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DEDICATION

To our Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ; Who was, Who is and Who is to come, the Lion of the Tribe of Judah Who chose to become Lamb to be slain on our behalf. The Omnipotent, Omniscient and Omnipresent One, we worship You. We will love and serve You all the days of our lives.

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Prologue

‘The HIGHEST HEAVENS belong to the LORD, but He GAVE THE EARTH TO HUMAN BEINGS’ – Psalm 115:16 ISV

‘Our FATHER in HEAVEN ... Your Name be KEPT HOLY. ... Your KINGDOM COME. ... Your WILL BE DONE ON EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN ...’ – Luke 11:2 WEB

‘I (JESUS) tell you the TRUTH, WHATEVER YOU FORBID on EARTH will be forbidden in HEAVEN, and WHATEVER YOU PERMIT on EARTH will be permitted in HEAVEN.’ – Matthew 18:18 NLT

You have the power and authority to change what is happening around you because the Earth belongs to you. Moreover, anything negative or contrary to God’s will, happening around you according to Reverend Emmanuel Opara (General Overseer Glory Land Ministries, Abuja Nigeria), is ‘a lying symptom’; so exercise your God given authority to correct it. In Genesis 3, ADAM and EVE (Children of GOD) committed HIGH TREASON against God, sold out to the devil and made humanity become sons and daughters of men ie SINNERS. The devil then boldly declared to JESUS, the last SON OF MAN that the world and everything belonged to it and whoever it chose to give it.¹

The story did not end there though, JESUS CHRIST by His DEATH, BURIAL and RESURRECTION has won back all we lost and restored us to SONSHIP AND FRIENDSHIP with God.² So we are OUT OF THE PIT and it is simply THE WORK OF GRACE as we mentioned in our first book (**you will**

¹ Holy Bible (Luke 4:1-4).

² Holy Bible (John 15:15 and Ephesians 5:1-2).

need to read it). All things are ours now because JESUS said *'ALL authority in Heaven and Earth has been given to Me' AND 'I give you (EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES) authority over ALL the power of the devil'*.³

It is a lie of the devil to keep you defeated, sad and frustrated. Do you know why? It is God's plan that is in force for you now and the Bible says that God works in us to will and to do.⁴ Does God make mistakes? No! Again, He that began a good work in you is more than able to complete it.⁵ We know it was good enough for the Bible to say, 'He is able to complete it' but it added 'more than able'. That is, even if you are in doubt before, hear us friends, **GOD IS MORE THAN ABLE**. Can you just say "God is more than able".

Dr Ralph Ikem (Savannah Grace Chapel Zaria) once said, 'we spend so much time teaching and preaching what the devil did to us rather than spending time teaching what JESUS has done to the devil and so done for us'. The Bible says, 'we have overcome satan by the **BLOOD OF JESUS** and by the **WORDS OF OUR TESTIMONY (DECLARING and ENFORCING GOD'S WILL)**'.⁶ That is why the Building the Word, the Lighthouse Church, says, 'We are in the best place to be where we raise men of standard in prayer and the word, and we teach them to do it themselves!' God did not want an intermediary between you and Him. That is why one of the significant things about the **CROSS** was that the veil in the Holies of Holy was torn apart from the top to bottom and not vice versa to show that God did it; so we could all boldly come in. In the first place, it was men that caused the problem that God started speaking through men. God wants to relate with you directly and JESUS has paid the price for all of us to hear and walk with God.

You are God's child, so you hear God, you know God, you walk with God, you are on the right path you cannot miss it. We are not psyching you or lying to you. Many times we think that we are making a mistake because of one issue or the other happening to us contrary to God's word. How can we miss it? The Bible says even when we do, 'all things work together for our good'.⁷ Stop disturbing yourself because henceforth, it is a win-win situation – **ONLY BELIEVE**. If you turn right it is win, turn left win, turn back it is win, forward it is win, it is a win-win situation because JESUS has paid the price. There is too much focus

³ Holy Bible (Luke 10:19).

⁴ Holy Bible (Philippians 2:13).

⁵ Holy Bible (Philippians 1:6).

⁶ Holy Bible (Revelations 12:11).

⁷ Holy Bible (Romans 8:28).

on mistakes with us; but you can't make a mistake - You CANNOT because you belong to God.

Let nobody intimidate you, you are in the best life ever and all you need is to know the truth and believe it. Serious, you just need to know the truth, the Bible says 'those who know the truth, will be free'. Please say after us, "I know the TRUTH and I AM FREE. That is why we boldly said in our second book, *STAYING OUT OF PITS – A REVELATION OF THE VICTORY* (**which you also need to read**), MOSES brought plagues on Egypt to free us from physical slavery but JESUS has FINISHED THE WORK by His BLOOD SACRIFICE to free us from spiritual bondage and eternal separation from God. So that we are free from sin, we are free from self, we are free from fear, we are free from any failure, we are free from hell and hades, we are free from sicknesses and diseases, we are free from any intimidation including poverty and lack, every form of oppression and depression, we are free from curses, we are free from religion and we are free from death. Hallelujah!

We are the freest and happiest persons around". In this BOOK, *HEAVEN ON EARTH – ENJOYING THE ABUNDANT LIFE*, we want you to know that God wants us to SUPERIMPOSE HEAVEN ON EARTH – He inhabits the heavens and has given the Earth to the sons of men (human beings)⁸ but His will MUST BE DONE on Earth as it is heaven⁹ because there is injustice on the Earth.¹⁰ So, we must take advantage of God's STRENGTH and POWER to overcome and reign either by forbidding what He forbids or permitting what He permits. Hence, the purpose of this Book is to show you that ONLY THE MEEK inherit the Earth and ENJOY HEAVEN ON EARTH in order to encourage you to DEPEND ON GOD. Thus, it is necessary that we take advantage of 5 gifts – LOVE, GRACE, FELLOWSHIP, UNITY and THE LIFE OF CHRIST in us.

Enjoying HEAVEN ON EARTH is living an abundant life that requires believing and depending on the FATHER'S LOVE for us; believing and being established in the GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST– the SACRIFICIAL LAMB that took away all our sins, as well as FELLOWSHIPING WITH and YIELDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. Furthermore, it is necessary to believe in and promote the UNITY OF THE BRETHREN even as we accept each other's gifts and submit to every Anointed one over us as well as believe and accept WHO WE HAVE BECOME IN CHRIST.

⁸ Holy Bible (Psalm 115:16).

⁹ Holy Bible (Luke 11:2).

¹⁰ Holy Bible (Proverbs 13:23).

Chapter one

OUT OF THE PIT AND STAY OUT BY GRACE

‘I waited patiently for (relied completely on) the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry (for help). He brought me up also OUT OF a horrible PIT, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings. And He hath put a song in my mouth, even praise unto God: many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord’ - Psalm 40:1-3 KJV

Sin is NO LONGER your master, for YOU NO LONGER LIVE UNDER THE REQUIREMENTS of the Law. Instead, YOU LIVE UNDER THE FREEDOM OF GOD’S GRACE’ – Romans 6:14 NLT

‘IT IS GOD WHO ENABLES US, ALONG WITH YOU TO STAND FIRM FOR CHRIST. He has commissioned us, and He has identified us as His own by placing the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the first installment that guarantees everything He has promised us.’ – 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NLT

‘He took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in CHRIST. He did all this on His own; with no help from us! Then He picked us up and set us down in Highest Heaven in company with JESUS, our MESSIAH. Now God has us where He wants us, with all the time in this world and the next TO SHOWER GRACE AND KINDNESS UPON US IN CHRIST JESUS. Saving is all His idea, and all His

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work. All we do is trust Him enough to let Him do it. IT'S GOD'S GIFT FROM START TO FINISH! We don't play the major role. If we did, we'd probably go around bragging that we'd done the whole thing! No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving.'— Ephesians 2:5-9 MSG

Psalm 40:1-3 tells us that we are OUT OF THE PIT; it is what God did so nobody can BOAST! Including us! It is purely the WORK OF GRACE. That is why Romans 6:14 is confident that SIN can never have dominion over us because we are under GRACE – **God's overwhelming desire to treat us like sin never happened** (Kenneth Copeland) **and then gives us His divine ability to overcome every mountain/challenge** (Reverend Arome Adah). This is the message God has given us to preach and will remain relevant in our ministry call till we leave this Earth. That's all we will be preaching, because we see why a lot of people are still in pits. This is not funny because God in love has brought us out of the Pit and He didn't just bring us out and leave us at the muddy place so that we can keep slipping back. No! He put us on solid rock (CHRIST) and established our goings (MADE SURE WE CAN NEVER FALL); it is GOD THAT HELPS US TO STAND. Then, He put a song in our mouth (TESTIMOMIES OF OUR VICTORY) so that men will see us, fear and put their trust in God; no matter how much the devil fights against this.

We know that a pit is an undesirable place/hole that limits/hinders and frustrates a person. The ultimate is the PIT OF SIN (SELF INDULGENT NATURE) that brought along associates of self, fear, failure, hell and hades, sicknesses and diseases, poverty and lack which leads to sorrow, disappointment, and misery. Other associates are curses, religion and death. These pits are spiritual and manifest in physical ways of our intellect (how we think) and emotional (how we respond). Like a troublesome husband or wife, troublesome children, etc can make a person miserable; but this is not God's will for us. He has made us from Heaven and wants us to live the Heaven Life on Earth. He has pulled us out of these pits over 2,000 years ago and **ALL WE NEED TO DO EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS IMPOSSIBLE - IS TO BELIEVE** because with God all things are possible.

When we believe, we enter possibilities. The way to make things always possible with you is to believe, it is not to run up and down, it is to believe. Every time you BELIEVE in what JESUS CHRIST has done, every time you BELIEVE what God has said, the impossible becomes possible. Jews know this, having a reference from their Father Abraham and take advantage of this in military wars (read about the Arab-Israeli wars), business, medicine and technology. God told

him to go and rescue his nephew; he went with the servants in his house and defeated kings. Now let us tell you, the most formidable enemies to fight are those that have just won a battle because their morale is very high. However, these five kings made a mistake; they touched the anointed. That is why we know that if anybody touches you, you have to intercede for them because they touch God and He won't take it lightly. Why people are touching you is because you don't know that the MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH¹¹ ie those who allow God to fight their battles. You were not called to fight a battle, except the GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH¹² ie DEPEND ON GOD TO DO THE FIGHTING by inviting Him to do it and INSIST ON HIS VICTORY for you.

Now because God has pulled us out of every pit, we can never keep silent; God is using us as the public visual aids of His GRACE AND KINDNESS, we are the example of the People of God. And just like the Children of Israel, that were delivered by God but passed judgment on Egypt, through the ten plagues; we too have been delivered from everything that can hold us back. Not only have we been delivered, we plundered the enemy **and so all the wealth of the Earth belongs to us because it had always been ours - the Earth and its fullness belongs to God.**¹³ He created the Heavens and the Earth and we are His children. So the only bona fide people entitled to the Earth are His children whether they believe or don't believe. We are God's children, not of the devil. If unbelievers are taking advantage of the life of man that is very limited, then imagine you and us who are unlimited by the Spirit!

God is Spirit and does all He does by speaking, so to take everything that is ours, we speak. However, we do not speak to describe but to lay hold and bring into the physical realm what is already created in the spirit because the Bible says that **'we call those things that are not as if they were'**.¹⁴ That is why something that will take eternity to do (CREATION), God could do it in 6 days by speaking. So if you want to use the principle of the World, which is to labour only physically, we wish you luck. It will take years before you get there; if you get there. But if you want things to start happening now, then you had better start emulating JESUS. You better open your mouth and start speaking because all things are ours.

The world is ours. We rule, we dominate, we reign and we enjoy in this life. Abuja is ours. Nigeria is ours. Africa is ours. The ends of the Earth are ours. God

¹¹ Holy Bible (Matthew 5:5).

¹² Holy Bible (1 Timothy 6:12).

¹³ Holy Bible (Psalm 24:1).

¹⁴ Holy Bible (Romans 4:17)

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has given it to us in the name of JESUS. All the oil wells, the diamond mines, the gold, the silver, they are ours, a thousand cattle on a thousand hills, they are ours. All the wealth of the Earth is ours. The secrets and dark riches of the Earth, they are ours. Money is ours, all the currencies of the world, they come to us. Men give us gifts, nations are open to us. The hearts of men are open to us and they lack sleep until they do us good. They work in our favour. All things are ours – so cars come to us, houses come to us, and estates come to us. Doors are open to us of their own accord because we enjoy angelic manifestations and arrangements. It is a new dawn; it is our season of change. We enjoy Heaven on Earth.

God loves us forever and so keeps our spirits, souls and bodies blameless,¹⁵ such that our eyes never dim and we grow from strength to strength and from everlasting to everlasting. It's a new dawn. So we arise and shine; you are a city set on a hill, you can never be put under, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE. GRACE HAS COME. It is a new season, a season of manifestation, a season of overflow, a season, where you will sit and enjoy, a season where you live and have life abundantly, a season when everything is easy for you. It's a new season. Doors are opening on their own accord, you know, you see, you understand. Everything has changed, and we walk and cannot faint. We continue to rise, we continue to sing and we continue to make progress. We are excited! Grace has come. Someone else has paid for sin and its consequences, we can't pay again. You can't pay for something that is paid for you.

As you are reading this Book, the Holy Ghost, is shedding God's love abroad your heart and He is making us to know, He is revealing to us all that are ours in CHRIST JESUS. He is revealing to us all that's ours in the land and we are taking it without apology. The best lands are ours, the best things are ours. We are in charge, we are in control and we are in God's good plan. No apologies, we just believe and receive. It's from glory to glory, health to health, strength to strength, wisdom to wisdom and from grace to grace because we are OUT OF THE PIT, STAY OUT BY GRACE, experience HEAVEN ON EARTH and ENJOY THE ABUNDANT LIFE.

¹⁵ Holy Bible (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).

Chapter two

THE GLORIOUS ABUNDANT LIFE OF GOD

‘But God is so RICH IN MERCY, and He LOVED US SO MUCH, that even though we were dead because of our sins, He GAVE US LIFE when He raised CHRIST from the dead (It is ONLY BY GOD’S GRACE that you have been saved!) For He raised us from the dead along with CHRIST and SEATED US WITH HIM IN THE HEAVENLY REALMS because we are united with CHRIST JESUS. So God can POINT TO US in all future ages as EXAMPLES OF THE INCREDIBLE WEALTH OF HIS GRACE AND KINDNESS toward us all, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with CHRIST JESUS.’ - Ephesians 2:4-7 NLT

‘The thief’s (satan) PURPOSE is to steal and kill and destroy. My (JESUS) PURPOSE is to GIVE them a RICH and SATISFYING LIFE (life and life more abundantly - KJV; real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of - MSG)’ - John 10:10 NLT

‘EVERYTHING that goes into a LIFE OF PLEASING GOD (LIFE AND GODLINESS/RIGHTEOUSNESS) HAS BEEN MIRACULOUSLY (BY HIS DIVINE POWER) GIVEN to us by GETTING TO KNOW, personally and intimately, the ONE (JESUS) who invited us to God. The BEST INVITATION WE EVER RECEIVED! We were also GIVEN absolutely terrific

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PROMISES to pass on to you – TICKETS TO PARTICIPATION in the LIFE OF GOD (DIVINE NATURE/DIVINITY) after you turned your back on (ESCAPED) a world corrupted by lust (HUMAN DESIRES).’ - 2 Peter 1:3-4 MSG

‘We who have run for our very dear lives to God have every reason to GRAB the PROMISED HOPE with BOTH HANDS AND NEVER LET GO. It’s an UNBREAKABLE LIFELINE, reaching past all appearances right to the Presence of God where JESUS, running ahead of us, has taken up HIS PERMANENT POST AS HIGH PRIEST for us, in the Order of Melchizedek’ – Hebrews 6:18-20 MSG

God has GIVEN US LIFE and in John 10:10, JESUS talking, said “the devil came to kill, steal and destroy and I have come to give you life and life abundantly” Don’t be deceived Brethren, JESUS has come to give us LIFE AND LIFE ABUNDANTLY, this rich and satisfying life that is **real and eternal as well as more and better than we can ever dream of**. Hence, walking on the Earth may compare to the Children of Israel’s walk in the wilderness that was Heaven on Earth – they were fully provided for, protected, healed and kept alive from the sun of the day and pestilence at night. Likewise, for us it is “HEAVEN ON EARTH”. This is the atmosphere we have in CHRIST, where things work and happen to us supernaturally - our Bank accounts receiving alerts, things straightening out, establishments calling you where they have refused you before and us walking in the righteousness and victory of God because we are washed by HIS BLOOD. Let us read Revelations 7:9, 14-17 NKJV.

Revelations 7:9 ‘After this I beheld, and, lo, A GREAT MULTITUDE, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER, OF ALL NATIONS, AND KINDREDS, AND PEOPLE, AND TONGUES, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands;

This LIFE that we have been given is clean and has made us always clothed in white. If you like, whether you came out from a prostitute’s house with these clothes, you are clothed in white. A pig cannot change its nature just like a cat cannot change its nature. That a cat does the things of a pig and a pig does the things of a cat doesn’t mean anything. We are the righteousness of God in CHRIST JESUS. We didn’t pay for it, He gave us LIFE because of His love and it cannot be reversed. We are BLOOD BOUGHT. We are blood bought and there are multitudes of people from all nations, kindreds and tongues that make it. So,

where are those people that told us that narrow is the way and many won't make it? Of course in the context that the way is religious and so it wasn't open since NONE could even enter. But now there is ONE WAY by His blood which has secured salvation for all.¹⁶

'And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the BLOOD OF THE LAMB. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple: and He that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; neither shall the Sun light on them, nor any heat.' Revelations 7:14-16 NKJV

Why will you never be hungry or thirsty again? Because JESUS has washed us clean with HIS BLOOD and given us His LIFE. He is our shelter now and there is no more running helter-skelter. He is also our provision and our covering (GLORY). From the day we found out the importance of glory, we entered our rest. Now when Adam and Eve sinned (fell), God came and one of the questions He asked them was, "where are you?" What was Adam's reply? 'I heard your voice and I was naked.' But before God came, what did they do after they ate the fruit? They covered themselves with fig leaves. So that means they were covered physically. Now we realize quite beautifully, that before they ate the fruit, they didn't feel nakedness, now they ate the fruit and they covered themselves and they still felt nakedness. That means that **IT IS GOD'S GLORY THAT COVERS US AND NOT CLOTHES.**

So those who are telling you that you will be addressed the way you are dressed, will need to reconsider if they are talking about physical clothes. The way you are dressed is the GLORY OF THE LORD and the Bible makes us understand that CHRIST IN US IS THE HOPE OF GLORY.¹⁷ That is why Hebrews 6:18-20 tells us that it is our responsibility to grab this hope with both hands ie GRAB CHRIST. Some years ago, the daughter of a very influential monarch in the North of Nigeria received JESUS and they thought it was a joke. They tried to cajole her with money, send her abroad etc. But she kept on saying she had found ETERNAL LIFE.

¹⁶ Holy Bible (Isaiah 4:3-6 and Hebrews 10:8-14).

¹⁷ Holy Bible (Colossians 1:27).

When they saw that the thing was serious, the father now told them to strip her naked and push her out of the palace and the only place she knew to go was a friend, who was a sister. So she walked to her friend's house naked and crying and by the time she got to her friend's house, by providence, the friend was at home. The friend who lived in a somewhat rough neighborhood was shocked that she was naked and the first thing that came to her mind was "ah, you walked all the way from the palace to my house like this?" She said 'Yes'. "You passed all those rascals on the road? She said 'Yes'. That they were just starring at her until she reached here. So the friend went out and asked one of the guys, 'Did you see my friend?' He said 'Yes! And we have never seen anybody as pretty as she is!' Then her friend was shocked when he added, 'We have also not seen, clothes as beautiful and radiant as the one she was putting on.' Glory!

We have the glory. The glory of God is all over us. The glory has set us apart, that is why suddenly you are attractive. It's the glory of God. The Daughter-in-law of Eli said 'ICHABOD - ah the glory has departed' because even Israel understood the importance of the glory. But you see, they were carrying only the glory in an ark, we carry the glory in our bodies. We are the CARRIERS OF THE GLORY. We just need to be conscious of it. No wonder, Paul exclaimed, 'this secret that has been hidden is now made known,' CHRIST in us the HOPE OF GLORY'. We need to be conscious of it. CHRIST is our glory and that is why you cannot lack for anything good because His glory is His person. His glory is His strength, His wealth and His LIFE backing you.

We went to military schools (boys and girls only). Well, there are some people that if you say that you are on their parade (**sent on errand for them**), none of their subordinates can dare touch you. And God says **touch not my anointed and do my prophet no harm**.¹⁸ We carry His glory. You are not a slave anymore. You've never being a slave and you will never be, we have His glory – His LIFE. Amen. Not only is He your shelter, He is your glory. That same glory ensures that you cannot lack for food, water and money. JESUS is our glory. Scorching heat signifies a bad situation but with the glory, it means that even when you are in this bad situation you will not notice. Do you know why? It's the glory. He is your shelter.

Have you tried to imagine what it was, for forty years the cloud was over the Children of Israel! You think they felt heat? Never; because naturally what heat does is that it wears your clothes but their clothes did not wear out.¹⁹ There was

¹⁸ Holy Bible (1 Chronicles 16:22 and Psalm 105:15).

¹⁹ Holy Bible (Deuteronomy 29:5 and Nehemiah 9:21).

a cloud of refreshing over them 24-7.²⁰ And no matter how you envy those in the Old Testament, we are better and have better promises. So start picturing yourself enjoying Heaven on Earth as you discover God's precious promises.

Revelations 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

See what He has done continually. How can we make mistakes when God leads us and we yield to Him? No wonder the steps of the righteous are ordered by the Lord. You can never miss it. You are always on point. You are always on track. You are always on the right path, you are at the right place at the right time and everything works in your favor. We have NEW LIFE and our tears are wiped away. It's a new dawn. You have encountered grace; so it's a new season. We are out of the pit, *'because we cried out to the Lord and we waited patiently, and He pulled us out of the pit. Not only did He pull us out of the pit but, He set our feet on solid rock. He established our going and He has put a new song in our mouth and as we are singing it and dancing and celebrating, the world looks at us and put their trust in God.'*²¹ Now that you have encountered GRACE; what next?

Like JESUS, we are God's physical and express image upon the Earth.²² We are God's visual aid. Yes! That is who we are; we HAVE THE LIFE OF GOD and when men see you they see God. When they see the good things He is doing in your life, they see God. When they see the power evident in your life, they see God. When they see the manifestations in your life, they see God. When they see that the things stealing, killing, destroying and confusing other people are not confusing you and destroying you... they will put their trust in God. We are out of the pit. We are staying out of the pit and we are enjoying Heaven upon the Earth because we are people that God relates with in GRACE.

Grace is enjoying what we don't deserve and enjoying what we didn't work for; because the Person who has given us grace just keeps giving us. Brethren, God has given to us ALL that pertains to life and godliness/righteousness.²³ As we hear about this GLORIOUS LIFE – this LIFE OF ABUNDANCE that IS RICH and SATISFYING as well as PROSPEROUS, our hearts are enlarged for wealth, riches untold, those hidden secret dark riches, wealth and money. So we just

²⁰ Holy Bible (Exodus 13:21-22 and 40:38).

²¹ Holy Bible (Psalm 40:1-3).

²² Holy Bible (2 Corinthians 4:4, **Colossians 1:15** and Hebrews 1:3).

²³ Holy Bible (2 Peter 1:3-4).

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receive. Now Solomon got riches because he made a sacrifice,²⁴ but we got riches from CHRIST HIMSELF who was the LAMB SLAIN on our behalf.

You know we saw John 10:28-29 and were so ashamed for some people. Some preachers need to be lashed with 39 strokes of the cane. Seriously, we need to thwack their bum bum. In fact, we should send the Holy Ghost to thwack their bum bum. Seriously they are not doing good by the things they are preaching to point men to self-efforts etc. Just listen to these beautiful words:

John 10:28 And I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; and THEY SHALL NEVER PERISH, neither shall any man pluck them out of My hand.

I (JESUS) gave them eternal life. Who gave us eternal life? God! It has been given and it is eternal and nothing can reverse this; WE HAVE THE LIFE OF GOD. We have been saved. Say with us, ‘I have been saved and I have eternal life’. Again, listen to the beauty about JESUS giving it to you. You can never perish. You can never be sick. You can never be poor, you can never be confused. You can never miss rapture. You can never miss heaven. You are not praying to make heaven. You are children of grace, children of righteousness and the ones who know. It says nobody, see all the assurance He is giving us. Number One, He told you that you can never perish, He wasn’t satisfied with that one, He now said nobody can snatch you from His hands.

John 10:29 My Father, which gave them Me, IS GREATER THAN ALL; and NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT of My Father’s hand. I and My Father are ONE.

JESUS now said, ‘My Father has given them to Me.’ This is third assurance. It was God who gave to JESUS. And you know it says somewhere and He shall by no means cast out.²⁵ So that means anytime we pray and receive souls what we are doing is that we are committing them to JESUS. Once they are given to JESUS, they are set on SOLID ROCK and can never fall. See another assurance. He is more powerful, that’s why we can say “Nobody is great, nobody is great, greater You, Nobody greater than You.” Listen, the Chibok girls are found. You know because nobody can stand on the path of JESUS, nobody! For all those Christian girls, they are saved.

²⁴ Holy Bible (1 Kings 3:3-14 and 4:20-28).

²⁵ Holy Bible (John 6:37).

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Sometimes, satan likes to try God but it has failed because it can never overcome God. Everything has changed. Nobody is greater than God. No more, no more loop holes in Nigeria. We are the delight of the Lord. We stand out distinguished among nations. The glory of the Lord is upon us and kings come to our rising because we are righteous in the name of JESUS. Everything has changed. It is a new dawn. For you it is heaven on Earth because we have the GLORIOUS and ABUNDANT LIFE OF GOD. In order to enjoy this life, we depend on God's love, are established in the grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST, fellowship with and yield to the Holy Spirit, promote the unity of the Brethren and accept who we are in CHRIST. These are five ways to enjoy Heaven on Earth because it is all about relationship, it is all about communion and it is all about fellowship.

Chapter three

BELIEVE AND DEPEND ON THE FATHER'S LOVE

‘And the King LOVED Esther above all the women, and she OBTAINED GRACE and FAVOUR in HIS SIGHT more than all the virgins; so that he SET THE ROYAL CROWN UPON HER HEAD (gave her authority), and made her queen ...’– Esther 2:17 KJV

‘And so the WORD became flesh and took a place among us for a time; and we saw HIS GLORY – such GLORY as is given to an ONLY SON by His Father – saw it to be true and FULL OF GRACE. For the LAW was given through Moses; GRACE and the TRUE WAY OF LIFE are ours through JESUS CHRIST’ – John 1:14 and 17 BBE

‘This is how much God loved the world: He gave His Son (GRACE), His ONE AND ONLY SON (GRACE). And this is why: so that NO ONE NEED BE DESTROYED; by BELIEVING IN HIM (GRACE), ANYONE can have a WHOLE and LASTING LIFE. God didn’t go to all the trouble of SENDING HIS SON (GRACE) merely to point an accusing finger (JUDGE or CONDEMN), telling the world how bad it was. He (GRACE) came TO HELP, to PUT THE WORLD RIGHT AGAIN.’ - John 3:16-17 MSG

'Watch what God does ... Mostly what God does is LOVE YOU. Keep company with Him and learn a LIFE OF LOVE. Observe how CHRIST loved us. His LOVE WAS NOT CAUTIOUS BUT EXTRAVAGANT. He didn't love IN ORDER TO GET SOMETHING FROM US BUT TO GIVE EVERYTHING of Himself to us. ...'

Ephesians 5:1-2 MSG

God loves us and that is the crux of the matter. No matter what anyone says or thinks, God who inhabits the heavens loves us and gave the Earth to us.²⁶ However, we sold out to the devil. Nonetheless, God is so madly in love with us, that He could not just allow man to perish. When man sinned, He made a temporary sacrifice of an animal to cover him and then pushed us out of the garden to prevent us from remaining in that sinful state forever.²⁷ Thank God, He has made a more permanent sacrifice that has perfected us forever.²⁸ It was this love that made Him give us GRACE, FAVOR and AUTHORITY, just like the King did for Esther. It was the Father's unconditional, extravagant and deliberate LOVE that made the younger (prodigal) son come back home, he remarked 'servants are doing better in my Father's house';²⁹ again the Father gave him RIGHTEOUSNESS (the robe), AUTHORITY (signet ring) and PLACEMENT/SONSHIP (the sandals).³⁰ This GRACE is God treating us like we never sinned or sin and enabling us to live HIS DIVINE LIFE OF LOVE.

We need to know, understand and depend on God's love for us. John 3:16 says, *'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son (GRACE), that WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* God gave us GRACE out of LOVE, nothing more, not because we deserved it or worked for it; but because HE LOVED US sacrificially. No wonder, one of the prayers that Paul prayed for the Church was for us to understand God's love for us. So really what is love in the context of the Dictionary? Love is an intense feeling of unusual affection and care towards another person. You just have a deep and abiding liking for someone or something. You are just affectionate towards another for no particular reason; but the love we are talking about is more than affection. God's LOVE is GETTING INVOLVED IN OUR LIVES FOR GOOD, BECAUSE HE IS GOOD AND STAYS WITH US FOR GOOD. From 1

²⁶ Holy Bible (Psalm 115:16).

²⁷ Holy Bible (Genesis 3:21-24).

²⁸ Holy Bible (Hebrews 10:14).

²⁹ Holy Bible (Luke 15:17-18).

³⁰ Holy Bible (Luke 15:20-22).

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Corinthians 13:4-8; God's LOVE is irrespective of us. This thing called AGAPE, which could also mean to open your mouth wide in wonder. Now God's LOVE makes us open our mouth wide in wonder.

God's LOVE is not something you can earn or work for. It is something you just receive and depend on. No matter how you have messed up, God loves us because we are born of Him. Mummy Ubandoma (Building on the Word the Lighthouse Jaji Nigeria) is happy that her children turned out right but we assure you, no matter how her children turned out, unlike a man, she will never be estranged from her children, she will continue to believe the best about them and pray till she sees the manifestation of her desires. Do you know why? She carried them in her womb for nine months. She pushed them through pain and brought them out. And that's why it's very unlikely for her to give up on them. That is why when it comes to love, God hardly uses the love of an Earthly father, rather He uses the love of a woman. Notwithstanding, He said, 'Even if a suckling mother can forget her young, I will not'.³¹ That means His love and the love of men are incomparable.

If you are trying to understand God's love for you from the understanding of love between a man and woman or human love, you have made a big mistake. That's why Paul said "it is so high, so deep, so wide and so long."³² A lot of people find it difficult to receive grace because they think they are not good enough or there is a condition to love. No! God loves us unconditionally, sacrificially, extravagantly and deliberately and has given us JESUS (GRACE). We have realized that it is in receiving God's love for us that brought us into grace because the more we understand His love for us, the more we can receive grace. When we receive grace, everything becomes so easy to do because all of a sudden we realize that beyond measure, God loves us and is ready to do anything for us. God loves us and everything is alright.

We need to know that salvation had nothing to do with us, it was just because God loves us. We like it when, in so many places, the Bible says it was while we were yet sinners that JESUS died for us.³³ So we don't know what you can even do wrong in CHRIST that can pull you out of this love. Romans 8:35-39MSG says, 'What can separate you from the love of God in CHRIST towards you, what? And then it started listing some things and it says can life, can death or the worst sins

³¹ Holy Bible (Isaiah 49:15).

³² Holy Bible (Ephesians 3:17-19).

³³ Holy Bible (Romans 5:8).

listed in the Bible. The answer is an emphatic NOTHING can separate us from the LOVE OF GOD REVEALED IN CHRIST JESUS!

*'Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.'*¹

Corinthians 13:1-3 KJV

Now Paul was teaching the Corinthian Church about spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12 and 14. In Chapter 12, he had listed the 9 spiritual gifts - Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits, Gift of Faith, Working of Miracles, Gifts of Healing, Speaking in Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues and Prophecy.³⁴ Then in Chapter 14, he showed the importance of speaking in tongues and prophesying. However, right in the middle of both chapters in Chapter 13, he starts talking about LOVE. He was telling them that what makes you a credible servant, a credible user of the gifts in Chapters 12 and 14 is that you must do it in the frame of love. That is why God can be who He is; we putting our fingers in His eyes and His nose and He just keeps correcting us, He just keeps counseling us, He just keeps helping us, He just keeps blessing us; because you see, He LOVES US and loving is spiritual.

Now in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 which many misconstrue to mean LOVE, we see that is what LOVE does and not what it is. These are the ingredients of knowing that love is present because LOVE is actually a PERSON that has affection towards us irrespective of how we behave to Him; GOD IS LOVE.³⁵ We have a friend who was an unbeliever and wanted to marry another of our friends. He didn't eventually marry her, but in that relationship he always cheated her. But she was unperturbed. In fact, at a time, she remarked that all she wanted was for him to just be there for her because **her love was enough for both of them**. Wow, she just loved him for him and was so vulnerable. So for those of us who don't like to be vulnerable to love or who don't like to be cheated, we ask you to receive LOVE today and now. Because we are telling you, it is the greatest gift that God has given to mankind, such that, irrespective of how bad others treat us, we don't care but keep being good to them.

³⁴ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 12:7-11).

³⁵ Holy Bible (1 John 4:8).

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Many years ago when we bothered about walking in the manifestations of the Spirit, God told us to simply walk in love. Why? He is SPIRIT and He is LOVE. When we walk in love, we walk in the Spirit. We have found out this is true. Immediately, we focused on helping people, caring about them and loving them, we started walking in spiritual gifts like never before. Suddenly, we always had a word of wisdom or knowledge, prophecy, speaking and interpretation of tongues as well as gifts of faith and healing and the miraculous at display around us. We told our pastor friends that they make a big mistake by preaching hate sermons and telling brethren to start reacting to what the enemy was doing. No. You are wasting their time. You see God knew that the enemy was going to come against us and He gave us the weapons of our warfare.

The weapons of our warfare are spiritually shaped in prayer and in love. If we had stayed with showing love, we would have converted all people by now because they would have experienced LOVE - that force of God that irrespective of how they behave cruelly towards us, we just keep responding to them in love. That is how we win the world. You can easily call it, like Papa Hagin says, **‘the way of victory’**. Now, God was showing us that when you work with all manner of spiritual gifts and you show faith and everything, there is a tendency to misuse. Paul said that knowledge puffs up but only love makes us do right all the time. ONLY LOVE! So see what love does.

1 Corinthians 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

LOVE suffers long, LOVE is kind, LOVE does not envy.

1 Corinthians 13:5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

1 Corinthians 13:6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

1 Corinthians 13:7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 Corinthians 13:8 Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Let us read the Message translation. It says, 'LOVE never gives up'. Let us tell you God will never give up on you. It is left for us to enjoy it and that is why for some who say, 'serve God with your youth'. They think that God bothers whether you receive JESUS at the coming of rapture or not, He doesn't bother, ALL THAT HE CARES ABOUT IS THAT ALL MEN BE SAVED AND COME TO KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH by receiving the SACRIFICE (MEDIATION) OF JESUS.³⁶

That is why God gave us different people, some received at the beginning of His ministry, some received later in the ministry and some even received just on the Cross. Yes. He doesn't bother as long as we are saved. Now, one of the things you really need to be straightened about is why did God save me? Is it so that we could do things for Him like some say? Then tell us what the thief on the cross did for God? Nothing! God saved us because He loves us and simply wants a loving relationship with us. So, we are admonished to LEARN HIS LIFE OF LOVE.

Now, the Bible says in Luke 1:74-75, 'Because we have received such a love, we now serve God without fear but in holiness and righteousness'. We are the ones that now serve God out of gratitude, like the example of the servant who is released (freed) but he opts to stay on with his master because of the love he had received from him. So, he declares that he wants to serve forever, and now willingly receives the piercing in his ear as proof of ownership. Why the ear? His ear was to listen. So the person was actually showing the world that from today, I follow and listen to only this person. And we follow and listen only to God. Why? God loves us. His love never gives up, His love cares more for us than Himself and that is why God could leave His glory, become a human being and die in our place, God forgot all about Himself – His glory and reputation.

The Bible says in Philippians 2:7 that, 'let your mind be like that of CHRIST who though was equal with God counted it not robbery to put Himself under for our sake.' He doesn't think about Himself. And do you know what is funny? That is the exact kind of love we have received. But you see, if you don't keep company with the Holy Spirit who sheds abroad His love in our heart, we will be behaving like the unbeliever. Such that any small thing we are irritated, any small thing we are fighting, any small thing we are quarrelling, etc. Brethren just reckon you are dead to sin and hate etc; because we are dead. The person who is alive is CHRIST and CHRIST IS LOVE. We must deliberately believe and walk in love. Looking at the Lamb slain is actually dying to ourselves and allowing CHRIST

³⁶ Holy Bible (1 Timothy 2:4-5).

to be alive; because only CHRIST is the solution to the world. Only CHRIST can appropriately relate with human beings.

People have asked ‘how come we are so gentle?’ “It is a lie!” You need to see us when we are angry. But you see the truth is we die and allow CHRIST to be alive. The beauty is CHRIST. A system where nobody can glory, nobody can boast but just be led of God’s Spirit. We have not faulted any rule and we don’t look down on how some people behave. When they started making noise that a great Man of God slapped somebody, we said truly we were not there so we don’t know what the Holy Spirit told him. But if that’s what is needed to get the demons out, then so be it. JESUS made paste from His spittle and mud to anoint the eyes of a blind man; as long as the man saw again, we are alright.

Seriously the spiritual man cannot be judged. It was when we were young we got angry at how this person is doing or how that person is behaving. Those things don’t bother us again. Our own is to concentrate on the Lamb slain. We can’t be looking at the Lamb slain and be looking at another man. We can’t do two things at the same time. We are looking at the Lamb slain. So look at the Lamb slain. God does not want what He does not have. And we said it on Facebook, ‘God will not receive from us what we give Him grudgingly’. That is why He said He loves a cheerful giver.³⁷ He won’t take it because He doesn’t want it. We are not doing God a favor. His love for us is unconditional and whether we obey Him or not, He loves us. We are serious. People think it’s because we do one thing or the other that we get from God. No! God loves you irrespective of our doing and the ONLY REASON we do, is to reciprocate His love.

Before we started doing anything, God had given us all that pertains to life and godliness³⁸ and called us His children in whom He is well pleased.³⁹ Those who are serving God to get Him to do something make a mistake. He has given us already. So we need to know His love for us. His love does not strut, it’s not boastful. His love does not have a swelled head, it’s not proud and His love does not force itself on others. Do you know God doesn’t force Himself on us?

We were telling someone this and he laughed. If we were God, do you know how we can get the world saved? For those who received JESUS CHRIST as Lord and Savior, we will give them 100 per cent air to breathe. Now if you are a good person but you have not received JESUS CHRIST, we will give you 50 per

³⁷ Holy Bible (2 Corinthians 9:7).

³⁸ Holy Bible (2 Peter 1:3).

³⁹ Holy Bible (Matthew 3:17, 12:18 &17:5 and Colossians 1:19/27).

cent so that you will struggle small. But if you are a wicked person, we will give you 5 per cent air to breathe. We will not allow you die but you will struggle very well. And we will tell you that it is because you have not believed in JESUS that you are suffering from little air. But God is not like that. No! God gives all of us a choice because LOVE gives you choice.

God is not always me first. No! If He was always doing me first, He wouldn't have come to the Cross. At a point in time, He became servant, so we could be saved. God is not easily provoked nor does He demand His own way. God does not keep score or record of sins. Oh when we saw this scripture, we just cancel all those "idiots". They used to tell us that God is keeping one tape recorder and then when you get to Heaven He plays it for you so you know for yourself where you belong. 'This is a blatant lie'! First and foremost, this scripture cancels it because LOVE does not keep records of wrongs. Then secondly 2 Corinthians 5:19-21 says that God was a fair judge, He took SIN upon Himself in CHRIST and **NO LONGER** counts sins against us. Moreover, He declared that 'as far as the East is from the West so have I blotted out (removed) your sins.'⁴⁰

People don't seem to understand that we who are in CHRIST are without sin. It is you who are still thinking that you have sin. We are without sin and the reason why we keep sitting down under this TRUTH is for our minds to be renewed so that we know that we are without sin. Likewise, immediately you enter CHRIST, you are without sin and you can never sin; because SIN IS UNBELIEF IN JESUS.⁴¹ The only thing that make you sin is to stop believing in JESUS, as long as you keep believing in JESUS you can't sin. And we have not yet seen anybody that will BELIEVE in JESUS and will stop believing in Him because the Bible says that this gift is too good to be true and the more we come to Him, we receive faith to endure. Even the people they say left the fold is just simply because, they stopped hearing this Gospel; they stopped hearing the TRUTH that sets free. We are not like that.

Love does not rejoice in iniquity. God never enjoys it when we are suffering lack, when we are suffering sickness, when we are suffering in any way. Why did God allow JESUS to be beaten? It was for us, so that He could take away those things that make us unhappy or miserable. Why would you think He wants you to suffer before you get married so that you appreciate your husband or appreciate your wife? It is a lie. Why would He want you to suffer before you have children; then give you in your old age so you will not be able to enjoy them again! No.

⁴⁰ Holy Bible (Psalm 103:12).

⁴¹ Holy Bible (John 16:9).

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Why would He want you after you have fasted and fasted at hundred; then He now gives you money. No. He has given you already. "All things are yours".⁴² So His LOVE puts up with anything, never gives up, bearing all things, never fails, love trusts always, never losing faith.

I (HER) told my husband something he has never forgotten. I (HER) said, 'as we put our faith in God, God Himself is believing concerning us'. Now when JESUS went to the Cross, it didn't matter whether nobody would accept Him as Lord and Savior. He went because of love. Let us tell you why He went; it is because He just believed that by His sacrifice, we will come in. And do you know it didn't matter whether we come in or not He just believed and because He believed, He created us. BELIEF CREATES. So whether you like it or not as long as you believe in the salvation of your neighbor, that person must be saved. That's why the Bible says 'if you believe you and your household will be saved'.⁴³ Faith is a creative force and the more we believe the more we see things happen because as we believe we receive the things we believe.⁴⁴

Once you speak in faith, they must happen. That's why the Bible says if you believe that you have received what you prayed for you will have it - it will come into your hands. Praise the Lord and we believe. So God trusts and looks for the best in and for us. All God is concerned about is your best and that's why He sent ministers like us to speak His words to you, so that you can enter His rest because it is this rest He wants for you. Love never looks back. God never looks back. God keeps going to the end; He endures through every circumstance, never ends. Love can never die or fail. When God said 'He will never leave you or forsake you'; He is serious and means it. When He said, 'I am with you always', He is with you always. So say after us, 'God loves me and everything is alright'

A summary of LOVE we have developed is; Loyalty, Obedience, Value and Expression. Loyalty is a strong feeling of support or allegiance. That is, you are sold out to this person completely and you see that's what God has done for us. Irrespective of us, He is LOYAL. In our military, there are 2 broad parts of writing our yearly performance reports – the numerical and narrative. In the numerical scoring, LOYALTY is the only place every soldier is expected to get all the scores. God's love, the Love of the Father is not 50-50 or 80-20; it is not even 99-1, it is 100-0. Rahab was a prostitute, but God brought her into the Commonwealth of Israel? How? She just trusted Him. Why did she get in? He just loved her; so He

⁴² Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 3:21-22).

⁴³ Holy Bible (Acts 16:31).

⁴⁴ Holy Bible (Mark 11:24).

just selected her among the so many in Jericho.⁴⁵ In thinking about it, what made the two spies go to Rahab's house? Why did they not go to someone else's house? LOVE selects you, LOVE distinguishes you and LOVE helps you.

Look at Mephibosheth, he was to be killed belonging to Saul's clan, but David brought him into the palace and fed him from his table own table. Mephibosheth was a cripple, he was not qualified to sit on that table especially in the Old Testament where uncomely things, things that were not good were not allowed in the City of David, talk less of the King's palace.⁴⁶ The king was not supposed to see anything bad. They were practicing Philippians 4:8. But yet, love put Mephibosheth on the table. Do you know LOVE never gives up? Even when David thought Mephibosheth had misbehaved because Ziba lied **to cheat** Mephibosheth,⁴⁷ LOVE still brought him in because love will never give up on you, never. Look at the story of the Magnanimous Father in Luke 15:11-32. The guy had squandered all his inheritance but LOVE was waiting, LOVE will always wait for you. Let us tell you because LOVE does not demand its own way, it will go your way.

I (HIM) was a very religious person so 'me I don waka o'. I (HIM) have gone to "Cele" and I (HIM) have gone to Catholic Church. I (HIM) was just walking all over the place looking for something but you see God was patient. I (HIM) slept around then and was such a horrible person but never caught a venereal disease; why? Now we know; God just loves us. We know that God does not delight in the death of a sinner so He put in my spirit something I (HIM) believed, that 'I will never die and I am love'. Can you imagine, as an unbeliever I just said 'I am love and I will never die.' Now we understand that because of His love, God puts something in us that keeps pulling us to Him. The Bible says He has put eternity in the hearts of men that we all seek him.⁴⁸

Love is a way of God that we know and you see why it is easy for us to walk in love towards unbelievers. It is only by grace. We mean God's love is unimaginable and we are serious. No wonder, if you read John 17, the last prayer of JESUS; all He prayed about was that we be ONE. And that's why; don't even bother about getting angry with religious people, just keep praying for them. And when they give you an opportunity, share God's word with them and then leave it because you see much more than anything, we are concerned that the Church should be one.

⁴⁵ Holy Bible (Hebrews 11:31).

⁴⁶ Holy Bible (2 Samuel 9:3).

⁴⁷ Holy Bible (2 Samuel 9:5-12).

⁴⁸ Holy Bible (Ecclesiastes 3:11 and Acts 17:27-28).

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You see there is one amazing truth among us, do you know the Church by itself is a government. We mean just see what some churches are doing with money and imagine what could be achieved if the Church (all of us) synergized - and imagine if they understood grace as we do. We are out of pit and we are staying out of the pit to enjoy life abundantly - heaven on the Earth.

God loves us and automatically we know that everything is alright. God is on our side. Amen. Oh He is on our side. And that's why we just spend time waiting on Him. That's why we just keep looking unto JESUS because God is on our side. God loves you. His love for you is unimaginable; His love for you is much more than the love of a parent for a child; it is much more than the love of a husband for a wife or vice versa and it's much more than a friend to a friend. God loves us unconditionally, sacrificially, extravagantly and deliberately. His love makes Him allegiant to us. And because of His loyalty to us, He obeyed Himself by going to the Cross. Love makes us obey that's why JESUS said if you love Me you will obey.⁴⁹ Why do you obey? You believe in JESUS as Lord and Savior and so walk in love (1 John 3:23) towards your fellow man. 1 John 3:16 says that 'even as JESUS died for us, so we too should sacrifice for others.'

We are children of love. We can't be different from our Father. In CHRIST we are obedient and obedience stems from trust. That means if you trust God you will obey Him and that is why from the very beginning we told you that the first thing that God had in mind was not even sin, it was trust. If Adam and Eve had trusted God, we will never have heard anything happened. You see when you start questioning, it is dangerous. Ours is just to believe and as long as you believe in JESUS (God's word), you believe. We are not scientists, we are not lawyers; we just believe. It is a decision. You see, it's a decision to be made. It's a decision to love, that's why you are called a Believer.

JESUS said, 'Only a friend who loves his friend will die for him'. So God saw us as His friends even before we became His friends. And it is what you say that you get and that's why the Bible in Ephesians 5:1 says that 'be ye imitators of God'. Yes "be ye imitators of God my dear children because He loves you." We have realized that the more you are like God (because we are like Him) life is easy. All those things that people think are difficult, they are not difficult. It's just to embrace and depend on the LOVE of God. This is because it is not everything you struggle to do because the Holy Spirit sheds abroad our hearts the love of God. We just submit to Him.

⁴⁹ Holy Bible (John 14:15 NIV).

Sometime ago, I (HIM) suddenly realized that I (HIM) was always getting angry. When I (HIM) checked the people I (HIM) was getting angry with, they were people that were my subordinates. However, I (HIM) noticed that I (HIM) had never gotten angry with some of my pastor friends? Then, I (HIM) realized that it was because I (HIM) valued them as the Anointed. The more you value people, the better we treat them and if we learn to value them, we will learn to treat them well. So value people because LOVE values. You just place value on other people by you not seeing them less than you. So what is the easiest way to keep treating people right? Just value them. And for those of us in the Company of the Graced, we know that our value is the BLOOD of JESUS and no matter how we squeeze a naira note, it doesn't change the value. What gave it its value? The Central Bank of Nigeria! That is the authority recognized in Nigeria for determining value of our currency. Likewise, the value of the NEW CREATION MAN is the BLOOD of JESUS. What made us sons and daughters of God is the BLOOD OF JESUS. And do you know it's this same BLOOD that has brought everybody in? YES!

As far as God is concerned there is no Boko Haram member and there is no Christian. They are all the same and we need to start seeing like God so that we can chase after unbelievers and bring them in. Everybody has the same value and what is the value? The value is the BLOOD of the Lamb slain. So every soul has the same value. That's why the Bible says that do you know that God is being patient till everybody comes in⁵⁰; that's why JESUS has not come. He is patient that every soul hears about the Gospel because of the LOVE and His VALUE. That's why the Bible says that even the death of a saint is precious to God.⁵¹ God values us, no wonder the psalmist said "what is man that you are mindful of him?" God's mind is full of us and all He thinks about is us. We are serious. All God thinks about is man because His mind is full of us.

In 2 Samuel 14:14, God described the Unbeliever that dies as water poured on the ground and cannot be recovered; and because of our value to Him; He in love had to work a strategy to save us. This strategy is what my friend, Apostle Mish Ogbodo (General Overseer, Purpose International Worship Centre), calls 'GOD'S PROGRAMME OF FORGIVENESS'.⁵² It is the measure of value you have for somebody that makes you treat them right. The more value you have for people, the more you treat them right, the less value you have for people the more you treat them badly.

⁵⁰ Holy Bible (Matthew 24:14 and 2 peter 3:9).

⁵¹ Holy Bible (Psalm 116:15).

⁵² Holy Bible (Jonah 4:2).

2 Samuel14:14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.'

Has He devised a way? Yes! The Lamb slain! Our Father loves us. So the more we value people, the better we treat them, the less you value them the less you treat them. It is a decision, the way we treat those we respect right, because we have decided to respect them. So LOVE is actually a DECISION and not a feeling. If you want to treat the least person in this assembly or world right, decide the way you decided to treat the Anointed right. We have made up our minds that we are going to treat the least person the way we treat our Fathers of Faith and other pastors. We can do anything for them and we have decided that that is the same way we are going to treat the least human being that comes across our way whether they are of low or high status. This is a decision you can also make.

God decided to LOVE us. He didn't love us because we did anything right, He loved us in spite of ourselves. And we have chosen to love man that way, that we will love people in spite of themselves. Can you thank God for His blessings! Thank God because He loves you. And because you know it's His decision, you too decide, just decide to receive His love. Decide to walk in His love, decide to choose His love, decide to accept His love, decide to submit to His love, decide to depend on His love and decide to express His love; JUST DECIDE. We decide by the Help of the Holy Spirit. By Your Help, Holy Ghost we submit to Your LOVE and we respond in Your LOVE that is unconditional, sacrificial, extravagant and deliberate.

Chapter Four

BELIEVE AND BE ESTABLISHED IN GRACE

‘From His (JESUS) full measure we have ALL been given GRACE ON GRACE’- John 1:16 BBE

‘For the GRACE OF GOD (JESUS) has appeared, BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL PEOPLE. It trains us to renounce ungodly living and worldly passions so that we might live sensible (wisely, soberly, self-controlled), honest (uprightly, righteously, God-filled) and godly (God-honouring) lives in the present age as we wait for the BLESSED HOPE and GLORIOUS APPEARANCE of our Great God and Saviour, JESUS THE MESSIAH’– Titus 2:11-13 ISV

‘Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is A GOOD THING THAT THE HEART BE ESTABLISHED WITH GRACE (JESUS); not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein’. – Hebrews 13:9 KJV

JESUS has come, GRACE PERSONIFIED has come. He has appeared to ALL men teaching us and our simple responsibility is to believe, learn, receive, accept and be established in GRACE. We don't need another lesson or teacher, GRACE has come and teaches us, so we must take to heart His teachings. It is with the heart we believe and then speak and do. For from the abundance of the

heart the mouth speaks.⁵³ So we are a function of what we are saying. Hence, our hearts must be established in the right things to say the right things, and the right thing is GRACE.

Brethren if you are going to die trusting in the Lamb slain then die; such that no matter how much they laugh at you, criticize you, STAY WITH IT. They were laughing at Abraham and Sarah. Don't think they will not laugh at you, let them laugh. We are testimonies. They laughed at us but they are not laughing anymore. So these things that we are telling you, we are serious about it. Don't think that they won't laugh. They will laugh. Let them be laughing. You just keep your eyes on the Lamb slain. It's just like two people running a 10,000 meter that is 10 kilometer race; then one person starts running like he or she is running 400 meters. Will you be worried? No! Except he has the endurance to continue like that because very soon he will come out of the race and then you who are just pacing yourself wins, who is wiser? Interestingly, we are not even in the same race, everyone has his/her own racetrack and his/her own kind of race. Hebrews 12:2 counsels us to just keep our eyes on the Lamb slain.

Matthew 17:5 While He (JESUS) yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.

Who was talking? God! Who was He talking about? JESUS. What did He say we should do? Listen to Him. ONLY JESUS! No wonder JESUS in Matthew 11:18-20 said **“come to Me you who are heavily laden and I will give you rest. Take My yoke and learn of Me”**. Hence, JESUS is our Teacher as well as the subject. We must come to JESUS to learn and what we must learn is JESUS Himself. What JESUS brought was GRACE and TRUTH (TRUE WAY TO LIVE), so we must learn GRACE and be established it. So, let us continue to see the things that God said concerning learning JESUS; so that you don't think we are deceiving you when we say all that is required is to LOOK AT THE LAMB SLAIN. It is God Himself that said WE SHOULD LOOK AT THE LAMB SLAIN. It is God Himself that told us to listen to JESUS, to put our trust in JESUS, to behold JESUS, to submit to JESUS.

Do you know our own part as stated in Romans 8:29, simply desire to be conformed to the image of JESUS – this is our life focus. That is why Paul consistently prayed that JESUS WOULD BE FORMED IN US (His life evident

⁵³ Holy Bible (Matthew 12:34).

in us).⁵⁴ Do you know again in Hebrews it says “that JESUS became the first born among many brothers and sisters and He was not ashamed to call us brethren”.⁵⁵ How can we be different from JESUS if we are brothers and sisters? Of course, we are the same. And the way to know who you are is to know who JESUS is because we are the same. We know who JESUS as we keep listening to Him.

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets.

Yes God had spoken in various terms and in many ways. We have no doubt about that, but you see things have changed and people need to realize that things have changed and what is the change?

Hebrews 1:2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds;

Hebrews 1:3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the EXPRESS IMAGE OF HIS PERSON, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Who has He appointed heir of all things? JESUS. How do you receive the blessings of being heirs? By pairing up with JESUS! That’s the only way to receive. He has been made heir over all things. He is the manager over all things. So when we yoke up with Him, when we believe and relate with Him as brethren, because He is our older brother and He is a good brother; we get all things. He is not the kind of brother that will take all the inheritances and then throw you away. No. He loves us. In fact, He has even given it all to us. That is even the beautiful thing because He does not need it in Heaven. God has given the Earth to us. So we exercise being heirs upon the Earth. JESUS has given the Earth to us. In Romans 4:13, we receive all by believing like Abraham did and in Romans 5:17, the reason this believing produces result is that JESUS DIED for our sins and God has given us ABUNDANCE OF GRACE and the GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

How are we upheld? By the word of His power! So when you consistently hear His word, what are you doing? You are upholding things to His power, you are causing change. You are taking over because His word is His power.

⁵⁴ Holy Bible (Galatians 4:19).

⁵⁵ Holy Bible (Hebrews 2:11).

So don't think that the words being spoken over you as you read this Book is a waste of time. No. We are empowering you. We are energizing you. It's a serious business. It's a life transforming, life changing, life arranging, life aligning and life correcting method. Every time you sit under God's word things are changed especially when it is the word of CHRIST because some people are not speaking the Words of CHRIST. Has He purged our sins? Yes as recorded in the Book of Hebrews. Brethren your sins have been purged, your sins have been forgiven. Your sins have been removed. They were not covered. You are a brand new dress, righteous, blameless, without a single spot. We have been purged. And anybody who wants to stand in the covenant of sin, we wish them well.

Seriously they will only suffer a little while. By virtue of the word we have spoken over them, they must come back. But you see there is no need for you to suffer that's why God has sent us to tell you that you are out of the pit; you are staying out of the pit and you are enjoying Heaven on the Earth; because that is your portion. We started from Heaven and only on the Earth as ambassadors. We just need to make you know that from the day JESUS was arrested, killed and resurrected, we started enjoying Heaven and Earth. Our current position started in Heaven and we only live on the Earth.

It was not after He sat down that He purged our sins. No. He purged (cleansed) our sins then sat down. So JESUS is at the right hand of the Father as King now exercising His authority over recaptured territory. So for those who are not yet in their rest, we are sorry. He is seated at the right hand of God the Father. What do you do when you are seated? Are you walking when you are seated? No; He is resting, He is relaxing. We told somebody "do you know that God is just looking at us and smiling saying "do you see how my children are doing exploits, they are just enjoying us". Then when we call upon Him, He says "Son do this one, take over that place, collect that one, just enjoy this one" that's it, God is just resting.

Hebrews 1:4 Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance OBTAINED A MORE EXCELLENT NAME than they.

JESUS has been given a MORE EXCELLENT NAME. His Name is the name above all names; and at His Name, every knee must bow and every tongue confess that JESUS is Lord.⁵⁶ Like we put on Facebook, we think it is funny sometimes that people will justify quoting the old covenant and disturb us to submit to the old covenant, saying 'it is God's Word'. But we say it is also God's

⁵⁶ Holy Bible (Philippians 2:10-11).

word that Judas went to hang himself, so why don't we quote that one. Why are we not hanging ourselves? No; that can't be God's Word. That it is in the Bible does not mean it's God's Word. God's Word is the words that JESUS speaks and the revelation of JESUS.

Revelations 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy Brethren that have the TESTIMONY OF JESUS: worship God: for the TESTIMONY OF JESUS IS THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY.

This is the only thing you should testify about - your faith in CHRIST, not sin, not misbehavior, not the circumstances. When the Bible says "you should confess one to another", confess the Lordship of JESUS. Confess His help to you, confess His deliverance; confess what the Cross has done, over that circumstance. That's our testimony. Daddy (God) says 'we've overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and by our testimony'. Not the words of our woes, not the words of our crying and our pains, IT'S THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY'; and we didn't love our life unto death'. We didn't love our life so much that we couldn't die to it and receive HIS OWN LIFE, this ZOE life that is super abundant in quantity and superior in quality. JESUS has died already. Ours is to worship God by preaching CHRIST – declaring His whole counsel to man which is the SPIRIT/ESSENCE of every preaching including writing this Book.

We don't know why some people are not meditating on these words because the purpose of every preaching, every prophesying is to see what JESUS has finished on our behalf so we can know and appropriate them. Somebody was saying in a meeting we attended, that he wished that we could see what Boko Haram is doing blablabla, so that we can prevent it. For what purpose! We are in the New Testament, the reason of prophecy is to encourage, to comfort, to uplift, it's not to start knowing what the Russians are doing, or what America is doing. The reason we are here is to propagate the Gospel. However, when men put their hands in God's nose, justice will be served.

But the truth is that because of JESUS sacrifice, mercy is available to all and the reason we are here whether they kill us or not is that others be saved. The earlier people know that better, because we can't be killed in the first place. They stoned Paul to death but he came back to life.⁵⁷ You see our job is to simply settle it that nothing can even happen to us until our job on Earth is finished. When our job is finished, then we will even decide how to go because life and death have

⁵⁷ Holy Bible (Acts 14:19-20).

been given to us.⁵⁸ That some don't exercise their authority is their problem, not ours. We know what JESUS has given us, so we stand in it and we take it. Ours is to tell about JESUS. The demonstration of power is to tell about JESUS; signs and wonders is all about JESUS, preaching is all about JESUS, prophesying is all about JESUS, no more no less. And that's why we are part of that company that wants to know nothing but JESUS crucified.⁵⁹ We want to know nothing else. Don't come and tell us one long story, No, No, No! Show us JESUS and the work will be done.

JESUS said 'Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing'. If not, we would have been doomed forever. At the instance of giving praise, a call was made and that call was salvation for over a thousand people. We are telling you, more than a thousand people because anytime we see the kind of works that Paul did, we rest in grace. Try to imagine if the early Disciples had the kind of privilege we had with the internet, communications etc, or the kind of regulations that are favorable to us now. Paul was running from pillar to post, he was using a feather to write. Have you tried using a feather to write? And he wrote almost all the way from Romans to Hebrews. My God, it can only be grace. It is not something you can do by your effort. You know when you look back at some things that you have done, you will just know it is grace. It is not the ability of man. And it is time to stop glorying in the ability of men.

What about Gideon, I'm a military man. It is practically impossible for you to overrun a force like an army with three hundred men. We are talking of using lanterns and not only were they using lanterns, we mean everything was wrong. At night, two things you don't do: is to make noise because sound is projected further at night and then you don't shine light at night because you are easily distinguished and those are the two things God told them to do - carry a torch and be banging metal plates. Through this they won their enemies.⁶⁰ It is seemingly impossible things that happen, when we obey; when you believe God, the impossible becomes possible. Mary believed God and without meeting a man she gave birth to a human being. That is why you don't need a womb – just believe God. Let us tell you, **ALL YOU NEED IS GOD'S WORD** and we are serious.

When we look back at our life, we realize the only reason we are who we are and where we are is simply because of God's word. So many things have looked impossible but look at us today because we believe. Mark 11:23-24 and

⁵⁸ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 3:22).

⁵⁹ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 2:2).

⁶⁰ Holy Bible (Judges 7:5-22).

John 6:28-29 reiterate that all you need to do is to BELIEVE. You know the Children of Israel had seen unimaginable things in JESUS' life and ministry: He was walking on water, He was multiplying bread and fish; they saw these things physically. He was healing diseases that were impossible to heal. He had raised the dead – not once, not twice, three times! Impossible conditions – someone that was rotten like Lazarus who came out with no side effects. Then they came to ask Him, 'what must we do to do the work of the Father?' He simply said 'BELIEVE IN THE ONE HE HAS SENT'.⁶¹

BELIEVE IN JESUS. Let us tell you, all the essence of what we are doing, revealing JESUS to you is so that you can put your trust in Him and once your trust is in Him, forget it, everything is easy! Everything! He said take My yoke and learn of Me. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light⁶² because you see, the more you believe in JESUS, life becomes easier for you. Since, all we would be seeking for is, 'Lord, what should I do in this situation, Lord what should I say in this situation, Lord, what should be my response to this situation'. And you will just be seeing fireworks. Many times, our car will stop and God will say 'put water here' or God will say 'lay hands there' or God will say 'praise and you will see'! We mean testimonies abound. So, all the essence of men and women of God preaching, laying hands on you, prophesying, joining you in faith as we pray, is so that your trust could be in CHRIST alone and once that confidence is there, nothing can shake it.

Of course John 3:16 says that, 'for God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.' Why? JESUS was the appropriate and perfect sacrifice for SIN. Sin had to be dealt with by the shedding of BLOOD. Animal sacrifice was adequate for a time, but it only covered sin like the oil stain on a shirt that is temporally removed by cleaning. However, animals are not equal to human beings; and the principle of a life for a life and the innocent for the guilty is still in force. God had to arrange a sinless man to die for the guilty. JESUS is the One that was given that whoever believes in Him will not perish or die. He is the Lamb that was slain that whoever believes in His BLOOD SACRIFICE is saved. That's why it was never Israel that was examined when they came to present offerings and sacrifices at the Temple, it was the animal they brought that was examined. So it has never been God's will to examine you because He knows we will never pass.

⁶¹ Holy Bible (John 6:28-29).

⁶² Holy Bible (Matthew 11:29-30).

If God is to mark iniquity who would stand? NONE – that is why we need GRACE, His refusal to see sin in us. Why? He examined Himself on our behalf and because He is righteous and holy, He has passed and so transferred that right upon us that as He examined Himself on our behalf, we have passed. There is now no condemnation for anybody in CHRIST JESUS.⁶³ Why? For us, someone else was judged and actually God had always done this for us till the perfect sacrifice came; He judged animals in the place of men to tell you how much He loves us. The Bible says He knows how frail and weak we are and the Bible says that if He has to mark iniquity, who will stand? So what did He do? He marked iniquity by judging JESUS (Himself). So He didn't just clean us like removing the oil stain but WASHED US CLEAN; actually made us NEW like buying a brand new shirt. We are new and old things have passed away. **Ours is just to believe in it.**

In 1 John 3:23, the Bible says OUR RESPONSIBILITY IS TO BELIEVE in the Lord Jesus and to love our fellow man. That's all. Do you know that's all for your life. **Believe in Jesus and walk in love.** That's all. So we tell you, 'let this Word of God not depart from your mouth, meditate on it day and night, do everything according to CHRIST (GRACE) and you will make your way prosperous.'⁶⁴ What is the word we should put in our mouth – the Lamb was slain, our sins are forgiven and we are declared righteous. That's the word we should put in our mouth - the death, burial and resurrection of JESUS CHRIST that has brought us peace with God, health, wealth, heaven on Earth. What is the word that we should put in our mouth, that IT IS FINISHED! This comes by filling our hearts with these right words though meditation, our hearts being established in the GRACE OF LORD JESUS CHRIST.

In Psalms 1:1-3, we are told not to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of the scornful. Run from them; while making God's word – THE WORD OF CHRIST OUR DELIGHT. Let the word of God be ultimate to you. And in John1:1-3 we are told that this WORD is JESUS: 'In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and that Word was God. HE IS JESUS CHRIST. That means the ultimate for you must be God's Word which is CHRIST and all He has finished for us.

In John 10, JESUS was talking about the good shepherd and He said that 'whoever comes to Me will not be lost'. We cannot be lost and cannot lose. He further says because we are sheep, we hear His voice. So if animals can hear the voice of men. Is it us human beings made in the likeness of CHRIST that will

⁶³ Holy Bible (Romans 8:1).

⁶⁴ Holy Bible (Joshua 1:8).

not hear His voice? Of course we hear His voice. The reason why people think that we don't hear His voice is because they believe that they are not hearing His voice. And that's why it's so critical for you to believe. Do you know that once you start confessing something, it stays right with you? And that's why one of the easiest ways to build faith is CONFESS GOD'S WORD. The more you say it, the more you keep seeing it manifest because the Bible says and you shall say to this mountain. So keep speaking it.

In John 15, JESUS says 'He is the vine and that without Him we can do nothing'. But do you know it also says 'once we are in Him' and are we in Him? Yes. Then we bear much fruits. It is automatic. And He calls us friends because He has reconciled us back to God. That's what it means to reconcile us back to God. We have been reconciled back to His friendship. And friends, talk together, walk together, and always enjoy each other's company. Like someone said, the Presence of God is the greatest PRESENT for every day. We are always in His Presence because 'in Him we live, move and have our being'.⁶⁵ Our being is in God and it is all because of His GRACE.

Who is JESUS? John 1:29 says, He is the Lamb that was slain to take away the sins of the world. He is the one that took away the sins of the world. That's the primary purpose of who JESUS is, to take away the sins of the world. Has He done it? He has. And some are still arguing. It's the cardinal point of our faith - that our sins have been taken away. Why was it taken away? JESUS died for our sins and we believe JESUS is the Lamb that was slain. JESUS is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE. He's the ONLY way to Heaven. Some say that the road is narrow. Yes before the Cross. But now that the Cross has come, the Bible says in the Book of Revelations 5 that '**now I saw a great throne and mighty numbers of people of all tribes**'. Why don't we see that one? It's the truth, there is nothing to BELIEVE OUTSIDE OF JESUS CHRIST, nothing. It's a life. There is no life to have outside of JESUS CHRIST and that's why we boldly say that WE DON'T GIVE OUR LIFE TO JESUS. We receive the life of Jesus.

In this LIFE is eternity, in this life is power, in this life is wealth, in this life is wisdom, in this life is holiness, in this life is righteousness, in this life is blamelessness. This LIFE is without a single fault, this life is successful, this life is victorious over sin and other challenges of life; this life is blessed and cannot be cursed or fail because it is empowered in every respect. So say with us, 'I have eternal life'. Say with us, 'I am healthy'. Say, 'I am wealthy'. Say with us, 'I have life; I am holy, I am righteous, I am blameless and without a single fault; I am

⁶⁵ Holy Bible (Acts 17:28).

successful, I am victorious over sin and every other challenge of life. I am blessed and I cannot be cursed. I cannot fail because I am empowered in every respect’.

‘For You are the Fountain of LIFE, the LIGHT by which we see’ -

Psalms 36:9 NLT

Who is JESUS? The fountain of life and light of the world and it says it’s only in Him we can see light. We can never see light through religion because you see, religion always talks about you, what you need to do. That is why the first response of the Children of Israel who had been so schooled in religion when they met with Peter on the Day of Pentecost was, ‘what must we do? When they came to JESUS, they said ‘Oh! This Man, it’s like He is different, what must we do? Religion is always asking what to do, Christianity is always asking what to believe and we know what to believe. BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST and you will be saved – you and your family and be baptized in the Holy Ghost.⁶⁶ Only in His LIGHT can we see life. Do you know why? Only He can expose us to LIFE. Do you know He was preaching to the Disciples on the road to Emmaus? Fire was burning in their spirits but they did not understand until He broke bread – revealed His sacrifice. Only He can bring understanding and we have understanding because we have the mind of CHRIST.⁶⁷ We know all things because we have the Holy Ghost. Nobody is deceiving us again.

Who is JESUS? He is our High Priest and the ONLY Mediator between God and man. We don’t go to God on our own terms – we go to God through JESUS and everyone who goes to God through JESUS gets an answer – EVERYONE. God never wanted any man to perish. God never wanted to be separated from mankind – NEVER! It was man who kept on separating themselves from God. In fact, He didn’t even want intermediaries between Himself and men, it was men that said Moses should go and hear from God for us if not we will die. Isn’t that foolish? Was Moses not a man? So why couldn’t they ask themselves if Moses was not dying, why will they die? And many times, it is the same thing we do concerning the Men of God; ‘go and hear for us’. Don’t turn a Man of God into your intermediary or mediator; we have equal access.

The purpose of the Man of God is clear in Ephesians 4:11-115; it is to teach you to do it yourself. And that is why we love this slogan in the Building on the Word, the Lighthouse Church. It is not for men to stand in the gap for you. The person who is standing in the gap for all of us is JESUS CHRIST Himself.

⁶⁶ Holy Bible (Acts 2:37-38).

⁶⁷ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 2:16).

So everybody because of that mediation can come boldly to the THRONE OF GRACE⁶⁸ because there is no separation between the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place anymore. When JESUS went to the Cross, the veil was torn from top to bottom.⁶⁹ And that is instructive – not from bottom up. That means it was God Himself who ripped it apart. Like someone said concerning GRACE THE FORBIDDEN GOSPEL, ‘JESUS tore the veil and religion sowed it back up’. But we know the truth and this TRUTH has saved us and set us free.

Who is JESUS? He is the King of kings. Why King of kings because we are kings. So He is King above us who are fellow kings and you will be seeing why you are a king. Praise the Lord. Who is JESUS? At His name, every knee must bow and every tongue confess He is Lord. And that is why nothing should ever move you because JESUS is just a call away. Anybody who calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved. Whether they have come with house rent, call upon the Name of the Lord. Whether they come with challenges you are prepared for or not, call upon the Name of the Lord. Whether it be sicknesses and diseases, call upon the Name of the Lord. Whether it is an issue of embarrassment or shame, call upon the Name of the Lord. He is just a call away because at His name every knee and every tongue must confess that JESUS is Lord. They must bow.

So, who is JESUS? He is the Resurrection and the Life. So nothing and no one can die in or around Him. The example of Lazarus is instructive. He was in the grave for 4 days and yet at the sound of JESUS call, he came out like nothing was ever wrong, his body had received LIFE. At the point of the Cross, the thief left home doomed but thank God for His grace, mercy found him located with JESUS and he was saved. What about you and us who are saved and have LIFE because anyone who believes in JESUS like John 5:24 says, ‘has crossed from death to life’ and it cannot be reversed. The Resurrection and the Life is in me; eternal life is at work in me; eternal life is at work in my family; eternal life is at work in my ministry/office; eternal life is at work in my business; eternal life is at work in my nation, environment and all that concerns me; eternal life is at work in my finances, body etc.

Who is JESUS? He is the Head of the Church and the soon coming King among so many things. He is the Charisma of God – that is the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12), He is the Character of God - the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). In Philippians 2:5-11, we are told that He humbled Himself and obeyed God to the point of death, and a shameful death at that, just to bring

⁶⁸ Holy Bible (Hebrews 4:16).

⁶⁹ Holy Bible (Matthew 27:50-51).

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us in. So, His sacrifice would never be in vain for us and our generation. In Colosians1:15-20, He is the beautiful image of God, co-creator with God and holds all things together. He is also the dwelling place of God and the reconciler of all men. And as He is, so we are. So, say with us, 'I am the beautiful image of God and a co-creator with God', 'with God in me all things hold together'; 'I am a dwelling place of God'. 'I am a reconciler of men to God'.

Who is JESUS? He was anointed with the Holy Ghost and power and went about doing good and delivering those who were oppressed of the devil.⁷⁰ Please shout with us, 'I am Anointed; the Holy Ghost is upon me and I go about doing good – delivering those who are oppressed of the devil because God is with me'. Yes. We know and we believe in JESUS because that is who we are. JESUS has brought GRACE to us and we receive this GRACE because that is all that is required of us. We believe because of God's GRACE, our sins past, present and future are forgiven, so we are righteous and always right with God. Our hearts are established in GRACE and so from the abundance of our hearts we speak and boldly declare that **ALL OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND WE ARE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD SO HEIRS OF THE WORLD AND BENEFICIARIES OF HIS PROMISES.**

⁷⁰ Holy Bible (Acts 10:38).

Chapter Five

FELLOWSHIP WITH AND YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

'I (JESUS) will ask the Father to give you another HELPER (COMFORTER, ADVOCATE, COUNSELLOR, STANDBY), to be with you always. He is the SPIRIT of TRUTH, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor recognizes Him, because HE LIVES WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN YOU. I'M NOT GOING TO FORSAKE YOU LIKE ORPHANS. I will come back to you. In a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you will see Me. BECAUSE I LIVE, YOU WILL LIVE ALSO. AT THAT TIME, YOU'LL KNOW THAT I AM IN MY FATHER, THAT YOU ARE IN ME, AND THAT I AM IN YOU. I have told you this while I am still with you. But the HELPER (COMFORTER, ADVOCATE, COUNSELLOR, STANDBY), the HOLY SPIRIT whom the Father will send in My Name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything that I have told you. I'm leaving you at peace. I'm giving you My own peace. I'm not giving it to you as the world gives. So don't let your hearts be troubled, and don't be afraid.'- John 14:16-20 and 25-27 NLT

'He (JESUS) told them, "You don't get to know the time. Timing is the Father's business. What you'll get is the HOLY SPIRIT. And when the HOLY SPIRIT comes on you, you will BE ABLE (RECEIVE POWER) to be My WITNESSES in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the Earth. When the Feast

of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force – no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the HOLY SPIRIT spread through their ranks and THEY STARTED SPEAKING IN A NUMBER OF LANGUAGES AS THE SPIRIT PROMPTED THEM’- Acts 1:8 and 2:1-4 MSG

‘And ALL those who are GUIDED (LED) by the SPIRIT OF GOD ARE SONS OF GOD. For you did not get the spirit of servants (slavery) again to put you in fear, but the SPIRIT OF SONS was given to you, by which we say, ABBA FATHER. The SPIRIT IS WITNESS WITH OUR SPIRIT that WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD’ – Romans 8:14-16 BBE

Sincerely there is nothing that delights us than to go to places to minister and we see progress, we see change, we see improvement. All these are not by power or might, but God’s Spirit.⁷¹ Mary said, ‘how will this be? And the angel said, ‘the Holy Ghost will come upon you and the power of the Most High shall overshadow you’.⁷² That’s the answer. That’s the how. It is by His grace (because the Spirit is also called the Spirit of Grace and Supplication).⁷³ It is by God’s power that people are saved, healed, made rich, blessed etc. It’s not about us. It’s about Him. Great things happen, miracles happen when men yield to God. We are His eyes, we are His nose, we are His ears, we are His hands and His feet upon the Earth. Sincerely God is delighted in us because He has found a people who know themselves in CHRIST, who have just put their trust in Him; and those people are us.

We realize; what we were thinking about recently, that the Cloud over them during the day and the pillar of fire around the Children of Israel on their walk to the Promised Land was actually the work of the HOLY SPIRIT in the Life of a Believer. You recall that every time the Cloud lifted, they moved and every time the Cloud settled, they stayed. That is how we should be now in CHRIST. We must be guided and led of God’s Spirit not of ourselves. They didn’t do anything outside of God’s leading and that is why we like what Pastor Seyi Kolawole (Resident Pastor, Christ Family Centre Kaduna Nigeria) taught us some time ago. A lot of people think that being in CHRIST means to live anyhow and to do anyhow. No! We are under the Law of the Spirit. That’s why the Bible says for as many who are led (guided) by the Spirit ARE children of God (Sons and Daughters of God) as

⁷¹ Holy Bible (Zechariah 4:6).

⁷² Holy Bible (Luke 1:35).

⁷³ Holy Bible (Zechariah 12:10).

opposed to John 1:12 that merely says, 'as many who believe and have received, He gave the right/privilege to become ...'.

When we receive CHRIST we have the rights to sonship ie we need to know we are sons and daughters. But when the Holy Spirit is in us, WE KNOW WE ARE because He affirms with our spirits that we are children of God and also teaches us that how to exercise our rights and enjoy our privileges. Interestingly, in CHRIST, we have privileges and rights. It's such a beautiful thing because our rights are based on knowledge. Every child of God is privileged but what makes you exercise your rights is knowledge. That means if you lack knowledge, you will never exercise your rights. And that's the challenge with some that are not exercising rights because they lack knowledge. It's as simple as that. The more you know the more you take. As a military man, and in an environment where there are only privileges, there are some things I (HIM) know that make me enjoy rights. Even though there seems to be no rights in the military.

You see in CHRIST, there are rights because our rights are based on God's Word. It's His will. That's why once you know His will, nothing can move you because you just exercise it. And that is why it's so important that you know God's Word. For us COMMUNION is what develops CHARACTER (who we are in JESUS) and helps us walk in CHARISMA (our gifts and rights in CHRIST). In other words, relationship with JESUS and fellowship with the Holy Spirit is the way to make us responsible and display the fruit of the Spirit as well as exercise our rights of righteousness, wealth, health etc; which are gifts and ministry of the Spirit. A lot of people say we are not teaching responsibility. No, we are teaching responsibility. But we know that you can never be responsible except you are well grounded in God's RIGHTEOUSNESS BY GRACE. And you cannot be well grounded, that is know that you are righteous except you relate with God who renews your mind to accept what has happened in your spirit. The MOST IMPORTANT THING to know is that OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND WE ARE RIGHT WITH GOD.

We know that you can never walk in character and display charisma until you commune because it is only as the Holy Ghost infuses us with the God LIFE that the gifts of God are manifests in us as well as His fruit of LOVE produced in us. According to Reverend Joshua Tende (General Overseer, Father's Delight International Ministries) LOVE is the Fruit of the Spirit described in Galatians 5:22-23 displayed in joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We agree with him because these were the same attributes listed in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, which describes LOVE.

Outside of communion, fellowship and relationship, forget it. That is why we are instructed to FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT even though GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST and THE LOVE OF GOD have been given to us.⁷⁴ People are trying to judge with character, responsibility and doing things for God without fellowshiping, it won't work. The Bible says 'and JESUS called the disciples first to be with Him before He sent them out;⁷⁵ it was first to Himself'.

The Bible says in Romans 12:1-2 that we should, "present ourselves our bodies a living and holy sacrifice which is our first and reasonable act of service/worship". It further counselled that we should "not be conformed to the world but be transformed by the renewal of our minds and then we will now know God's will" So when we receive the LOVE OF GOD and accept the GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, the next thing is relationship, discipleship, communion; for as long as it takes to keep knowing because ONLY THOSE WHO KNOW THEIR GOD ARE STRONG AND DO EXPLOITS.⁷⁶ So as you have been reading this Book, you will suddenly know what to do. Why is that? Every time you sit at the feet of JESUS, He enlightens your spirit and the result is that you know - what to do and what to say etc.

That is why in Acts 4:13 (paraphrased), the Sanhedrin said "these guys did not go to Sahendrinic schools, they were not professors or know the Torah", but they recognized one thing, 'they had been with JESUS'. What is the importance of being with JESUS? You see JESUS - Mary was the first person to see JESUS alive and before He died, she sat at His feet and worshipped.⁷⁷ It is not something you arrange, it is something that God arranges and He arranges it based on your relationship with Him, such that you just know where to be at the right time and in the right place. The Bible says that concerning Simon and Anna that they worshiped daily in the Temple and the Holy Ghost led them to the temple at the right time to see JESUS that they had been expecting.⁷⁸ Why were they there at the right time? They had fellowship with the Holy Ghost.

The ONLY PERSON that can help you on this side of eternity is God's Spirit Himself - any other thing is a waste of time. That's why it doesn't matter how long you have been looking; if you keep looking at the Lamb slain, your victory

⁷⁴ Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 13:13-14).

⁷⁵ Holy Bible (Mark 6:7).

⁷⁶ Holy Bible (Daniel 11:32).

⁷⁷ Holy Bible (Luke 10:39-42 and 7:38-50).

⁷⁸ Holy Bible (Luke 2:21-38).

is sure because you do better knowing God's voice. Fellowship and relationship with God sharpens your sensitivity to His voice like tuning a radio till you get the right sound. The Bible tells us that the benefit of knowing this Voice is that He will guide us whether to turn to the left or to the right.⁷⁹ The reason a lot of people are making rules here and there (the reason for religion) is that they don't want that day to day guidance. They want to guide themselves because they are not sure of that guidance; but we assure you, that guidance is your victory.

Oh nothing compares to the guidance of the Holy Ghost. **So how do we enjoy heaven on Earth;** this ABUNDANT LIFE JESUS talked about in John 10:10? We say, **'RECKON THAT YOU ARE DEAD TO SIN BUT ALIVE IN CHRIST.'**⁸⁰ CHRIST means the Anointing of the Anointed One – so be alive to the Anointing (HOLY SPIRIT) that is in us. That is why you can't be talking about generational curses, diseases or anything; because you are dead. That's why you can't be talking about poverty because you are dead; that's why you can't be talking about problems because you are dead; that's why you can't be talking about emotions of anger and lust because you are dead. That's why you can't be talking about irritability because you are dead; that's why you can't be talking about anything overcoming you because you are dead; that's why you can't be talking about giving up because you are dead BUT alive in CHRIST.

Hear us! JESUS has borrowed our bodies. The Bible says He paid the whole price to have you and now you no longer serve yourself but serve Him.⁸¹ And how do you serve Him upon this side of eternity? Present yourself and fellowship with the Holy Ghost. That's why in 2 Corinthians 13:14, God gave us the grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST which is a virtue we receive and the Love of God the Father, another virtue we receive; but when it came to the Holy Ghost, Scriptures didn't say wisdom (a virtue) but FELLOWSHIP. Why? In the Holy Ghost reside all of God - GRACE, RIGHTEOUSNESS, WISDOM, HEALTH, WEALTH, BLESSINGS, POWER and all the resources, everything we could ever need that PERTAINS TO LIFE AND GODLINESS. All we need is in the Holy Ghost. It's the Holy Ghost that is the light of God in you.

The way God dwells in you is through the Holy Ghost. And when God dwells in you we are telling you, you are made. Knowing this makes us understand that waiting on God should be our greatest pre-occupation. One of the things we must understand is to wait on God. The Holy Spirit is our friend and we must know

⁷⁹ Holy Bible (Isaiah 30:21).

⁸⁰ Holy Bible (Romans 6:11).

⁸¹ Holy Bible (2 Corinthians 5:14-15 and Hebrews 9:14).

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Him as FRIEND! Say with us, 'I know Him already'! You know, how can they say we lie? JESUS said '*there are many things I want to tell you but you cannot handle it now – I will send you a Comforter*'.⁸² That means there is revelation that we can see in CHRIST that might not literarily be in one direct verse in the Bible. He continued, '*I am telling you these things while I am still living with you. The Friend – the Holy Spirit whom the Father would send would make everything plain to you. He would remind you of all the things that I have told you. I am leaving you well and whole. That is my parting gift to you. I won't leave you the way you are used to being left. ...so do not be upset, do not be distraught.*'⁸³

The Holy Ghost is with us and He teaches us all things. In John 15 JESUS again talked about the Holy Ghost as the Comforter but the Message keeps introducing the Holy Ghost as Friend.

John 15:26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of Me: And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with Me from the beginning.

When the Friend He plans to send from the Father comes – the Spirit of Truth who is from the Father, He would confirm everything about Me (JESUS). On our part, we must give confirming evidence since we are in this with JESUS from the past (partook of His death, burial and resurrection). What about John 16:7?

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send Him unto you.

From verses 8-11, He will show us what sin means, He will show us what righteousness means; when He comes, He would expose the errors of the lawless world in view of sin, righteousness and judgment. He would show them that their refusal to believe in Me (JESUS) is their basic SIN. This is the basic thing – SIN is UNBELIEF IN JESUS. Once we believe in JESUS CHRIST, it says that righteousness from above comes into and upon us. Not of works, not of war but from above where we are seated with the Father; out of corruption and the limitations of men. It is God who has made us right with Himself – only God can.

⁸² Holy Bible (John 14:16-18&26 and 16:7).

⁸³ Holy Bible (John 15:26).

We can never make ourselves right with God. Their judgment takes place as the ruler of this world is brought to trial and convicted; not you and us. Because John 3:17 says 'I did not come to judge the world but to save it.' So it is never God's intention to judge man. The only person that has been judged is the devil. Oh, we believe in CHRIST. He said *'I still have so many things to tell you but you can't handle them now. But when the Friend comes – the Spirit of Truth, He will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truths therein. He won't draw attention to Himself but would make sense out of what is about to happen and indeed, out of all that I (Jesus) have said and done, He will honour Me, He would take from Me and guide you. Everything the Father has is also Mine. That is why I (Jesus) said He takes from Me and delivers to you.'*⁸⁴ He said that the Holy Spirit was taking from God and delivering to us; so we believe and we receive.

Some time ago, we were praying and one of the things we considered as we fellowshiped was, if God was to ask us for one thing, what would we ask? Yes. Solomon knew this very well and asked for wisdom but for us, we want more than that. This is because we saw that wisdom alone did not make him succeed; if so, he won't have gone into those valleys of women, drink etc; so there is something else. But we thank God and we know it is the Spirit of God that put it in us because then God asked me – He did ask me, 'My son, what do you want?' I (HIM) said, **EVERYTHING JESUS DIED FOR**. Thinking about it later, we were impressed with that answer. So, we have everything that JESUS had died for.

That is why in Romans 8:14, we are told that many who are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God. Now, in John 1:12, it was a probability. It says for as many who have believed and have received have the privilege to be. But when it now came to the Holy Ghost, it says for as many who are led, they are... So, we are Children of God because the Holy Spirit agrees with our spirits that we are Children of God and He helps us to boldly say 'Abba (DADDY) Father'. No wonder we can say God is our Father and DADDY. Throughout the Book of Acts, it was the work of the Holy Spirit from the Day of Pentecost. No wonder, JESUS told them in Acts 1:8, 'wait until the Holy Ghost comes upon you.' You see, that is the representative and likeness of CHRIST. What CHRIST was to the Early Disciples that made them lack nothing, is what the Holy Spirit has become to us! The GOOD NEWS is that JESUS was physically limited in time and space but the HOLY SPIRIT is unlimited in time and space.

That is why the Holy Spirit can work with us and be working in you right now. That is why the Holy Spirit that is working with us here can be working with

⁸⁴ Holy Bible (John 5:26).

some other people somewhere in Russia right now. Do you know sometimes you put something on Facebook and just go down a few posts, someone has posted something similar! This is because the Holy Ghost is one all over the world. Now, Romans12 talks about the gifts of the Spirit, Romans 13, the balance – which is LOVE, Romans14, prophesies and speaking in tongues. It is interesting that some people are still arguing against speaking in tongues. But it is not how far we run; the ultimate part of us must wait on God. And you cannot endure or tarry except by the Spirit because JESUS said that the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

The natural man is weak, what energizes us, makes us endure and think acceptably is the Holy Ghost. When Abraham went to intercede for Lot, Sodom and Gomorrah with God, he did it outside of the Holy Ghost – that was why he didn't know that all he had to ask was one person. The reason why we can never miss it in the place of asking is because Romans 8:26 says 'you do not know how to ask' but Verse 27 now says 'the Holy Spirit helps us', right? He knows the mind of God, so you pray the mind of God and you get it. Why do you think that every time children mostly go to their fathers through their mothers? The mother knows him (the child) and knows the father. And we have been given the Holy Ghost, God Himself as our friend. And you know, JESUS said the beauty about being a friend is that nothing is hidden from you.⁸⁵

You are not just servants, we are sons and we are not only sons, we are friends. What a great honour. Do you know that was why God could not hide anything from Abraham! He had made Abraham His friend. And God has made us His friends and that is why nothing can happen around us without Him telling us. Nothing! It is not possible. And that is another reason we fellowship with the Holy Ghost. That is why we spend time praying in the Holy Ghost. We put it on Facebook that people would think that we are wasting our time when we say go and pray. They think that praying and fasting means doing nothing, No! The reason we pray, IS THAT NOBODY CAN DO ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF GOD.

Anytime we pray, God reveals His mind to us because we are the extension of God's hands upon the Earth. But outside of Him we can do nothing. He said 'lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him, why? 'There is a way that seems right to a man but it leads to destruction.'⁸⁶ Only in God are we on point. That was why the Early Disciples never missed it; they were always on point because the Holy One was guiding them, helping them,

⁸⁵ Holy Bible (John 15:15).

⁸⁶ Holy Bible (Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25).

leading them and counselling them. He is a present help in time of trouble.⁸⁷ We are never stranded. Brethren, you have not seen anything new, you think you are seeing some glory? You have not seen anything yet. Just keep looking unto this Lamb slain. They think we are stupid, the Bible says He has put a new song in our mouths and He is going to give us such a testimony that people will marvel and put their trust in God.

It was not easy for Naomi and Ruth outside of God's help, but by His help they overcame. Likewise, He will do it for us because we are in a better covenant – the Covenant of the Lamb slain. It is all about Him. So many things to say, was it food the Disciples wanted, they got it, was it healing they wanted, they got it. You know you will think that they were stupid; JESUS will say 'Go to that place and get me a brand new car (donkey)' and by the time they get there, they will see a key in the car. When they want to put on the ignition and someone challenges them asking who asked them to take the car, they will say 'the Master needs it' and the people would say 'Go'. Oh, the Holy Ghost will be telling you things, He would be leading you in ways that you cannot imagine because the Holy Ghost is your friend and His primary purpose is to profit you. He will make you benefit from every deal and make you enjoy Heaven on Earth. We are not left alone.

The Holy Ghost helps us through His gifts and fruit of the Spirit. And you see, just like we saw in the Book of Acts, the game is not over. Do you know why the Book of Acts is the only Book in the Bible that was never closed? It is because God wants to add our exploits in the Book. If it was closed, then all the things that the Apostles did won't be heard of anymore. You can see why God is so perfect in His thinking and ways? God is amazing. He leaves nothing to chance. So Brethren, the miracle of the Apostles is not over. In your lifetime, you will lay hands on the sick and you will see limbs grow. You will call forth the dead and they will come forth and that time is now. Do you know why? YOU BELIEVE. It is not about us – it is about Him. So if He tells us to speak to that tree and we speak to the tree and suddenly it becomes an MTN pole for us, good.

Sometimes we like to reason like little children. A young boy went to Church and the Preacher said, 'if you believe and you say to this mountain the mountain would be uprooted and thrown into the sea, it is yours.' And the young boy went to the back of his house and kept on speaking to the mountain for hours and then the mother came and said the mountain will not move because the Pastor was only talking figuratively. Thank God for children; the boy said he does not understand 'figuratively'. He said if I speak to this mountain and I believe and he kept on

⁸⁷ Holy Bible (Luke 2:21-38).

doing so for two weeks, sometimes he would come back frustrated and he would continue speaking; because a little child believes.

We are little children and we believe our Father in Heaven. We believe that anything He says He can do because there is nothing impossible with Him; and we believe. Two weeks after, a construction company came to meet the parents and said that in the master plan, there was supposed to be a major road behind the house and the mountain was in its way and they needed to take out the mountain. But in the process of taking it out, they might inconvenience them and so would even pay them for taking out the mountain. We believe the reason why that construction company suddenly remembered the master plan and came was because of that boy. This is who we are; we create things, just like our Father because His creative spirit is at work in us by the Holy Ghost. JESUS is the Word in human flesh and dwelt amongst us... there was nothing that was created that was not created by Him. So like Him we create by speaking.

God created people that are creative. That's why we are co-creators. However, as Christians we are expected to use our mouth to create emulating our Father who created all things by speaking words.⁸⁸ This brings into existence what God has created already. We are not adding anything that's why we are called co-creators. But you need to know what God has created. We stand in what God has created and we are bringing it from Heaven and superimposing it upon the Earth. The Bible says 'Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Thy kingdom come and **Your will be done upon the Earth as it is in Heaven.**' So we depend on the Holy Ghost to discover His will and as we know, we establish His will upon the Earth.

Do you know that if people did not pray before, how would they have known that it was possible for an aircraft to fly? How would they have known about trains? How would they have known about mobile phones etc? Thank God for those who believed and we believe. Some people have entered a Christianity that seems foolish. They think that it is their attitude that moves God. Let us tell you, everything about your life has been written (Psalm 139:16) and Ecclesiastics 6:10 says, 'this everything that is written is also decided and there is no use arguing with God'. Everything has been written and the earlier you find out, the better for you. Why is it that JESUS CHRIST kept on shouting IT IS WRITTEN and I do nothing outside of what God tells or teaches Me.⁸⁹ Besides, was there any other

⁸⁸ Holy Bible (Hebrews 11:3).

⁸⁹ Holy Bible (John 5:30 and 8:28-29).

thing about Joseph's life outside of that dream? So why was it revealed to him? Your God wants you to know.

He says 'the plan I have for you they are for good not for evil to bring you to an expected end'. He wants you to know. And we know. Oh we know. Let us read Psalms 57:2 NLT. God wants you to know. He wants you to know. Yes!

Psalm 57:2 I cry out to God Most High; to God who will fulfil His PURPOSE for me.

God wants you to know. He wants us to know and when we stay in the place of prayer He reveals everything about us to us. That is why JESUS would say 'everything I say I get it from the Father, anything I do just see the Father doing it.' God wants you to know. JESUS also said 'God always answers Me'. He wants you to know. Yes, let us see Psalms 57:2 KJV.

Psalm 57:2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

We cry unto God that performs all things for us. Now how do you know that He has performed things for you if you didn't know the thing? How would you know that God has been doing things for you if you didn't know the things? Why would it be a testimony for you if you did not know? You prayed about something and then you write it down and then you remember that 'Oh I asked for this thing.' However, we can never ask for anything outside of the Holy Ghost's revelation to us; so fellowship with Him to know who you are and what you have.

Since we received JESUS CHRIST as Lord and Saviour, God has always guided us and the benefits are priceless. Our spirits have lined up with His Spirit. For example, a month to our traveling to the United Kingdom a few years back; God told us that we were going to be deployed to a certain place and it happened the way He said it; we knew a month to time. We were still on holiday when the deployment came. God wants you to know, so FELLOWSHIP WITH HIS SPIRIT and enjoy HEAVEN on EARTH.

Chapter six

PROMOTE THE UNITY OF THE BRETHREN

‘Look how GOOD and how PLEASANT it is when BROTHERS live together in UNITY! It is like PRECIOUS OIL ON THE HEAD (the Anointing), descending to the beard – even to Aaron’s beard – flowing down to the edge of his robes. It is like DEW OF HERMON (refreshing) falling on Zion’s mountains. For there the Lord commanded His blessing – LIFE EVERLASTING’ -Psalm 133 ISV

‘I (JESUS) give you a NEW LAW: Have LOVE one for another; even as I have had love for you, SO ARE YOU TO HAVE LOVE ONE FOR ANOTHER. BY THIS IT WILL BE CLEAR TO ALL MEN THAT YOU ARE MY DISCIPLES, if you have love one for another.’- John 13:34-35 BBE

‘This is how we we’ve come to UNDERSTAND and EXPERIENCE LOVE: CHRIST sacrificed His LIFE for us. This is why we ought to LIVE SACRIFICALLY for our FELLOW BELIEVERS, and not just be out for ourselves’ – 1 John 3:16 MSG

‘because EVRYONE who has been FATHERED BY GOD conquers the world, This is the conquering power that has conquered the world: OUR FAITH’ – 1 John 5:4 NET

‘Always be HUMBLE and GENTLE. Be PATIENT with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults BECAUSE OF YOUR LOVE. Make EVERY EFFORT (ENDEAVOUR, TAKE CARE, DO YOUR BEST, BE EAGER) to keep yourselves UNITED IN THE SPIRIT, binding yourselves together with PEACE. For there is ONE BODY and ONE SPIRIT, just as you been called to ONE GLORIOUS HOPE for the future. There is ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD and FATHER OF ALL, Who is over all, in all, and living through all. However, He has GIVEN EACH ONE OF US A SPECIAL GIFT (GRACE) through the GENEROSITY OF CHRIST. That is why the Scriptures say, “When He ascended to the heights, He led a crowd of captives and gave GIFTS TO HIS PEOPLE (Psalm 68:18)”’– Ephesians 4:2-8

We OVERCOME THE WORLD BY OUR FAITH. These are strong words. God had never liked lone rangers and that is why from the first project in the Bible, God said, ‘LET US’.⁹⁰ God also established the first family and always fostered unity, agreements and partnerships in the course of man’s history. Why? Though the prayer of one righteous man is effective and makes power available that is dynamic in its working;⁹¹ it is when 2 agree in prayer that there is immediate results.⁹² Again, one shall chase a thousand and two, tens of thousands.⁹³ In addition, two have a better reward for their labour ... and a three braided cord can never be broken.⁹⁴

We used to pray with a group of young people for about 6 months and suddenly noticed after this period they just started distancing themselves. Being experienced in life matters and prayer groups, we knew the source of the problem was satan. It doesn’t like agreements except for evil; so when you pray with others, kick its butt and it will fight by sponsoring offence. The same goes for married couples and good friends; they would be able to do anything but pray together. As God would have it, He arranged the meeting for us to know their grievances and its laughable what the problem was. We are HYPER GRACE and say we are gods, so we were liars and so on. Wow! Is there anything like hyper grace? GRACE IS GRACE and are we not gods? We can’t be fathered by God and not

⁹⁰ Holy Bible (Genesis 1:26).

⁹¹ Holy Bible (James 5:16).

⁹² Holy Bible (Matthew 18:19).

⁹³ Holy Bible (Deuteronomy 32:30).

⁹⁴ Holy Bible (Ecclesiastes 4:9- 12).

be. Moreover, Scriptures quoted by JESUS who ran into the same problem with the Jews says we are.⁹⁵

After the long discussion, we were left with 3 major conclusions: ONE - Words are most important - God says I honour My word above My Name,⁹⁶ which was manifested in JESUS being given a Name above every other ... and at the mention of His Name every knee must bow and every tongue confess Him as Lord;⁹⁷ JESUS Himself said listen to the teachers but don't emulate their lifestyle; and Be careful how you hear because it forms what shapes our hearts and eventually is the sum product of our lives. Once, we don't hear CHRIST and things that promote our UNITY as a CHURCH and BRETHREN, offence would come leading to strive and evil!⁹⁸ It is our responsibility to see the points of agreements – ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE CHRIST, ONE HOPE, ONE BODY, ONE GOD AND FATHER, ONE SPIRIT and so on; and very important to say only what CHRIST has done for us.

TWO - If we continue to fight each other, we will not command some blessings that unity and celebrating our diversities bring. Each and every one of has been given a gift i.e. GRACE to accomplish a particular thing; it is needful that we pool resources together. The world and its system of doing things is surmountable; it just needs OUR FAITH, not just mine or yours but OUR FAITH. In the atmosphere of UNITY God commands/orders/ordains His BLESSINGS which is ETERNAL LIFE. So we partake of eternal life promoting the unity of the Brethren, which fosters an Anointing by itself and refreshing to make everything around us blossom. THREE - Walking in love is the ultimate victory and way to live – it is by it that all men will know we are JESUS disciples ... No more, no less. No wonder all that JESUS prayed in John 17 was that WE SHOULD BE ONE.

We have fellowshiped in many places and it beats us, we can't understand it actually, that some assemblies do not understand that in every member of the Church is at least one gift or more. It is necessary to go where your gift is celebrated rather than stay in a place of worship where you are redundant and discouraged. We have had cause to move because we realize that God is no respecter of persons. He has blessed us with gifts for the Church. So working with the Lord and His LOVE is the ultimate victory and way to live. It is by it that all men will know that we are His Disciples. And we know that one of the

⁹⁵ Holy Bible (John 10:34-35).

⁹⁶ Holy Bible (Psalm 138:2).

⁹⁷ Holy Bible (Philippians 2:9-10).

⁹⁸ Holy Bible (James 3:16).

things that happen to us when we pray extensively in the Holy Ghost, is that the love of God is shed abroad our hearts and like JESUS, we can take anything and withstand anything.

You are a spiritual man who always does the right thing. You can do the right thing always. Yes. Do you know why? You have been empowered to do the right thing always. The Bible says ‘be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger because our anger doesn’t work out the righteousness of God.’⁹⁹ **We overcome every temptation by reckoning we are dead and alive in CHRIST by submitting to the Holy Ghost.**¹⁰⁰ With this you will NEVER GRATIFY THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH; that means you will never fall into temptations since you will never experience the works of the flesh. Simply by reckoning that you are dead to sin and alive in CHRIST; so submit to the Holy Ghost.

Do you know why? Only the LIFE OF JESUS can overcome sin and temptations. That is why JESUS said “be of good cheer, because I have overcome”.¹⁰¹ JESUS has overcome; we only stand in His VICTORY i.e. FINISHED WORKS. That is why we rejoice, that’s why we celebrate because only His life can overcome and we have received that life and people don’t want us to believe that we have received that life, they are joking. We have received that life and we are not going to relinquish this life. God forbid. The highest of all lives is the LIFE OF CHRIST and we have received that life; and so taking nothing less.

In this LIFE, things happen fast, so we believe. We receive all things physical and otherwise that will make Ministry easy. Because that is what God said to us, He said “our payment should only be JUST BELIEVE IT”. Look you see, the things about God are not things that you rationalize so that you or no one can boast. It’s as simple as that. It has nothing to do with our mental faculty and that’s why even when the Man of God is joking, and you receive, it comes to pass because 2 Chronicles 20:20 says “Believe in the Lord your God and you will be ESTABLISHED, believe in His prophets and you will be SUCCESSFUL”.

A long time ago, we grew up in an assembly after we received JESUS. It was something else; we mean the pastors were literally worshipped. The pastors were real kings who had subjects and we just received it with joy. No matter how highly placed you are, if a Cell Leader is placed over you, they will be moving you up and down like a clown. We mean it is worse than the military and we are serious. But

⁹⁹ Holy Bible (James 1:20).

¹⁰⁰ Holy Bible (Romans 6:11 and Galatians 5:16).

¹⁰¹ Holy Bible (John 16:33).

the thing with serving with joy is that you will get results. Do you know why? It's not about the action of the Anointing, it's about you receiving and that is a truth. Something we were taught a long time ago has re-enforced this truth in our hearts. We don't know if you watched it; but sometime ago a prominent preacher came on International TV to say that he erred against God, by prophesying in the flesh (using his own will) because he spoke when God didn't speak.

The funny thing though is that all those who believed the words got their testimonies but it wasn't God who told him to speak. Even in the flesh, he spoke and what he said still happened. Do you know why? God honors His words. Do you know Moses struck the rock in disobedience, but water still came out? Of course! God made water to still come out. Do you know what I have realized? That God is more concerned about the recipients i.e. the people. So He bypasses the Man of God irrespective of what he does for the sake of the people; but even the Anointed should not take those things for granted. Actually God is interested in blessing us and the primary way He blesses us is by sending His words. Is it not surprising to you that God did not kill Balaam? He must hate 'Babalawos', yet God was relating with him and took the words in his mouth to bless the Children of Israel.¹⁰²

God changes everything around us by His word. That is one of the greatest change agents of God, His Words. And we mean, He went as far as saying that He honors His words more than His name. And do you know that if you read the Bible, it empowers everything else. So it is good to know the Bible from Genesis to Revelations and from cover to cover; because God has blessed us with so many blessings in the Bible. Do you know who God honors more than His name – JESUS! JESUS is the Word of God so there is no contradiction, are you getting it? That is why it is not at the name of God that knees bow and tongues confess, it is at the name of JESUS, the Word of God. And so it's a great privilege that you have been found faithful and worthy to preach this Gospel.

We are telling you, don't think less of yourself because you preach the Gospel, we are telling you, you are the highest of all people. That's why Paul said "I am not ashamed of the Gospel! Why? "It is the power of God unto Salvation".¹⁰³ He is not ashamed of the Gospel. I am surprised that because somebody dressed in a particular way, you think he is not good enough to minister, who told you? No. We are not ashamed of this Gospel, it is the power of God unto Salvation and it has nothing to do with us it's all about Him. It's all about Him. It's all

¹⁰² Holy Bible (Numbers 22 and 23).

¹⁰³ Holy Bible (Romans 1:16).

about JESUS. And that's why we give Him praise. So we celebrate every of the Anointed including you. Our responsibility is to PROMOTE THE UNITY OF THE BRETHREN and a benefit we bring to each other is GIVING especially words – flowing in the prophetic gift. The following is a prophecy that will bless you:

“You are blessed and I (GOD) have broken everything that has previously limited you. There is a time to run; there is a time to fly, for you have come of age. I’m with you and there are no more limits, but it’s time for crowning and rejoicing, making progress in every area. You are blessed and you are distinguished because I have set you apart with my glory, yes with My glory. You stand out before men; oh it is so well with you that you have become the talk of town. Yes, your light only bursts forth and can’t be hidden, you are a shining light and darkness flees as you take your stand. Yes take your stand and nothing hinders you anymore. Take your stand for I have empowered and authorized you. Take your stand for I hold you with my strong and righteous hand. Never will you fall for I hold you Myself and the work I have begun cannot be stopped. Oh you are so unstoppable. Simply believe and stand with all that I have finished for you to put you at an everlasting advantage. Amen.

Brethren we have been put at an everlasting advantage. You have been put at an everlasting advantage nothing, and we are serious nothing. Nothing can ever defeat you, nothing because you have been put at an everlasting advantage. So we don't obey the Anointed because we don't know more than them. We obey them because God has made them gifts to us – apostles, prophets, evangelists and pastor-teachers, minstrels/worship leaders, helpers etc. A pastor may not know more than everybody but he/she is a gift. So we don't make them do everything but bring in our own gifts like them Stephen and Philip did in Acts 6. We follow them not because they are older or more brilliant than us or richer than us. We follow them because God put them over us. It's an ordination by God and this is beyond going to the Seminary College. That's what carnal people don't understand. They think that leadership in the Church has to do with physical nominations and recommendations. No.

Hear me friends, you are a gift. For everything God has called you to be; better stand very well and refuse to be intimidated by anyone and no one. Anyone that does not recognize your gifts, leave them. With us, your gifts are recognized. So we celebrate your gifts. Develop your gifts. Do you think we just jumped to the

pulpit and started preaching, we always knew that we were called to preach the Gospel but we walked with God and He opened the door Himself. His gifts and call are without repentance.¹⁰⁴ So nobody can take from us what God has put in us, nobody. And nobody can take from you what God has given to you, nobody. Anything that they have taken from you is not yours because nobody can take from you what is yours, nobody. How do they want to do it? It is not possible.

To appropriately relate with men, we must fellowship with God. Everything revolves around fellowshipping as we pray such that we receive God's love. As we receive His love, we can work with each other no matter how diverse we are. And those are the three pillars upon which our Christian NGO - JESUS JIREH RAPHA SUPPORT FOUNDATION stands: PRAY, LOVE and PARTNER. Those are the areas we believe in so strongly to foster unity and relationship. Praying in the Holy Ghost shows our dependence on God. And three things that happen when we do is that we receive His love; see and know; and receive boldness to step out. Romans 5:5 say that 'the Holy Spirit sheds abroad our heart the love of God' because 'GOD IS LOVE'.¹⁰⁵ That is who we are, love children of a love God. And anybody who doesn't love like the Bible says does not know God because God is love.

And so we are love and because we love, we cooperate with each other, we work with each other. It is our responsibility to recognize and submit to the Anointed, God has put over us, as well as celebrate and receive their gifts. It is your responsibility to recognize. It is not our responsibility to tell you the Anointed one around you; it is you that will recognize. We thank God that you recognize, that is why you are reading this Book and we assure you as the Lord lives, you will benefit from our Anointing.

We would like to give you some examples of partnering with the Anointed. Samuel would never have known God's voice without Eli. And God did it that way. You see, the reason for all of us being in a team is so that we can depend on each other. God has never liked soloists – people who stand on their own. And do you know most times soloing is pride! It is because you feel that you have not gotten enough recognition in the group that is why you want to stand on your own. So that you can get the recognition by yourself and it is pride, and it is from the devil. Do you know the devil's problem? It was the Number One of all angels, the head of God's choir and then it wanted to usurp God's kingdom. It was not satisfied with

¹⁰⁴ Holy Bible (Romans 11:29).

¹⁰⁵ Holy Bible (1 John 4:8).

His position. Do you know that is why JESUS is the Person we follow! He did not count it robbery to submit Himself to God; though He was God.

Likewise, we recognize that God is God over our lives. We recognize that He is King of kings and Lord of lords, we recognize that He is our Master and Lord, we recognize that He is our Father and Helper, we recognize that He is our source – we never lose sight of these truths. No matter how big we get because our bigness can never be outside of God. We tell people that the greatest discipler in the Old Testament was Eli because Eli did not go after teaching Samuel 50 or 100 rules about how to hear God. He just said anytime He calls again, just say here I am, I am listening all you have to do is believe. Do you know after that, immediately Samuel entered a relationship with God, He didn't need Eli again.

Now, why do we need ourselves even though we have entered a relationship with God? Two have a better reward for their labour. That is why it is not because you have gotten one revelation, you run and go and start a Church. We doubt if we would ever open any Church. Our job is clear cut – to support other GRACE preaching Ministers and Ministries as well as to be a support to those we call the Most privileged. And it is even a privilege that we have our own job description and we are not looking to any other because God gave us Himself. There is no competition. It is a privilege and because we have chosen to submit ourselves to God, He is elevating us before men. Like someone said, 'You can't kneel to God and bow to men'.

The only person that can elevate you is God Himself and the Bible says that when JESUS humbled Himself and went through that excruciating, seemingly foolish sacrifice on our behalf, the Bible said God Himself gave Him a name above every other name. Don't count it robbery when you keep serving other people, your time of showing is different. It is God Himself that knows how to lift you, it is God Himself that knows how to elevate you. Only those who understand this truth submit to one another. There is so much beauty in each and every one of us and the only one that you can enjoy it is when you celebrate others, when you love others. Amen.

What about Elijah and Elisha? We mean, somebody was teaching us and we actually went to count, Man of God, Elisha asked for a double portion of Elijah – that was all He asked. He didn't do anything. All He did was keep following Elijah – it didn't matter, anytime you are ready you will tell me I have received that thing and I will believe it and He kept on following. Then Elijah told him, 'If you can see me'; and Elisha saw him go. You know Elisha died, but do you know how many miracles Elijah did – notable miracles in his lifetime? Six! Do you

know how many Elisha did as at the time he died? Eleven! But you see, because the scriptures could not be broken, if you multiply two with six you get twelve; so did God lie?

With his dead bones forgotten, the Arabians were attacking the children of Israel and the Israelites were going for a burial, in their haste, because the dead body was weighing them down, they dropped it in Elisha's grave and the guy rose back to life. Is that not complete twelve? Have you imagined if Gehazi had just received a double portion, how many notable things would he have done? Twenty-four! Then imagine if he had said 'I want an unlimited portion'. Do you know you have an unlimited portion? Yes! Scriptures said that 'if you believe in Me, the same thing I did and greater...'¹⁰⁶ and people don't know they are wasting time darting between grace and the law, wasting time meditating between JESUS and Moses, No. all you need is CHRIST. JESUS is enough. Oh, the Bible says that 'I would behold Him with unveiled faces as in a mirror and be transformed from glory to glory'.¹⁰⁷ JESUS is enough. And one of the ways to see Jesus is through the Anointed. Praise the Lord as you are doing right now reading this Book.

Imagine Ruth and Naomi. Ruth was condemned, she was a Moabite. There were conditions upon which they will enter the assembly of Israel. But by marriage and not only marriage, because Orpah too entered by marriage. But you see, commitment, resilience, dedication, consistency, loyalty which is all you have in love made Ruth not to bother about pains but not just to start, but to follow Naomi, the person of covenant and her anointed. Hence, she said that your God will be my God, your people will be my people and where you die, I shall die. Today, Ruth is still counted in the genealogy of Christ.

And you know in Ephesians 4:11-16, God gave us gifts including you. To benefit from these gifts we have to recognize and accept them. We have to nurture celebrate and encourage them by giving, appreciating, making their supervising and ministry easier and we need to believe them, trust and agree with them. Let us take that again. To benefit from these gifts that God has given us, we need to recognize, that is accept them, we need to nurture, that is celebrate them, encourage by giving, appreciating and making their conditions and ministry easier. How do you do that? By believing them! What's the automatic benefit, you prosper, you excel, you succeed and you jump stages. 2 Chronicles 20:20 says 'believe your God and you will be established.' We realize that what establishes

¹⁰⁶ Holy Bible (John 14:12).

¹⁰⁷ Holy Bible (2 Corinthians 3:16-18).

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us is God's LOVE and the GRACE of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. So believe the LOVE and GRACE of God and you are established.

Believe His prophets; including believe His children, the Anointed ones, believe His children, the ministry gifts, believe His children, every man or woman God has put across your way, and you will prosper. You will excel. You will succeed. You will jump stages. In fact, one of our greatest assets, are spoken words. We have the Bible before us and the Holy Ghost is inside of us, we know which one is God's Word and which one is not God's Word. Once it is God's word, we take and you need to see how we run with God's words. We see how we make progress and we don't joke with words that come out from the mouth of men and women of God. So we appeal to you too never joke with the words of God. In enjoying Heaven on Earth; it is so important that you understand, recognize and submit to the Anointed in your life. Oh it makes you jump many stages.

Chapter seven

BELIEVE AND ACCEPT YOU ARE CHRIST

‘My OLD SELF HAS BEEN CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST. It is NO LONGER I WHO LIVE, but CHRIST LIVES IN ME. So I live in this Earthly body by TRUSTING IN (THE FAITH OF) THE SON OF GOD who LOVED ME and GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME. I do not treat the GRACE OF GOD as meaningless. For if keeping the Law could make us right with God, THEN THERE WAS NO NEED FOR CHRIST TO DIE’ – Galatians 2:20-21 NLT

‘When He (JESUS) died, HE DIED ONCE TO BREAK THE POWER OF SIN. But now that He lives, He lives for the glory of God. So you also should CONSIDER (RECKON) YOURSELVES TO BE DEAD TO THE POWER OF SIN AND ALIVE TO GOD through CHRIST JESUS’ – Romans 6:10-11 NLT

‘So then, if ANYONE IS IN CHRIST, he is a NEW CREATION; what is OLD HAS PASSED AWAY – look, what is NEW HAS COME. God made the ONE who did NOT KNOW SIN to BE SIN for us, so that IN HIM, we would BECOME THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD’ – 2 Corinthians 5:17 and 21 NET

‘So I say, LIVE BY THE SPIRIT, and you WILL NEVER FULFIL THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH’ – Galatians 5:16 ISV

'... JESUS arrived from Nazareth, ANOINTED BY GOD WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, READY FOR ACTION (AND WITH POWER). He went through the country helping PEOPLE (DOING GOOD) and healing EVERYONE who was beaten down (OPPRESSED) by the devil. He was ABLE TO DO ALL THIS because GOD WAS WITH HIM' – Acts 10:38 MSG

'... just as JESUS IS, so ALSO ARE WE in this world' 1 John 4:17 NET

Living and enjoying Heaven on Earth is our birth right. The Earth and its fullness thereof belong to God.¹⁰⁸ However, God inhabits the Heavens and has given the Earth to human beings.¹⁰⁹ After the Fall, satan took charge but JESUS has restored all things and we must enforce His will upon the Earth. Only THROUGH GOD can we do this because ONLY THE MEEK (those who allow God to fight their battles) can inherit the Earth.¹¹⁰ Depending on God means depending on His LOVE, being established in the GRACE of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, fellowshiping with the HOLY SPIRIT and promoting the UNITY OF THE BRETHREN by both recognizing and submitting to each other's gifts. The last thing that is crucial for us to enjoy Heaven on Earth, is to **recognize and accept who we have become in Christ.**

WE ARE CHRIST! And this understanding is critical to living the God and divine life having escaped the corruption on the Earth.¹¹¹ As a man thinks, so he is.¹¹² **We must accept who we have become in CHRIST, in order to say and do as we ought.** In our opinion therefore, a balanced message should talk about God's love; the Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST; fellowship and HELP of the Holy Spirit; place of UNITY and the Anointed as well as WHO WE HAVE BECOME IN CHRIST - The NEW CREATION MAN.

Any message that does not talk about these five areas is not helping us; why? We need to be balanced in these five areas to make progress and take all. In relating these understanding to the Ministry gifts, we would say that those that help us understand the LOVE OF GOD are the Apostles who have a singular

¹⁰⁸ Holy Bible (Psalm 24:1).

¹⁰⁹ Holy Bible (Psalm 115:16).

¹¹⁰ Holy Bible (Matthew 5:5).

¹¹¹ Holy Bible (2 Peter 1:4).

¹¹² Holy Bible (Proverbs 23:7).

message - RECONCILIATION. Those that help us understand the GRACE of our Lord JESUS CHRIST are the Pastors and Teachers; while the Evangelists (those who mentor us on how to practically and powerfully witness JESUS) help us understand the FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY GHOST. The Ministry of HELPs is relevant to promoting the UNITY OF BRETHREN and submitting to the Anointed; while knowing WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST is enhanced by the Ministry of the Prophet (preachers).

We love GRACE because you see, with the coming of the GRACE, we are making quick progress, people are wondering how come we are taking the word all over the place when we are so young? It has nothing to do with us, it's the handiwork of God. WE ARE CHRIST. What are some of the things we need to know about being CHRIST? ONE – We are Sons and so Heirs. TWO – We are Priests and Kings and so licensed to rule and reign. i.e exercise dominion. THREE – We are Citizens and Ambassadors of Heaven and so Representatives of JESUS upon the Earth. FOUR - We are JESUS Witnesses and so His light, His salt and so on. FIVE – We are Carriers and Temples of God. SIX – We are Friends of God and SEVEN – We are the Body of CHRIST.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS – HEIRS OF GOD (Galatians 3:26-29)

'The SPIRIT Himself TESTIFIES with our spirit that WE ARE CHILDREN OF GOD; and if CHILDREN, then HEIRS OF GOD, and JOINT HEIRS WITH CHRIST; if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may be glorified with Him' – Romans 8:16-17 WEB

The most profound thing to know and experience in this life is that our SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND WE HAVE BEEN DECLARED RIGHTEOUS by God who has reconciled us back to sonship. God has forgiven mankind its sins. We have been reconciled to God Himself by the BLOOD SACRIFICE OF JESUS. JESUS died once and cannot die again, once was enough to perfect us forever. So we are RIGHTEOUS, HOLY and BLAMELESS as far as God is concerned. In CHRIST, we were crucified and it is NO LONGER US WHO LIVES BUT CHRIST – the Anointing of the Anointed One. We live by the Spirit, the HELP, ENDORSEMENT, POWER, AUTHORIZATION, ABILITY and APPROVAL of God because AS HE IS, SO ARE WE. Wow! As JESUS is so are we. How was JESUS? He was born of God; ANOINTED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND POWER and God was with Him. Likewise, we are BORN OF GOD, anointed with the Holy Ghost and power and GOD IS WITH US. Hallelujah! We NEED TO BELIEVE THIS.

In Psalms 40:1-3, we waited patiently upon the Lord and we cried out to Him and He heard us. He brought us out of the pit, why? Is it so that our feet will slip again? No sorry. He brought us out of the pit, put us on a solid rock which is CHRIST. Brethren, God did not bring us out of the pit for us to start serving Him in our effort. He brought us out of the pit for us to stand on a solid rock and for our trust alone to be in the Death, Burial and Resurrection of JESUS CHRIST. Our ONLY plea being the BLOOD OF JESUS, which is the reason why we boldly come to God, the reason why we boldly relate with God, the reason why we boldly ask of God, the reason we can demand of God, the reason why we believe everything must work for us and the reason why we can LIVE THE LIFE OF CHRIST. Brethren, the PRICE HAS BEEN PAID. JESUS has paid EVERY PRICE and we cannot compete with His price, we only accept it and rejoice as a result. For the Bible said 'IF we needed to PAY ANOTHER PRICE, then JESUS DIED IN VAIN (UNNECESSARILY).'¹¹³

God is so Holy and JESUS has brought us into God. We are ONE WITH GOD NOW. We are His OFFSPRINGS and must live as such considering, reckoning and knowing/seeing that we are DEAD TO SIN but ALIVE TO GOD THROUGH CHRIST. This is the FIGHT OF FAITH, that as HE IS, SO ARE WE. We are just trying to imagine someone coming to visit us in our highly secure and restricted facility and every time he comes in our name and then one day he suddenly gets there and he wants to enter using his name. He will be sent to guard room and drilled properly. We are never ever to come in OUR NAME, WE COME IN HIS NAME. HE HAS MADE US CHRIST and GIVEN US HIS NAME. We belong to ONE FAMILY and He is not ashamed to call us BROTHERS AND SISTERS.

We are always bold to come to God in His Name. He said 'hitherto, you did not ask for anything, now ask for anything in My Name' not our names. People are arguing that we are sons and daughters but not without sin; how can God who does things perfectly say He has cleansed us from ALL SIN and we say IT IS NOT SO? That is the case of some Christians who are coming to God and standing in their own merits. The Bible says that the best of our righteousness is filthy rags before God. We have no merits that are good enough, IF NOT JESUS DIED UNNECESSARILY; WE LIVE BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST, WE LIVE BY THE SACRIFICE OF JESUS, WE LIVE DEPENDING on the magnanimity, mercy, love and grace of God. The only righteousness that is acceptable is the righteousness of CHRIST and can we say "I have that righteousness". We could not pay THE PRICE but JESUS paid and the DEED IS DONE. We did not do anything to merit it. So, why should we now do anything not to merit it?

¹¹³ Holy Bible (Galatians 2:21).

Are you getting our point? When we were good it was not enough to merit it but **RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS GIVEN TO US**. Is it when we are bad it will be taken away? In the first place that is why **RIGHTEOUSNESS WAS GIVEN**, by ourselves we could never be right with God. So He in love, gave us right standing with Himself by getting **JESUS TO DIE OUR DEATH AND PAY OUR DEBT**. We have received **JESUS** and the associated benefits. Do we now suddenly think that it is now we would be so bad for the **FREE GIFT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** to be taken away from us? **NO**. **JESUS** became sin so that we can become the righteousness of God and that's who we are. Say after us, "I'm the righteousness of God!"

We love God and are so excited every day, because the more our eyes are open to the truth that we are now sons and daughters of God – **BORN AND FATHERED BY HIM**, it changes everything and oh we are excited. As younger Christians, we were stumbling and we just couldn't understand what the problem was. And, that's why we like that song, 'Nobody is greater - we searched high and low, we found no one, until we found **CHRIST**.' Just like what happened to Paul in Romans 7 till he met **CHRIST**. Praise the Lord. Since we've met **CHRIST** all we've just done basically which we've been doing is studying Gods word, praying in the Holy Ghost, attending meetings, submitting to anointed men and women and obeying the promptings of the **SPIRIT** in our hearts. 2 Corinthians 3:16-18 says that anyone who turns to the Lord will have the veil of religion removed and as we keep beholding the Mirror of His Word (**JESUS**), we are transformed from glory to glory.

Let us tell you, some people believe we don't share God's **GLORY**. We say sorry, in the New Testament, God has given us His glory. In fact, His glory dwells in us. The Bible says this **MYSTERY** was hidden before, but now it has been revealed that **CHRIST IN US IS THE HOPE OF GLORY**.¹¹⁴ **JESUS** lives for the **GLORY** of God and so do we who have received His **LIFE**. The **HOLY SPIRIT** is not different from God. God is Spirit and so God dwells in us. How can God dwell in us and we are not sharing His glory? I am a group captain and the Brethren share my **GLORY** (**STATUS** and **WEALTH**) because through me they get some things done. Am I angry that they are sharing my glory? No. I am happy.

So how can God our Father, greater than any military rank be angry that we are sharing His glory? God forbid! We have come to one conclusion about this; and hear us clearly, we don't have to fall and be stumbling. The only reason a man falls is what happened to Peter after he stepped off the boat, walked on water

¹¹⁴ Holy Bible (Colossians 1:27).

and then started sinking. He took his eyes off JESUS. By strength shall no man prevail - we were never to live by our strength: IT IS NOT BY OUR POWER OR MIGHT BUT BY HIS SPIRIT.¹¹⁵ That is the only reason men fall; shifting their gaze and trust from JESUS to obeying a set of rules and regulations. Oh they so lied to us that we tried in our effort to be relieved and keep ourselves, forget it. The Bible says ‘take heed lest you think you stand if not you will fall’.¹¹⁶ The only place you can stand is upon the SOLID ROCK CHRIST. That’s why Hebrews 12:2 is very clear it says ‘LOOKING UNTO JESUS’.

When we found out that God is not interested in our fall because immediately Peter started sinking and he cried out, JESUS saved him then later rebuked him for doubting. Let us tell you, God is interested in delivering us and He has delivered us; and not just that, He has given us a life of abundance – LIVING HEAVEN ON THE EARTH. That’s why the Bible says ‘He has given us all that pertains to life and godliness. He is not interested in flogging or punishing us. So all those doing koboko (flogging with horsewhip) service, we pray for them. No, the Bible says for God so loved the world – sinners and that’s why the Bible says it was while we were yet sinners that He died for us.

God is not interested in flogging anyone. If anybody is teaching you that when you get to Heaven He will flog or beat you, tell them it is a lie. Better still, even if He was interested in doing that, He has already flogged somebody in our stead. He has flogged and really flogged JESUS and He cannot punish us for the same sin. To do that will make Him unrighteous; but He is a righteous God. So for every one of our sins, JESUS has been flogged and really punished. So why should we receive punishment again? There is no need. How many of us remember when we were younger and because of stubbornness we were to be flogged with a koboko (whip), then we will go and wear double trousers?

JESUS has taken the whipping like the second trouser and if you take another whipping, you are suffering for nothing. JESUS has taken the koboko. Both of us cannot suffer for the same thing. He has taken all my pain and all my shame; He was pierced for our rebellion and crushed for our sins.¹¹⁷ Can you say “He has taken all my pain, He has taken all my shame, all my disgrace, all my sicknesses and diseases, all my poverty and lack, all my confusion and doubts, all my fears, He has taken it **ALL**”. We just need to believe these things. In fact, just keep hearing these things, faith will rise up.

¹¹⁵ Holy Bible (Zechariah 4:6).

¹¹⁶ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 10:12).

¹¹⁷ Holy Bible (Isaiah 53:5).

People receive wisdom from our lips; satan is in trouble. They receive wisdom from our lips and that is why we are never bothered about number. God was so interested in us that He said “if two or more are gathered in His Name, He is there with us”.¹¹⁸ And all over the world, those of us who believe in GOD’s GRACE ALONE are more than two. We bother more about development because just like someone said “One lion is more than a thousand sheep” And the RIGHTEOUS ARE AS BOLD AS A LION. Moreover, God our Father is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, so we are lions. Sincerely what you need to know and understand is that “you are righteous”. The more you know and understand that you are righteous, boldness comes naturally. Nobody is greater than God and it is God that gave us righteousness for we can’t be His children and not be righteous.

Nobody is greater than God and this Person that is on our side is the greatest of them all. Nobody compares to Him. He melts the mountains, He fills the valleys, He dries up floods with just the breath of His nostril, He is the Almighty God, the I AM THAT I AM, presently present, here and there, everywhere, the Omniscience One, the Omnipotent One, all powers belongs to Him. He does not need our permission and endorsement to be God because He is God all by Himself. So we are not telling you something out of the ordinary, we represent God and because of that we stand in our calling and do extra-ordinary things. We carry his glory (our dressing). HALLELUYAH! He has done His job. We are simply supposed to look up to and receive His righteousness by sitting under the ministry of others who TEACH CHRIST. Why? So that the ‘Saints are equipped for every good work through the teachings of the man of God!’¹¹⁹

It is critical that we recognize and accept that in CHRIST, WE ARE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF GOD and so AUTOMATIC HEIRS. That’s why we can boldly say all things are yours; a son is a heir. And do you know why you are a heir? And why you can take it now? The Testator (JESUS) has died. We don’t need to wait for God to die. He has died already. He died 2,000 years ago. So all things have become ours, over 2000 years ago! You don’t need to start waiting for anything; all things are yours because you are a son and a heir, joint heirs with CHRIST. We are heirs and everything that belongs to God belongs to us. EVERYTHING! And we take it now. People say concerning the story in Luke 15:11-32 (Magnanimous Father and his 2 sons) that the younger son wished his father’s death. No. The boy had an understanding that all things were his. The only mistake he made is that he left the covering of his father.

¹¹⁸ Holy Bible (Matthew 18:20).

¹¹⁹ Holy Bible (Ephesians 4:11-13).

We will never and can never leave our covering because we have the Holy Ghost – HE IS ALWAYS WITH US. So we will never misuse that money. We will use the money to advance the Kingdom and use the money to be a blessing. We will use the money to build schools, build roads, build hospitals, we will use the money to build universities of high quality and reduce illiteracy in the world. We will build TV and radio stations, and populate the Earth with the word of grace. They tried to restrict Christian activity on Facebook, sometime ago, but they realized they will run at a loss. Yes. We are on the board so they cannot take adverse decisions against the Church. You cannot keep us quiet and anything will work for you, it's not possible.

Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the CHILDREN OF GOD by faith in CHRIST JESUS.

So who are we? The children of God! How? By faith - by believing! Have you believed? Yes. Then you are a son or a daughter. Are you a son? Yes. Are you a daughter? Yes. Simply because you believe!

Galatians 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into CHRIST have put on CHRIST.

Have you put on CHRIST? Yes. Then you are CHRIST. I (HIM) cannot have been enlisted into the Military and then be issued uniforms and not be a Military man; just like the Nurse and all those who have distinct uniforms. WE ARE CHRIST Brethren, we must believe it.

Galatians 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

Is there Jew or Greek? No. Is there male or female? No. So no matter your gender or sex, you can preach and all these benefits in CHRIST apply to you. Also, you need to understand that females are not less anointed than males, receive their preaching and celebrate their ministries because there is no male or female in CHRIST. Don't be associated with those that are walking in ignorance.

Galatians 3:29 And if ye be CHRIST'S, then are ye ABRAHAM'S SEED, and HEIRS according to the promise.

Can you see why we can sing Abraham blessings are mine? Did it say Abraham's curses? No. Did it say Abraham's troubles? No. Let us read the

Message translation – **‘But now you have arrived at your destination ...’** Can you say ‘I have arrived at my destination!’ **‘... by faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God...’** Can you say ‘I’m in direct relationship with God.’ **‘... Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It is also dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe ...’** Say after us, ‘I’m dressed in an adult faith wardrobe’ **‘...- CHRIST’S life ...’** Can you say ‘I have CHRIST’S LIFE.’ **‘... the fulfilment of God’s original promise. In Christ’s family, there can be no division into Jews and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female ...’** Can you say ‘there is no division in my family.’ **‘... Among us we are all equal ...’** Can you say ‘we are all equal.’ **‘... That is, we are all in a common relationship with JESUS CHRIST ...’** Can you say ‘I am in a common relationship with CHRIST JESUS.’ **‘... Also, since you are CHRIST’S FAMILY, then you are Abraham’s famous “descendants”, HEIRS according to the Covenant promises.’** Can you say ‘I am a famous descendant of Abraham.’ Say with us ‘I am a heir of God.’

In Colossians 1:13-14, the Bible says **‘God rescued us ...’** Say after us, ‘God has rescued us.’ **‘... from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons ...’** Say with us, ‘I have been rescued from dead-end alleys and dark dungeons. Do you know what a dead end alley is? It is a road which has been closed that means you can’t go forward and there is danger behind you. You know like the devil came against the Children of Israel at the Red Sea but it didn’t know that we walk through walls because God is on our side. Amen. **‘...He’s set us up in the Kingdom of the Son He loves so much, the Son who got us out of the pit we were in ...’** Say with us, ‘I am out of the pit and am staying out of the pit to enjoy heaven on Earth.’ **‘... got rid of the sins we were doomed to keep repeating.’** Can you say ‘I have overcome sin.’ Oh we can never sin since we are mature in CHRIST because we are CHILDREN of God. We are reconciled to God and so live in harmony with Him.

1 John 3:1-3 says that we are children of God and the reason why the world does not recognize us is because they don’t know God. But we know. So we inherit the Earth and its fullness because it belongs to God, who is my Father. Oh we are children of God and heirs of all things. So don’t think that we are crazy when we say all things are ours. All things are yours. All things are mine. Yes because we are CHILDREN OF GOD.

*Psalm 25:14 The secret of the LORD is with them that fear Him;
and He will shew them His covenant.*

Oh Glory. We are the sons of God and we inherit the Earth because God shows us how to take what He has given us. What does Psalms 115:14-16 says:

‘The LORD shall increase you more and more, you and your children. Ye are blessed of the LORD which made heaven and Earth. The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD’S; but THE EARTH HATH HE GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN OF MEN.’ - Psalm 115:14-16

Who has God given the Earth? Oh He has given the Earth to us. Oh we are His children and so heirs of all things. The world belongs to us and everything in it belongs to us. Some people will come and tell you about principles and strategies to inherit the Earth. Sorry, the principle and strategy is CHRIST. And we are going to show you what that means.

Jeremiah 17:5 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD.

What does it mean to be cursed in a lay man’s language? That means you can never do well, you can never succeed, you can never overcome sin, you can’t progress, you can never overcome poverty, fear, failure or hell, death, the flesh, that is what it means to be cursed. Then what makes somebody cursed? They trusted in themselves and others to make themselves rich, healed, succeed etc. But that is not your portion. That is how many people put themselves under a curse.

But JESUS was hung on the tree and everybody is blessed as a result because **‘cursed is he who was hung on a tree’**. He deliberately went through it. He could have been killed by hanging – why did He choose crucifixion? Because only by crucifixion could He be cursed and He needed to be cursed so that you will be blessed because that was the original plan of God from Genesis 1:28 which were the first words that God spoke over man and His words don’t fall to the ground. The Bible says ‘He blessed man’. And when sin came in, something altered that which God did not like. So what did He do? He hung Himself – He didn’t just hang Himself, He nailed Himself to a tree because cursed is anybody that hangs on a tree. So the natural consequence of JESUS’ death and resurrection is that you are blessed.

Another reason why you should have confidence is that you never entered a covenant with God. You were not told in the New Testament that you entered a covenant with God, you were told to BELIEVE IN JESUS who entered the Covenant on our behalf. And because yours is just to BELIEVE IN JESUS, you can’t disobey; you can’t fail; except you don’t believe. The person that would ensure the terms of the Covenant are fulfilled is CHRIST. It has nothing to do

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with you. That is why no matter how you fall, if your eyes is on JESUS, you are corrected. You are restored, you are refreshed and you are empowered to receive those blessings He gave.

No matter how many times the prodigal son leaves home, he would come back and he would receive. Hence, because JESUS had paid such a price that no misbehavior of ours could undo, no misbehavior of ours is enough to rubbish the price – **IT IS ENOUGH**. The price had been paid, like someone said the price had been over paid. You have been washed clean and you are brand new. But any man who puts his trust in himself or puts his trust in others puts himself under a curse.

“... And turn their heart away from the Lord”

You see the issue. It is not possible to look up and down at the same time. Try it; can you look up and down together at the same time? And that is what God is actually saying that anytime you look to yourself and look to man; you have stopped looking at God. No wonder many fail because you can't look at God and look at man at the same time. You can't look at God and look at yourself at the same time – it's not possible you must choose one and it is only one that brings victory. It is not the two that brings victory. It's either you are totally sold out to God or not.

Jeremiah 17:6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Jeremiah 17:7 BLESSED is THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is.

Oh my God. Say 'I am blessed'. Why are you blessed? You trust in the Lord. So what will you say about the Lamb slain? It is deliberate. That's the victory. No matter how long it takes, keep looking unto the Lamb slain. Do you know it doesn't matter how many serpents are biting and it doesn't matter how long the serpents are biting. The serpents are all those ingredients of sin like self, fear, failure, curses, sickness, poverty, death etc. As they looked unto the Brazen serpent, they were healed. They were completely whole. The Lord is our hope and confidence.

Jeremiah 17:8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat

cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

It doesn't matter whether everything is dry around you for now, it doesn't matter whether everything seems not to be working, it is only for now. You know what is happening? As your roots grow deeper and deeper because the WORD of CHRIST is dwelling in you richly, your mind is being renewed and the automatic consequence is fruitfulness. Automatic! If natural men and women can keep meeting themselves and the natural result is children, then imagine you that are meeting with God. And you think that result will not be produced? It must. You know some time ago, God told us that the difference between the unbeliever and the believer is being self-ruled or controlled and being spirit led or controlled. If a believer is still self-ruled then they are carnal relating to the physical – especially sexual tendencies that is he is sense or flesh ruled, he has not allowed his mind to be renewed but thank God that your mind has been renewed.

So, you see, we are out of the pit and we stay out and we enjoy Heaven on the Earth. It delights God that we enjoy Heaven on the Earth. If you look at the way money is spent around us for the Gospel sake, we hear God say, 'see My sons have come of age. Let us see one person in the Old Testament that enjoyed Heaven on Earth because he submitted to grace and knew who he was because of grace. Our example is Solomon who was son to David, a king over just Israel and Judah but God is a King over the whole universe. You need to picture the difference; and we are Children of the Most High. I (HIM) woke up one day and God told me that **'you have so much money that even when you think you know what to do with it, you won't know what to do with it'**; and we believe and we receive. You will loan to Banks and bail out nations. Joseph did it and we are those people. We believe and we receive.

1 Kings 4:20 'Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking, and making merry.'

Oh my God. That's how to do it. Glory! Thank you JESUS. Our number is many and we eat and drink making merry because God is our God and has paid the price.

1 Kings 4:21 'And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his life.'

So when we are saying that we are taking over, and we are ruling from the North to South and West to the East, we are not joking. No! God had us in mind. And we are not speaking mere words, that's who we are – Kings upon the Earth. Heirs of the promises and heirs of the world! You have already seen that JESUS died and rose for us. So when we are saying that money will be coming, we are not just talking too much stories. These things, they happen. Do you know why? We are Kings and anyone who is not yet in CHRIST is conquered and must bring money to us for their own good.¹²⁰ So don't think that we are just exciting ourselves. No, we are not exciting ourselves; but we will liberate them the way we have liberated other rich unbelievers. Then they bring their money to the Church. Like we liberate all those Boko Haram members and they bring their gifts and resources to the Church. Amen.

1Kings 4:22 'And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all the region on this side the river, from Tiphah even to Azzah, over all the kings on this side the river: and he had peace on all sides round about him.

We are telling you that everything has changed. Just keep saying it, keep saying it. Everything has changed. Yes. They could count the other ones, these ones they couldn't count. They were not talking about a yearly provision, they were not talking about a monthly provision, they were not talking about weekly, they were talking about daily. And JESUS said that someone who is more important/better than Solomon is here. Let us tell you, go and ask the richest man on Earth right now by men's calculations, if he can organize an impromptu party for 5,000 people without planning. It's not possible, but JESUS did it. And then you, you are still worried about your needs; which needs? See a mere mortal like you not under the covenant of grace having a daily ration of this much.

So shall your dominion be; because we have enlarged our coast from the North to the South, the East and to the West. You are in charge, you are in control and you have gone intercontinental in the name of JESUS. Amen. You are international now. People are looking for us; Yes. Not only was there prosperity but there was peace, nothing missing, nothing broken. Everybody could transact peacefully (do business) and that is what has happened in GREAT Nigeria. You know people are laughing at a prominent lady that said, 'THERE IS GOD'.

¹²⁰ Holy Bible (Isaiah 60:11-12).

However, God told us that she had made the greatest statement any public figure in Nigeria has ever made and that we will see manifestation of that statement. We saw it in the taking of Sambisa Forest, North East Nigeria, during the elections and events unfolding since then.

You see, let us tell you everything collapses outside of God. Any nation that thinks that there is no God, you will see them collapse. Only in CHRIST can a nation be exalted because only in CHRIST does everything hold together.¹²¹ He says without Me you can do nothing.¹²² So when she was saying THERE IS GOD O, she was inviting God and those who are laughing; they will not laugh anymore because suddenly Nigeria will just overcome all things.

1Kings 4:25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon. And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

You know Pastor John Oche Owochio (Chief of Staff Jesus Jireh Rapha Support Foundation) said he was watching a Conference and no one mentioned the name of God. These cannot be the people ruling us. We are the ones ruling. Our destiny in Kaduna Nigeria cannot be in the hands of those who don't know God because the Bible says 'woe to that nation whose kings are children'.¹²³ And the Bible says that the people who are children are those that are still under the Law of Moses for only those who are under grace are CHRIST and so mature. Moreover, the CHRIST ones are the ones that can truly exercise authority because JESUS has given us authority over all the powers of the enemy. We are the ones in charge and we are the ones that decide what happens. That is why God said we should pray ALWAYS because the truth is as you pray, He tells you what to do, how to do it and when to do it. He tells you the things to say and the things to take etc.

People think when we say you should pray they think we are weak. But that is strength because only those who wait upon the Lord renew strength. They shall mount up with wings like eagles. They shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint; only those who wait upon the Lord. So when we say you should pray, that is one of the only things in the Bible that JESUS consistently said to do always and without ceasing. If you go to Hebrews 5:7 the Bible says, 'JESUS cried

¹²¹ Holy Bible (Colossians 1:14-17).

¹²² Holy Bible (John 15:5).

¹²³ Holy Bible (Ecclesiastes 10:16).

daily to the One who could help Him and God answered His prayers because of His dependence on/reverence for Him.

Do you know what that means? It means when you pray you are telling God that you humble yourself and depend on Him. The Bible says that when you humble yourself, you will resist the devil.¹²⁴ You are always in charge when you pray. Always! And the Bible says do not worry, make progress, rise, build edifices, praying in the Holy Ghost.¹²⁵ Why? You don't know what or how to pray but the Holy Ghost, the Energizer, the Charger, the Setter, the Revealer of all things, helps us. He is the One that establishes our goings and that's why we don't joke with the Holy Ghost. He is our administrator, our Guide, our Shepherd, our Helper. He is not just a Stand-by, He is our LIFE SOURCE. Amen. So pray in the Holy Ghost; this is how we are going to have all - capabilities, jets, helicopters, cars, lands and every means to fulfil our mandates.

We have been commissioned to preach the Gospel and we take every resource possible to do that job. The Gospel is the power of God. There is no other thing that can save man except the Gospel - NOTHING ELSE. JESUS has paid the price already and everyone needs to know. People need to know that their sins are forgiven. People need to know that they have been set free from the foundations of the Earth because a lot of people are still working in bondage because they don't know. And we are the ones to tell them and we tell them. Amen.

And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they lacked nothing. Barley also and straw for the horses and dromedaries brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according to his charge. And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. - 1 Kings 4:27-29

Not only do we have riches, we have power, we have influence, and we also have wisdom. Remember the Book of Proverbs says it is better to have riches and wisdom.¹²⁶ This is because without wisdom you will just spend the money anyhow, but not us because wisdom resides in us. CHRIST is the wisdom that has been given to us.¹²⁷ That's why in Christ, everything is complete. You see what it means

¹²⁴ Holy Bible (James 4:7)

¹²⁵ Holy Bible (Jude 20).

¹²⁶ Holy Bible (Ecclesiastes 7:11-12).

¹²⁷ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 1:30).

when God says I have given you JESUS. He has given you everything. That's why you can boldly say that I have all things that pertain to life and to Godliness; ALL BECAUSE YOU HAVE CHRIST.

1 Kings 4:30-31 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Chalcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all nations round about.

Can you say 'my wisdom excels that of everyone around me.' Can you say 'I am wiser than Ethan.' Can you say 'my wisdom surpasses all the wisdom of the world.' Can you say 'I am more famous than everyone before me.' I am more famous than presidents, I am more famous than Kings, am I more famous than queens. I am more famous because CHRIST resides in me.

1 Kings 4:32 And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

Say with us, 'I write more proverbs and songs than Solomon.' Do you know you are even writing more than three thousand proverbs? All those quotes you are putting on Facebook etc, do you know they will outlive you? All those songs you are singing, it's already manifesting, don't start thinking plenty, its already happening.

1 Kings 4:33-34 And he spake of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping things, and of fishes. And there came of all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the Earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

Say after us, '**Someone greater than Solomon is here, and that someone who is greater than Solomon dwells in me.**' We are greater. Look at who you are. Look at what characterizes you and what distinguishes you so that when they start telling you about dressing, you tell them 'it's not about the dress'. The things that actually matter, is encountering GRACE. Titus 2:11 says '**for the grace of God has been revealed bringing Salvation to all people and enables us to say NO to ungodliness.**' We are really out of the pit and because we believe these words, we live with the Wisdom and Righteousness of God as well as in devotion to Him while we look forward to the hope set before us. It is automatic that we have wisdom; it is automatic that we have righteousness; it is automatic that we

are devoted to God. Are you getting it? So we look forward to this hope, that wonderful day when the glory of our dear God and Savior JESUS CHRIST will be revealed.

How do people know that glory has come upon you? Titus 2:14 says, ‘... He gave His life to free us’. We are free to live, we are free to love, we are free to dance, we are free to celebrate, we are free to start business and we are free to sit in the house. We are free to judge and not be judged. WE ARE FREE. The only thing is that Paul advises us not to use our freedom for misbehavior; but we are free. That’s why there is no pressure over you –like what do I do for God? You know. You just know what to do because you are free. He never told the people He gave talents what to do with the talents.¹²⁸ You know why? You have the Holy Ghost in you. So you know all things. That’s what 1 Corinthians 2 says in Verse 10; and it further says in Verse 16 that you understand, why? You have the mind of Christ. You know all things. Oh you are free. Can you say, ‘I am free and I enjoy everything that God has given me because I am free’. Praise the Lord. Oh you are free. Can you say, ‘I am free; you are free; you are free from every kind of sin.

We are cleansed and so we are clean. You know some people still doubt whether they are righteous or not. No! You are cleansed. Yes JESUS said, ‘Sanctify them by Thy word, Thy word is TRUTH.¹²⁹ He says, ‘You will know the truth and the truth will set you free.’¹³⁰ He further said, ‘Anyone who has taken his bath, all he needs is just washing of his feet.’¹³¹ So to be clean, you need to wash your feet; which is simply to be established in the Gospel of GRACE. That means for you too, you are made clean, by being established in the Gospel. And that’s why we organize meetings after meetings after meetings and write books etc. That is why our lifestyle is to keep hearing because once you are established in the Gospel, you will be established in righteousness, and once you are established in righteousness, you are established in wisdom, once you are established in wisdom, you will be established in favor and once you are established in favor, you will be established in life, once you are established in life, you will be established in health.

Proverbs 4:22 says ‘Pay attention to these words I speak to you.’ Why? Those who find it, find life and health to their physical bodies. So it is not like we don’t have anything to do because we keep hearing God’s word. We have; but

¹²⁸ Holy Bible (Matthew 25:14-18).

¹²⁹ Holy Bible (John 17:17).

¹³⁰ Holy Bible (John 8:32).

¹³¹ Holy Bible (John 13:6-10)

we know that this is the secret for growth and true and lasting victory. Hearing the words of Christ is more important. And you are more important because you are God's people, so you are clean. Let nobody ever tell you otherwise, you are the righteousness of God. If they are looking for how God does right things, they will look for you. One of my daughters said, 'if you are looking for who to do that thing for you, look in the mirror, it is you'.

Oh we are free and we are clean. You are clean. You are the righteousness of God. That's why God can dwell in you through the Holy Ghost. Some people are still confessing sin and the Holy Ghost is in them. It's a contradiction because even in the Old Testament what made anything holy was just sprinkling of blood and water. And then the Holy Ghost is in us and then we have been washed by the blood. The Bible says as holy children you should not sin, but even if you sin, you have an Advocate. So what is the problem? Sin is the least of our problem. Say with us 'I have an Advocate'. 'I have an Advocate and He is doing a good job'.

The summary is: who the Father is we are. And Matthew 5:44-48 says we are part of God's love. Ephesians 5:1-2 says 'We should imitate our Father as dearly beloved children' and Colossians 1:13-17, especially Verse 14 -15 says, says we who are in Christ have been redeemed by the BLOOD SACRIFICE OF JESUS and so have received FORGIVENESS OF SINS as well as are the beautiful image of the INVINSIBLE GOD. In CHRIST all things hold together and that's why all things are holding together because we are here. Only righteousness exalts a nation; makes it prosper, grow and develop. We ARE THE RIGHTOUESNESS OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS, without us, the world will collapse.

We have been reconciled to God and put together in harmony; so also are all the things around us. We are sons and daughters and so heirs to enjoy Heaven on Earth. Like Father like children. This means if our Father is righteous and holy, then we are righteous and holy. If our Father is rich, then we are rich; if our Father is healed, then we are healed. If our Father is blessed then we are blessed, if our Father is successful then we are successful. This is our argument, we are born of God and so have His exact LIFE and DNA. We just need to believe it and we do believe. In believing we receive and so have. We are children of God and so His heirs to take; inhabit the Earth, be fruitful, multiply, replenish it and exercise His dominion. Amen.

KINGS AND PRIESTS (1 PETER 2:9-17)

'And from JESUS CHRIST, Who is the FAITHFUL WITNESS, and the FIRST BEGOTTEN OF THE DEAD, and the PRINCE OF THE

KINGS OF THE EARTH. Unto Him that LOVED US, and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD. And hath MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS unto God and His Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen’– Revelations 1:5-6 KJV

‘They SANG A NEW SONG, saying, “You (JESUS) are worthy to take the Book and to open its seals: for You were killed. And BOUGHT US FOR GOD WITH YOUR BLOOD, out of EVERY tribe, language, people and nation, and MADE US KINGS AND PRIESTS to our God, and WE WILL REIGN ON THE EARTH’ – Revelations 5:9-10 WEB

God gave birth to us by buying us back from the control of satan with the BLOOD OF JESUS and made us SONS/DAUGHTERS AND HEIRS. He has also made us KINGS AND PRIESTS unto Himself. Every NEW CREATION man or woman functions in both the kingly and priestly anointing. It is God that did it and said so, we ONLY BELIEVE. Of course you know that when we lack knowledge of the purpose of a thing then abuse is unavoidable. Many times we have given people very expensive gifts and they have treated them casually simply because they don’t know the value of the items. Hence, we would just identify what it means to be a king and priest so we can function in who we truly are.

Who is a King? A king is a monarch – someone who rules or heads a kingdom as a supreme ruler of that kingdom or nation. A king could also be a powerful or influential or important or extremely notable person that has a preeminent position which is of outstanding excellence and exceeds others in quality or rank. Simply put, a king is someone who rules in the place of God upon the Earth. God inhabits the Heavens and He has given the Earth to men, we who have been made His kings to reign on the Earth. JESUS is King of kings and we are His fellow kings. Principally, a king is in charge of an area of people and exercises authority. In the Old Testament, kings led their troops for battle and so he/she was responsible for the protection and defence of their territory. Likewise, we exercise His dominion wherever we are. Oh can you say ‘I am a King.’

The Children of Israel had always been guided by God, provided for by God and protected by God. He was their Shepherd and Ruler. However, He knew that man would always look to the physical (outward) for guidance rather than be led by His Spirit (inward); a drawback of the Fall. So, He led them through men such as Moses, Joshua, the Judges and eventually Samuel whose words never fell to the ground. God knowing the end from the beginning, prepared instructions for

a would be king that was anointed in the time of Samuel, the Prophet (Seer). Let us read Deuteronomy 17:14-20:

Deuteronomy 17:14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

When you enter the land the Lord your God is given you and take possession of it. Say 'I have taken possession of the land I am living and reign in that land'

Deuteronomy 17:15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

Deuteronomy 17:16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

So who is a King? A believer! You are the ones that have been authorized to be Kings. That's why the Bible says and JESUS has brought us into a Kingdom of Priests and Kings. Say 'I am a king.' Oh you are a king. A king must not build up war machines (amassing horses) because his reign should be peaceful. God abhors violence and we are not kings to be violent and kill but to save. When James and John, the Sons of Boarneges wanted to call fire upon some people who were using His Name, JESUS said, 'You don't know the kind of Spirit you have'. Now we know, 'it is a Spirit of power, LOVE and a sound mind'¹³² So we are not violent kings but kings of peace.

Again, we are not to lead people to Egypt – the system of the world based on SELF-HELP that trusts in the help of men, science etc rather than the HELP OF GOD. Can you say 'I don't trust men for help neither do I trust myself for help; MY HELP IS IN THE LORD.'

Deuteronomy 17:17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

¹³² Holy Bible (2 Timothy 1:7).

God established the marriage covenant between a male and female; not a male and male or female and a female. Hence, one of the requirements to be a leader in Church either as a Bishop or Deacon was to be a husband of one wife. Bottom line, more than one spouse would create tension, distraction and frequent strife as witnessed in the homes of Abraham, Jacob, David and Solomon. As a king, we are husband of one wife or wife of one husband. Furthermore, we are not kings to enrich ourselves but to serve and lead; so we are not greedy for money but treat gold like dust. We are rich and blessed to be a blessing. Say after us, 'I am the husband/wife of one wife/husband'; can you say 'What God puts in my hands, I use to bless others and use for the increase of the Kingdom'. 'I'm a liberal giver'. 'I'm a righteous healthy young rich ruler and king that gives'.

Deuteronomy 17:18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that HE SHALL WRITE HIM A COPY of this LAW IN A BOOK out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

To succeed, God told Joshua, not to allow the Word depart from his mouth but he was to hide it in his heart by meditating on it day and night. There is no exception for kings or shortcut. We rule by speaking and those words must be backed by power, hence they must be God's word shot from a loaded barrel (our hearts). Careless confessions mean nothing, it is faith filled words that cause change and faith comes by hearing the words of CHRIST and built by praying in the Holy Spirit. We must fellowship with God, studying His word and praying in the Spirit to rule and exercise authority effectively upon the Earth. Say with us, 'I will meditate on God's Word; I am led by God's Spirit; I walk in love; and I submit myself to the Anointed.'

Deuteronomy 17:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

JESUS taught the Disciples saying that the one who is greatest is the one who serves all. As we fellowship with God by meditating on His word and praying in the Holy Ghost, humility is sure to exude from us. Let this mind be in you, JESUS was humble and we have His mind and so are humble. God resists the proud but exalts and lifts up the humble. Can you imagine that we reign forever because JESUS reigns! So you can see why we are so excited about HEAVEN ON EARTH

and knowing who we are because of the SACRIFICE OF JESUS and this LOVE OF GOD that has given us grace, favour, righteousness and AUTHORITY.

God has made us KINGS. We didn't make ourselves and He did so because He wants us to REIGN and EXERCISE HIS DOMINION UPON THE EARTH. There is injustice on the Earth but we have escaped such corruption. JESUS has given us authority over ALL the power of the enemy.¹³³ Ours is to believe and receive who we are in order to exercise our GOD GIVEN AUTHORITY. You are a king. Can you say 'I'm a King'; 'I'm a believer'; 'I'm not violent; and I do not trust in the help of men. Can you say 'I'm a husband of one wife or wife of one husband'; 'I'm not greedy for money'; 'I'm spiritual'; 'I know and meditate on God's Word'; and 'I'm led of God's Spirit'. Can you say 'I walk in love'; 'I humble myself before men'; 'I do not exalt myself above my brethren' and 'I reign forever'. Can you say 'I reign forever'. 'I reign with Christ'. We REIGN FOREVER.

We met a man of God who told the people that they were priests but he and other men of God were higher priests. Wow, how so far from the truth. We have only ONE HIGH PRIEST and His Name is JESUS. The rest of us are His PRIESTS. God made us priests to serve Him acceptably. We are HOLY unto God and this is everyone who has believed in JESUS as LORD and SAVIOR. Colossians 1:22 NLT says 'Yet now He (GOD) has RECONCILED you to Himself through the DEATH OF CHRIST in His physical body. As a result, He (GOD) has brought you into HIS OWN PRESENCE, and YOU ARE HOLY and BLAMELESS as you STAND BEFORE HIM WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT.' Glory to God!

Leviticus 21:5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh.

Leviticus 21:5 They shall be HOLY unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and the bread of their God, THEY DO OFFER: therefore they shall be holy.

So what does holiness means? It simply means SET APART. We have been set apart in Christ by God for GOOD WORKS.¹³⁴ Good works of believing, speaking, giving, singing His praises, serving others in love, laying hands on the sick for them to recover, calling forth the dead, casting out demons and

¹³³ Holy Bible (Luke 10:19).

¹³⁴ Holy Bible (Ephesians 2:10).

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the like. We are Holy and we present offerings and gifts to God. Yes! In Deuteronomy 18:1-2, we see our benefits as PRIESTS.

Deuteronomy 18:1 The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

Deuteronomy 18:2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

God Himself is our inheritance. That is why mature pastors do not put their faith in tithes and offerings of the members; they know that GOD IS THEIR SOURCE and THEIR INHERITANCE. However, do not muzzle the ox as it grazes; a labourer therefore deserves his/her wages. God pays His ministers, so yield to God as He leads you to surrender your resources. After all, they are to be used for His glory. Say after us, 'God is my inheritance'. That is why all things are yours because whoever has the Son, has everything. You know, it is not about, if you want to inherit or you don't want to inherit. No, No, No! God gives to all and He Himself is our inheritance. When you have God you have everything. The Earth and the Heavens belongs to Him; and if He is our inheritance, then the Heavens and the Earth belongs to us. Stop queuing after small and inconsequential things. God Himself is your inheritance. God Himself is your source and because God is your inheritance you have all things.

So who is a Priest? First and foremost – he/she is set apart, holy, belongs to God, presents gifts, offerings, and tithes and service to God. What are these sacrifices to God? First - we PRESENT OURSELVES. Romans 12:1 says, 'Present your body a living and holy sacrifice which is your reasonable act of worship'. This includes our deeds, our talents, our resources etc. Second – we offer acceptable PRAYERS. In Matthew 21:13-14 JESUS said 'My house shall be called the HOUSE OF PRAYER; but ye have made it a den of thieves'. Of course that is not us because we are the House of God. So when we pray, God hears and answers us. That's why we pray rather than worry or fret. The prayers of a righteous man are effective and make tremendous power available that is dynamic and multidirectional in its working. You are RIGHTEOUS, so this applies to you.

We are the ones that can pray and God hears. That's why the Bible says in 1 John 5:14 'this is the confidence we have, knowing that anytime we pray He hears us and if He hears us then He answers us. The confidence we have is that we are saved and so made sons and heirs as well as kings and priests. We are accepted

and authorized to ask and receive; seek and find; knock and the door is open to us.¹³⁵ Third – we offer our PRAISE. Hebrews 13:15 says that we should present an offering which is our lips. Four - we minister in the Temple. Such that we serve as pastors, teachers, apostles, prophets, evangelists, musicians, ushers, technical etc. We are the ones that can minister in the Temple. Lastly, Fifth – we bless people. We see that in Number 6:26-27 when we bless the people, they are blessed because God authenticates the words.

Numbers 6:26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

Numbers 6:27 And they shall put My Name upon the children of Israel; AND I WILL BLESS THEM.

That's why when a man of God speaks over you, it carries authority and when we bless you, you are blessed. So appreciate the blessing; which is the help/empowerment to succeed. That's why you should always prophesy with the prophets. So we lift up the Lord's countenance over you and we say 'The Name of the Lord is upon you and YOU ARE BLESSED IN JESUS NAME. We say 'You are blessed in Jesus name.

CITIZEN OF HEAVEN AND AMBASSADORS/ REPRESENTATIVES OF CHRIST (PHILIPPIANS 1:27-30)

'... we are CITIZENS of HEAVEN, where the LORD JESUS CHRIST LIVES. And we are EAGERLY WAITING for Him to return as our SAVIOR.' – Philippians 3:20 NLT

'We are therefore AMBASSADORS (REPRESENTATIVES) on behalf of CHRIST, as though God were entreating by us: we BEG you on behalf of CHRIST, BE RECONCILED TO GOD' – 2 Corinthians 5:20 NHEB

We are Citizens of Heaven and so Ambassadors/Representatives of CHRIST upon the Earth. Of course there are two broad ways to be a citizen - by birth or by naturalization, which sometimes is paid for. However, we have been blood bought, WE ARE BORN AGAIN not by corruptible materials but the incorruptible materials of the BLOOD OF JESUS and the WORD OF GOD. For those who naturalised or paid something, they would always want people to pay. So they

¹³⁵ Holy Bible (Matthew 7:7)

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talk so much about the price they have paid to attain a height or get a thing. For us, we are sons and so receive what God has freely given.

'And that He might reconcile both unto God in one body by the Cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore YE ARE NO MORE STRANGERS AND FOREIGNERS, BUT FELLOW CITIZENS WITH THE SAINTS, and of the household of God;' - Ephesians 2:16-19KJV

Say after us, "I am a citizen of heaven" Let us tell you and let us tell you good, we are not trying to make Heaven! WE ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN. Have you ever prayed to be a citizen of Nigeria or America or China or Kuwait etc? So why are you praying to be a Citizen of Heaven. It is a gift of sonship as conferred on us by God, our Father who has reconciled us to Himself. We are automatic citizens of our parents' country. Our names are in the Book of Life and we are Citizens of heaven. If rapture comes now, we must go because we are Citizens of Heaven. If we die now we must go to Heaven because we are Citizens of Heaven. We are not candidates for Heaven. We are not applying to go to Heaven, we are Citizens of Heaven. We are only here as ambassadors of Heaven to woo other people to our beautiful country - HEAVEN. Till we go back, we must enjoy HEAVEN ON EARTH.

We realize that the cloud over us during the day and fire at night is both the work of the Holy Spirit and God's Word which must be our guide and counsel towards life's journey to Heaven. Now our promised land is Heaven. But follow us closely, our promised land is Heaven so we are confused to think that we are looking for a physical land. NO. That's what the Bible was saying in Hebrews 11 that Abraham and other saints of faith lived upon this Earth as pilgrims because they were seeking a better home. So don't get it wrong, your promised land is not Gboko or Kaduna or Nigeria. You will get frustrated. Your promised land is Heaven; that is where we came from and where we are going back to. However, let us create a balance now, which is actually the Promised Land for the Believer through the wilderness – life here on Earth. Now life here on Earth is the wilderness. We are in the wilderness. We are not in the Promised Land. The promise land is Heaven but the difference now is that we who are born of God and so His people ENJOY HEAVEN ON THE EARTH.

Paul could gladly have said that "to live is Christ, to die is better". That is why the Bible says we are ambassadors. You know that there are differences in

the Consulate of America or Embassy of America with some other countries in Nigeria. Basically in the quality of life for the Embassy staff. The things at the disposal of an American Ambassador may probably be more than that of another country. And that's the same from Believer to Believer. You can live like the American envoys in Nigeria or you can live like a poorer country; but we are of the same country and should enjoy the same good things of life that God has freely given us. So what would be the difference between one Believer to another – one enjoying and the other suffering? It would be having a good knowledge of their home country; government and the resources available to them etc.

Now every citizen and ambassador has RIGHTS. THE HIGHER YOUR STATUS AS WELL AS GREATER YOUR GOVERNMENT, THE MORE RIGHTS AND THINGS WE ENJOY. Hence, enjoying Heaven on Earth is dependent on what WE KNOW. I (HIM) attended a junior course with one of my seniors and because we found it difficult purchasing fuel, he made his family build him a filling station close to the School. By the time we came for the senior course, he had his own filling station. Now this is influence based on his knowledge of what his parents had and what was possible.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, JESUS CHRIST Himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

Hear us friends, you are being built up on the foundation of the prophets and the teachers to KNOW WHAT IS YOURS i.e. YOUR RIGHTS IN CHRIST. So you have prophets and teachers around you; simply believe them. God dwells in us. God dwells in you. We are children of God and God Himself dwells in us. We have overcome every evil planned against us because we have been made OVERCOMERS. Now, God's plan for us is in the Name of JESUS. We will serve you Lord. We are happy to accept you Lord and we are promoted because of JESUS. We have silver and gold, because we have JESUS so we live and speak change to our world. Glory!

Psalm 24:1 says the Earth and its fullness belongs to God. We are God's children as well as His citizens and ambassadors/representatives upon the Earth. NO WONDER ALL THINGS ARE OURS AND WE HAVE TAKEN OVER AND RUNNING THINGS. God is our HOME GOVERNMENT and we simply keep the lines of communications open (FELLOWSHIP in WORD and PRAYER) to know the Mind of Heaven concerning our operations here, which is primarily to

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RECONCILE ALL MEN TO GOD through the PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL. In this regard, it is the HOME GOVERNMENT that sponsors us while we are here. That is why we boldly declare that we live enjoying HEAVEN/STATE FUNDED PROJECTS and the MIGHTY SUPPLY.

A lot of believers don't know the power and resources of their home country. They don't understand the power of God. They don't understand the love of God. They don't understand the grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST. They don't understand who they have become in CHRIST. They are still living like the Children of Israel who though physically saw God destroy Egypt, physically walked through the Red Sea etc. – still struggle to believe. Meanwhile, all these signs and wonders were to make us put our trust in God – in His ability. They saw God keep the cloud over them for forty years and a wall of fire around them at night for forty years. Their shoes did not grow out, their clothes did not wear out, none was sick, feeble or weak, yet they were complaining like Egyptians. They were complaining like Nigerians. No! We are not citizens of Nigeria, we are Citizens of Heaven.

Carry your complaints to Heaven, that's why one of our greatest assets is prayer. Philippians 4:6-7 NLT says 'Do not worry about anything, pray about everything, tell Him what you need and thank Him for what He has done and a peace and answer will come. So OUR STATUS SHOULD BRING FEAR TO MEN like Psalm 40:3 says, God has put a new song in our mouth, the people behold us, fear and put their trust in God. Jacob was a threat to his Uncle Laban because he carried God's blessings; likewise Joseph's brothers were so jealous of him that they had to sell him to slavery which was an eventual promotion. For Esther, she rose from being an orphan to queen in a foreign land because God was with her and caused the king to favour her. Daniel remains an excellent example of waiting on the Lord no matter the odds. They threatened him but he continued to pray. Pray, because we have been given authority over ALL the power of the enemy and AS WE EXERCISE THE AUTHORITY OF HEAVEN we enjoy God's ABUNDANT LIFE.

That is why we enjoy Heaven upon the Earth because we belong to HEAVEN. Say after us, 'I enjoy Heaven upon the Earth? An American citizen especially who works for Government, enjoys America wherever he is. We are citizens of Heaven! So we enjoy all the benefits of Heaven upon the Earth. Some don't even know their benefits; but we do: provisions, protection, His presence etc; which is His GREATEST PRESENT to us. Please say 'I'm a member of God's family.' Hallelujah. Thus, there are three important things we need to know about being a Citizen of Heaven and an Ambassador of Christ. Number One - we have life.

Can you say 'I have life'. Number Two - All things are yours. And you are taking over and you are running things. Number Three - Your status brings fear to men because you represent the authority of heaven.

We just need to be conscious that we are Citizens of Heaven and so ambassadors. No American Ambassador can suffer anywhere in the world. Let them not have water and light in that country, they will create it because of them. As long as America has decided to set up a Consulate anywhere, they must make sure it replicates their home country. You are a citizen of Heaven and an ambassador of Heaven. Say 'I am a Citizen of Heaven'. Say 'I'm an ambassador of heaven'. Amen. Do you know why God does these things - using physical things to explain who we are? Like using America as an example; it is just to prove to us that if America could be that diligent with their citizens, imagine Him. Can you say "I have a great resources". We don't operate like Earthly men. We are citizens of Heaven. No matter the challenge, we dare you to pray. No matter the challenge we dare you to ask God. We dare you and you will always find answers or a song jump into your heart to make you continue to rejoice because we are a rejoicing people.

WITNESSES FOR JESUS (ACTS 1:8)

***"Let Me (JESUS) tell you why you are here. You're here to be SALT-SEASONING THAT BRINGS OUT THE GOD-FLAVOURS OF THIS EARTH. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. Here's another way to put it: YOU'RE HERE TO BE LIGHT, BRINGING OUT THE GOD-COLORS IN THE WORLD. God is not a secret to be kept. We are going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a basket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. NOW THAT I'VE PUT YOU THERE ON A HILLTOP, ON A LIGHT STAND – SHINE! KEEP OPEN HOUSE; BE GENEROUS WITH YOUR LIVES. BY OPENING UP TO OTHERS, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven"** – Matthew 5:13-16 MSG*

'... you are HOLY and BLAMELESS as you stand before Him WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT. But YOU MUST CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THIS TRUTH AND STAND FIRMLY IN IT. Don't DRIFT AWAY FROM THE ASSURANCE YOU RECEIVED WHEN YOU HEARD THE GOOD NEWS. The GOOD NEWS has been

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*preached ALL OVER THE WORLD, and I, Paul (Pneuma Phillips),
have been APPOINTED as GOD'S SERVANT to PROCLAIM IT' –
Colossians 1:22-23 NLT*

Brethren we are the SALT OF THE EARTH, we are the LIGHT OF THE WORLD and we are HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, BLAMELESS, WITHOUT A SINGLE FAULT, SONS and DAUGHTERS, HEIRS, CITIZENS of HEAVEN, and so much more. JESUS says why we are here is to bring out God-flavours and display God-colours. This is wonderful. You are so important and you need to know it. We are the ones that God uses to boast about His salvation plan. For if He could save us and we are still standing against all the odds then truly ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE and you will stand too.

SALT is a seasoning that brings out the best in the other ingredients. Without salt, the ingredients would just be ordinary and tasteless. We bring flavour and taste to our world. We are the ones with the best inventions, creative abilities and so on because we have the Mind of Christ and excellent Spirit of God. In addition, without LIGHT, no one can see in the darkness. We are the ones that give direction to our world and most importantly point to the way to be saved, which is simply BY BELIEVING IN THE WORK OF JESUS.

We are the ones that God uses as an example for marriage, business, service, worship, character, wealth, health, sports, soldiering, relationships etc. Name it; God has left us here to preserve the world from decay – WE ARE COMPLETE IN CHRIST and bring completeness to others. We say again, YOU ARE IMPORTANT. The Church needs you; that environment needs you, your country needs you, the world needs you and your family needs you. YOU ARE IMPORTANT. We need your flavour and your colour to add to the diversity of God's gifts and varieties. You are a WITNESS FOR JESUS – His LIFE, His WISDOM, His CHARACTER, His CHARISMA, His WEALTH, His GLORY, His HEALTH etc. When the world sees you, they see JESUS and are attracted to Him. Hallelujah!

CARRIERS AND TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD (ICORINTHIANS 6:19-20)

'... For you are a TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD. Even as God said, "I will DWELL IN them, and WALK IN them; and I WILL BE THEIR GOD, and THEY WILL BE MY PEOPLE" – 2 Corinthians 6:16 WEB

We are a celebrating people and the people that have the advantage. God is our God. God is with us. Joseph understood this, that's why it didn't matter in Potiphar's house, it was a question of time. He took over Potiphar's house to the extent that his wife desired him, a slave. Do you know how attractive Joseph must have been for her to compare Joseph to her husband and desired Joseph more? Have you thought about it? She desired Joseph more than her husband. There must have been something about Joseph. And there is something about you that the world desires.

Kenneth Hagin's brother went to apply for job without any degree, but a secondary school/high school certificate. Other people applied for the same job with Masters and he was chosen, why? There is something about him. Don't even be intimidated, whether they choose you or not, the Bible says the only reason they don't choose us is because they don't know God. They don't know that you are an automatic asset to that establishment whether you have the qualification or not because what you have brought to that establishment that nobody else can bring except a Child of God, is God Himself. We don't care how small that Believer is, we don't care how big that believer is. What you bring to the table every time that men have still not understood, is that WE BRING GOD HIMSELF TO THE TABLE. That is why Naaman is a wise man. He listened to his slave girl because she brought God to the table. Every time Joseph moved, he brought God to the table. He brought God to Potiphar's house, he brought God to the prison, he brought God to Egypt – that's why you cannot be intimidated.

You are not a victim, BUT the CARRIER OF GOD. That establishment is better because of you. Nigeria is better because of us, the world is better because of us. Let nobody tell you otherwise. We bring God to the table. That's why we are not intimidated. That's why we are not moved. We can't be moved, we bring God to the table. We are bringing God to the amusement park for children, businesses etc. No wisdom can contend with ours. None! We can never be intimidated; we bring God to the table. That's why no matter what they bring to give us to do, we know we will do it better than any other person because we know we bring God into it. Over and over again, we bring prosperity and safety to our establishments. Why? What you bring that you don't know is that you are bringing God to the table all the time.

FRIENDS OF GOD (JOHN 15:11-15)

'Do two walk together, unless they have agreed? SURELY the Lord GOD will DO NOTHING, unless He reveals His secret to His Servants the Prophets. For, BEHOLD, He who forms the

mountains, and creates the wind, and DECLARES TO MAN WHAT IS HIS THOUGHT; who makes the morning darkness, and treads on the high places of the Earth: The LORD, the God of Hosts, is His Name' - Amos 3:3/7 and 4:13 NHEB

Hear me friends. You are a friend of God. One of my friends was a personal aide to one of our big bosses. The morning the boss was elevated, none of us knew but my friend was uneasy. And so he called me and he said "I am just feeling something" and I don't know what it is". I (HIM) said, 'let's pray in the Holy Ghost'. I started talking all manner of things. He said "No, it's not something bad, but I just can't put my finger on it". Two hours after, there was a change for good in his boss's favor. Let us tell you, all you need to do is to wait upon the Lord, it becomes clearer and clearer and clearer.

You are a friend of God, nothing bad should happen around you and nothing should happen to you without you knowing. Do you think anything took JESUS by surprise! No, No, No! We are friends of God and you see we pity those who are struggling to believe. You have no part to play, you are just to believe. Nobody told you to work out friendship with God. Just believe you are a FRIEND OF GOD. Just keep saying that 'I am a friend of God'. I am a friend of God. I hear God clearly, I know Him as friend and He counts me as friend. Our own is just to believe. We are called believers. What do we believe? Everything JESUS CHRIST has done for us on the cross. Oh and we believe what JESUS CHRIST has done for us. And one of the things that He has done for us is that He has made us friends of God.

God confides in us. God tells us things. Oh we are children of God and friends of God. God tells us things. We are friends of God. Oh we are friends of God and He calls us friend. Hear us friends you are out of the pit. You are now a friend of God. You are now a son of God and you are now a daughter of God. You are a friend of God. You see, you are not just passing through the Earth; you are a friend of God. JESUS has sent us on an errand to proclaim the Gospel. It is because of us other countries and peoples know the truth of their salvation and are saved. We are not ordinary anymore. And everywhere is changed because of us. And you see, God will answer us.

In Luke 18, JESUS gave the example of 2 friends. He said one came to the other's door asking for something and the other said "ah I have slept" and the friend kept knocking because they were friends; till the friend opened the door and gave him what he wanted. And do you know what JESUS said, He said that do you think that God is like this friend that was stubborn at first. He said 'NO'.

He is just waiting for you to ask for the thing. He said God will speedily answer those who call upon Him night and day. Can you tell yourself that “your greatest pre-occupation is to wait upon the Lord”. That’s all you need. You can see, as you wait upon the Lord, the Bible says you will mount up with wings, you will run and not be weary, you will walk and not faint.¹³⁶

You see, we laugh when we see people who are weary and fainting. We know what is happening! They are not waiting upon the Lord. The Bible says that if your strength fails in the days of adversity, what is wrong? Your strength is weak. Your strength is small. And JESUS said pray so that you do not fall into temptation.¹³⁷ Do you know what temptation is? Pressure applied to our thinking to change our behavior leading to wrong actions because as a man/woman thinks so is he/she i.e. temptation is believing a lie. But the Bible says, say to the righteous, it is well with you. Oh we love the Shunamite woman, her son was stinking dead but she treated it as a lie, lying symptom according to Rev Emmanuel Opara (Glory Land Ministries). Why did she treat his death as a lie? It was God that gave her that son and God’s *blessings maketh rich and addeth no sorrow*.¹³⁸

How can God give you a promotion that will cause you pain? How can God give you a car that causes you pain? It is not God. Somebody brought a car for us to pray over and we had not heard the engine or knew anything was wrong. All we wanted was to pray but heard in our spirits to tell him, hear us friend, you just bought this car, no matter what happens, keep speaking concerning this car that the blessing of the Lord adds no sorrow. When we started the car, we understood why we were saying that prayer, because that was a good word for him to go with because you see, when you shift your focus from the physical to the spiritual, oh my God, you will walk on waters. The blessings of God makes rich and adds no sorrow. It adds no sorrow.

Everything has changed for us because God is our God. He is able. He’s real, He’s faithful, Oh He is able, He’s real and He is faithful. Let nobody deceive you God is interested in you. He knows you by name, He knows where you are. Oh He knows our name. We mean He would not even allow the hair, we mean one strand of hair on your head to fall down without His knowledge. No, No! You seem to believe a lie. Oh that Shunamite woman knew that the death of her son was a lie and she didn’t have words to say, and rather than cry and quarrel, she said **it is well**. Let us tell you friends, instead of complaining about the situation, anytime

¹³⁶ Holy Bible (Isaiah 40:31).

¹³⁷ Holy Bible (Matthew 26:41).

¹³⁸ Holy Bible (Proverbs 10:22).

you don't have a word to say, better say 'it is well'. Most times; we are the ones that give the devil ammunition. The devil has no power over us except the ones we give it. If you don't have words to speak, say "it is well".

Do not play hide and seek with the devil? No, you just speak God's Word back to it. We said this is borne out of relationship with God; it is borne out of waiting upon the Lord. The Bible says when your accusers come, do not be afraid, do not worry about them, God will give us words to speak. It is time we started speaking God's words. Oh we don't want to ever hear you speaking the situation. We don't want to ever hear you speaking your circumstances, speak God's words because everything is temporal and it is subject to change. The only thing that is permanent and everlasting is God's Word. So speak only God's Words because we are His friends and as iron sharpens iron, so our relationship with him has sharpened us. We therefor enjoy Heaven on Earth because we are FRIENDS WITH THE MOST HIGH GOD.

BODY OF CHRIST - THE CHURCH (1 TIMOTHY 4:11-16)

'God honoured the Master's BODY by raising it from the grave. He'll treat yours with the same resurrection power. Until that time, REMEMBER THAT YOUR BODIES ARE CREATED WITH THE SAME DIGNITY AS THE MASTER'S BODY ... You are CHRIST'S BODY – that's who you are! YOU MUST NEVER FORGET THIS. Only as you ACCEPT YOUR PART of that BODY does YOUR "PART" mean anything' - 1 Corinthians 6:15 and 12:27-28

Reverend Mosi Mosugu (Resident Pastor, Savannah Grace Chapel Kaduna) was saying, 'why should I make some mistakes and then you too make the same mistakes? No! You should make progress. Things that took me ten years to do, you should do it in one week!' We should make progress. We should be flying. Even in Elisha's death, his bones dried, gone, forgotten and buried still raised the dead because God's word cannot fall to the ground. It is not possible. So don't think that in anything we are saying we are just joking. No! Something has jumped on you, and it is serious. This thing that has jumped on you is serious. And it is God Himself. Say after us, 'I am the BODY of CHRIST. CHRIST is my HEAD and we are His CHURCH.

'These things command and teach. Let NO MAN DESPISE THY YOUTH; but BE THOU AN EXAMPLE of the believers, in WORD (LIFE), in CONVERSATION (SPEECH), in CHARITY (LOVE), in SPIRIT, in FAITH, in PURITY. Till I come, give attendance to

reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. MEDITATE UPON THESE THINGS; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.- 1 Timothy 4:11-16 KJV

Don't let anybody lead you away because you are young. Be an example in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. And till we come present yourselves to the service of reading, to teaching and preaching that you've received. Do not neglect your gift. Can you say 'I do not neglect my gift'. Oh these words have been given to us. These gifts have been given to you by the Lord Himself. By the preaching and all the meetings you have been attending. The words that have come over you have brought you to the knowledge of the gifts you have in the body. Yes.

So submit to the laying on of hands so as to help push your gifts to the surface and you can receive all that God has planned for you all these years. Oh can you say 'I am holy and I am diligent in this matter'! So that anyone can see your progress. Can you say 'everyone sees my progress'. Watch your life and doctrine. This is the beauty about walking in your gift. They brought gifts and they were one heart and one mind. Oh thank You Lord because we are out of the pit and we stay out of the pit and we enjoy heaven on Earth. Lord we give you praise.

Exodus 35:20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses.

Exodus 35:21 And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments.

Exodus 35:22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered, offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

Can you say 'my heart is willing and my heart is moved to the things of God.' Can you say, "I am willing" and "I'm willing so I bring".

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Exodus 35:23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them.

Exodus 35:24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it.

Exodus 35:25 And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen.

Say, 'I am skilled and I use my skill for others'. Say with us, 'I always have to give'. 'I will never say in my heart that I don't have to give'. 'I will always have something to give'.

Exodus 35:26-28 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair. And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense.

Say 'I am a leader and I show example by bringing first'.

Exodus 35:29 The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

We are the BODY OF CHRIST, which means we are ONE with Him. Our heads and faces are not different from the rest of the body. What differ are simply the functions. Hence, a Phillips head is the same as a Phillips body. JESUS is CHRIST and so we are CHRIST. God loves unity as we emphasized earlier because there are so many gifts in us that a fusion together and harnessing of these gifts would bring so much beauty to our world. It is thus necessary that we know that we are the BODY OF CHRIST, and so we cannot be sick, poor, confused, misbehave etc. JESUS Himself through the Holy Spirit sustains and helps us.

We are the BODY of CHRIST and there are benefits even as we use our gifts for others as we saw with the Children of Israel. They didn't go to the Bank or market to build the first Temple on Earth, they simply **pooled their resources**

together and the project was executed. This tells us that when we agree, there is truly nothing beyond us. So for us who are saved we must know and develop our gifts by knowing about them, by expecting their manifestation, by stirring them up by praying in the Holy Ghost, and by expressing them. Use them. Every opportunity, use them. Stand in front of your mirror and preach, preach to your younger ones since you believe that God has called you. Use your gifts, stir them up praying in the Holy Ghost. Say with us, 'I am a gift to my family'. 'I'm a gift to my community'. 'I'm a gift to my nation', 'I'm a gift to my country'. Can you say 'I am gift to my generation'! 'I'm a gift to my church'. Can you tell yourself "... exercise your gifts".

Chapter eight

ENJOY LIFE

‘I’ve decided that THERE’S NOTHING BETTER TO DO than go ahead and HAVE A GOOD TIME (ENJOY) and GET THE MOST WE CAN OUT OF LIFE. That’s it – eat, drink, and MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR JOB. It’s God’s gift’- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13MSG

‘TEACH those who are RICH IN THIS WORLD not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. THEIR TRUST SHOULD BE IN GOD, WHO RICHLY GIVES US ALL WE NEED FOR OUR ENJOYMENT’- 1 Timothy 6:17 NLT

The word ‘ENJOY’ or ‘ENJOYMENT’ seems to be a taboo in some part of the Body of CHRIST. But it is God Himself who told us to enjoy. That is why He told us some time ago, that WE ARE SAVED TO LIVE and not SAVED TO SERVE. It is those who are living that can serve. God has given us all things to freely enjoy and enjoy we must. We are God’s Ambassadors upon the Earth and so diplomats that must enjoy immunity from the corruptions of the Earth and the resources of Heaven including angelic activities on our behalf. Some are not looking only at the Lamb slain and so fail in their efforts till nothing is working; then they conclude by telling everybody that miracles are for a select few and special brethren. Others even believe that miracles have stopped happening. No wonder some believe that the Holy Ghost baptism with evidence of speaking in tongues is not for everybody.

In Mark 16:7-8 we are told that **‘IF YOU BELIEVE** you will cast out demons, you will speak in other tongues, you will drink poison and it will not

harm you; you will tread upon snakes and scorpions it will not harm you; and you will lay hands on the sick and they will recover'. Is there a dichotomy or group of people to enjoy these manifestations of God's power on the Earth? No! It just says EVERYONE who believes; meaning everybody. So enjoying life is about believing God. That is why JESUS would say 'have faith in God and have faith in Me'.¹³⁹ Such that, anybody who BELIEVES will do the same works Jesus did and greater. So we say it again, "enjoying life is by believing God".

You believe God and for those who tell you that we are not doing anything, let us tell you, believing is an action and a doing word. When we believe, we speak and we take action. If Moses did not believe, he would never have pointed to the Red Sea.¹⁴⁰ Conversely, it was because he didn't believe God the second time concerning getting water from the Rock that he struck again to his detriment.¹⁴¹ The Rock was CHRIST¹⁴² and He was to be struck only once to perfect all of us for all time.¹⁴³ There is no need to strike the Rock again. Now believe what JESUS has finished and keep speaking till the desired will of God is superimposed upon the Earth. Believing propels you. Believing motivates you. Believing galvanizes you. Believing moulds you. So anybody who says that you are passive is a joker. We are the ones that are living, we are the ones that are moving; we are the ones that are acting and changing things.

We told you we are kings and our domain is upon the Earth – the world. God gave it to us; so we take and sit down to exercise the will of Heaven upon the Earth. You know God is a wow God. Amen. He cannot be judged. Nobody can judge Him. It is God that gave you, so take it. So we want to thank God cause He is interested even in those little desires that we don't pray about but we get them. And Paul said 'I speak in tongues more than you all'.¹⁴⁴ He didn't say 'I speak in tongues more than some of you'. So, if everybody in the Corinthian Church could speak in tongues and everybody that was gathered on the Day of Pentecost in the Upper Room – almost 120 people (men and women); why will God suddenly start segregating? In the Book of Joel, there was a prophecy that in the last days God shall pour out His spirit upon ALL flesh. Old men shall dream dreams, and

¹³⁹ Holy Bible (John14:1).

¹⁴⁰ Holy Bible (Exodus 14:13-21).

¹⁴¹ Holy Bible (Numbers 20:8-12).

¹⁴² Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

¹⁴³ Holy Bible (Hebrews 10:14).

¹⁴⁴ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 14:18-19).

young men shall prophesy. This is our birthright. We are in the last days and so enjoy the fulfilment of these words.

We said that the beauty about what happened in Exodus is a description of our own Christian journey. To become a people of God and by implication His child, we just come under His covering by receiving JESUS as Savior and Lord which brought us out of Egypt. Then passing through the Red Sea typifies water baptism and the Cloud during the day and Pillar of Fire at night that guided the Children of Israel in various legs of their journey is like the work of the Holy Spirit in every Believer. To be assuredly a Child of God, we must be led and guided of the Holy Spirit. Hence, receiving Him after Christ is equally very important. What is critical about water baptism is that at that moment, the death, burial and resurrection of JESUS is reenacted on our behalf.

In fact in those days unlike now that we ‘commonize’ it, it was serious business because immediately you accepted either John’s baptism or the baptism of the disciples your family members who are afraid to be put out of the Synagogue would immediately cut off from and in some cases disown you so that it is assumed you are dead. And so, from day one, they don’t even include you in their matters anymore. And we really think Believers need to take spiritual ordinances seriously so that the world would stop joining us in our serious matters till they come to Christ – and we are serious. So we pray that the eyes of the lost will be opened too so that they can join us in CHRIST. We continue to preach the Gospel for them to know even as we pray for them. Nonetheless, it is crucial that we have the Holy Ghost baptism because He is the only One that can appropriately lead and guide us to enjoy HEAVEN ON EARTH

We need His affirmation and counsel especially with the lies going on around. Hence, as we continue to look at the Lamb slain, we receive His persuasion that we are God’s children. And the more we know we are His child, the more our victory and boldness. Then petty things won’t disturb you. Such as, that you have car or you don’t have, that you have a house or you don’t have. That you have enough clothes or not, that you have money in your pocket or you don’t have money in your pocket. Those would not be serious issues to you anymore.

They were mundane issues to CHRIST who then said, we were not to worry about things to eat and wear. He equated them to the things that God created – birds of the air, flowers of the field, who we are better than, to assure us of His love and care. We are still surprised at what makes some people worry. You can’t equate anything on this Earth to eternal life. Nothing comes close and that is what we have and that is why you need to keep hearing and knowing that you

have eternal life. We mean, that is the basis of your rejoicing in Christ 24/7. But do you know the beauty about having eternal life? You will even do exploits and enjoy on this Earth. That's the beauty – we mean, JESUS was not limited in any way. Was it nature? He spoke to the storm. Was it physical things? He cursed the fig tree and multiplied bread. Was it spiritual things? He raised the dead back to life etc. He was not limited in anyway.

So you looking and beholding this Lamb slain, you are becoming CHRIST because that is who we really are. Now, you can't be limited. Again, we realize that like the Children of Israel that were going back to the Promised Land, their original land before they came to Egypt; we came from Heaven, so we are Citizens of Heaven and going back to this our home country. Now, as we walk upon this Earth it is to make others desire our country and join us. Just like in the journey of the Children of Israel, many other people were joining them – Moabites joined them, the people of Jericho and so many people like that because they were actually seeing what God was doing in their lives and amongst them

That is why Psalm 40:1-3, says that the beauty of us being OUT OF THE PIT is that we STAY OUT OF PITS and ENJOY HEAVEN ON EARTH, such that others join us and choose to follow our JESUS because they see the exploits in our lives. That is why our lives are not ordinary. Let us tell you, you are so important in that school, you are so important in that office, you are so important in that neighborhood because without you, people will not see God and when they don't see God, they die. You are so important. But you need to ENJOY LIFE; HIS LIFE.

epilogue

‘Dear Brothers and Sisters (FRIENDS), I close my letter with these words: Be JOYFUL (CHEERFUL). GROW in MATURITY. Encourage EACH OTHER. Live in HARMONY and PEACE (being AGREEABLE). Then the God of LOVE and PEACE will be with you. Greet each other with a SACRED KISS (HOLY EMBRACE). All of GOD’S PEOPLE here send you their greetings (SAY HELLO). May the AMAZING GRACE of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, the EXTRAVAGANT LOVE of GOD and the FELLOWSHIP (INTIMATE FRIENDSHIP) of the HOLY SPIRIT be with you all’ - 2 Corinthians 13:11-14 NLT and MSG

God loves us. How? He gave us JESUS which also means He gave us GRACE which is His overwhelming desire to treat us like sin never happened. Then He transferred His divine ability to us to overcome every Earthly challenge/mountain. He said, ‘don’t you see, don’t you know, that My word says that “I so loved you and I gave you My only Begotten Son that you will never perish, you will never be destroyed, you will never be sick, you will never be disadvantaged, you will never be poor, you will never be challenged on this side of eternity, you will never be overcome because of the VICTORY of JESUS.

Our main concern has always been for everyone around us to believe in this VICTORY that has sets us free and let there be manifestation of His power. God simply said ‘Preach the Gospel.’ After the second bomb blast in Abuja some years ago, we were bothered so we prayed. Then God said “let the dead bury their dead and let the living preach the Gospel”. We are a people that do the heartbeat of our Father, preaching the Gospel because the Gospel is the solution to our generation. We had the Economic Conference going on in Abuja but it’s only the Gospel that can stop world recession. Only the Gospel can liberate a man, only the Gospel can set people free, only the Gospel can enlarge a nation, only the Gospel and that

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is part of the reason for writing this Book – to preach the Gospel. Anywhere, we cannot reach or get to, we go through prayers.

We are in the right place. When God took us through the Scriptures from Psalms up to Revelation, we realize that all the prayers were to preach the Gospel. So we are either asking for God to handle the threats against the Church and to us, or we are asking for boldness and confidence to preach, as well as ask God to back us up with signs and wonders, open the hearts of men and nations. Why are we praying for the nations? So that we can preach the Gospel! Even when we are receiving all those wealth it's to support the preaching of the Gospel. So everything finds itself subsumed in the original desire of God for us to preach to the ends of the Earth.

We have just been so excited and we request you jump into this PROGRAMME OF FORGIVENESS AND MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION that God has given all of us. It's the greatest thing and it's the greatest honor that any man can ever have - to preach the Gospel. We are telling you and God committed this awesome responsibility to the Church... do you know that He could have given angels. After all, angels move at the speed of light. He couldn't give them. He didn't find them worthy enough, it is us He preferred. What an honor! That we bring people to salvation! Revelations 5:9 says:

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the Book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

So everyone has been included in JESUS SACRIFICE, they just need to see it. So it's by prayers because they've been bought already. Every soul upon the Earth had already been ransomed by blood and Psalm 2:8 says “ask of Me the heathen and I will give them to you as an inheritance, ask of Me the ends of the Earth and I will give them to you as a possession. So ours is to ask. So we are all BLOOD bought already. And we say No to the antics of the devil and his associate members; in our generation. No one shall go to hell because we have asked the Lord. Ezekiel 36:37-38 says ‘if you only ask, I will give you men like sheep, scattered over the hills of Jerusalem.’ If we only ask! And we are the people who ask. We are people who receive. Amen.

Can we just pray right now! Just receive... receive your family members, receive your friends, receive your neighbors, receive souls all around us, receive souls in every sector including the military, everybody receive souls, receive

the souls of Nigerians, receive the souls of Africans and receive the souls of our generation. In the name of JESUS that our eyes be opened that may see the good things, the majesty, the love of God. We ask that they receive the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and love of God. We receive every Nigerian to JESUS. JESUS is King in the North. JESUS is King in the East, JESUS is King in the West, JESUS is King in the South and JESUS is King. Receive him as King; receive Him as Messiah in the Name of JESUS.

In this our third Book “Heaven on Earth – Enjoying the Abundant Life”, we showed that it is important that we do not turn the Grace we share at the end of Church or fellowship into a mere cliché. There must be an understanding of the virtues and fellowship of God to enjoying a rich and satisfying life here on Earth. Hence, the Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST is a virtue and the Love of God is another virtue. But when it came to the Holy Spirit, it said “fellowship” it didn’t give it a virtue because in the Holy Spirit are all the virtues. So as we fellowship with Him, the Grace of our Lord JESUS CHRIST is revealed to us and the Love of God is shed abroad our hearts.

Since no man is an island, we also need to promote the unity of the brethren by emphasizing the things that has made us Christians and respect the Anointed over us in order to benefit from their gifts even as we celebrate and covet the gifts of each other.¹⁴⁵ Furthermore, we must know and accept that we are CHRIST primarily in the areas of sons and heirs; kings and priests; citizens of heavens and ambassadors/representatives of CHRIST. It is needful to also understand our place as His witnesses, friends, carriers/temples and Body.

We are now spiritual beings and life giving spirits; so what we need without neglecting other components of enjoying HEAVEN ON EARTH is **fellowship with the Holy Spirit**. In fellowship, all things are revealed to you, all things are changed inside of you and it is an inside to outside change. What the Law though good, does is that the change is only visible outside but it cannot save. The issue is that you need to be changed from the inside because it has always been a nature problem. And that is why JESUS was the only human being that was righteous and could not be influenced by evil. Have you thought about it? Joseph could not be influenced. Daniel could not be influenced so why are we making excuses for sin? Are you getting it? They were helped from within and above. We are changed from within because we are born again. We are NEW CREATION people. We are the very Children of God and Seed of His righteousness that cannot sin but reign in life enjoying HEAVEN ON EARTH.

¹⁴⁵ Holy Bible (1 Corinthians 12:31).

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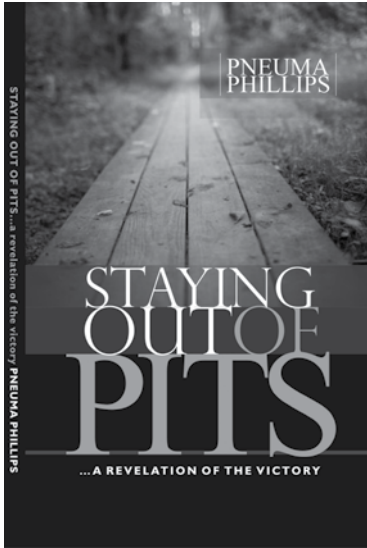
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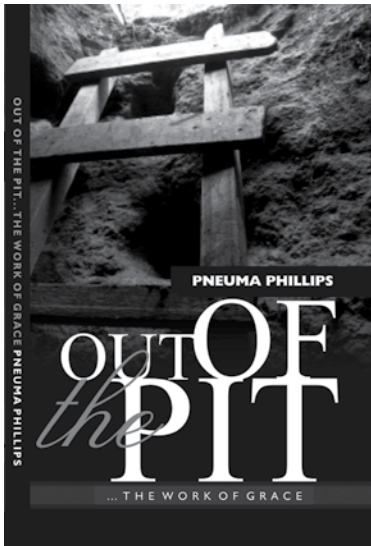
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