIMPLY TO RELY TOTALLY ON THE ANOINTING THAT ABIDES WITHIN US

...."Whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life"....

Galatians 6:7-8

"Sowing" to the Spirit for us means simply to rely totally on the Anointing that abides within us - in other words rely on the Word and the Holy Spirit in all things. It is then, and only then, that we shall reap the "absolute" life of God in our own lives, enabling us to become partakers of His holiness (Hebrews 12:10) (2 Peter 1:2-4). Having come to the realization that the same "anointing" which dwelt in Jesus is in us (that is, the Holy Spirit), we must take a close look and see why "we" are anointed and see why Jesus was anointed and understand why we are called to walk in the same manner as He Himself walked - having the same "attitude" as Him in all things.

THE MANDATE

...."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"....

Luke 4:18

From this portion of scripture we are able to see that the anointing which rested upon Jesus was to preach the Gospel (of the Kingdom), to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind (not just the physical blind, but also the "spiritually" blind ("the anointing that abides within" cuts through the darkness and the lies, and the spiritual blindness that has encompassed the hearts and minds of many). To set free those who are downtrodden: (the anointed Word of God shall set free, when united with faith, all those who are in any way "downtrodden" by Satan and his schemes) and to proclaim the favourable year of the Lord.

THE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS OF A MISPLACED FAITH

There is a great "responsibility" upon all those who are called upon to minister the Word of God, for in their putting forth of the "uncompromised Word" the captives shall indeed be set free from all of Satan's bondage and fear, but if there is a failure on their part to lay ALL of their dependence upon the anointing which abides within them, not only shall the captives remain in bondage, but they will also be led into a greater darkness through the "error" which they have heard. The "anointing" is present to meet the needs of all the people and build and establish the Church, whereas dependence upon one's own understanding as they minister the Word of God causes only a gross misrepresentation and wrong image of the Father to be formed within the heart and mind of the hearer - as well as in some way, attempting to divide and tear down the Church of Jesus Christ. From this we can see clearly the serious implications of a misplaced faith and a dependence upon anything which is apart from God's Word and Spirit. Those things, which in the past have been deemed "harmless" shall be exposed for what they truly are in this last hour, that is, subtle (and not so subtle) schemes of Satan to divide and destroy the true Church of Jesus Christ carried out by those whose hearts have not been given wholly to God.

OUR GOD IS AN ABSOLUTE GOD!

It is a "tragic" thing to see children of God opposing each other as the battle lines are formed in this last hour! How the Word of our Lord which states, "He who is not for Me is against Me", rings no less true in the close of this age than it did in the time of His (Jesus') earthly walk. Our God is an absolute God and all His requirements are absolute. Absolute love, absolute obedience, absolute dependence upon the anointing within us, absolute surrender, absolute truth, and absolute faithfulness; these are the characteristics of the "true" Christian life. To all those who "choose" to serve God in any other way, there is a most critical call to a deep and thorough repentance before the Father in the Throne Room in order that you might turn from your ungodliness, for the time is short and indeed the way is broad that leads to destruction!

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR EACH ONE OF US TO HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE IN OUR INNER MAN OF THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE SAME TOOLS AND THE SAME WEAPONS THAT JESUS HAD AS HE FULFILLED THE FATHER'S PERFECT WILL FOR HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY

...."Little children, let no one deceive you, the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous, the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil"....

1 John 3:7-8

After reading and meditating upon this portion of God's Word we can begin to understand why each one of Satan's schemes against us are aimed at getting us into a dependence upon something other than the Word of God and the anointing that abides within each of us. It is written, "The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil", and this is precisely why we are "anointed" in Christ: to set the captives free - and who are those captives but those who are held captive by the spirit of fear and the spirit of death (in whatever form). It is very important for each one of us to have a clear picture in our inner man of the fact that we have the same "tools" and the same weapons that Jesus had as He fulfilled the Father's perfect will for His life.

SATAN WILL ALWAYS ATTEMPT TO SEND SOMEONE ACROSS OUR PATH WHO ATTEMPTS TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN JESUS' EARTHLY MINISTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF THE TRUE CHURCH

Satan will always attempt to send someone across our path who attempts to differentiate between Jesus' earthly ministry and the ministry of the true Church. They say that:

"Jesus was the spotless Son of God and we are just "sinners", saved by grace. How could we possibly attain to walking in the same manner as He walked?"

This statement - and any other statement which denies the "power of the Blood of Jesus" - is a product of a "sin-consciousness" which has been "allowed" to remain through a slothfulness and lack of diligence towards the Word of God. Such "religious" statements are an abomination to the Father and betray a clear lack of revealed knowledge on the part of the speaker of both the "New Birth" (2 Corinthians 5:17) and the power of the Blood of Jesus to cleanse away all that is of the "fallen" nature of man (1 John 1:9); for in the pouring out of His Precious Blood Jesus redeemed us from ALL that does not have its source in God! It is because of this we are empowered to do the works of Jesus, and "even greater works" shall those who truly love Him, carry out in this last hour (John 14:12).

EVERY CHILD OF GOD MUST CONTINUALLY HAVE THEIR MIND RENEWED - THROUGH AN ABIDING DILIGENCE IN THE WORD OF GOD AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - TO A RIGHTEOUSNESS-CONSCIOUSNESS

As we allow the "Blood" to work continually in our hearts and minds through the abiding Word of God - and of course exercise faith in that Holy Word - we shall be found standing as the "spotless" sons and daughters of God and we shall be "blameless" in His sight (Ephesians 1:3-7) - empowered to walk in "sinless perfection". Every child of God must continually have their mind "renewed" through an abiding diligence, in the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit, to a "righteousness-consciousness" - in order that they might see ALL things through the eyes of the Father rather than the eyes of the flesh. Thus they shall come to:

- a "knowing" that Christ was - and still is - anointed to set the captives free (Luke 4:18);
- a "knowing" that He came to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8);
- a "knowing" that ALL authority in Heaven and on earth was given to Him (Matthew 28:18);
- a "knowing" that He, in turn, gave us that authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions - and over all the power of the enemy (Luke 10:19);
- a "knowing" all of these things - and the many other facets of our precious inheritance in Christ.

(if you do not "know" these things, study them out and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal them to your innermost being - at all cost to "self")

As the child of God comes to a clear understanding of the significance and magnitude of who they are in Christ - and in relation to the Father's overall purpose for mankind - they shall surely be found walking in "true" Christian service, and thus fulfil the Father's perfect will in the earth - both individually and corporately - in the Church.

HOW NEEDFUL IT IS FOR EVERY CHILD OF GOD TO GAIN A DEEP AND CLEAR REVELATION OF THE ABIDING CHRIST AND THE MINISTRY OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT

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

1 Corinthians 2:30

By the Father's doing we are in Christ Jesus - and He is in us. Wisdom, righteousness, our sanctification, and the fulness of our redemption are all included in the anointing that abides within each of us. All these things (and every aspect of them) are found in Christ - Who became to us wisdom; Who became to us righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21); Who became to us sanctification, and Who

became to us redemption. In the kingdom, Christ is in all and all is in Christ. How needful it is for every child of God to gain a deep and clear revelation of the "abiding" Christ and the ministry of the indwelling Holy Spirit; for in Them are found the keys to God's "treasure" (the revealed knowledge of Himself) - and His life (zoe) which Jesus came to give us more abundantly (John 10:10). As one continually draws near to the Word of God - and thus comes into a continual dependence upon the Anointing abiding within them - they shall come to a clear understanding that the Holy Spirit (the Anointing), the Father, and Jesus are in one accord (perfect agreement), and that the three persons of the Godhead are inseparable in the perfect accomplishing of all the purposes of God. They are always - without exception - in accordance with the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart, and always pointing directly to each other in the establishment of God's Kingdom in the earth. It is as one continually gives preeminence to the Word of God and the teaching of the Holy Spirit - both internally and through the true delegated authorities of God - that all that the Father accomplished in Christ is revealed by the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, and the power of the Blood of Jesus works "effectually" in that one's heart and mind continually. This keeps the conscience clean and clear before God, thus enabling them to continually draw near with confidence to the Throne of grace (Hebrews 4:16).

CHRIST - THE ANOINTED ONE AND HIS ANOINTING

Another thing that every child of God needs to know is that the Father has designated specific tasks to each individual believer, and the only way that they are going to get it done with "pin-point accuracy" is through a total (absolute) reliance upon Him - and the Provision which He has made (Christ). The word "Christ" means the Anointed one (and His Anointing) and we know that we are in Christ so therefore we can freely say that we are "anointed" ones in Christ. The significance of the word "Christ" is extremely important because in the Christ aspect of Jesus' Name (the word Jesus means Saviour) God gave an anointing, or in other words, caused the power to be made available for Jesus to come into the earth and fulfil the total and complete redemption of mankind from every aspect of the law of sin and death (every aspect of whatever came into this earth through Satan at the time of Adam's high treason against God). We have been redeemed from everything in this earth which is apart from God - and which seeks to destroy us. This is another "absolute" revelation which every child of God needs to have.

THE DANGER OF "SKEPTICISM!"

In faith let us open our hearts continually to the revealed knowledge of God's Word, so that we might receive a continually deeper revelation of the "absoluteness" of God and THEN we will not waste our time speaking about - and doing - things which are apart from (or far below) the revealed knowledge of His Will. Christians should not be sitting around discussing "speculations" and "opinions" - for there is only one Way. This is not "theology", this is Reality! Any attempt to operate apart from the anointing (the Holy Spirit) will always produce an ever growing "skepticism" in the child of God. The word skepticism is defined in the dictionary as:

"A doubting or incredulous state of mind";

In philosophy it is defined as:

"The doctrine that absolute knowledge is unattainable and that judgements (knowledge) must be continually questioned and doubted."

BEWARE THE "SPIRIT OF SKEPTICISM"!

If one chooses to rely on anything apart from the revealed knowledge of God's Word then they fall prey to a "spirit" of skepticism which then begins to consume their heart and mind. This causes them to always settle for that which is far below the absolute and perfect will of the Father for their own life and ministry. The "doctrine" of skepticism in philosophy states that there is no such thing as absolute truth, and that we must search and search and question and question (never to find). This, of course, is a lie straight from the pit of Hell! We, as Christians, need to realize that there is only one Truth (Jesus Christ) and NEVER rely on the elementary traditions and principles of this darkened world (Colossians 2:8). Any reliance whatsoever on the darkened wisdom of man, and one's "own" understanding apart from the revealed knowledge of God's Word will hinder us from seeing the Father in His "absoluteness".

**WE MUST HAVE AN ABSOLUTENESS-CONSCIOUSNESS IN ALL THINGS
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We need to have an "absoluteness-consciousness" in all things in order that we might come to the full knowledge of the Truth in every facet of our lives. In order to carry out the fulness of His will we need to see all things as the Father sees. As we rely entirely on the anointing that abides within us, He shall be enabled to make clear to us the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart. As one gains a deeper revelation of life, then death - in all of its forms - shall be put aside, but if we "allow" ourselves to stay in a position where we are being influenced (for the most part) by death and darkness, then the importance to us of "life" and the pursuit of godliness will diminish. Therefore, we must seek - at ALL times - to be in the position (environment) where God wants us, knowing that He shall lead us into a continually deeper revelation of the fulness of our inheritance in Christ.

OUR UNITY IS FOUND IN CHRIST ALONE

Getting back to our look at the word "Christ": we know that Jesus was given an anointing and we know that through that anointing Jesus fulfilled the will of the Father. We, in being "born again", filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized in fire, become "little anointed ones" (Christians), and have bestowed upon us the authority and the anointing that Jesus has been given by the Father. As we allow Him to "abide" within us, He then sends us forth to "fulfil" His ministry in the earth - that is, to destroy the works of Satan and set the captives free. Again, the Anointing that was given to Jesus in the beginning is the same Anointing that is apportioned to us individually, to fulfil the Father's will in the earth - first of all individually and then corporately as the "Body of Christ". When I say "individually", I, in no way, even begin to suggest that we are able to do ANYTHING apart from the Head, but rather that as each of us are diligent in our obedience, then - and only then - shall the "corporate" Church be manifested in the earth. Our unity (our common bond) is found in Christ alone, thus anything outside of and apart from Him can in no way be considered as the Church.

LET US NOT USE THE WORDS CHURCH, CHRISTIAN, AND BODY OF CHRIST LOOSELY!

As God's judgement is carried out in this last hour the Church shall be refined and purified and all shall be found to be in Christ - or apart from Him. Let us not use the words "Church", Christian, and "Body of Christ" loosely, but rather let us apply those words to only that which has its source in God - through the power and unction

of the Holy Spirit. The Anointing that abides within each of us empowers us to fulfil our portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth and then, as multitudes of believers in the earth come to a perfect dependence upon God's Word and Spirit in all things, the fulness of the Father's will shall be fulfilled (manifested) in the earth. Each one of us, as children of God, need to realize what an important part of God's plan we are. The Father has chosen to do all things in this earth through His Church and therefore as we conform ourselves (through the power of the Holy Spirit) to His will, He shall be enabled to accomplish it at a more accelerated rate. There is still a great deal of reliance upon "self" in the lives of God's children and because of this, His will has been hindered in the earth to a great degree.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THIS: IF OUR WORKS ARE NOT IN CHRIST - AND THUS EMPOWERED AND MOTIVATED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT (THE SPIRIT OF LOVE) - THEN THEY ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE LIES AND SCHEMES OF SATAN!

If we are going to operate in an area that is apart from God's Provision (the Anointing and the Word) then quite simply we are not going to have Him involved in our "works". The truth of the matter is this: if our works are not in Christ - and thus empowered and motivated by the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of Love) - then they are in agreement with the lies and schemes of Satan (Romans 6:16) (2 Timothy 2:26) (Matthew 12:30)! The Anointing within each of us is the One Who will keep us and teach us and guide us in the Father's way and purpose for our lives. As long as we continue to seek after the will of God, and love Him with all of our hearts, we will NEVER be held captive to carry out Satan's schemes. Every believer needs to have a continually deeper revelation of the purpose of the Father "in Christ" in order to walk in perfect obedience to His Will.

WE MUST, IN CHRIST, ESTEEM OURSELVES AS THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD AND WALK IN THE FULNESS OF THAT REVELATION

We are nothing without Christ, but we are everything in Him - and while we must certainly esteem our "flesh" as nothing (Romans 7:18) for indeed the flesh profits nothing (John 6:63), we must, in Christ, esteem ourselves as the sons and daughters of God and walk in the fulness of that revelation, and as we seek to continue on in that revelation, the Holy Spirit will see to it that we are supplied with

all the light we need and He will put us in remembrance of God's Word and reveal to us how it applies to us in every situation.

FOR TOO LONG THE FATHER HAS BEEN MISREPRESENTED

For too long the Father has been "misrepresented"! We are the "generation" who are going to represent Him in the way that He desires to be represented in the earth. Through a perfect reliance upon the Anointing that has been given to us - and through our reliance upon Him - we shall move forth as a mighty army to destroy the works of Satan. Because of these things many shall come out of bondage and captivity and into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ - and then move both immediately and powerfully into "Kingdom service". As briefly as I am able to express it, that is the Father's plan for His Church and it shall come to pass in ways that are both magnificent and incomprehensible to those who are not abiding in Christ.

INDIVIDUAL OBEDIENCE - AND ONLY INDIVIDUAL OBEDIENCE PRODUCES THE CORPORATE RESULT

To summarize, each of us must come to the realization (revelation) that we are in Christ - and that Christ is in us. The Anointing that was bestowed upon Jesus, as the "Christ", abides within each of us as we truly "seek first the kingdom", and is administered according to the Father's will for our lives - in order that we might fulfil our "individual" portion of Jesus' ministry in the earth. We must remember that our individual obedience - and ONLY individual obedience - produces the "corporate" result, which in turn shall cause the fulness of the ministry of Jesus to be both manifested and fulfilled in the earth. The fulfilling of Jesus' ministry shall result in death being abolished and put under His feet. As the Church rises into Her true position of resurrection and ascension in Christ, then death shall surely be under our feet and no longer hold anyone - through fear.

THE FATHER DESIRES EACH ONE OF US TO GAIN A CONTINUALLY DEEPER REVELATION OF HIS LOVE IN THIS LAST HOUR

...."For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death"....

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

...."For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the Gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel"....

2 Timothy 1:7:10 New King James Translation

The Father desires each one of us to gain a continually deeper revelation of His Love (Zoe - absolute life, absolute light, absolute love) in this last hour - thereby destroying all that which is of death and darkness (the traditions and doctrines of men and the "opinions" and "speculations" which of course fall far short of "absolute" truth and the true or exact knowledge of God). As we put away from us the desire to lean upon our own understanding and continually sow to the Holy Spirit, the abundant life (light) that we reap shall drive out and consume any darkness that remains within us. In the above scripture the Word states that death has been abolished and life and immortality has been brought to light. To come into the "reality" of this statement we must receive a continually deeper revelation of the absolute life of God - a life in which death is not found in any form and a light in which darkness is not found in any form. Many children of God are living "in" fear and thus in bondage to death through that fear! But the Word of God tells us that as we stand in Christ we need not have any fear, for death "has been" abolished and we have been given not a spirit of fear, but rather a Spirit of power and love and a sound mind. In this scripture we see three more facets of the Holy Spirit's ministry - and as we abide in Him and thus become fully dependent upon Him in all things we shall indeed become pure vessels of the Father's love and power and holiness.

ALL THAT IS APART FROM CHRIST SHALL BECOME EVIDENT

...."Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another and the Lord gave attention and heard it and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the Lord and who esteem His Name. "And they will be Mine", says the Lord of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and 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. "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 3:16-4:3

In this passage the Lord is speaking, through the prophet Malachi, of a time to come in which His judgment would truly separate all those who serve Him and all those who did not serve Him in accordance with the thoughts and intentions of His heart. In this passage Malachi is prophesying to God's people (Israel) and Israel is symbolic of us as God's people today (the Church); so from this we can see clearly that there shall come a time wherein all that is apart from Christ shall become evident - and because of this, we will again be able to distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. In this last hour the Father is preparing His own "possession"; He is preparing His "sons and daughters", and He is preparing His spotless and unblemished Church (Ephesians 5:25b-27).

ALL THOSE WHO FORSAKE THE WORD OF GOD AND THE WISDOM OF GOD, TO GO THEIR OWN WAY, SHALL PERISH TO SOME DEGREE AT THE HANDS OF THE EVIL ONE

...."And I will spare them as a man who 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"....

vs. 17-18

In this last hour those who place their dependence upon the Father and His Provision - that is, depend on the Word and the Holy Spirit in all things - will "live above" (survive) the death and darkness which is in the world. Indeed, as we become partakers of His holiness and take our place at the right hand of God, in Christ (in the Heavenly places), we shall surely walk with both of our feet firmly planted in the Kingdom of Heaven - and thus continually transcend the darkness and death which

are the lot of all those who willfully forsake the purposes of the Father in order to pursue the fulfillment of their own goals and desires. In this last hour all those who come to an "absolute" reliance on the Anointing, that abides within them, shall rise above ALL of the vile schemes of Satan which he attempts against them. All those who forsake the Word of God and the wisdom of God, to go their own way, shall perish to some degree at the hands of the Evil One - and in this way it shall become evident who is serving God and who is not serving God. It is certain that in this last hour all shall see - beyond a shadow of doubt those who have chosen righteousness and those who have chosen wickedness (lawlessness)! Every evil intention (desire) must be removed from our hearts and every motivation must be pure and in accordance with the love of God (will of God) if we truly desire to fulfil all that we were created for in Christ. It is only as we draw near to the Word of God - thus allowing the Word to expose and illuminate and separate us from all those things which proceed forth from the old nature - that we shall come to abide in the "mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:16) and continually have the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father revealed to our hearts.

THE KEY TO OUR "VICTORIOUS" EXISTENCE IN THIS EARTH IS TO HAVE THE REVEALED KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD ABIDING IN OUR HEART

...."So that it will leave them neither root nor branch"....

Malachi 4:1

From this scripture we can see clearly that the work that the Father purposes in the midst of His people in this last hour shall be a very thorough and deep work. We know that He judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart (1 Samuel 16:7), and that He is not impressed by the physical circumstances of our action - but rather by a heart that is wholly given to Him. The key to our "victorious" existence in this earth is to have the revealed knowledge of God's Word abiding in our heart and - according to that revelation (vision) - constantly rely on the wisdom of the Anointing that abides within us for all things in order that the will of the Father be carried out with a "pin-point accuracy". We are called, as the Glorious Church - to walk above the evil of this world in order that all the seeds of fear and death that Satan has sown in the hearts and minds of men might be destroyed. The "pouring forth" of the Anointing that abides within us is nothing more or nothing less than the "administration" of the

absolute life of God! As we become pure vessels of that Holy Life, all death and fear shall indeed bow their knee and come under the feet of the Glorious Church.