

(Jesus speaking)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; Isa 61:1

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me. Ex 20:3

**For all the gods of the people are idols:
but the Lord made the heavens. 1Ch 16:26**

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

**But if I with the finger of God cast out devils,
no doubt the kingdom of God has come upon you. Luk 11:20**

Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen. 1Jhn 5:21

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(Proverbs 23:23)

PREFACE

This booklet on “idol gods (in America)” is given to those church-going professing to be believers in Jesus Christ, professing to love God, and professing to be kings, priests, and lords, in Jesus’ Kingdom.

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Foreword

“The Person of the Holy Spirit”

The study of “idol gods today” and having the “power” to cast them off (away) requires the working of the Holy Spirit of Truth. Therefore, it is Scriptural that all dedicated Christians seeking a broken, resurrected life in the Living Word, Jesus Christ, had the power of the Holy Spirit working with, in, and upon them. It is found in the Scriptures as thus:

The Holy Spirit is with you, in you, and upon you. The Holy Spirit is “with you” from the time Jesus calls you (John. 14:17). This is the working of the Holy Spirit to bring you to repentance and belief in Jesus Christ (John. 16:7-15)

The Holy Spirit is “in you” (John. 14:17). This is when you are a believer and accept Christ to come into your life and save you and change you. This is begun in John 20:22 when Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” This continued until the Holy Spirit fills you (“be filled with the Holy Spirit,” Eph. 5:18; Acts 13:9). Those of Acts 4:31 were filled, or refilled as the case was, for they had previously received the Holy Spirit baptism.

The Holy Spirit is “upon you” (John 14:17; Acts 18). This is the baptism in the Holy Spirit when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and gives you Christ, to teach with power, to pray in the Spirit, etc. This is fulfilled in Acts 2:1-4 on the Day of Pentecost as “divided tongues sat upon each of them.” In this instance, they were both “filled” and baptized at the same time.

When you receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit you will also be filled with the Spirit. However, you may receive the Spirit (without being filled) without the baptism. An example is given in John 20:22, where the apostles received the Holy Spirit, however, their baptism was received later in Acts 2:1-4. If the baptism is received, you will know because you will speak in other tongues and glorify God.

One of the functions of the work of the Holy Spirit is in 1 Corinthians 12:13. The One Spirit baptizes all that are Christ's into one body (unity) of believers to teach them all the same word and of the same One God. But not all are equal in gifts, nor are they equal in rewards. For each part of the body is given according to their need and their ability to receive the way of the Lord and to use His gifts. But all believers and those saved in mercy through grace by Jesus Christ are part of His Body, the true Church, and as such are baptized (unified, fused together) into one Body under One Head, even the Lord Himself. Not all members of the body are necessarily baptized nor even filled with the Holy Spirit, although they are admonished and commanded to do so. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is desired for power unto believers and to hold steadfast during deliverance, especially of others. But it is not salvation, nor everlasting life: Jesus is Salvation.

When you "live in the Spirit," the true fruits of the Spirit are evident. To live in the Spirit is to have the Spirit in your heart and for Him to be changing your heart and life unto Christ. To "walk in the Spirit" is to have the power of the Spirit upon you, and to have spiritual gifts of 1 Corinthians 12:8-12 evident, that you may walk in His power, strength, and direction, standing uprightly, and fearlessly before man, speaking, teaching, and doing the truth with power and might. These are two separate works of the Holy Spirit, yet are of the same Spirit, when we ask and let Him do them for us. Walk and live! Tongues are given for signs, and to pray in the Holy

Spirit, and to have direct access to God in prayer without self-praying amiss for lust and greed. Speaking in tongues is given as a sign. But speaking in tongues, heavenly language, etc. is not salvation as some Pentecostal groups and religions do believe and advocate. Nor is it to be shunned and blasphemed as the Baptists and some other worldly denominations have done. It is to be a sign to you and to unbelievers, then it is to be used in awesome reverence as the way of the Holy Spirit in His works and ministries through you. All should ask and seek both to “be filled” and to receive the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” as the Scriptures admonish all believers to do.

Mark 16:16-18

Do not be a “hearer” of the worldly apostate religions that tell you to be wary of these things, nor a “hearer” of the religious men who write adversely of the Holy Spirit baptism, yet they themselves have never believed nor received. They instead always try to prove it is not for them, nor for today, nor for you, etc. But who will you hear? One who sought and has and is blessed therein, or someone who is negative and not Christ-filled? This type can always find a religious law in the Scriptures to tell you why it can’t be done, why you can’t do it, etc.. All negative – not truly seekers of God! Therefore, as you read this book on idol gods, listen to the words with your spiritual ears, and act upon your conviction. Keep your heart without fore-judging, that you may find the narrow road and be truly blessed.

“Narrow is the way, and few are they who find it (life).	Matt. 7:14
The Truth does not exist without the Word.	John 17:17
And the word without the Truth is the law.	2 Co. 3:6
The power is in the Holy Spirit,	Zech. 4:6
The perfection is in the fire.	Matt. 3:11,1

“Introduction”

This booklet is about idol worship, something grossly misunderstood by today's generation. In most cases, the mention of “idol worship” brings to their mind the golden calves or carved images spoken of in the Old Testament. Because man has believed idol gods to be physical, he has failed to see the “shadow and type” they represent. The spiritual worship of idols in the heart of man is what brings God's judgment.

So often, in both the Old and the New Testament days, God used His prophets to warn His people against idol god worship. The following Scriptures are words from the prophet Joel and Jeremiah.

“Therefore, indeed I send (yet to come He says) you prophets, wise men, and scribes; some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues (churches of today) and persecute from city to city.” Matt.23:24

This worship was done in their heart, yet outwardly they built actual images which they could bow down to, (submit to, lust for, give honor to, etc.). These prophets prophesied destruction upon the people because they had other gods before the only true and living God.

“The burden against Egypt; behold, the Lord rides on a swift cloud, and will come into Egypt (world or flesh). The idols of Egypt will totter at His presence, and the heart of Egypt will melt in its midst.” (Isa. 19:1) **“He shall also break the SACRED pillars (upholding theories, ideas, or doctrines) of Beth Shemesh that are in the land of Egypt (flesh man); and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians (worldly, fleshly people) He shall burn with fire.”** Jer. 3:13

Just as God used men to foretell of that which was to come and to warn people of their sin, so also did God use men to write the Scriptures, so that we, in the days to come, would have guidance in our walk with Him. The men of God who wrote the Holy Scriptures did so by the inspiration of God as is written in 2 Tim. 3:16. **“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”** It does not say “Scripture” is given for worship as God, as some may believe. Also, the prophecy of the Scriptures came not by the will of man, but by the Holy Spirit spoken through the prophets of God as the Spirit moved upon them. **“For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.”** (2 Pet.1:21) These men spoke as the voice of God because the Spirit of Christ was in them, telling them what to say. **“Searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ Who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.”** 1 Pet. 1:11

This booklet will reveal the nature of idol worship taking place in man’s heart today and will give understanding from the Scriptures of how to be set free from your idols and idol worship so that you may begin to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

Chapter 1

What defines an idol god?

“But I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice (give, offer, worship) they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons. 1Cor 10:20

What really is an idol god? How does he come about in men’s lives? An idol god is actually “the object of your affection.” It is a likeness of something, a pretender or imposter, an object of extreme devotion and a false conception. It is a fallacy. An idol god is something that “is not” yet appears to the individual “as being”.

An idol god is created by the thoughts, desires, day-dreams, immorality, or nature of Belial in man’s heart and mind. And after the idol god has been conceived, man begins to worship him (the thought, idea, lust, etc.) within and to uphold that idol god as law, as right, as truth, as the right way, as **God**, really. Idol worship can begin early in life as a child and grow and continue, even after a man professes to believe in Jesus. Those old idols will yet remain within and try to override or destroy the Truth in Jesus by your old beliefs and ideals (ideas).

Thus, idol worship begins with lust (wrong desire) in the heart or mind. Coming from the “lust” (inordinate desire, craving) of your eyes. From this craving (lust) often comes the actual building, buying, getting, possession, etc. of the object of your affection that you may enjoy and worship it – hold it, look upon it.

**Hell and destruction are never full;
So the eyes of man are never satisfied.**

Pr. 27:20

Anyone who professes to be a Christian can understand that we are not to worship a golden-calf or a stone image as did those in the Old Testament. However, a real idol is what is in one's heart that surpasses the ways of God (actually, usurps God's power and glory) and keeps us from receiving the fullness of God (the truth of the Word of God). The children of Israel, once they were delivered out of Pharaoh's hand, no longer wanted to serve and obey God. Their lusts and desires for self-fulfillment were too great.

Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. They felt God had forgotten them and Moses had disappeared into the great mountain. Therefore, because they couldn't see God, nor was Moses there to guide them, they made a physical image in which they could see.

Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him. "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Ex. 32:1

But truly, in their hearts, they didn't really want to serve a holy God. They wanted an easy god, one who would allow them to have fun, and do their own thing. Their idea of God was glory, riches, pleasures, and fun for everyone. It was a god that gave to them what they wanted, who pampered them. And so, through the lusts of their hearts, they created idol gods, and began making merry, and soon forgot the Lord their God. One

of their idol gods was compromise, between the absolute deity and devotion.

So it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing. So, Moses' anger became hot, and he cast the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain.

(paraphrased from Ex. 32:19)

All idols in history began with a thought in the heart. If this wasn't true, then no one would have paid any attention to these statues and images on the outside, and neither would God. A physical image is not the wrong. It's man's heart that worships that physical image that is wrong. Those who built the images of stone and wood really believed that they would be heard and their prayers would be answered by these "homemade" gods. But God said,

"To whom will you liken Me, and make Me equal and compare Me, that we should be alike? They bear it on their shoulder, they carry it and set it in its place, and it stands; from its place it shall not move.

Though one cries out to it, yet it cannot answer nor save him out of his trouble."

Isa. 46:5,7

In other words, God is telling the people of the futility of these images and how foolish they were to think that these could ever hear and answer them, especially if they couldn't move by themselves without having someone carry them from place to place.

Spiritual idols are the same way. Instead of bringing you peace and fulfillment and answers to prayer, i.e. a new life etc., they cause you to lust and crave and wish you had what someone else has. This means you are in a constant state of wanting, wishing, daydreaming, fantasizing and never, never can you seem to be satisfied with anything! Down inside you want! Jesus said, "**Peace give I to thee, not as the world gives.**"

(John 14:27a) However, false gods, (whatever you put before God in your heart and love, respect or fear more than Him) are something one always hopes to obtain or something one admires so much as to idolize in their hearts, with lust and self-seeking desires, therefore never reaching contentment.

“Their idols are silver and gold, the work of men’s hands. They have mouths, but they do not speak; eyes they have, but they do not see; they have ears, but they do not hear; noses they have, but they do not smell; they have hands, but they do not handle; feet they have, but they do not walk; nor do they mutter through their throat. Those who make them are like them: so is everyone who trusts in them.”

Ps. 115:4-8

This describes the demons that form the idol gods in which man worships. A demon (evil spirit, ungodly word) itself, does not have eyes, ears, and nose or a mouth, but once it is inside a human body, it has obtained all these things. How? The demon spirit uses the “members” of that body to do whatever its name is. If a demon’s name is self-love, then the members of the body will reflect this spirit in their actions, such as the eyes being full of pride, the nose in the air, the hands doing things to beautify the body and the mouth speaking things of vanity. If the spirit’s name is jealousy, then the members will reflect as such. The mouth will speak things related to this spirit and the body language will react accordingly. There are literally, by name, thousands of these demons, evil spirits, and ungodly words.

Today we understand that physical objects such as a new car, a deer rifle, a set of golf clubs, a musical instrument, a painting, food, and the like, are not to be worshiped (desired, thought about, carved for, etc.,) before Jesus in our hearts. These are material things easily seen by the eye of

our understanding. Any religious man thinks not to worship a physical idol, but how about the man...

“Whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their mind on earthly things.” Phil. 3:19

Setting your mind on earthly things means having your mind set on the things of this world, whether it be material things you can actually touch, or trying to live out your dreams of what you think a good life is. For example: traveling, vacationing, a glamorous job, a big name, plenty of money, a perfect happy family, etc. Even your belly can become your god, especially when you desire to feed it before serving God. When food becomes the topic of your conversation, and it is something you have to have when you want it regardless of the situation, etc., your belly has become first and foremost in your life.

“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” James 4:4

So why did Jesus through the Holy Spirit, tell the first members (Christian believers) of His Church as He continues to tell us today, **“Put away your idol gods.”**? He was saying “cast out the evil thoughts, declare those lies of lust and self-desire, and put in the Word of God and His Truth and serve only the will of God in Jesus Christ.”

“Little children keep yourselves from idols. Amen”. 1 Jhn. 5:21

“Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons.” 1Cor. 10:14, 21

These words and admonishment were given to believers and church people. This describes compromise! It is like the supposed converts after Jesus' day who served the Lord God at all times, except for the "little pinch-of-incense," annually given in homage to Caesar. It's either you give all, or you give nothing. **"You are either with Me, or you scatter abroad."**
(paraphrased from Matt. 12:30)

Either you are hot for Jesus or you are cold, unreceptive, and are still siding with darkness somewhere in your life. But, if you are lukewarm, He will spit you out of His mouth, so make your decision whom you will serve.

"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I would you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of My mouth." Rev. 3:15,16

"And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve." Jos. 24:15a

There must be more to idols than material objects, for there are numerous Scriptures warning us of idol gods, carved images, graven images, foreign gods, strange gods, and other gods.

"I am the Lord, that is MY name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to graven images." Isa. 42:8

They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, who trust in carved images, who say to the molded image, 'You are our gods.
Isa. 42:17

"If we had forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a foreign god, would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart." Ps. 44:20,21

These images are spiritual idols, and these spiritual idols are far more dangerous than the worship of material gods. They hide in the heart of man, sitting on the throne of his heart desiring to be worshipped as God themselves. They declare to the host person that he is God Speaking.

They are demons: **“Who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshipped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that “he” is God.”** 2 Thess. 2:4

These are spirits, not of Jesus, but of the devil.

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many “false prophets” (evil speaking spirits) have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God; Every spirit that confesses that “Jesus Christ has come in the flesh” is of God, and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.”

1 Jhn. 4:1-3

This passage is not speaking of testing men’s spirits, but trying and testing the evil spirits speaking unto “you” from within yourself to lead “you” astray and to give you wrong biblical (word) interpretations or a wrong course to follow, etc. (see prayers in Chapter VI). Throughout the Scripture, Jesus speaks of unclean spirits and casts them out of many people.

“For He said to him, ‘Come out of the man, unclean spirit!’” Mk. 5:8

A spirit is a word and all words are spirit. There are both evil spirits (words), and good spirits. Good spirits are of God and are found throughout the Bible. Evil spirits (demons) embody a man who has iniquity in his heart and performs great feats and speaks words unto the gullible man.

“For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.” Rev. 16:14

“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” John. 6:63

Some examples of evil spirits are:

“Then one from the multitude answered and said, “Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit.” Mk. 9:17

“When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to him, “You deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him, and enter him no more!” Mk. 9:25

“And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.” Luk. 13:11

“Just as it is written: “God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see and ears that they should not hear, to this very day.” Rom. 11:8

“Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons.” 1 Tim. 4:1

Some examples of Godly spirits are:

“But since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed and therefore I spoke,” we also believe and therefore speak.” 2 Cor. 4:13

“What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?” 1 Cor. 4:21

“Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” Rev. 19:10b

“...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.” Eph. 1:17

An evil spirit is a false word; a lie. A good spirit is a pure word; (truth). God never asked us to worship spirits of wisdom, understanding, patience, longsuffering, or any other Godly spirit. Rather, He requires us to worship Him only. Satan is just the opposite in that he gets his worship if we give honor (that is to speak of, act upon, lust after, talk about, etc.) to any ungodly thought he might put before us. What are these ungodly thoughts he might put before us? What are these ungodly spirits? These spirits, or idol gods, number into the thousands. They are the likes of; materialism, success, fear, jealousy, pride, self, addiction, arguing, immorality, power, performance, misfortune, covetous, big man, religiosity, self-pity, rebellion, denominationalism, and the list goes on and on.

Here is an example:

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.” 1 Sam. 15:23

As we grow up in life, idols are conceived in our thoughts. They are lies within that we begin to “suck on” and meditate on until we find ourselves lusting after what we think is good or what we want to believe. These thoughts soon become an outward manifestation as we put them into action in our everyday living. They begin to come forth into “building” existence when we speak of them.

Is there such a thing as “idolizing” a movie star? Or what about the magazines that speak of teen idols? Surely one wouldn’t put such things as these before a Holy, all powerful, all-loving, God? Or would they? This type of idol worship comes about by people who think highly of, or actually “love” themselves. The idol is something a person feels is worthy of recognition. If you “just can’t stop talking about it” or “can’t take your eyes off of it,” or whatever you may be referring to, you have a form of ungodly worship down in your heart. In worshiping these types of idols, one finds himself daydreaming, fantasizing who and what he wishes to be like. Here again, is the definition of an idol god; a likeness of something or an object of extreme devotion: “it is the object of your affection.”

One way to find out if you have idols in your life is to watch closely for your weakest areas. Do you get angry when someone doesn’t do what you want them to do? Try to stop the anger!!! You can’t do it. Try as you may, you burn inside, wanting to say at least one word to let them know what you think about it. God’s ways are different. He does all things in love.

“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” 1 Jhn. 4:10

This is only one example of what could be a weak area in your life. Do not get confused and think that your idols are the clothes, cars, hobbies, movie stars, and physical type of objects you look upon with your eyes. These are like unto the statues built back in the days when idolatry meant worshiping wood and stone images as gods. Having a lot of clothes, a fancy car, etc., is not the wrong. So, what is wrong then? It is the lust and greed down in one’s heart for these objects. That is the evil. This is your idol god! It is the craving and an insatiable desire to please and pleasure yourself that causes you to want and think you’ve got to have. If you will now begin to take-a-look at your everyday thoughts, desires, etc., you may

be able to understand a little more about what a real idol god is today. It is the meditation of your thoughts, it is the want of your heart, it is the pride of your lips, it is the craving of your eyes, yes, and much more. The idol god is hidden but he can be found (seen) because he causes you to worship (want, reverence, an object that will fulfill, or glorify, his name). How about the craving for a cigarette, or the inordinate need for a “daily” drink? Are these idol gods? YES!

Chapter II

How are idol gods worshiped?

Worship refers to the supreme honor or veneration given either in thought or deed to a person or thing. It requires reverence. This includes the honor and respect directed toward the Lord in thought and feeling. It is one thing to obey a superior unwillingly; it is quite another to willingly commit one's thought and emotions in that obedience. To worship something means to have an extravagant respect or admiration for. Also, it is a devotion to an object of esteem; which one adores and exalts. The Bible teaches that God alone is worthy of worship. Jesus said,

... **“Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”** Matt. 4:10

and again,

“But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.... God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” Jhn. 4:23,24

Without realizing it, people have deceived themselves into believing they would never worship anything lest it be God Himself. However, all idol gods are built with words. Let's take a look at some examples of “worship” in today's world.

So often, a “Christian” singer comes to town and many people, namely church youth organizations, buy tickets to go and listen to this type of singer. After the secular music is played and the singers complete their “show” using straw hats, etc., the people go wild, shout and clap and run to

the stage. These are actual happenings at the so-called “Christian” rock concerts today. Is God glorified here? Or is not the Name of Jesus used to prove “Christian” and the Name of ‘Jesus’, drug into the self-worship of the group singers? In other words, is not the music, harmony, voices, excitement, etc., the things that are being uplifted before God for self-glory and person (human) worship?

How about the great preachers of today, with their suit and tie, big house, big car, and big following? People have a tendency to look for and listen to that which has power, charisma, a gig name, etc. Sadly, the preacher is usually also put before God in that one feels overwhelmed by his great “knowledge and understanding” of the Bible and almost looks to him as a god and not a man.

Throughout man’s life, he begins to long for, lust after, and believe he needs certain things. Suddenly, it is not just one area of his life he fantasizes about, such as hoping one day to become a big football star, making money, having his name in lights, etc., but many areas throughout. Material goods become more important than God. Man begins to feel he needs a big house, a fancy car, nice clothes, a good job, a good reputation, etc. He then forms an idea (idol god now) of himself, and what he wants others to think about him. When these desires grow too strong inside of him, this man soon tries to think of ways he can obtain these things, such as by a great profession, hard work, even stealing, lying, cheating, or using credit cards excessively. Credit cards can then become something used to satisfy the idols down in his heart. These are not the idol gods, but only the object used to satisfy that idol god. When one worships strange and false gods such as these, he has then rejected the true living God. But not only are material things an object of devotion, also are thoughts, opinions, ideas, beliefs and so on. As a child in the USA today, we are taught to

strive for goals, achievements, and awards. We are falsely taught without regard for God's Word to believe in ourselves, strive for perfection and be somebody! We then begin to think we are something when yet, we are nothing. We feel that we have a right to speak, and a right to feel the way we do. We have our own ideas, own opinions, own judgments.

“For if anyone thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.” Gal. 6:3

The pride of life swells up within us and we begin to worship (desire, hold on to, long for) and devote our life to the beggarly things of this earth, which also includes the mind.

“This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, and demonic.” Jas. 3:15

The mind is often thought to be a masterpiece of complex ideas and incredible ingenuity and it is glorified as something truly worthy of praise. However, the mind can get you in a lot of trouble if you insist on listening to it. For Satan (through nature of Belial) is the one who puts evil thoughts in your head and will cause you to disregard that which is right. He'll tell you, “Just think about it! Figure it out in your mind and see that what you thought was good was really evil.” The Spirit of God, however, leads you with His soft, still voice and gentle urging, guiding you in the direction of righteousness. This is where humanism plays a big part in our lives. It is a big, BIG, idol today that prevents us from knowing God. Humanism is devotion to the humanities: to self. It is a doctrine, attitude, or a way of life that is centered on human interests, values, accomplishments, and betterment of life. It is especially a philosophy that usually rejects super-naturalism, (especially of God), and stresses an individual's worth, dignity, and capacity for self-realization through reason. It is when man no longer needs God. He believes he is an entity within

himself and that humans can solve any problem if it is to be solved. Still, he believes that “nobody’s perfect”, and in that, he is allowed room for mistakes. This is where “success” becomes a ruling factor in our lives. It is an idol that causes one to believe he must be successful in life, or life isn’t worth living. In this case, one may allow it to dominate his life in that he may grow up thinking that if he is not successful at something, he then becomes a complete failure. Suddenly, it becomes a drive, a pressure, a feeling of competition and challenge, and he is determined to reach that goal---whatever it may be. So, no matter what it takes, even if it costs another man’s life, job, family, etc., he continues on. It is an obsession continuously before him, clouding his vision to see anything else going on around him as he has no other interest unless it be his own success. This may have come about because there is a “fear of failure” down inside or “fear of inadequacy.”

The Scripture even tells us about the wrongness in putting the creation before the Creator.

“If I have observed the sun when it shines, or the moon moving in brightness, so that my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand; this also would be an iniquity worthy of judgment, for I would have denied God who is above *(all this creation)*.”

Job 31:26-28

In other words, if you have a problem with being captivated by sunsets, ocean shores, etc., to the point where they become an object of worship to you, you have then denied God Who is the Creator of these things, for you have made Him lesser than His creation in your heart.

The religious Pharisees in Jesus’ day are good examples of idol worshipers. Yes, they claimed to know God and served Him with their lives, but they had a problem with putting themselves before God. Too

many things in their heart stopped them from putting God first. It says in Luke 16:14:

“...now the Pharisees who were lovers of money...”

They were then as the religious man (not the true broken, meek Christian) of today as now. They thought highly of themselves. They made sure they dressed right, acted righteously, lived a clean and good life in the sight of all those around them, spoke of God and talked about Him, yet desired to sit in the high places and be recognized in the market-places. They didn't drink, didn't smoke, didn't curse, and tried to live the law to the utmost, even killing those they considered sinners.

“These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.” Col. 2:23

But what was in their hearts? Jesus described it as this:

“Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.” Matt. 23:25

“Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” Matt. 23:28

These are idols! The Pharisees were self-righteous, so they believed in their hearts that they really didn't need Jesus, but in their minds, they assured themselves that they had what they needed and that they knew God and were thus spiritually okay. They worshiped the fact that people listened to them, respected them, exalted them.

But all their works they do to be seen by men. They make their phylacteries (small boxes containing scriptural passages) broad and enlarged the borders of their garments.” Matt. 23:5

They physically placed the Scriptures upon their minds, etc.

They worshiped the idea of being worshiped and having the best of everything, and they took advantage of doing so. They were like our “name it and claim it” religious society of today.

“They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues, greeting in the market-places, and to be called by men, ‘Rabbi, Rabbi.’ (*Minister, Teacher, Doctor, Preacher, etc.*) Matt. 23:6,7

Doesn't this Scripture of over 2,000 years ago, which speaks of the religious leaders and priests of that day, seem so much like idol worship of today?! They were as King Nebuchadnezzar, who loved himself so much that he built a gold image in his likeness and demanded that the people to fall down and worship it.

“...that at the time you hear the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the gold image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up;”

Dan. 3:5

This is really what he, in his heart desired that others would do for him, so he had to idolize himself and his image of his greatness in his heart first before he built or counseled to be built the great golden image of himself that ALL could see him and worship him (his image in gold). Now this is the very height of ungodly idol building followed by active idol worship. Is it occurring today? With supposedly religious people? The religious leaders of today? Is it still idol worship? Yes, when one builds a gold image in his heart unto (for) himself, this is the height of idol worship.

God commands: **“You shall have no other gods (*idols, demons, etc.*) before Me.”**

Deut. 5:7

And also, one of God’s New Testament commandments is:

... **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”**

Matt. 22:37

King Herod was another man who had a problem with thinking too highly of himself in his heart:

“So, on a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat on this throne and gave an oration to them. And the people kept shouting, ‘The voice of a god and not of a man!’”

Act. 12:21,22

In looking at this Scripture, one may tend to feel it was the people who were wrong in glorifying Herod as a god. It’s true they were not right in doing so, for this was worship of a man and not God, but read further, as the next verse tells us who was really in the wrong.

“Then immediately an angel of the Lord struck him, (Herod), because he did not give glory to God. And he was eaten by worms and died. But the word of the Lord grew and multiplied.” Act. 12:23,24

He took the glory for himself! In his heart he puffed-up with pride and joy that he was so favored and received by the people.

Another example is mothers who desire, even demand that their children worship and adore them. Often a wife will demand in her heart that her husband worship her, even the ground that she walks on. (Or it may be like a narcissistic husband that demands it of his wife or children.) This truly is idol worship within the heart instead of the honor and worship of **God**.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.

Matt 10:37

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother. Matt 12:50

In building a gold image unto himself, a man believes he is like unto (or is) a vessel of gold or silver by believing and speaking that he is going to be a king, priest, or lord in God's Kingdom, or that he is God's instrument and will have his own ministry, or that he is a bride of Jesus Christ and has no need of continued repentance, but will be caught up to heaven and will meet Jesus in the clouds, and so on, and so on. All this may be true and is of God's Word, but here we are talking about what a heart feels in proudness and image of itself. We take away from God His glory. These people obviously have no real changed lives, no real brokenness, no real turning to Jesus. They are just reading and taking for themselves what they read in the Bible without hearing or doing and following the actual restoration process of God! Because, when one has been truly changed or truly broken, he hurts from within and doesn't know anything about himself except that Jesus is Lord and ALL, and that what he truly needs is to love Him first and foremost and not himself! Even Judas Iscariot, one of Jesus' disciples who followed Him throughout His entire ministry, lived with Him, ate with Him, and listened to Him continuously, but in the end, betrayed Jesus with a kiss. Why would someone who knew Jesus so well deny everything He ever saw Jesus do? Could it be because Judas was just a religious man trying to live what he considered "right"? In other words, he never had a true heart change. He had no brokenness nor conversion, for if he had, he would have been a different man. He had an idol: money and self. He was the treasurer, the one who took care of the funds, and finally, that idol destroyed him when he gave in to the offer that was made him: 30 pieces of silver for the turning in of Jesus Christ, his Master and Teacher. Somewhere, Judas must have doubted Jesus. He took that false idea of

doubt, and all the lies that went with it, and thought on it. The more you meditate on such thoughts, the more real they become, and thus they turn into an idol god to be worshiped by those who believe their own ideas (lies).

Today, there are so many who, in their heart, really do not understand they need Jesus, though they talk a good talk, they believe they can make it to heaven on their own goodness, received by their vast knowledge of Scriptures and their mind that is set on self-works. They believe there was a Jesus who did what some of the Bible says, but they are good unto their own salvation standards. This is an example of worshiping the achievement and capabilities of your flesh (mind). So, He said to him (them):

... “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

Matt. 19:17

And one of the commandments of God in Jesus Christ was in the Book of John.

“God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) that whosoever believed in Him (and confessed so) should not perish but have everlasting life..”

John 3:16

This was a command for everlasting life. It says in Ex. 32:5, 6:

“So, when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, ‘Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord.’ (6) Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.”

Is this what people today believe that serving God is all about? A religionist says, "I wouldn't serve idols." Verse 6 above describes one that feels he must go to church, take physical communion, and then bring offerings and prayers to God, do his good deed for the week, and then, as so many do, go home and watch the football games, get drunk on their own iniquities (idol gods) and live it up the rest of the week. This is rising up to play. Who really is honored here? God the Father? Or, is it the god of the TV, the restaurants, the arguments, and the desire to be a big shot, the desire to be free to do one's own will, etc.? How can one be so deceived thinking he is worshiping God, and yet be worshiping demons?

"You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons."

1 Cor. 10:21

Some people like to accumulate knickknacks, souvenirs, unique items, just junk, etc. In their heart, all they really have is covetous and a spirit of "want." "Want" means "to lack." One that has this spirit will never be satisfied and will continue endlessly looking for something that will make him "happy." This is an outward manifestation of the intent of the heart. This type of person cannot be satisfied or pleased, no matter how much "junk" he accumulates. He will never believe anyone loves him, regardless of how often some may tell him. He may always feel left out and in self-pity, no matter how much everyone wants to be with him. Or, he may seek and search for God through Scriptures, praying, fasting, good works, etc. and never find Him, nor hear His answer, though God is right there speaking to Him by His Spirit. He does not want God's answer or way, thus he ignores God's Spirit as "not really You, God". If a man truly loves

God, he will have no other gods before Him, and in this is fulfillment and joy, when one is no longer looking out for self, but instead giving to God and to others.

How about smoking, drinking, cursing? Can you stop on your own power, or are you addicted? Can you quit? Or do you find that even if you think you hate it and want to stop, you keep reaching for that cigarette, that bottle, or those filthy words to come out of your mouth? In other words, you have an idol down in your heart. Maybe it's because you always wanted to be a big shot and these things fulfilled that desire. Now you worship the physical things because in your heart you worshiped the idea or thought of what you wanted people to think about you. Entertaining a thought or idea causes idol worship in full measure.

Another idol that is so deceptively hidden in man today is the spirit of manipulation. It's a spirit that causes a person to desire power where you have control over others and bring them into submission to what you want them to do. Insinuation is a big part of manipulation. An example of this would be: You want your husband to take you out to dinner. You really haven't taken time recently to tell him you love him. Suddenly, you want to go out to eat and you find it much easier to tell him how wonderful he is and how you would enjoy some quiet time together, just you and him. The real reason is, you would just like to get away from the dishes, and also fulfill your lust of going out to eat.

Another kind of manipulation is the theory, "You scratch my back, I'll scratch yours." For example, let's say you want a promotion at the business you work for. You begin to do extra things for your boss, even taking him out to dinner, hoping that he will approve of your actions and will give you the promotion you long for. Your "extra efforts" are only for one reason: power and recognition. Manipulation comes about when you want

something and you use means of flattery, false kindness, or anything that the other person would want, in order for you to get it.

Even everyday problems can become an idol. If you find yourself talking excessively about your headaches and heartaches throughout the day, watch out! You may be glorifying those demon gods, and in that is idol worship.

Children too, become idols. When you spend too much money on them just “dressing them up,” making them look cute and hand-me-downs become a bad word to you, check your hearts! If you meditate all day long on what you want your child to be when he grows up, how precious he is, what the neighbor thinks about him, all the cute things he says, etc., again check your hearts! This all points to the idol god down inside. Perhaps you worship your children because you yourself want recognition, therefore by talking about them, you also receive attention as well. Or maybe, you want them to be what you always wished you could have been, so you raise them according to that desire.

Animals, too, have a part in man’s idol worship of today. For instance, have you ever seen a dog, which some call “man’s best friend” treated better than a human being? There are actual cases in which the owner cooks and prepares hot dishes for his pet, buys or makes clothes for it, spends money every month having the dog groomed, not to mention doctor bills. What’s wrong with this? The animal has become an idol, and it becomes as some say, “my little baby”, and is something regarded as more important than children.

It’s sad how bad health and misfortune are worshiped also, usually by people who don’t realize they are doing such. It’s kind of like those everyday problems. Instead of speaking forth health, restoration and

renewal, they speak about their aches and pains and how bad they're feeling and how they "always get sick this time of year." Or they talk about the rain and how they'll probably slip and break their leg and end up in the hospital. These are all things one brings upon himself! And yet, they may not see how it can be an idol. Bad health and misfortune will continue to "rule" your life as your "lord" if you keep on worshiping them and do not cast them down.

Self-pity, glorified by a feeling of "nobody loves me" and "poor little me" is the main cause for suicides today. Rejection and the fear of rejection keep a person feeling sorry for himself and thus he feels that he must nurture and care for himself since no one else will. This brings about thoughts such as, I'll just kill myself, and then they'll be sorry. "Then they will **wish they had loved me!!**" This is a perverted form of self-love. A person without self-pity is one who is outgoing and giving of love instead of believing he must always receive it. The highest form of self-pity worship is suicide.

Some people today have their church or their pastor/minister as their idol god. Instead of truly realizing that a church is a body of believers gathered together to worship Father God through Jesus Christ, they exalt the church and its functions. They begin to take their eyes off Jesus and focus more so on the programs that are supposedly for everyone. There are programs for youth, singles, divorced, adults, elderly, and more. The church-goer begins to find pride in being a Baptist, a Catholic, an Assemblies of God, etc. instead of seeking repentance and brokenness to worship a Holy God. The idea is, "join our church and become an instant Christian. We have the way, the easy way." Then lay back and take life easy.

There are many who don't think they need to change. They just want salvation and an easy Jesus. They think all they have to do is read the Bible. "We go to church, we know God," they say, and in that they have no room for correction or instruction from God. If they were to receive any instructions or corrections or come face-to-face with their idol gods, they would deny that it was God showing them their evil. They abhor repentance and tears, i.e. godly sorrow. But Jesus came teaching the way unto repentance.

"From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" Matt. 4:17

One may think, "How could the children of Israel worship idols after all God did for them?" This is a good question, but ask yourself, "How can believers still worship themselves?"

"There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes, yet it's not washed from it's filthiness." Pr. 30:12

"All of the ways of a man is pure in his own eyes, but God weighs the spirits." Pr. 16:2

In doing so, we believe ourselves to be right as the Pharisees in Jesus' day did. We look down upon the sinners and scoff.

"The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men- extortionists, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.'" Luke 18:11

To him, serving God is gain for himself. Sometimes we are not open for words of wisdom nor help from others in telling us what we need to do to change that we might serve God out of a pure heart. Instead, we are

puffed up, holding fast to our “doctrine,” what we determine to be right or wrong. We read the Scripture and say, “Aah! That’s what it means!” We think we understand it in our mind, but our heart receives nothing. We don’t think in our hearts that we need the Holy Spirit to reveal to us the word with understanding, (but would never admit that such is the case). There are times when we believe that we can read and study and know what the Bible (Word) says. But in Isaiah:

“For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” Isa 57:15

We must realize that without the Spirit of God, we do not know the things of God, for the Spirit is the One who searches the heart and reveals the Word to us.

A person who thinks he needs no change worships his every action, idea, thought, opinion, belief, judgment, etc. To him he is right in his own eyes. He needs no help from anyone.

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.” Pr. 12:15

But God can deliver us from this religious Pharisee in our hearts, however, we must first truly desire to change. Next, we must confess our wrong to Jesus Christ and truly repent and ask His forgiveness, understanding that we do need His correction, wisdom, and mercy.

There are many churches today that are so greatly different from each other. In denominational religion, man tries to defend God, but God is defended by no man. Why do these churches all think they have the right way? Which one is deceived? One thinks Jesus is the Son of God, the other believes He was only a prophet. Another says He was just a good

man. Some believe that Mother Mary was divine and without sin. Some believe there are demons. Others say that there were only demons in Jesus' day, but not today, especially if you say you believe in Jesus. Others say that "there are demons" and they must be dealt with according to the Word of God. Who is right? Do all today's Christian type denominations worship the same God or their own belief and their own doctrine? Everyone has their own ideas.

"Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods (words, ideas) which have not profited those who have been occupied with them." Heb. 13:9

Even when God gives unto us the Word with understanding, we tend to grab it and take it into our heart, and idol worship based upon what we think we have, our own revelation. We worship that revelation, that gift God gave to us that we might learn and grow, and we take it for ourselves instead of giving it back to Jesus for His glory (reward).

Also, man sometimes has a false concept of what heaven is like or Who God is. Some imagine heaven to have streets of gold and a sun that always shines. God, on the other hand, is pictured to be a little old man or sometimes a "fire and brimstone" God bringing judgment and condemnation. Just as the Egyptians once made gods according to their imaginations, (animals, half man – half animal, warriors, etc.), so also man today forms ideas of what they think God to be.

"Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man— and birds and four-footed beast and creeping things." Rom. 1:22,23

Who, today, receives instruction and correction from God and repents, with godly sorrow unto brokenness? Are there any REAL Christians out

there? A Christian is not one who is just a believer in his mind, mouth, thoughts, etc. A Christian means “Christ-like” and “Christ-like” means like unto God the Father, for they are One.

“For I and My Father are One.”

Jhn 10:30

Therefore, a “true Christian” has no demons, meaning no idol gods. But Romans 3:23 says:

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

How then do we become “Christ-like?” We must become a new creation in Christ.

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

To obtain this, we must confess the old nature, ways, thoughts, beliefs, etc. and declare the new.

“...that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new which was created according to God, in righteousness and true holiness.”

Eph. 4:22-24

As we read the Bible, it is very obvious through the main Scriptures concerning idols, that God despised idol worship. For example, all throughout the Old Testament, God warns His people of the destruction to come upon them if they don't stop worshiping such idols.

“Also on their gods the Lord had executed judgment.” Num. 33:4b
“You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a ‘carved image’ nor a ‘sacred pillar’ shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an ‘engraved stone’ in your land, to bow down to it; for I am the Lord your God.”

Lev. 26:1

A “sacred pillar” is an upholding theory, idea, doctrine, etc. that supports “your” temple and not even God can push it down. In your estimation it is pure, true, learned and unchangeable, yet it may be truly a falsehood (lie) you learned heard, and lived, and whereby the Spirit cannot get you to see the lie, repent and change (forsake it).

A “carved image” is the imagination of your mind. It is a certain way of doing something, a thought process that you believe to be better than others, etc. You carve it by spending some time figuring it out and deciding that’s how it’s going to be. This is the process by which you think or judge.

An “engraved stone” represents the heart. The engraving is a thought process or something arrived at by much time and effort which becomes a doctrine of worship and is taken into our heart. Here are some more examples of God’s detest for idol worship. In the New Testament, it is written:

“For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person nor covetous man, who is an idolator, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and God.” Eph. 5:5

And then again in Rev. 21:8:

“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”

(Eternal) (A “coward” can be someone who is afraid to confess their sins.)

We know that these spiritual idols in our heart are futile. In the end, there is no more satisfaction nor fulfillment than when we first turned our heart away from God.

“And in their hearts they turned back to Egypt.” (the world and all its fleshly pleasures) Act. 7:39b

“But now after you have known God, or rather are known by God, how is it that you turn again to the weak and beggarly elements, to which you desire again to be in bondage?”

Gal. 4:9

“Then Samuel said to the people, ‘Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness; yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. And do not turn aside; for then you would go after empty things which cannot profit or deliver, for they are nothing.’”

1Sam. 12:20,21

When all is going good for you, do you worship your fleshly idols and pleasures? Do you find yourself pleased to just live a pleasurable life, playing, eating, and being merry with fellowship with all the worldly events and programs till trouble arises? Then, in the days of trouble and when you truly need a Savior, do you look to your gods, the things you have put your trust in? These may be such things as your material goods, or your prestige, power, and name. It may be your pride that you think will help you to “save face” in stressful times. Or it may be your self-righteousness and self-proclaimed goodness that you are relying on to get you to heaven and keep you out of the pit. Or, do you then, when in great need, call out to Jesus just because you’re in trouble? Do you hope to just get out of trouble and then return to Egypt (your world)? Whatever you may do, will your idols in their futility, be able to comfort you? Can they help you in your time of need?

“Go and cry out to the gods which you have chosen; let them deliver you in your time of distress.”

Judg. 10:14

God said this to His people He had called and taken out of Egypt unto Himself. How about you? The answer?

“For even if *there* are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as *there are* many gods and many lords), yet for us there is only one God, the Father, of Whom are all things, and we for Him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and through Whom we *live*.”

1 Cor. 8:5,6

Jesus said,

“Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy, but to fulfill.”

Matt. 5:17

The Old Testament is the law through Moses. The New Testament is the law fulfilled through the Spirit by Jesus Christ. All things in the Old Testament are a representation of the spiritual things in our life today. As an idol god was once physical, today it is now a spiritual condition of our hearts.

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (idol, demon gods).”

Matt. 6:24

“In that day a man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will have respect for the Holy One of Israel. He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands; he will not respect what his fingers made, nor the wooden images nor the incense altars.”

Isa. 17:7,8

“That day” is the day your eyes are opened and you see how you have served other things before God. You will have great sorrow, and

repentance shall come upon you, and you will no longer look to your idols as you once did.

Again, as said before, don't get confused and think that your idols are the clothes, cars, hobbies, movie stars, and physical type objects you look upon with your eyes. These are like unto those statues built back in the days when idolatry meant worshiping wood and stone images as gods. There is nothing wrong with having a lot of clothes, a fancy car, etc. What is wrong then? It is the lust and greed down in one's heart that is evil. This is your idol god! It is that craving, that insatiable desire that causes you to lust after and feel you have to have. All of these idols will prevent you from truly hearing and knowing the One and only true God.

Chapter III

Separated from God by Idols

First of all, you may have a question such as, “Why is it important to worship God? Why is it so important to dedicate my life to Him and leave behind the ways of this world?” God commands us to love Him with all our heart:

... **“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”** Matt. 22:37

Isn't the “whole” of life to love and serve God?

“You who love the Lord, hate evil!” Ps. 97:10a

Some people today obey God only because they were taught to do so as a child. This does not mean they love and worship Him. Others serve Him out of fear that they might be cast into eternal fire. True, God is to be feared because He is the great I AM.

“And God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’ And He said: Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM’ has sent me to you.” Ex. 3:14
But more so He is to be loved, worshiped and exalted.

“For You, Lord, are most high above all the earth; You are exalted far above all ‘gods’.” Ps. 97:9

Should not the creation give glory to its creator?

“You are worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things. And by Your will they exist and were created.” Rev. 4:11

“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am the Father, where is My honor? And if I am a Master, where is My reverence? Says the Lord of hosts to you priests who despise My name. Yet you say, ‘In what way have we despised Your name?’”

Malachi 1:6

Those who despise His name do so in their hearts. They may not believe this is what they are doing. However, anyone who offers up worship to a strange and foreign god despises the name of the Lord. For he who loves God would by no means ever consider doing such.

“Oh, come let us worship and fall down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”

Ps. 95:6

God is worthy just because He is God.

In Gen. 6:5, God sees the wickedness of man’s heart and the desire to do his own will.

“Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Man seemed to be in a constant state of contention with God.

“And the Lord said, ‘My Spirit shall not strive with man forever,’”

Gen 6:3a

Throughout the Bible God seeks to turn man back to Him. As man bowed before a god of stone or wood, God sent His messengers, the prophets, to warn them not to fall into idolatry.

“Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you that you shall surely perish.”

Deut. 8:19

Today, God sends His Spirit to convict us of bowing down to the false images in our heart.

“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.”

John. 16:7-13

If we listen, and truly desire to follow Jesus, we can hear the Spirit and His forewarnings. Just as the prophets were, so is the Spirit to us, giving us knowledge ahead of time, telling us of things to come. When you lose your peace, or something just doesn't seem right, you need to really check and see if what you're doing is of God. This is conviction, when you know that something is definitely wrong! When we hold iniquity within, we become separated from God because of the known sin in our hearts. In this case, God will not hear us.

Iniquity is the desire to sin. As long as we have the desire to do evil, we cannot worship God. God is a jealous God and will not allow anything to come before Him. When we have false imaginations and lies down in our hearts, we certainly cannot worship in spirit and “truth” as Jesus says we must. How can we expect God to hear us when we hold such filth (fears, doubts, and lies) before Him?

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Isa. 59:2

“Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.” Jhn. 9:31

Those who have idols have sin in their hearts.

“For in that day every man shall throw away his idols of silver and his idols of gold –(sin), which your own hands have made for yourselves.” Isa. 31:7

Jesus Christ died for us that we may have our sins taken away, therefore redeeming us to God by His blood.

“And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor know Him.” 1 Jhn 3:5,6

Through Jesus, God can hear our prayers, for in Him there is no sin and God can hear Him. **He is our Intercessor.**

“Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost these who come to God through Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them.” Heb 7:25

If you go to church, pray, and try to live as Jesus taught, you may believe that you serve God the best you know how; however, do you always hear God’s voice, or do you sometimes choose to hear the voice that tells you what you want to hear? When you want to go somewhere or do something, and you pray and ask; what voice do you usually hear speak to you? Either you have the perfect peace that God gives with His quiet

instructions and His gentle words of love, or you hear that loud booming voice which, actuality is an overwhelming urge that tells you to do what you lust after, whether it be right or wrong. When Elijah sat in a cave on a mountain, hiding from those who sought to take his life, he listened for the Lord's voice to give him instruction, and it came.

“Then He said, ‘Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD. And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake, a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.’ (And this was the LORD speaking unto Elijah.)

1 Kgs. 19:11,12

God does not use the big, showy, loud things to identify Himself. He speaks softly unto those who really desire to hear Him and will listen for that small still voice. When you have been listening to other voices most of your life, it may be hard to hear the real voice of the Spirit, but when you finally make the decision to really serve the Lord, (and cast your idols down) you must see how deceived you have been by putting other things such as religion, doctrines, traditions, your own ideas, and even the Bible before God, as a god in your heart or mind, even unknowingly. How does one do this, and yet think he is worshiping God? First, begin by listening to your self-talk, (This can be done by carrying a tape recorder around and recording your voice every time you speak, or have someone else record you all day long.)

That which you speak of most is more than likely your idol god. If you talk about, dwell upon, study, defend, and fight for the Bible, the book itself,

and yet never really believe in Jesus Christ, it can and will become your god. Even Satan himself, the great deceiver, the “Angel of light,” knows the Bible and can speak it in such a manner as to deceive the skeptical. He will twist the true meaning into a slight deviation to deceive the unwise or proud of heart.

“And Satan said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: “He shall give His angels charge concerning you,”

and, **“In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.” Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’** Matt. 4:6,7

So, also can man, without the Holy Spirit’s guidance take the Bible and trust in it to say what he wants it to say. Thus it becomes your god.

Don’t get confused and become deceived thinking you are giving glory to the Lord when really, you idolize the pastor, the television evangelist, the way they speak, the message they preach, what you judge to be right and wrong, living the law, Mother Mary, and so on. God’s ways are simple. He brings the humble man, the one who looks to Him for everything, unto Himself.

“But on this one will I look; on him who is poor and of contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.” Isa. 66:2b

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart- These , O God, You will not despise.” Ps. 51:17

So, if you’re wondering why your prayers are not being answered and you feel god is far from you, remember, your idols separate you from Him.

“...that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are all estranged from Me by their idols.” Ez. 14:5

When you look and see that during your life you have worshiped countless idols, whether they be great or small, spiritual or physical, you may think to yourself, “How can I ever worship the true and living God if I have so many foreign gods within me?” Well, there is a way! It is not hopeless! It’s in the word! Paul writes:

“Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? (Satan, double-tongued, worthlessness) Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? (one who worships demons) And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be My people.’ Therefore, ‘Come out from among them and be separate,’ says the Lord. ‘Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.’ ‘I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters,’ says the Lord Almighty.” 2 Cor. 6:14-18

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” 2 Cor. 7:1

And then John writes:

“And everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.” 1 Jhn. 3:3

Read now chapter 4 as it will give you the help you need in cleansing yourself of these idols.

CHAPTER IV

THE BIGGEST IDOL OF ALL

The previous chapter has explained by Scripture and example the bondage that this lost generation is under. Since Adam fell, and men inherited the fallen nature, men have been in bondage to idol worship. And although there are many idol gods, there is one idol that men worship that keeps them in disobedience and rebellion to God. This chapter explains that idol that prevents men from “seeing” the light of truth. And without the light of truth, there is no freedom. This chapter will also reveal how a person can escape the insidious bondage of this idol god.

Even in the worldly Christian type of church today this idol is being worshiped. For example, how many people do you know that confess Jesus as their personal LORD and Savior and yet they are still in bondage to debt, materialism, impatience, frustration, humanism, fears, anger, hate, judging others, rebellion, head-strong, lying, spiritualism, occult belief, etc. and etc.?

Do you wonder why they aren't free? How can one be saved, say they know Jesus, and confess Jesus, even say they follow Jesus, yet be under such bondage? Could it be that they are blind to the truth?

In the days of Jesus, He told the **“Jews “who believed in Him,**
If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed, and you shall
know the truth, and the truth shall MAKE you free.” Jhn 8:31,32

The Jews answered Him, even those “who believed Him,” and said:

....**“We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been in bondage to anyone, how can You say, ‘You will be made free?’”**

Jesus replied,

...**“Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.”**

John. 8:33-34

In the days of Jesus, the Jews did not understand what He was talking about. They did not know the similarity between a physical and a spiritual sin. Even though He told them that if they lusted to do something in their heart they were already judged for that sin.

“But I say unto you that whosoever looks on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” Matt. 5:28

The same is true today. Do you know a person who is subject to a life of complaint, anger, hatred, bitterness, and the like, who, if you were to tell him of the bondage he was under, would deny, scoff, or fail to see the truth of it? Would you agree that this person worships an idol god of **“willful ignorance of the truth,”** and that he has eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear? The Scriptures speak of this condition in many places.

Herein lies the problem. There are two kinds of blindness that affect men in regards to their standing with God. One is a blindness of **“looking the other way”** when the thing shown us for correction by God is ignored as a nuisance, a bother, or not worth regarding. The second kind of blindness is brought upon us because of the **“willful disregard of God’s correction”**; it is the delusion we get because we loved the lie more than the truth. The lie may have been a denial of truth where a man is shown or told of his faults and he denies it and makes no effort to correct the problem. Or the lie may be that a man judges someone else for being the problem when it is he that God is trying to correct. There are many ways to

deny the truth and many ways to be a liar. The result is all the same; spiritual blindness and deafness (spirit of slumber).

“For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; (seeing his own behavior through someone else, a direct reprimand, or some circumstance arranged by God) for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of a man he is.”

James 1:23-24

This is willful blindness to the truth. This is idol worship and will cause a spiritual blindness and deafness to come upon a man who will not receive correction from the Lord. There is a delusion that will come upon a man who disregards correction from above.

“...and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”

2 Thess. 2:10-12

Do you say that this is unfair for God to put such delusion upon men who do not want to obey the Truth? God's Word is unbreakable; He spoke it, formed worlds by it, and His Word remains unchanged for us to live by. His Word speaks of a greater punishment for those who know His Truth and still disobey, and a lesser punishment for those who sin in ignorance. Better for them that sin to be put into a delusionary state of ignorance, than to be allowed knowledge of their sin. Even after this, there is none who will be denied the Truth if they seek and ask and desire it, unfeigned.

What is the real idol behind this idol god of willful blindness? What makes men ignore their Creator and bring upon themselves the destruction of spiritual blindness and deafness? Can we say that “The devil made me do it?”, or is it given to men to have a self-will? Paul says in Romans:

“For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh), nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.” Rom. 7:18

The self-will of men strives with God deep within. The real idol god today is “**self**” (ego or ego maniac). It manifests as self-will, self-desires, self-deception, self-exaltation, selfishness, and self-rule. All other forms of idol worship are a result of willful self-worship. This self-worship causes men to sin against God unknowingly and in their nature (hearts). And God will not hear their prayers (unless it is for repentance and for Jesus to forgive them), because self-worshippers walk after the flesh (their own) and not after God’s Spirit.

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished. But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government (God’s appointed correction and leaders). **Presumptuous are they**, (arrogant, proud), **self-willed**; **they are not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries.** (the leaders, the appointed and anointed.) (KJV) 2 Peter 2:9-10

Self-worship is sin against God, and it’s ego worship. How can one worship God when he yet commits sin or has iniquity hidden in his heart? God is far from the wicked and does not hear the prayers of a sinner (lest he pray for forgiveness with repentance first.)

When a man who declares Jesus as his Lord begins to sin or who knows of sin (iniquity) in his heart and he hides it away or ignores it and

then tries to seek God with it unconfessed, or an unclean heart, attitude, or state of life, God will not hear him. The Scripture throughout bears out this truth.

“Now we know that god does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him.” Jhn. 9:31

“The LORD is far from the wicked, But He hears the prayer of the righteous.” Pr. 15:29

And a man who confesses God the Father, but does not accept His Son, Jesus, as a Savior, what possibility does he have of being heard by God? Does he sacrifice animals to have his sins pushed back one more year? Does he receive cleansing of sin and iniquity by sacrifice of animals? Look what God Himself said of the physical sacrifice His people were making.

“‘To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me,’ says the Lord. ‘I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs or goats.’”
Isa. 1:11

However, God was saying to them (and to us);

“...Repent, and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed.....” Ez. 18:30b-31a

Anyone who is in bondage to the sin of self-will, hatred, bitterness, jealousy, anger, inadequacy, etc. is a slave to these sins and cannot approach God in prayers of praise or petition. A man cannot serve two masters. A man in such a state cannot worship God because God will not hear him.

Who, then, can worship God? This one must first seek repentance and forgiveness with confession, then God will hear him through Jesus Christ. Christian worship means to live within obedience to that which is taught

(the intent of the Living Word), by Jesus Christ in the Word, and does include praise, thanksgiving, supplications, cleansing through confession, repentance, and deliverance, **and** intercession for others, and living a simple life according to the Spirit of God. Who is it then, that can worship a Holy God? Who can pray and be heard? Those who are in Christ Jesus, and also in the book of Daniel is another answer;

“Then he said unto me, ‘Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand (to know and confess your sins), and to humble yourself (with repentance) before your God, (= also Jesus Christ) your words (prayers) were heard, and I have come because of your words.’”

Dan. 10:12

This Scripture indicates that a man does not have to be “clean” or “perfect,” but must be in the way or process of submitting his will to God in order to learn of God. Otherwise, the knowledge of God is withheld from him.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

Isa 59:2

“But their minds were blinded (hardened): for until this day the same veil remains un-lifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. (For those who see and believe in Christ) But even to this day, when Moses is read, the veil lies on their heart, (preventing their understanding). Nevertheless, when one turns to the Lord (Jesus, to humble themselves and obey) the veil is taken away.” (scales are removed from their eyes.)

2 Cor. 3:14-17

This Scripture says that once a man turns his heart to God, to become obedient, then understanding of the ways unto righteousness, cleanliness, and even holiness will be opened up to him, and his prayers will be heard.

He will be made free to worship God and God will hear him and speak to him in various ways.

The physical sacrifice was just symbolic of confession, repentance, and deliverance, even a blood covering. The Scriptures of the Old Testament speak (attest) to this time after time. God wanted His people to confess their sins, repent of their iniquities, and to cast out the idol-god spirits. Psalm 32 is like a checklist for being set free of idol gods, even to the Jew before Jesus came.

“I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and You forgave me the iniquity of my sin.’ For this cause will everyone who is Godly PRAY to You (not make burnt sacrifices) in a time when You may be found: Surely in a flood of great waters (real repentance and godly sorrow by baptism of tears upon my heart) **they (the demons) **shall not come near him** (the one praying).”** Ps. 32:5,6

There are those who profess Jesus who say, “Well, Jesus did it all for me on the cross”. I don’t need to see my problems, to confess, and repent, because once you have Jesus, you have everything”. This belief in itself is an idol god to many. They have carved this image of how it’s going to be for them in the imaginations of their mind. Jesus did not tell us to roll over and do nothing. He exhorted us to “keep His commandments” which includes many things.

...“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to Him and make our Home with him.” (Jhn. 14:23) And He said in (Luk 6:21b), **“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.”** And, on the way to the cross, Jesus met many

who bewailed and lamented for Him, and He told them, **“Weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves and your children.”** Luk 23:28

If you desire this closer walk with Jesus and God the Father, read on. But if you doubt or do not desire it, put this book aside, and be content with what you have. For to continue reading will only cause confusion and doubt to those who do not desire correction and freedom, or unto those who cannot receive it with an open heart. But for you who desire more and to know the truth of God, read the promises of God for you:

“For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, Who’s name is Holy: ‘I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones” Isa 57:15

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of man except the spirit of the man which is in Him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.”

1 Cor. 2:9-11

A person who thinks he needs no change worships his every action (imagination, be it self-exaltation or self-pity). He worships his ideas, thoughts, opinions, beliefs, judgments, etc. To him, he is right in his own eyes. He needs no help from anyone. However, the Scriptures say; **“All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirits.”** Pr. 16:2

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise.” (Not counsel of man, but of the Spirit of the Lord within.) Pr.12:15

But God can deliver us from this religious Pharisee in our hearts. However, we must first truly desire to change and confess our faults and to need that change (cleansing) and then understand as Daniel did. Next, we must ask for the Truth so that we can confess our wrong to Jesus Christ and truly repent, asking His forgiveness. We must understand that we do need His correction as ministered by His Spirit of Truth (and He often speaks through others unto us). For He says in His word:

“And you shall know the truth, (the truth of what? The truth of the Word related to the lie in our heart, life, nature, etc. That we may then speak and declare, confess repent and cast out the liar (idol god) and replace it with the Truth within;

THEN, I’m FREE to WORSHIP GOD WITHOUT THAT LIE WITHIN.

Do this often and soon you will really be “free” of many old lies (idol gods) within, **“...and the Truth shall make you free.”** (John 8:32)

Chapter V

What is the "Truth"?

One of the things accomplished by God (through Jesus) on the cross was to make a way for the Holy Spirit of Truth to be given to men.

There is only one Truth and that is the "Light" of the universe. There is what man calls truth, but in reality, that is only saying or telling facts that man sees or hears or thinks or believes. Man's facts may seem as truth to someone, but in reality may be opposite real truth. The Truth is only God-The-Word revealed. It is God's Word understood or God's Word spoken. It is God's Word Alive in living that's revealed for all to see. Truth is fact! It is without question from God. No question exists in the Truth.

Man questions many things he doesn't understand, but truth is fact and truth is "always," regardless of any man. Again, truth is the revelation of God's Word understood; or put another way, truth is Jesus Christ revealed. How? See John 16:13-15.

"Howbeit, when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come. He shall glorify Me: for He shall receive of Mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are Mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of Mine, and shall shew it unto you."

John 16:13-15

To seek the truth and to receive the truth can be summarized as the "shadow and type" of what Jesus gave His disciples that was called "The Lord's Communion Supper." He said, "You must eat My flesh and drink My

blood.” This is having communion with Jesus and receiving His truth as food and drink. (Word and Spirit). It is equated to the Word and the Spirit unto our soul, heart, and spirit. It is to be nourished with and by Jesus; to sup with Him. He said:

“...Do this in remembrance of me.”

Luk 22:19

Today, the Lord’s Supper is practiced by physically drinking wine and eating bread which does nothing to nourish you spiritually with Jesus nor in His remembrance. It simply is a shadow and type of receiving Jesus the Word as revealed by the Holy Spirit (to give you the Truth). The bread symbolizes Jesus the Word and the wine symbolizes the Holy Spirit (or His Spirit).

Jesus could have also said, “I want you to swallow Me, ‘hook, line, and sinker.” This symbolizes someone receiving and believing words of another. But He said instead, “Eat My flesh and drink My blood,” as the Father gave Him utterance.

Jesus spent much of His time upon the earth teaching us about truth and how it would be administered by the Holy Spirit. He said to His disciples:

“If you love Me, keep my commandments, “and I will pray (to) the Father and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him for He dwells with you and will be in you.” (later, see John 14:15-17)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I have said to you.

Jhn. 14:26

Truth is Alive! Truth is having life in Jesus Christ, because He, the Spirit of Truth gives the revelation of Jesus Christ (The Anointed Word of God) unto our souls and spirit that we may have Life, and Life abundantly: Zoe Life!

Why is Truth so important? In John 6:63, Jesus says;

“It is the Spirit (of Truth) Who gives life (to my words); the flesh (the dry word or law) profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit (by utterance of the Holy Spirit and they are life.”

The most important aspect of truth is spiritual. Jesus told those who were of Abraham’s seed that they were in bondage to sin.

Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye abide in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed; And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. They answered Him, ‘We be Abraham's seed, and were never in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall be made free?’”

Jhn 8:31-34

They did not know it until He told them. They were spiritually deaf and blind because of their religious idol gods; or to put it another way, because of their lack of knowledge. Lack of spiritual knowledge is like the man who is blind and he doesn’t really know what he’s missing until his sight is given unto him. Being able to see, hear, smell, and feel is to the physical life, as spiritual truth is to the spiritual life. In both cases, ignorance is bondage, and what you don’t know can hurt you. For surely ignorance is “lacking”; and lacking is not knowing (without).

How important is “truth” to God? It is so important that of the Holy Trinity of God, one third of this Trinity is the Holy Spirit of “Truth.” The Lord said,

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because you have rejected knowledge. (truth)” Hosea 4:6a

But for those who turn their heart to the Lord, as described previously, the veil that prevents understanding is taken away. For those who humble themselves before a Holy God, they may ask for wisdom and receive it.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.” James 1:5

Truth is so important to God that one of the great things accomplished by Jesus on the cross was to make a way for the Holy Spirit of Truth to be given to man. **“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”**

John. 16:7 **“However, when He, the Spirit of Truth, has come. He will guide you into all truth....”** John. 16:13a

These Scriptures are just a small indication of the magnitude and importance of Truth as ministered by the Holy Spirit!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For if we desire to be set FREE, delivered from Egypt, to turn away from idol worship within, then we must “see” and “know” and “hear” and “accept” and “act” with the Holy Spirit of Truth. For only He can lead us into all Truth about Jesus Christ and cause us to regret and turn from our idol worship by declaring our lies within. FREEDOM is seeing, detesting, and declaring out

the lies, idol gods, of our old man that we may put in newness of the Word--
-Truth.

In Ps. 51:17, King David said it well, **“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, and a contrite heart—these O God, you will not despise.”** A man of such stature will humbly seek God and give up idol gods with his words to expose them and then to live a broken, yielded life and refrain from worshiping them. Apostasy is; “the first knowing of God and then slowly sliding into ‘self-ego’ (idol-god, foreign god) worship from within.” It is also spoken of as another Jesus other than the penitent, broken, yielded, Lord Jesus that Paul taught. In other words, it is one who professes Jesus and the Bible, but who believes or wants to hear of an easy Jesus (another-way) to be saved and cleansed, not apostle Paul’s way of teaching the spiritual cleansing. The easy-Jesus is not worshiping God in Spirit and Truth.

Yes, idol gods are even more so worshiped today than ever before. They are spiritual yet are seen in the absolute and physical. Will this book and this exposure of “idol gods” cause you to see how man is blinded to the real Truth? Will it stir you to take action, and become a WORD doer?

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

2 Cor 7:1

FREEDOM is for God’s people who desire to enter into His cleansing program, and into the Kingdom of God, and be without spot, wrinkle, and blemish, (idol gods, ‘live’ flesh, and iniquities). Act today and practice and declare the truth, instead of living with what’s wrong (hidden) in your heart and in your life.

I have declared, and have saved, and I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you: therefore ye are My witnesses, says the LORD, that I am God.” Isa 43:12

Because God sent His Son, (He declared and saved) and Jesus has made the sacrifice for us and we are cleansed by His Blood through prayers of deliverance, and because the Spirit of Truth has now come to reveal and has “shewed us” this truth of idol worship and brought darkness to light, to our understanding, we now may become witnesses that HE IS GOD. For God declared it, and sent salvation with deliverance, and showed us how to have no strange god among us, He has destined us to be those witnesses to His Glory and Honor. This is Love that passes all understanding.

For God may speak in one way or in another, Yet man does not perceive it. In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls upon men, while slumbering on their beds, Then He opens the ears of men, And seals their instruction. In order to turn man from his deed, And conceal pride from man, He keeps back his soul from the pit, And his life from perishing from the sword. Job 33: 14-18

It is a blessing when God shows you an iniquity or area to be delivered of in a dream. **When I say, “My bed will comfort me. My couch will ease my complaint.” Then, You scare me with dreams, and terrify me with visions, so that my soul chooses strangling, and death rather than my (sinful) body.** (This could be a nightmare, or a strong rebuking dream.) Job 7:13-15

The following prayers will guide you on how to take a “spiritual bath”. These prayer-reminders are within the framework of what Jesus said when He cast spirits out of those He prayed for.

Chapter VI

Prayer Reminders

PRAYER REMINDERS: After a sin and iniquity is revealed through some revelation, dream, rebuke, etc., or maybe you prayed the Prayer-#1 for inward cleansing and listening to the Holy Spirit name the areas in your life to be cleansed, use the following 12 steps to deliverance for cleansing out the evil influences in your life. These steps below will make you “clean” and “new” where you are not merely taught how to cope with the sin, because Jesus “removes the sin-problem.” Praise God!

- 1. Confess** the sin or area God is showing you to “Jesus.” Take responsibility for that sin. Don’t drag others through the mud with you, like, “She made me so mad that I hit her.” You must tell Him how and why you are wrong. *(I confess the areas of sin that God shows me to Jesus, and taking total responsibility, say, “Jesus, I am wrong and am so sorry for what I have done against You, against Your Word, and against others. I see it and now tell You how wrong I am with Godly sorrow and tears. This is how I am wrong _____.)*

For everyone practicing evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they were made manifest...in God...John 3:20-21 If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us of all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

- 2. Repent** as necessary to Jesus for the sin or iniquity. If you can’t repent, it may be that you need to go get right with someone first before repentance is granted, (because repentance is a gift from God.” If so, leave your request for the gift of repentance on the altar and go and ask forgiveness from the person you have offended, then come back to the altar of God and repent. Let it hurt in your heart so that you will not sin again.) Also, weep before Him in the Spirit in tongues out loud, because of the sin. The tears will be a washing. Later the Spirit will give you spiritual eyes to see this sin coming and

give you time to prepare and arm yourself to war against the sin the next time it comes around. Instead of spontaneously sinning, you will be warned in time to ward off the attack against you.

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, (confession and request for forgiveness) and remember your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come back and offer your gift. Matt 5:23-24

3. **Ask Jesus for forgiveness** and wait for the answer. *(Say, "I ask You, Jesus, to forgive me for this sin of mine"), and listen and wait to hear Him tell you that you are forgiven.*

Therefore, in all things, he had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest, in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. Heb 2:17

4. **Place the iniquity** of that sin or area with all its roots and parameters upon Mercy and Truth, and give thanks for the atonement they make for iniquity. *(Say, "I place this iniquity, sin, and the area of repentance with all its roots and parameters upon Mercy and Truth according to Pro. 16:6, and I give thanks for the atonement You have made.")*

In Mercy and Truth, Atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the Lord, one departs from evil. Prov 16:6

5. **Also ask Jesus for the Baptism of Fire** to burn out the iniquities that are in that area. *(see Prayer #2) (Say, "I ask You, Jesus, for the Baptism of Fire, to burn out these iniquities with all their roots and parameters, from my mind, body, Soul, and spirit; thoughts, words, deeds, and actions, and even the intents and thoughts of my heart, all generations back and all generations forward for eternity. Thank You, Jesus")*

I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not

worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Matt 3:11

- 6. Ask Jesus for deliverance from the spirit(s)** (See Prayer #1 on casting out spirits) *(Then say, "I plead the Blood of Jesus on all those around me, and I bind you spirit (s) of _____, with all your roots and perimeters, and command you out of me in the Name of Jesus, to go into the pits of hell, and to stay there, until your day of judgement, and do not alight on anyone else.")*

He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In my name they will cast out demons: they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover. Mk 16:16-18

Therefore, having these promises, brethren, let us cleanse ourselves of all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness..... 2 Cor 7:1

- 7. Ask Jesus for the opposite and good spirits** to replace the evil ones you cast out. This new Army of God will protect you from the evil spirits when they try to return. *("Say, "I ask You, Jesus, for the Godly spirits to replace the evil ones, and I name them and say, "I receive the Godly spirits and breathe them in, and ask the good spirits to manifest to Your Glory, Lord.")* Look up corresponding Scriptures and speak them into your heart and testify of your new woman or man. For example: *("Say, I the new man, love the Lord my God with all my heart.")*

"When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places seeking rest, he finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that man is worse than the first." Matt 12:43-45

- 8. Find the Scripture concerning the area you cast out** so that you may be filled with God's Word. Read this Scripture into your heart. (*"Look up corresponding Scriptures to speak into your heart and to testify of your new woman or man."*)

**"...Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling,
not according to our works,
but according to His own purpose
and grace which was given
to us in Christ Jesus before time began."**

2Tim 1:9

"Also I say to you, whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man will confess before the angels." Luk 12:8

"Therefore, whoever confesses Me before men, him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven ." Matt 10:32

- 9. Find someone and confess the area of sin** to them. (*Pray and be led by the Holy Spirit to ask someone to allow you to confess and declare to them the area of the old man and put it off and then, put on the new man.*)

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleans us of all unrighteousness."

1Jn1:9

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

James 5:16

- 10. Declare to them your new testimony of faith** of how you will live to avoid having the sin come back on you. (*Speak, by faith, how you will live in the future to stand on the Word and put to death the flesh nature of the old man and resist the devil."*)

"And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death (of the sin in their flesh)."

11. **Then pray (repent) for someone who has the same problem** so that you can fulfill your Royal Priesthood calling and so that you can be healed. (see prayer #3) (*Intercede and repent for others asking for the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the Word of His power, and that the Holy Spirit give you utterance for intercession and casting out spirits, like you do when you repent, and do the refilling with Godly spirits and Scriptures, then pray in the Spirit until you have total joy and peace, knowing God has heard your prayer. Then turn the intercession back over to Jesus because He ever lives to intercede for all, so that you do not continue to carry that burden.*)

“The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”

James 5:16b

“Coming to Him as a living stone, rejected indeed by man, but chosen by God, and precious, you also as living stones, being built up as a spiritual house, a Holy Priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God thru Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.”

1Peter 2:4,5,9a

12. **Give God thanks and praise for delivering you from the sin and iniquity**

and for making you a new creation in Christ Jesus. Then walk out your deliverance. Amen.

(*Speak giving thanks and praise to God for delivering you from sin and iniquity and for making you a new creation in Christ Jesus. Then speak the Word of your testimony and do not love your old flesh nature to the death of that old man or old woman. If the devil comes back to tempt you because your house is now clean, speak your testimony and resist the temptation and the devil will flee.*) **This is walking out your deliverance.**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now, all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, who has given us the ministry of reconciliation.”

2Cor 5:17-18

“Afterwards, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him: “See, you have been made well. Sin no more, least a worse thing come upon you.”

Jhn 5:14

(As you walk out your deliverance and pray for others, you will find Peace. But should you slip and not speak when the devil has come back to enter you, then confess and seek why you slipped and did not resist and overcome the temptation in the flesh. God is faithful to give you another test that you may be an overcomer and complete in Him.)

Suggested prayers for your use in deliverance:

PRAYER #1:

I ask You, Jesus, for the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the Word of Your power for deliverance and for protection in deliverance when binding and casting out the spirit(s) in Your Name. *(Then pray this out loud.)*

Holy Father, God, and Jesus, I give thanks to You and ask that You be greatly lifted up, praised, honored, and glorified. Thank You for Your precious Son, Jesus Christ, Who gave His Blood for our cleansing, and for the Holy Spirit. I plead the Blood of Jesus upon this entire household and upon all those in this vicinity, and upon all my physical and spiritual family members and friends.

In the Mighty Name of Jesus Christ, I command you evil spirits, that when you come out, you will go straight to the pits of hell, without lighting on another person and remain there until your day of judgment, to never return to this (my or these) soul(s) again, in Christ Jesus' Name. THANK YOU, JESUS.

PRAYER #2: We place these sins and iniquities upon Mercy and Truth and give thanks for the Atonement they have made for us according to Proverbs 16:6. *(In Mercy and Truth atonement was made for sin and iniquity.*" Prov. 16:6) *(This is important because it breaks the iniquity stronghold over our passed-down generational sin and iniquity we have inherited.)*

PRAYER #3: THE BAPTISM OF FIRE

Father God, through Jesus Christ, I give You my will over the iniquity of (name and describe the iniquity fully) with all its roots and parameters: (all its children to the 4th generation defined in Webster's dictionary). And Father, I ask You to go back to the moment of my conception to include those iniquities that I have inherited from my parents and grandparents to the fourth generation and back to Adam, and go forward day by day through my life, in every thought, word, deed, and action, and even the intent of the thought of my heart, and burn out by the Baptism of Fire all this iniquity from my body, my mind, my soul, my heart, my spirit, and from all my hidden and secret parts, so that it will be found no more within me, forever, now and for all eternity, not even in the intents of my thoughts. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for cleansing me of this iniquity in Jesus's Name, Amen

PRAYER #3 short version: I ask You, Jesus, to burn this iniquity (iniquities) and old nature out of me with the Baptism of fire, with all their roots and perimeters,..... all generations back and all generations forward for eternity, and burn them out of my mind, body, soul, spirit, thoughts, words, deeds and actions, even the intents of the thoughts of our hearts until they are no longer found in us for all eternity. Thank You, Heavenly Father, for cleansing me of this iniquity in Jesus's Name, Amen.

(Side note: There is credibility for the concept (Ex. 20:5, and Matt 23:25-26) that inherited iniquities and the imputed iniquities are the legal grounds for an evil spirit or sin to inhabit a person. This is why we should pray the prayer for iniquities before we cast the demon spirits out, because we can strip the legal rights for the demon to inhabit the individual being prayed for. The Scriptures also say to repent for the iniquities of your fathers and forefathers.)

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

(We also must confess iniquities passed down as we do our own sins).

PRAYER #4:

I BIND AND REBUKE YOU SPIRIT(S) OF _____ “name them” IN THE NAME AND BLOOD OF JESUS AND COMMAND YOU TO LEAVE ME (or the person(s) being prayed for). NOW! TOTALLY AND WHOLLY WITH ALL YOUR ROOTS AND PARAMETERS! (cough and blow it (them) out).

Don't forget to ask Jesus for the good spirits that are opposite of the ones you cast out, and breathe them in.

After going through steps 1-10, and after having been forgiven for the sin and iniquity that you were shown, you have followed the Way Jesus taught the disciples and others and are beginning to be right with God, becoming a New Man in Jesus Christ and with His good spirits in you beginning to manifest to His glory. We cannot be delivered by ourselves but only by His Blood and following His Word. Remember that Spiritual growth has Godly order. It is not by good works, but by faith we do the Word of God and follow Jesus and His instructions. You can look at the steps as God's stairway to Heaven.

Remember, it would not be right to stop after praying for yourself only, but selfish when considering our calling. Jesus came with the Truth to make us free and God tells us to imitate Jesus, to “pick up our cross and follow Him (be like Him, or imitate Him.” 1 Cor 11:1). This means that we are called to be a part of the Body of Jesus Christ and take care of the rest of the Body. If the toe is sore, we can doctor it and fix it by praying for it. He says in James 5:16 to pray for others so that we (the Body), may be healed. We repent and get right with God on a sin issue, and receive His forgiveness and His righteousness, but it is much better to be forgiven and healed, so the sin area has no more power over us.

This is, **“loving your neighbor as you love yourself.”** It is one of the two “Great Commandments,” upon which hang all the Law and Prophets, and is a major theme of the Bible. The first “Great Commandment” being, “Thou shall have no other gods before Me,” which, by itself, is instruction for us to go through deliverance ourselves, when necessary.

This is a big lesson in how much we need each other and are responsible for each other in the Body of Christ. Also praying for others as the Scripture instructs, kills judgement of others. How can we judge others if we ourselves were once guilty of the same things? **“For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.”** 1 Cor 11:31. When we

judge ourselves we are convicted of sin or iniquity and go through these steps of deliverance. In doing so, we follow the instructions in Matt 7:5 to first cast out the beam out of our own eye; and then we see clearly to cast out the speck out of our brother's eye. Otherwise we have "unrighteous" judgment. We love our brother enough to pray for them just like we pray for ourself. This is a win-win act of kindness and is one for which is great reward of peace and joy and God is glorified.

"Therefore, having these promises beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh (*demons*), and spirit (*iniquities*) = (Thou shalt have no other gods before me) perfecting holiness in the fear of God." (*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*) by praying for others who have the same problem. You are also perfecting Holiness.

2 Cor 7:1

So...how do you take a spiritual bath? ----Answer: By going through deliverance and praying for others!

PRAYER #5 INTERCESSION: By praying for others, you can be healed and fulfill your calling to the Lord's Royal Priesthood, and to be His Holy Nation.

Basically, you put yourself in that brother's or sister's place and stand in the gap for

them. Here is an example in steps:

1. You see the need in another to pray for a sin, a debt, or a burden. Make sure you have taken the beam out of your own eye first, through repentance and deliverance.
2. Ask Jesus if He will allow you that oneness with Him by the Holy Spirit giving you utterance in intercession for the person you wish to pray for. (He may not let you pray for them for some reason." If He says, "Yes," you may stand in his or her stead before Jesus. "If anyone sees a brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask (pray for him), and HE will give life for those who sin." (Refer to 1 John 5:16) Since the wages of is death, you can cover their sin, and they will have life more abundantly.

If He says “No” to intercession, He may only allow you to pray in the Spirit for that person and lift them up in your prayer language until you have peace.

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit...for all the saints.”

Eph 6:18

3. If He says “Yes,” then tell Jesus, “I place them in Your Arms, Jesus, and I stand in the gap for “John” (the one being prayed for). Thank You for being the Restorer of the Breach.”

Those from among you shall build the old waste places: you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The Repairer of the Breach, The Restorer of Streets to Dwell in.

Isa. 58:12

Then, ask Jesus for the Anointing of the Holy Spirit and the Word of His Power for Intercession and that the Holy Spirit give you utterance.

In Hebrews it talks about Jesus crying out to the ONE who could save Him. Since He was pure and Holy, He Himself did not need saving, but when He took the sins of the world upon Himself, then He did indeed need saving. This is like Him saying to God, “I am these people” and “I am crying out to You, God, for their sins that I have taken onto myself.” These steps are the same as when you prayed for yourself, but they are for the other person and the Holy Spirit is speaking through you.

4. Repent to Jesus with Godly sorrow, and let it be like it was you who committed the sin. If you are a little dry, and you do not have godly sorrow and repentance, ask for it. He is gracious and kind to grant you this for it is most certainly His will for you to pray for others. (Also, at this point I begin to tell Jesus that I love Him and the tears of conviction and Godly sorrow begin to flow).
5. Tell the Lord the nature of the sin and how wrong you are. (Remember you are acting in the place of the one you are interceding for. (“standing in the gap” by the Holy Spirit utterance, and He will guide you to say what is needed.)

6. Weep before Him in the Spirit out loud also, because of the sin as you did when you repented for yourself..
7. Ask for forgiveness for the sin as if you're actually the person you're praying for.
8. Place the iniquity of the spirit upon Mercy and Truth, because:
In Mercy and Truth, atonement is made for iniquity.
Pr 16:6.

(It does not do much good to cast out the spirit of a thief, for example, if the "iniquity" for the thief is not likewise offered up. "Iniquity" is the hidden desire in your heart to do evil, and may have been inherited from your forefathers.)

9. Ask Jesus to burn out all the iniquity and all of the roots and the parameters in this are with His Baptism of Fire, backwards and forwards throughout all generations of the person you are praying for.

"...For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments. "

Ex 20:5-6

"Those who hate God are those who do not obey Him, for He says, If you love Him, keep My commandments. **"If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.**

Jhn 15:10

10. After you have peace that the sin is forgiven, then cast out the spirit(s) of that sin with all its roots and parameters using the prayers you have learned. Plead the Blood of Jesus on all other people first, and then go through deliverance. Tell the spirits not to land on anyone, but to go to the pits of hell and stay there until their day of judgement. *(You will actually be coughing out the spirits as you did when you were delivered.)*

**“All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,
but the Lord weighs the spirits.”**

Pr. 16:2

“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Mk 16:17

(It will not hurt you in any way to stand in the gap, because it is really the Holy Spirit working through you interceding. It is like praying in tongues and interpretation, the workings of the Holy Spirit. This is done by faith and the Holy Spirit is speaking through your mouth and body. So, all glory goes to God, and by doing so you are healed.)

11. After casting out the spirits, ask Jesus to fill you with the opposite spirits and with Scriptures. Ask Him to manifest those spirits you breathe in for the person you are praying for to manifest themselves to His glory and honor. And thank Him for the deliverance and for making you an overcomer....*(follow the same prayers you prayed for yourself, loving them the way you loved yourself).*

“...the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.”

Matt 7:2b

12. Then turn the intercession back over to Jesus, because He is able to bear it and ever lives to intercede for us all. *(Do not **forget** this step. It will get heavy on you if you do.)*
Continue to pray in the Spirit for that person until you have total peace and joy. You may sometimes begin singing in the Spirit.

This is an outline on how to intercede for others. There has been such amazing changes made in people. Sometimes it is immediately, right before our eyes, and sometimes much later, in God's timing.

Just think what would have happened if Cain had been his brother's keeper and had prayed for him, or if Esau had prayed for his brother Jacob for twice stealing his birthright and father's blessing instead of plotting to kill him. If the Levites that Moses commanded to kill their brothers with the sword had fallen on their knees and made intercession for their brethren,

then maybe there would have been some Levites in the bloodline of Jesus. Moses was certainly our example of what to do, because God told him, “stand aside Moses, I’m going to kill them all,” Moses then fell on his face and prayed for them. (Ex 32:11)

We have a New Covenant in the New Testament in Jesus Christ. Because He “rent the veil” we can now, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit, intercede and imitate Jesus Who ever lives to intercede for all men.

Remember praying for yourself only is, at best, an act of righteousness. Praying for others (also) is an act of holiness. So, fulfill your calling as a royal priesthood. If you pray for others, you will be blessed and you will be perfecting Holiness. This is the fulfillment of the 2nd and Great Commandment to “Love our neighbor as we have loved ourself.”

Remember to follow these steps for deliverance, after confession is repentance.

“I ask You, Jesus, to forgive me. I was so wrong and repent (tell him al you did wrong and receive His forgiveness. Be sure to also get forgiveness from all you wronged.)

Once you have gone through deliverance yourself many times on different areas, you will begin to know that these prayers based on Scripture work and may be able to say a shortened prayer that covers all the basics. Here is a shortened prayer that covers those basics:

A shortened version of all the above Prayers for Deliverance:

I repent and ask You, Jesus, to forgive me. (*Confess and Repent and receive forgiveness. Repent by saying, "I am wrong, Jesus. You didn't create me to be this way. Please forgive me and cleanse me of this evil, Jesus. Describe it and how it is against His Word."* Then wash His Feet with yours tears. When you know He has forgiven you. You may have to go to the ones you did it against and get their forgiveness as well.)

Now, I ask You for the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the Word of Your Power for Deliverance. Thank You, Jesus.

- I plead the Blood of Jesus over this household, our physical and spiritual families, and all who are around us, and command all spirits cast out in the Name of Jesus to go to the pit at the Foot of Jesus and not lite on another soul.

- I bind you spirit (or spirits) of _____, and your roots and perimeters, in the Name and Blood of Jesus.

- I place these iniquities upon Mercy and Truth and give thanks for the atonement made according to Prov. 16:6.

I ask You, Jesus, to burn this iniquity (iniquities) and old nature out of me with the Baptism of fire, all generations back and all generations forward for eternity, with all their roots and perimeters,..... out of our mind, body, soul, spirit, thoughts, words, deeds and actions, even the intent of the thoughts of our hearts until they are no longer found in us for eternity.

- I command you spirit (or spirits) of _____, out of me with all your roots and perimeters, in the Name and Blood of Jesus. Go now! (Blow them out) Thank You, Jesus, for cleansing me with Your Blood. (Look up "fruit" Scriptures to fill with and speak as personal testimony.)

- Jesus please fill us with all the opposite Godly spirits from You of _____, and I receive and breathe them in now. Please manifest them in my life to Your Glory.

- I declare and confess my faults to others, and pray for others. I fill my heart and mind with Scriptures and overcome by speaking the Word of my testimony, resisting the devil, and do not love the flesh nature of the old man to it's death, and put on the new man in Christ Jesus. (Rev. 12:11) I walk out my deliverance and intercede for others.

NOTES: