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Foreword

All saints who have been part of the process of birthing this Kingdom Culture resource are acknowledged in both the imprint page as well as the postscript. To Elohim is all the glory for release of His Grace, in 21 years, to apprehend His Heart and download same for distribution to the Kingdom Church!

Use of Hebraic Names of the Most High

Yahweh, Elohim, Yeshua. During our walk with the Lord, we discovered by leading of Holy Spirit how fundamentally flawed was the intrusion of Rome into the gospel from 4th Century AD. Replacement Theology led Rome to take away all Hebraic/Jewish connections as root of what is now called the Christian Faith. What He has led us to do is to call our Father by the Name He revealed Himself to Israel which is Yahweh. In the same way, rather than call our Creator by the generic title God, we find it more appropriate to call Him by the Hebraic Name He revealed to humanity through Moses which is Elohim. The Name, Elohim properly conveys His Unity in Plurality as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! We also call our King the Name His Father gave Him, Yeshua as well as the Anglicized translation, Jesus derived from the Greek translation, Ioseus.

We do this as led by Holy Spirit, not as part of the so-called sacred Names movement. Neither do we subscribe to the legalistic methods of Judaizers intent on dragging saints into the dead works and rituals of Judaism. We do not condemn or malign those who have not yet caught this depth of revelation. Please feel free to call the Most High by what He reveals to you and what you are comfortable with.

Preface for the Kingdom Culture Series

We have tarried before the Lord for some time to receive a rhema concerning how to introduce the books in the series you are about to read. He directed us to share a little bit of how He ordered our steps over a 21-year period between 1996-2017.

In 1996, the Lord called us out of denominationalism to serve His Body and Kingdom. As we resigned from a Pastoral calling and began to serve Him and the Body in a community in Africa (Owerri, Imo State of Nigeria), we held on to one critical vision He released beginning August 1996. At that time, we joined other saints to lament the sad state of Africa on almost all fronts of life. It was surreal to hear the Lord comfort us by saying He had appointed His Church in Africa as instrument of a quick work: Rescuing His Kingdom program in the earth realm from corruption in preparation for the return of King Yeshua, Jesus.

In August 2006, He directed us to relocate to London which as centre of the world would make our Acts 1:8 assignment more impactful on a global scale. Looking back, because we did not see it then, it is significant that it was 100 years after Azusa Street Revival that the Lord in 2006 birthed Global School of Ministry as a catalyst of Reformation, Restoration, and Revival. Again, we did not see clearly then how extensively it was to be used to rediscover Truths which were missed out by Martin Luther in the Protestant Reformation of 1517.

Interestingly, the Lord used various means to make it clear what He was about to do was not raise a man or woman, like Martin Luther was raised prominently and publicly. But rather activate a company of saints worldwide with understanding of Him and the Church. A company of saints who embrace His Kingdom pattern and take their place as His sons who would do all His will. In this regard, the Lord made it clear the election of His Church in Africa was not for the purpose of building an ‘African Cultural Church’. The wider and more strategic scope was to use it to use His remnant ‘out of the seed of Ham’ to impact and connect His seed out of Shem and Japheth to constitute the fourth race which is the Elect Remnant or ‘one new man’ spoken of by Apostle Paul.

In other words, the focus of the Lord was simply to use the Global School of Ministry project to activate His elect remnant to walk in unity of the Faith. And, be empowered to represent Him and the Kingdom right where they are in various corners of the world where He preserved them from the claws of Babylon. It was then Holy Spirit provided illumination of this anchor scripture:

Romans 11:5 (KJV) 5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

There is a simple, yet grand key to understand the fundamental difference between the Martin Luther Protestant Reformation and the Kingdom Culture project. The Reformation of Martin Luther was designed to ‘Protest’ some of the dogma and practices of the Roman Catholic

Church when he received revelation of their unbiblical origins.

The Kingdom Culture project, on the other hand, is designed to take the Church back to what it was before the Roman Empire embraced the larger wing of the Church which was tired of persecution and martyrdom in the 4th Century. In other words, through the Kingdom Culture project, the Omega or End Time Church will be a logical conclusion of what had started in the Alpha or First Century Church.

Unlike other reformation projects before it, Kingdom Culture, through the Global School of Ministry and annual Master Class series of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program have two simple keys: Get the Church back into the 'School' Paradigm where Study of the Word is central to both congregational and general ministry. Second, to challenge all saints to receive the Four-dimensional work of Holy Spirit: He Is the Seal of redemption; He uses the Word to Transform Life of Believers from inside out, He Unites saints to live as one indivisible Body of Yeshua notwithstanding their locations or sects; He releases Power through which saints are able to demonstrate the awesome powers of the Risen Yeshua, Jesus!

These are accomplished when leaders and saints sincerely and diligently embrace the ministry of Holy Spirit and the Word through the T>T>E>A>R process. It is one where leaders are used by Holy Spirit to:

Teach saints the whole counsel of Holy Scriptures

Train saints to discover and take their places as effective members of the Body of Yeshua

Equip saints with what it takes to walk in victory through mentorship and support

Activate the Gifts and callings of Holy Spirit which may lie dormant in them

Release the saints into productive ministry. This may be by public ordination or Commissioning during ministry events.

500 years after the Protestant Reformation of 1517, the Lord Yeshua, Jesus is activating throughout the earth realm this framework. The framework through which Holy Spirit will undertake training of Reformers who will receive proper understanding of the Pauline Epistles and Master Plan of the true Kingdom Church contained therein, and build individual lives, ministries and congregations accordingly.

This Kingdom Culture project involves release of 40 books on dedicated websites where all saints worldwide who desire to discover, pursue and fulfil their callings as the Royal Priesthood after the order of Melchizedeck can find the teaching resources to train in the comfort of their own homes.

On the other hand, these 40 books will put in the hands of the great company of elect ministers across the world who know the flock is not theirs but Yeshua's. These books are tools with which to systematically transform the operating systems of the ministries committed to their trust from 'Theatres' to 'Schools'. These books collectively make up the curriculum with which to launch their own Global School of Ministry project. The curriculum will ensure every two or three years, fresh sets of fit for-purpose ministers of

the gospel who will serve the Lord with all their hearts are produced.

All 40 books on the websites constitute what it takes to root out the leaven of Babylon derived from our various experiences with Christian Religion. They therefore constitute what we need to embrace and walk in true Kingdom Culture. It is through ministry of the Word that the Church will be prepared and made ready for return of her Groom:

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Please intentionally study this and the other resources in the series prayerfully under unction of Holy Spirit with your Bible to confirm all the points made. As you train, necessity is upon you to make your vessel available for Holy Spirit to use to transmit these empowering truths to other saints who yearn for empowerment!

Psalms 68:11 (KJV) 11 The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it.

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

May Elohim, our heavenly Father make you the instrument
of His Grace He designed you to be!

Chapter 1

Prologue + Introduction

Prologue

It is strange that one of the most controversial subjects when “Christians” gather from various sects and denominations is the issue of Who/What Holy Spirit Is, His relevance to the Church today and what He does. This undue controversy defines one of the longest running spiritual equivalents to a protracted civil war in Christendom between two implacable groups: (1) Those who insist He is still active in the fullness of what was revealed of His Work in the early Church. (2) The Cessasionist who insists with the birth of the Church by His pouring forth on the Day of Pentecost 2000 years ago, the Church is now able to run on auto pilot, with no need of Him.

Among the Cessasionist, two broad groups have emerged with time. They include those who claim: (1) Holy Spirit now indwells the Church and therefore there is no need for any “Charismatic” manifestation which they claim is evidence of demonic presence. (2) Some aspects of manifestations of Holy Spirit are acceptable such as in regeneration and sanctification. They however deny the need for Baptism in Holy Spirit and the practice of speaking in tongues.

Beyond these, there are numerous variations of disputations which various denominations have formulated, packaged

and sold as dogma to which those who are their members should subscribe.

The Fallacy of Humanism

The things we have observed here constitute some of the uglier features of denominationalism, one of the chief tools of Satan to systematically divide, degrade and destroy the Church of Yeshua Ha Mashiach, Jesus the Messiah. Denominationalism is institutionalized disunity and division which makes human founders and their opinions or religious perspectives, not Yeshua, Jesus or His Word final authority for saints to submit to.

The Omega Church is about making the whole Word central to who saints are and becoming the exact pattern defined in the Word by Yeshua. The Omega or end-time Church has a simple assignment before it: It is to be the Church described in the Word of Elohim, uncorrupted by humanistic reasoning. In this regard, its nature and operation is only validated by being the full measure of the pattern set out in the Holy Writ. Two of the prophecies concerning the Omega Church are worthy of consideration.

The first deals with the reality that the Omega Church which precedes return of King Yeshua, Jesus will be one in which all truths in the Word lost during the long march of history are restored. In this regard, what Peter said to Israel following the Day of Pentecost is instructive:

Acts 3:19-21 (KJV) 19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord. 20 And he shall send Jesus Christ, which

before was preached unto you: 21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

If Peter spoke to the Alpha or Early Church about restoration of all things, we can safely discern that far more needs to happen before the Omega Church emerges in the fullness of its prophesied dazzling glory. If we can figure out the quantum of errors, heresies, apostasies and backslidings that have resulted from departures from the faith since the Ascension of Yeshua, Jesus we can understand the need for Holy Spirit to teach us the simple, uncomplicated Word again. The very Word He inspired the faith worthies of the Alpha Church to write and their simple alignment with all the writings from the Pentateuch given through Moses to the last book of the Old Covenant needs to be studied, meditated upon, lived out and taught under His direct inspiration again.

In this regard, the second New Testament prophecy concerning how the Omega Church will look makes clear that with a fresh potency, the Word will be applied to take off all the things which has caused incidence of various stains and blemishes so it can be radiant and ready for its Bride Groom and Head. Here is how Paul, the apostle, was inspired to describe the Omega Church that will emerge in the earth realm ahead of the return of King Yeshua. Let us take note that He Himself is initiating the purification and beautification process because the Church which will be joined to Him will need to be just as He Is.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave

himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

All the Courses of Study in the Omega Church series that are being taught in the Master Class of the Global Advanced Mentorship Program and Global School of Ministry have their roots in this reality: King Yeshua made a declaration to the effect that a quick work has been activated for the elect remnant no matter where they are located or what they are presently doing to receive fresh Light from above to understand What the Word says as opposed to what the Word has been re-programmed by humans, denominations and sects to mean.

Centrality of the Word is a Critical Key

If we must study and understand Who Holy Spirit Is, there is no question the starting point ought to be The Word. What the Word says of Him is reliable. We cannot therefore go to the Word with pre-conceived ideas and notions which may become idols. If we already know what we want to believe and are studying the word to merely confirm what we already believe, the basis of profound error is laid. What we think is truth may be nothing more than denominational dogma we were fed on. Let us therefore approach this study with open hearts so that Truth of The Word can have a chance to minister to us. This course will be hinged entirely on the pillars described above.

The Mystery of Elohim is Real but has an Expiration Date

Of all the things which have caused much debate and strife among “Christians” the second has to do with finite minds trying to place an infinite Elohim Who Is their Creator in a box called Theology (the Study of God). Within this box, various brilliant minds construct their conjectures which are campaigned for and deliberated upon in councils of denominations or academia. Brilliant ideas get accepted instantly by the majority that is swayed. Those which are not embraced are subjected to further study or refinement to be presented at future councils. In the end, humans define “God” according to their perceptions by either subtracting from the Word or adding to it. There are two things about Elohim that are necessary for sincere worshippers and seekers to know and accept, if we all are to be on the same page with Him.

- 1. Elohim is a Mystery:** He Who existed in Time past well before we were created is well beyond our reach to comprehend. We can easily slide off track in our relationship with Him if we try to guess Who He Is. How can a finite mind fully comprehend and reduce infinity to a study? How can we, in words of mere mortals, frame the nature, essence and characteristics of He Who created and sustain everything by the word of His power? The way out is to rely on the degree of light which He chooses to shed on Divinity in His Word.

Deuteronomy 29:29 (KJV) 29 The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which

are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Line by line; precept by precept He enables us to rightly divide the word of truth.

- 2. The Mystery of Elohim will end one day:** Eternity past is past. Our lifetime is but a speck of eternity in the now. One day, time, as we know it: comprising of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, seasons and dispensations - will be no more. In that period, the mystery of Elohim will come to an end.

Revelation 10:5-7 (KJV) 5 And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven, 6 And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth, and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer: 7 But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

Because of these two pillars, let us leave the Secret things to Elohim, accept and run with what He reveals in His Holy Word.

Let Him Teach us by Himself

The best approach that is critical to understand Holy Spirit is to give Him right of way in our hearts, minds and attitudes

to teach us Who He Is. He knows the best scriptures to cite. He Who inspired the writing of the texts is best placed to release His light and life on the Word so that it becomes a pulsating reality which reveals Him in High Definition.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (KJV) 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

In order to learn, we need to be open to His appointed Process. All that has been said in this prologue can be summed up thus: Let us give Holy Spirit right of way to process us through the various revelations He will release to us through the Word.

1 Corinthians 13:9-12 (KJV) 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. 10 But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Introduction: Holy Spirit is Elohim in Action

In order to properly understand who Holy Spirit is and how to relate with Him we need to understand Elohim, The Supreme Being Who in the Holy Scriptures is presented as A Single Entity in essence, but with Three distinct personalities, Father, Son and Holy Spirit that are found all

over the Holy Scriptures. The arguments on the composition of what was clearly intended to be a mystery is rank arrogance on the part of humans to decode to the point of hating each other. A day is coming when all arguments will cease on the subject matter. What is needful in the now is to take the Word as it is concerning Elohim, Supreme Creator and Ruler of the Universe. His manifestation as Yahweh, our Father; Yeshua our Redeemer and Holy Spirit, His Life in us all speak of one central point: This is a Supreme Being that is far different from the gods of the nations. This Elohim is relational, describing Himself in His Word as One Who created a family in the earth realm of His Kingdom to represent Him and superintend all other creation therein on His behalf.

Genesis 1:26-29 (KJV) 26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

If we examine the Word carefully, these distinct truths become manifest:

1. **“Let us,”** in verse 26 speaks of an Elohim Who has a peculiar make up. The ordinary and implied meaning is clearly that of a mutual consent in consultation of what to do on creation morning.
2. **“In our image and likeness,”** furthers the concept of consultation within what can be referred to in English as the God Head, which in Hebrew is simply rendered as Elohim.

Concerning the events of creation morning, two scriptures in Genesis Chapters 1 and 2 make it plain that Holy Spirit Is in and proceeds out of Elohim:

Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Those who have been programmed to see Holy Spirit as an impersonal force or something that could be added or subtracted from the earth realm place themselves in great danger by reading the Holy Scriptures selectively through the lenses of religion. The reason is that with this attitude,

they miss something so evidently declared from the first chapter to the last Chapter.

Revelation 22:17 (KJV) 17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

The reality of divinity as presented in the Holy Scriptures reveals that Holy Spirit is not an impersonal force. He is not a servant of the Church to be switched on when we like and switched off when we do not feel like. Holy Spirit is Elohim in action. The scriptures call Him by various names which define His attributes or activities. He is called Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, Spirit of the Living Elohim, Spirit of Yeshua and various other titles.

Final Word: He Is best placed to teach us!

Holy Spirit is the most Trusted instrument of granting us an understanding of Himself as documented in the Holy Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 2:3-14 (KJV) 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. 6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God

ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Assignment: (1). Kindly summarize what you personally learnt from this lesson. (2). List between 3-5 things which ministered fresh insight into your understanding.

Please avoid the temptation to stray away from the lesson or subject matter

Chapter 2

Defining Elohim as Presented in the Word

Let us continue our study with a general exposition on Elohim before we focus specifically on Holy Spirit in subsequent chapters. As we shall understand, the reason for this approach is to situate where His Divine nature and Power is derived. Elohim is the Supreme and Eternal Spirit personality or Being as attested by Yeshua in His dialogue with the woman at the well of Samaria.

John 4:24 (KJV) 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Elohim created heaven and earth, mankind, other creatures and the things that fill the earth with form as outlined in Genesis chapter 1 and Hebrews 1:3.

Hebrews 1:3 (KJV) 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

He sustains them all by His own will and power as He alone rules and reigns over the affairs of mankind. The testimony of Who He is by the heathen King Nebuchadnezzar after the humiliation of living like an animal is instructive.

Daniel 4:34-35 (KJV) 34 And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the most High, and I praised and honoured

him that liveth for ever, whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation: 35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

Immutable Attributes of Elohim

There are four immutable attributes which define the essence of Elohim making Him unique in all realms of Creation. Each of them equally applies to the Holy Spirit:

- 1. Omnipotent:** By this we mean for Him to be Elohim He is and will remain all powerful with inherent ability to do whatever He wants experiencing no external limitations to exercise His power.

In other words, Elohim can do all things which He desires to do. The only limitations, so to speak, are that in exercise of His own omnipotence, Elohim, from the uniform testimony of Scripture does not function contrary to His nature, will and plan. No creature or power in all realms of existence can intimidate Him or stampede Him to do what is contrary to His nature or will. However, the Omnipotent Elohim can allow or permit mankind or angels to exercise a unique facility He put in them freedom of the will to act or respond to Him according to their own will or choice. If in exercise of the will mankind incurs the just recompense for bad decisions, as we saw in Adam and Even in Genesis 3:1-6. Elohim cannot be blamed. It was in exercise of His Omnipotence that Elohim created heaven and earth by His

spoken word (Genesis 1; see also Genesis 18:14; Jeremiah 32:27; Ephesians 3:20; 1 Timothy 6:15-16).

Psalm 33:8-9 (KJV) 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 9 For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

- 2. Omniscient:** This is the ability of Elohim to know all things concerning all of His creation. Omniscience is a function of the infinite or limitless capacity of His mind. He alone knows and sees all things, simultaneously happening in the mind of all mankind. Elohim in effect knows the thoughts of all mankind without the need to consult them. All things are naked to Him who created them.

Jeremiah 17:10 (KJV) 10 I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.

1 Corinthians 3:20 (KJV) 20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

Hebrews 4:12-13 (KJV) 12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13 Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

- 3. Omnipresent:** Consistent with His omnipresent and omniscience, Elohim is Omnipresent. This means that the presence of Elohim pervades all His creation. He is everywhere, all the time. Elohim is transcendent and therefore beyond all forms of limitation of space or time.

This attribute of Elohim does not confer on Him responsibility for the willful actions of people or fallen angels in exercise of their free will.

- 4. Omnibenevolent:** He is merciful, loving and caring to all. He has made ample provision for all His creation. This is made possible by His essential nature which is love which He exercises even when correcting or disciplining us (See Hebrews 12:4-11).

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (KJV) 23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Matthew 5:45 (KJV) 45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

Essence and Nature of Elohim (11 Qualities)

Certain qualities constitute His essential nature and attributes. By essence we mean what He is by His very nature. These are but a human attempt to grasp the reality of the Almighty as presented by Himself in His Holy Scriptures:

1. **He is Love:** Elohim is love is a theme that resonates in His creation, redemption and providential dealings with man. Love is the root of creation. He wanted to bring into being humankind to be the recipients of His fatherly affection. It is His love that draws us to Himself.

1 John 4:7-8 (KJV) 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

It was love which drove Elohim to be manifested in the Son as the Lamb Who takes away sins of the world:

1 John 4:9-12 (KJV) 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

John 3:16 (KJV) 16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

It is because of His love and mercy that we are sustained, even though the valley of the shadow of death. The more we know Him, the more this essence envelopes and transforms us until any contrary nature and quality is expunged and we become like Him. John the beloved was a man with a hot temper and an unforgiving spirit who even sought permission to wipe off a whole community because they differed from him. He was also so ambitious that he and James his brother conspired with their mother to appropriate the highest places of honor for themselves in the Kingdom. This same brother was so zealous for Yeshua, Jesus that the spirit of intolerance and sectarianism crept in and he tried to forbid other people from working miracles in His name. By the time Yeshua, Jesus Who Is Love personified was through with John there was no room for any nature or message other than love in Him (See Mark 9:38-41; Matthew 20:20-28, 1 John 3:10-23; 1 John 4:7-21.)

- 2. Holy:** Elohim is holy, pure, undefiled with sin or corruption of any sort. All the thoughts of His heart are pure and so are His acts.

1 Peter 1:15-16 (KJV) 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Because He is Holy, James 1:13-16 warns that no one should ever purport to be tempted by Elohim to commit sin.

3. **Transcendent:** He is beyond the limitations of time and space. Time proceeded from His eternal being. Space came into being from the depths of His imagination and He spoke it into being. For this reason Elohim can do anything, anywhere, all at the same time.
4. **Just and True:** Everything about Elohim is just and true. He is fair, equitable, right and true in all His decisions and actions. Within Elohim is the ultimate standard of judgment of what is right or wrong. This qualifies Him to be the judge of all the earth –(See Genesis 18:26; 1 Peter 1:17; Daniel 4:37.)
5. **Immortal:** Elohim is eternal, without beginning and cannot die or expire. Life proceeds from Him and returns to Him for judgment.(See Timothy 6:15-16; Daniel 4:34.)

Revelation 20:11-12 (KJV) 11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

6. **Infinite:** Elohim is limitless in thought and knowledge. The depths and heights of His mind cannot be fathomed. This presents us with the reality that what we know or can ever imagine is but a speck of who He truly is.
7. **Personal:** Elohim has a definite personality and will act as it pleases Him. As a person Elohim thinks, has a preference of what He likes, dislikes and hates. He can feel, touch, guide and walk with His own. If you want to walk acceptably with Elohim, be ready to please Him and He will supply the grace for this dream to be translated into reality –(See Genesis 1:26;Genesis 6:1-10).
8. **Wise and Intelligent:** Elohim is the spring and source of all wisdom and intelligence. He is the master designer of human life and all of the creation (See 1 Timothy 1:17; Jeremiah 29:11; Psalm 139:13-16).
9. **Supreme:** Elohim is the Supreme Being who has ultimate authority over everything in all of creation; visible and invisible. All power belongs to Him and He causes who He desires to receive and exercise power on earth (See Romans 13:1-7; 1Timothy 6:15).

No one can ever dream of being a leader outside of Him otherwise certain judgment follows as Belshazzar discovered in Daniel 5:1-31, like his father Nebuchadnezzar before him (Daniel 4:1-37).

10. Creator: Elohim created all things in heaven and on earth. Genesis Chapter 1 reveals in clear detail the process whereby He spoke this world into being out of nothing.

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear (Hebrews 11:3).

11. Compassionate and Merciful: The Elohim we worship is compassionate and full of mercy. He knows the weakness of our frame and makes provision for them through His heart of mercy (Psalm 103:1-18).

This nature of Elohim cannot be a license for His people to remain in bondage to Satan and sin. If any saint despises the blood that bought them, the door will be open to a reprobate heart condition (See Hebrews 6:1-9).

Effect of Knowing the Attributes of Elohim and His Essence

When saints walk in proper understanding of Who their Elohim Is, there will be greater motivation to trust Him; release Faith in His Words and have a healthy respect for Him which translates into godly fear. When saints live in awareness of His existential reality and presence; when they know that He discerns and knows thoughts of the mind, meditations of the heart and inclinations to action, there will be little or no room to harbor in, nurse grudges or give space to Satan to tempt into sin. Those who glibly act the part of holiness inside the four walls of a “Church

sanctuary ”but quickly switch off and turns on to the flesh at home declare to Him that they do not know Him.

Those Who will use their beings to “serve” Him on Sunday after lending those same bodies to serve iniquity of immorality on Saturday night in effect announce that they do not know Him. The way Sin has invaded the organized Church may have a direct bearing to how, in search of sophisticated topics to teach and preach, fundamental doctrines of the Word which reveal Who Elohim Is, His holy Standards and true Grace made available for His Own to enjoy an intimate relationship have been swept away as too “elementary.” It is time to restore and return to the ancient landmarks of Truth

The brothers and sisters who laugh with their leaders in the open and plot against them behind their back declare by so doing that they are immature. Those who invest cunning craftiness to nurse grudges and plot vengeance against real or assumed enemies declare plainly that they do not know Elohim. David was a man who walked in the consciousness of Omniscience and Omnipresence of Elohim and made this powerful declaration:

Psalm 139:7-12 (KJV) 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. 9 If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. 11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. 12 Yea, the darkness hideth not from

thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

Joseph was a young man who had every excuse to be bitter, angry and susceptible to satanic manipulation of his mind and body. But on the day that he faced a temptation that offered him great rewards, his response showed that he had a true relationship with Elohim.

Genesis 39:13-20 (KJV) 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice: 15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled, and got him out. 16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his lord came home. 17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: 18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled out. 19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. 20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.

Assignment: (1). Please share as many of the 4 immutable attributes of Elohim and as many of the 11 things which constitute the essence of His Being or nature which ministered most to you. Please ensure that you read the chapter and answer accordingly.

Chapter 3

A Triune Elohim: Unraveling the Mystery of Unity in Trinity

Elohim Is One Supreme Being but revealing Himself throughout the Holy Scriptures in Three Persons known as Yahweh/Father; Yeshua, Jesus/The Son and Ruach Ha Chodesh/Holy Spirit. The contentions which arise from inability to grasp an understanding of this Triune Elohim lies in the reality that it is impossible for natural reasoning and logic to apprehend a profound mystery ordained to remain so until the day prescribed in Revelation 10:7.

The march of history indicates that among many of those who purport to accept the truth of Elohim expressed in three personalities, there are so many emotions attached to what they believe to the degree that they are unable to communicate their faith with other people. It pays therefore for us to humble ourselves before Holy Spirit to receive light from Him in the Word on this essential issue on which our entire faith and life rest; the issue of the triune Personality of Elohim.

Trying to force this truth down the throat of those who have not yet got the revelation has been the major error of those who grasp it mentally as in memorization of Sunday school teachings. Realistically, the things of Divinity cannot be reduced to logic and intellectual debates but are best apprehended by Revelation of the Word. Let it be said again that human nature cannot apprehend Elohim by debates or intellectual arguments but by revelation. The only safe

way forward is to come to a place where “Thus says the Lord” clarifies “It is written,” not take us out of the Word.

Star Preachers, Teachers, and the Word

Nothing illustrates this reality more than the case one of the top 10 Princes of the Preaching Industry in America. Ordained by “modalist” ministry, this brother for about 30 years of ministry had carefully avoided preaching on doctrine of the Word but rather honed his self-improvement and motivational speaking style to extraordinary lengths, selling same with his trademark media personality.

It was only in 2012 or so that he confessed to a revelation he received from heaven; it was not the Father Who died on the Cross but rather Yeshua, Jesus. Since Yeshua, Jesus had already been revealed to him as a Divine Personality, everything about his old doctrine crashed. That was how Holy Spirit dealt with Him. Let it be said clearly however that any purported revelation of Divinity, which blatantly or overtly contradicts the uniform testimony of the Word should be held with some measure of caution. There is just no substitute to making the Word the peg on which to hang whatever we think we received. “Does it line up with or does it contradict the Word?” is a good question to ask. To study the Word as a lifestyle is to be alive, especially when Holy Spirit is given right of way to illuminate and navigate the way. The brother who veered off track and used revelation of the Kingdom he received to propound the theory that Yeshua, Jesus is not critical to Kingdom life (and therefore what was needed by saints is acquisition of his “secret code” of the Kingdom) would not have taken as much people as he did off track if they had bothered to diligently

cross check his words with the Holy Scriptures. To fall under the bright light of star power of preachers and teachers, relying on their every word and quoting same as gospel truth without cross checking the word and discernment is to manifest immaturity. The word of every mortal must be cross checked against Scripture to see how it aligns or falls away from Truth.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) 15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (KJV) 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

Matthew 7:24-27 (KJV) 24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: 25 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock. 26 And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: 27 And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

It is needful to encourage saints to tarry in prayer and study of the Word before Elohim seeking revelation. To mouth doctrines of Who He Is without gaining a personal revelation is to build faith on shaky grounds. When you personally receive revelation from Him, He can entrust you to commit the same to faithful witnesses who have the capacity to continue to expand the scope.

2 Timothy 2:2 (KJV) 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Let us be open to what Holy Spirit is saying in the now and feel free to inquire of Him any issue raised.

Pentecostals and Wariness with Nicaea

Pentecostals were wary of the Council of Nicaea of AD 325 when men huddled together and under the watchful eyes of a patronizing Emperor Constantine and State (Rome) articulated some of the dogmas that eventually shaped Christianity as a religion. This was based on creeds and rituals rather than a personal relationship with Elohim based on a definite life changing encounter with Yeshua, Jesus. For that reason the basic attitude of Pentecostals and Charismatics has been to ignore or side-step some of the intricate issues of the faith, especially those that have to do with Who Elohim that we worship is. The tendency is to focus on the more certain issues such as manifestation of the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit and take them as indications of divine approval. This approach is largely unhelpful because it is escapist. Space is thus given to

cults and pseudo-Christian groups to set the agenda of the debate of who the Elohim we serve is. That to allow anything to make us to be in ignorance of the Person and Nature of The Supreme Being Who we relate with is dangerous is best illustrated with this warning:

Hosea 4:6 (KJV) 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

As we receive of the Lord we are not going to belabor ourselves with the intellectual arguments and ways in which the doctrine of the Trinity was developed by early scholars of the fourth century AD Church which was already on the road to the Babylon of organized religion by embrace of union of Church and State. That is why we do not quote the works of Tertullian, an early third century theologian credited with articulating the doctrine of the Trinity which ultimately shaped the outcome of the First Council of Nicaea in AD 325, nor shall we be concerned with the contributions of people like Augustine of Hippo or Athanasius. The reason is simple: there is enough original light in the Holy Writ and enough illumination from the Holy Spirit in His present-day ministry of teaching us all things.

The written Word and Holy Spirit, the Teacher, are therefore more reliable sources for accessing the mind of Elohim rather than the words of men. We must also admit that because of Who He is the Lord always has a way of working out all things to His glory.

While Nicaea was designed to showcase benefits of union between Church and State, the religious system it spawned and powerful political machine which undergirded, did not negate manifestation of the determinate counsel of Elohim. While the ensuing union became a major arrowhead of organized religion, Elohim still laid hold of the minds and hands of men who assembled at Nicaea. What came out as the Nicene Creed was substantially a useful bulwark against apostasy.

“We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the

resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. ”

It would have been wonderful if those who purportedly subscribed to that document lived by its core postulations rather than simply memorize and recite them. Let us therefore take our eyes off what men planned to achieve and celebrate what Elohim made out of it because He makes all things to work together for the good of His own elect and according to His own Supreme Purpose.

In that fourth century generation, the infamous priest of Alexandria, Arius had sparked off what is now known as the Arian controversy in which he postulated that rather than being Divine, Yeshua, Jesus was created by Elohim as an instrument to reconcile mankind to Himself. While he ascribed supernaturalism to Yeshua, Arius declaimed His Divinity. In this regard, Arius and his followers fitted into the frame Holy Spirit had constructed of apostates though the hands of John the beloved.

1 John 2:18-28 (KJV) 18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us. 20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and that no lie is of the truth. 22 Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the

Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. 24 Let that therefore abide in you, which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye also shall continue in the Son, and in the Father. 25 And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. 26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you. 27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 28 And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming.

Paul had also hinted that some would depart from the Faith (Truth based on Revelation of the Identity of Yeshua as Incarnation of Elohim)

1 Timothy 4:1 (KJV) 4 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

In those early days of the Alpha Church, the great falling away had already started. The writings of John made it clear that when Truth is distorted and compromised, the outcome is toxic to the soul of saints. In this regard, saints are not to

wave it off as not concerning them but rather take a bold, principled stand not to partake in error.

1 John 4:1-3 (KJV) 1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John 6-11 (KJV) 6 And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. 10 If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: 11 For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.

A Safe Truth the Repeat: There is only One Elohim

The contentions of Who Elohim is arise mainly because people tend to use human reasoning and logic to apprehend the things of Divinity. Those who totally ignore the subject matter are not doing themselves any good. Let us repeat it that escapism or assumptions are not good enough. The best course of action is to be humble under the guidance of Holy Spirit to receive light on whole counsel of the Word which enables us to gain an insight into the mystery of the Supreme Being Who we relate with and worship. Because it is impossible to relate with or have faith in a stranger, an understanding of Elohim within the ambit of revelations in His Word is a useful and healthy thing to do. It is a settled issue that there is only one Elohim.

Deuteronomy 6:4 says “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord” (See Deuteronomy 32:39; 2 Samuel 7:22; 1 Chronicles 17:20; Psalm 83:18; Psalm 86:10; Isaiah 43:10, Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 45:18; Mark 12:29; 1 Corinthians 8:4; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 5:7). This Elohim we speak of is without comparison. As the scriptures affirm, there is none like Him:

Exodus 8:10 (KJV) 10 And he said, To morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the Lord our God.

Exodus 15:11 (KJV) 11 Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods? who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?

Our best source is the Father of Lights and His Word, illuminated by Holy Spirit. We therefore need go straight to

He who gave us right to call Him Abba to ask Him “Who are you?” “How did you manifest yourself in times past to your elect?” “What do we make of the mass of information on yourself in your Holy Book?” Beloved, this is the way to go if we must avoid the tendency of falling into the booby traps the enemy laid for those whose pilgrimage he cannot stop. Elohim has opened the heavens and by the illumination of Holy Spirit provided a clear basis on how to ascertain who He is.

It is significant that as early as the creation morning the peculiar personality of Elohim is presented. Hear Him speak on the morning of creation: “And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness (See Genesis 1:26). The concept of a divine being with distinct personalities is clearly presented at this critical juncture when time was being birthed out of eternity. In Genesis 1:2, we see mention of the Spirit of Elohim hovering upon the void.

Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

At the fall of man we see a compound phrase when Elohim declared in Genesis 3:22: “ behold the man is become as one of us.” Clearly implied is a collective in perfect harmony. This picture was again stated in Genesis 11:7 when Elohim decided to scatter the Tower of Babel project “Go to, let us go down and there confound their language.”

The scriptures are filled with various references which we will be articulating in a three-part study: Understanding Yahweh our Father; Understanding Yeshua, Jesus the Son and understanding Ruach ha Chodesh, Holy Spirit. Elohim wants us to take our time and understand Him because our entire destiny rests on a proper knowledge of Him and we can only function according to the degree of light He gives us. To know Him is to walk in true wisdom.

Jeremiah 9:23-24 (KJV) 23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: 24 But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord.

Options to Choose from Regarding what the Scripture say of Elohim.

When all the distinct scriptural references to Elohim as Father; Yeshua, Jesus as His only begotten Son and Ruach Ha Chodesh, Holy Spirit are put together, we can only come to one of these conclusions:

1. This particular Supreme Being in the bible is a unique mystery/Divine Being with three distinct personalities Who are One in essence and collectively constitute the single Godhead. The three persons identified variously as the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit are one in essence, equal and

sustained in perfect unity by the love that binds them together. Individually they possess the essential nature and immutable attributes of Elohim. Their relationship to each other is not exclusive but peculiarly distinct from any other relationships we may know in a human sense. Our finite minds cannot fully comprehend how this relationship fully works out in every detail.

2. There are 3 different Gods in operation each of which exercises unique power. Each of these Gods are able to stand independently without any real need for the other in order to be complete. In this case the Hebrew God will be YHWH. The Evangelicals would then have Jesus Christ as God while the Pentecostals will claim the Holy Spirit. This will be an absurdity of epic proportions.
3. There is only one divine personality that is recognizable. In this work and Yeshua Jesus will be treated as His messenger of just like any other prophet. As pointed out before, this was basically the position of the infamous priest of Alexandria, Arius, whose doctrine rocked the early church in what is now known as the Arian controversy. As a matter of fact, it was the reaction to Arianism that produced the chain of events which led to the Council of Nicaea where the doctrine of the trinity was adopted as the official dogma things, was Jesus. For this reason, Arius stated Jesus, though a supernatural being, was not quite human and not quite divine. Arianism is the root of many neo-Christian religious movements and cults, including the Pseudo-Kingdom gospel and its

slew of celebrity preachers who refuse to take a definite public stand on the subject. There is no doubt that options 2 and 3 above do not in any way fit into the full revealed counsel of Elohim in the Holy Bible. We are therefore left with option 1. What we need to do therefore is to explore this option in detail with a clear survey which presents, in bold relief, the unity of the Godhead as well as the distinctness of the personalities therein in the walk of divinity with mankind. It must be borne in mind that all the controversies may well be ultimately in this realm of mortality.

1 Corinthians 13:11-12 (KJV) 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. 12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

When mortality passes away and we enter the realm of the saints triumphant, we will be permitted to know all things including the nuances of why Elohim chose to reveal Himself to man in the three distinct personalities that appear in the Holy Scriptures. For now, we will rely on the limitation statute in Deuteronomy 29:29 to put a leash on our imaginations lest they run riot and lead to confusion. Let us therefore do a brief survey of the walk of divinity with humanity to locate the peculiar character of our God. After all, part of what makes Elohim Who He is, fit to be worshipped and adored is the Mystery of His Person. That is what makes Faith real: to hang our hopes of eternity on Him without fully understanding every aspect of His Being.

Assignment: (1). Please share 3 major things you understood from this chapter. (2). Mention 2 scriptures cited in this chapter which resonates most in your heart.

Chapter 4

In the Old Testament: He used chosen vessels for Divine Purpose

Synopsis of the Course

During the period of study, we shall cover the following:

- Understanding Elohim as The One Supreme Being Who Is One but manifested in 3 Personalities Father; Son and Holy Spirit
- Holy Spirit in the Old Testament
- Holy Spirit and His Role in the Execution of the Will of The Father in the Earth Realm
- Holy Spirit in the New Covenant and as Taught by Yeshua and Experienced by the Alpha Church
- Four Dimensions of the Work of Holy Spirit
- Benefits of walking in The Spirit

The first mention of Holy Spirit is right at the dawn of creation in Genesis 1:2. There we see Him on assignment, brooding over the deep darkness to incurable the ordinance of heaven on earth.

Genesis 1:1-3 (KJV) 1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. 2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. 3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

The next reference to His work is in Genesis 2:7 when a measure of Him was imparted into the molded piece of clay which then came alive to be the man Adam.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Until today, Holy Spirit is still available to bring illumination where darkness once existed and to breathe life into dead things for those who see their need of Him. The uniform testimony of scripture presents Holy Spirit as Elohim in action. The first three chapters laid a foundation whose conclusion is that His divinity is without any shadow of doubt. Contrary to what cults teach, He is not a mere force or impersonal being; He is also not a mere influence. Holy Spirit is Elohim in action. We will proceed to search the Holy Scriptures to see how Holy Spirit manifested in the old dispensation.

Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

Under the old covenant the Holy Spirit was made manifest through the measure of Him that was released on selected individuals for the purpose of empowering them to fulfill their assignments. To that extent, they were merely vessels He came upon them when there was a specific need and withdrew, so to say, thereafter.

Let us consider three broad dimensions of how He used vessels in the Old Testament.

A. Empowerment of Chosen Vessels to do Exploits

All the great deeds of heroes and heroines of faith were essentially based on the specific visitation of Holy Spirit upon them for the purpose of fulfilling the ordinance of the Most High. In effect, the Spirit of the Lord came upon such vessels as Moses, Joshua, Miriam, Deborah, Samson, Jephthah, David, Elijah, Elisha and indeed all the faith worthies through who exploits were done. When Holy Spirit came upon them they acted with uncommon insight and boldness to do supernatural exploits. Thereafter they lived ordinary lives. That is why some vessels like Jephthah, Samson, and Elijah relapsed into ordinariness and weakness of flesh and soul in spite of the great exploits Holy Spirit used them to do. Let us cite a few examples of vessels that were used in the Old Covenant.

Samson

Holy Spirit came upon Samson to use as vessel to Judge Israel and deliver from the hand of the Philistines. His base nature intruded into his consecration and he paid dearly for it as his biography reveals.

Judges 14:6, 19 (KJV) 6 And the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done

19 And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and slew thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave change of garments unto them which expounded the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house.

Sampson would when in the ordinary flesh, fail to discern the spirit of the enemy that was upon Delilah his nemesis. That is why he suffered the humiliation of being taken by the Philistines and treated with contempt in Judges Chapter 18. We see again the great exploits Sampson accomplished when his hair grew again in Judges 18:18-30. It was not his hair that was at work but rather Holy Spirit. The hair he was not to shave was but a sign of his covenant relationship with Elohim. Whenever Sampson kept his part of the Covenant, Holy Spirit found him a worthy vessel to fill and use. Here is the account of events preceding his birth and what his parents were told:

Judges 13:2-5, 24-25 (KJV) 2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. 3 And the angel of the Lord appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: 5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines

24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name Samson: and the child grew, and the Lord blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Elijah

The case of Elijah brings into bold relief the way Holy Spirit came upon specific vessels and used them for specific purposes ordained by Elohim. In that sense, they were mere vessels who were used in a temporary way. When Holy Spirit finished whatever assignment they were purposed for, He left them and they became ordinary again, just like all other people. Look at the great exploits Elijah did by humbling King Ahab with display of divine intervention of withholding rain.

Look at the raw display of faith on Mount Carmel whereat under unction of Holy Spirit Elijah destroyed the prophets of Baal, rebuilt the Altar of true worship, called the national back to Elohim as recorded in 1 Kings and ran ahead of a speeding Royal Chariot to Jezreel. After his assignment and when Holy Spirit withdrew, we see but a fearful man with low self-esteem and deep inner healing issues. In this state, He talked himself out of this world and cut short his ministry. Heaven acceded to his request and sent a chariot to fetch him home.

1 Kings 19:1-19 (KJV) 1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. 3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beersheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there. 4 But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down

under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. 5 And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God. 9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks 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: 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. 13 And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out,

and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? 14 And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. 15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. 18 Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. 19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

Let us be careful with what we prophesy against ourselves in “low moments.” Let us also beware of the danger of isolation: Elijah had no idea there was 7000 remnant like him (See 1 Kings 19:14,19; Romans 11:16).

B. Empowerment for Successful Market Place Ministry

It is also important to state clearly that beyond using the Patriarchs and Prophets of the Old Covenant, Holy Spirit did something which needs to be adequately recognized and utilized again in these end times. He showed up through vessels for use in the Market Place. Whether in Public Service, Civil society, Innovation, Craftsmanship, Business acumen or Military Prowess, Holy Spirit was equally in action. We will examine how He used just four Old Testament vessels in the Market Place.

Joseph in Egypt

The principle of Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Elohim Who worked through His servants in the earth realm was recognized by heathen Kings of old. In Egypt, Pharaoh sought that very quality in Joseph and on that basis, appointed him to be his second in command:

Genesis 41:38 (KJV) 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is?

Daniel in Babylon

In Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar and his successor-son, Belshazzar used the same basis to determine their dealings with Daniel. They were certain that the grace, wisdom and special abilities in Daniel were the outcome of his being a vessel holding something special: Holy Spirit of His Elohim.

Daniel 4:8-9 (KJV) 8 But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my God, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and before him I told the dream,

saying, 9 O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

Daniel 4:18 (KJV) 18 This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen. Now thou, O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation thereof, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation: but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

Daniel 5:11 (KJV) 11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him; whom the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, the king, I say, thy father, made master of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, and soothsayers;

Daniel 5:14 (KJV) 14 I have even heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in thee.

The principle of human vessels that are needed for the Divine use is one which those of us in the Omega Church of the end times should understand so that we can humbly walk with Holy Spirit. This disposition pleases Him and stirs Him to greater use of our yielded and surrendered vessels.

Romans 15:4 (KJV) 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that

we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

Bezaleel and Aholiab, Master Craftsmen for Building the Tabernacle of Witness

When Elohim revealed the pattern of things in the heavenlies to Moses and gave him the Master Plan for the Tabernacle of Witness, one recurrent warning was for him to build exactly according to plan. Not willing to leave the exactitude of design and construction to chance, Elohim did something absolutely stunning. Holy Spirit came upon two men to breathe upon them a supernatural capacity to receive description from Moses of what He saw on the Mount, reduce same to a design and proceed to supervise its construction.

Exodus 31:1-7 (KJV) 1 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee; 7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the

mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

Exodus 35:30-35 (KJV) 30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; 32 And to devise curious works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 33 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of wood, to make any manner of cunning work. 34 And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of work, of the engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any work, and of those that devise cunning work.

Exodus 36:1-2 (KJV) 1 Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the Lord had commanded. 2 And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

C. Inspiration for Writing Scripture

Beyond using vessels to do great miracles and manifest divine intervention, Holy Spirit played another critical role in the Old Covenant. It was Him Who came upon various vessels and inspired them to write the Books of the Old Testament.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (KJV) 20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

New Testament saints who, after being used mightily of Holy Spirit relapse into sin, pettiness and “normal,” soul-driven behavior are patterning their lives after people of the Old Testament life. Recognizing this reality will save the elect from attributing miracles they do to Satan. There may indeed be some who are instruments in the hands of Satan. But the vast majority will be a case of impure vessels which distort glory of the anointing.

Assignment: (1). Please summarize your main take away from this chapter (2). What did you learn from this chapter of how Holy Spirit operated in the Old Covenant, citing at least 5 scriptures which ministered most to you?

Chapter 5

Holy Spirit in the New Covenant

Ruach Ha Chodesh, rendered in English as Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost needs no introduction because the Holy Scriptures declare plainly Who He Is. The best way to undertake a proper study of Him is to lay aside all denominational prisms, including those of Pentecostalism and Charismatics who embrace aspects of Him and the wing of Evangelicalism which rejects His active Presence in saints at this time, because in denominating for or against Him, opinions of humans became preponderant

We know Him best by being open to His Person and Teaching Ministry so that by direct revelation and exposition of the Word, He reveals Who He Is to us with great clarity. To believe the word when and where it suits us and ignore passages that do not suit our pre-conceived ideas is a dangerous spiritual game people play with relish across the world. Holy Spirit Is Who He Is and the Word is unequivocal about Him.

1 John 5:7 (KJV) 7 For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.

Holy Spirit has Three Essential Natures that combine to Give Meaning to His Name:

1. He is Spirit means He is not of material substance. As manifestation of Elohim in the earth realm, the overarching form of His pervasive presence and influence is that of a

Spirit Being just as Yeshua explained to the woman at the well of Samaria.

John 4:24 (KJV) 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

As a Divine Being, He is Omnipresent, Omniscient and Omnipotent simultaneously in every realm of creation. David spoke of his pervasive presence when he penned the immortal words of Psalm 139:7-12. He therefore is able to search and know our hearts and our thoughts (Jeremiah 17:9-10). Any attempt therefore to flee from His penetrating searchlight is nothing more than emulating Adam and Eve who tried to flee from the Divine presence on the day of their fall.

Genesis 3:8-10 (KJV) 8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? 10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

He is the Spirit of Elohim (God)

Matthew 3:16 (KJV) 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

Matthew 12:28 (KJV) 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

Acts 2:17 (KJV) 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

Romans 8:9 (KJV) 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Romans 8:14 (KJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Romans 15:19 (KJV) 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:10-14, 16 (KJV) 10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth;

comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

1 Corinthians 3:16 (KJV) 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

1 Corinthians 6:11 (KJV) 11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 7:4 (KJV) 4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (KJV) 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 John 4:2 (KJV) 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:

He is also referred to as the Spirit of Yeshua for so indeed is He.

Romans 8:9 (KJV) 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

Galatians 4:6 (KJV) 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

He proceeds from Yahweh and Yeshua.

2. He is Holy: Holy Spirit is what His name implies: Holy.

His entire nature and manner of life is holy, pure and undefiled. Purporting to be filled with Him and yet living an unholy life is a contradiction of epic proportions. Knowing that He is everywhere, seeing, knowing and recording every act of obedience or disobedience will cause the saints to walk in soberness and holiness every minute of every day. This knowledge is critical in birthing the Omega Church of the end times that is without spot or wrinkle or any such thing (See Ephesians 5:25-27)

Romans 1:4 (KJV) 4 And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

3. He is a Person with unique Personality:

In this regard, He is relational, in unbroken Communion with Yahweh and Yeshua in that intricate mystery which no finite mind has full understanding of. That is why He yearns for intimate communion and fellowship with the redeemed and bares His heart, revealing the mysteries of the Kingdom and

life to those who respond. As a Person, Holy Spirit has a Mind:

Romans 8:27 (KJV) 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

As a Person, Holy Spirit Has feelings and emotions which can be hurt. As a Personality, the word teaches He responds to negative attitudes and actions of saints. Item 3 below discusses how saints who are even Spirit filled can mess up their relationship with Him.

Three Key Outcomes of Wrong Response/Attitude to Holy Spirit as a Person:

Wherever the liberty saints have in Him is misused, especially when unforgiving spirit and strife fill a congregation, Holy Spirit can respond with:

1. Grief (offended)

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Where the spirit of religion takes the upper hand and His Presence is not coveted and He is not given room to be in charge, He can be:

2. Quenched (stifled to the point of departing)

1 Thessalonians 5:19 (KJV) 19 Quench not the Spirit

Saints can by their careless assessment of situations based on offence with vessels through whom He manifests go overboard with criticism and end up with a terrible situation of:

3. Sinning against Him which can lead to eternal perdition.

Matthew 12:22-32 (KJV) 22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils. 25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. 31 Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall

not be forgiven unto men. 32 And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.

Speaking of the divinity of the Holy Spirit Yeshua, Jesus made a startling statement above when He cautioned that any sin against Him would not be forgiven in time and eternity. Taken in context, the Lord is warning His saints to desist from attributing to the devil miraculous manifestations arising from definite work of the Holy Spirit. In these last days when there will be increased Satanic activity to deceive the elect it becomes needful that we covet and receive the gift of discernment of spirits (See 1 Corinthians 12:10.) so that we do not get caught up in the spirit of suspicion or intolerance. Where you are not sure of the source of a miracle, please keep quiet and pray. It is more profitable and less risky to heed this counsel than to question the source of power with which any minister operates. Every hidden thing will be revealed in due course of time.

To walk profitably with Holy Spirit, we must bear these special attributes of Him in mind always. We will proceed to search the Holy Scriptures to see how Holy Spirit manifested in the dispensation of the New Covenant.

A. Holy Spirit and the Ministry of Yeshua, Jesus:

It is in the New Covenant that the full ministry of Holy Spirit is laid bare. Everything about Yeshua, Jesus from conception till resurrection was by a specific act of and facilitation by

Holy Spirit. This was designed by Elohim as a model for all those who are citizens of the Kingdom to follow suit.

A.1. Conception of Yeshua was by Holy Spirit

It was His responsibility to perform the intricate operation of planting the Holy seed who would become Jesus in the womb of the virgin named Mary who was betrothed to Joseph the carpenter of Nazareth

Luke 1:35 (KJV) 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Yes, the Body Yeshua used to function on earth was planted by Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 10:5 (KJV) 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:

A.2. Yeshua was filled by Holy Spirit Without Measure in a Resident Fashion Presaging a New Era

When the exact date came due for manifestation of Yeshua Jesus to the world at the age of 30, the lot fell on the Holy Spirit to partner with the Father to make the crucial endorsement in order to take away any doubt whatsoever as to the assignment and divinity of the 30-year old carpenter of Nazareth.

Luke 3:21-23 (KJV) 21 Now when all the people were baptized, it came to pass, that Jesus also being

baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, 22 And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased. 23 And Jesus himself began to be about thirty years of age, being (as was supposed) the son of Joseph, which was the son of Heli,

Speaking of this infilling of the Holy Spirit, here is the testimony of John the Baptist: it was given without measure.

John 3:34 (KJV) 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.

In other words the great deeds which the Man Yeshua, Jesus did were because at the onset of His public ministry, He received a limitless measure of the anointing of the Holy Spirit through which and with which He functioned. If Yeshua, Jesus needed the Holy Spirit to function on earth, how much more do we mortals need Him? This explains why not much was known about the first 30 years of His life except His birth and the incident where at the age of 12 He stayed behind in Jerusalem after the Passover feast (See Luke 2:41-52).

A.3. Empowered and Led Him to Face Satan on Behalf of Saints:

After Yeshua, Jesus was baptized by John; the Holy Spirit led Him into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. This was a crucial exercise in the earthly ministry of Yeshua because He was to face, in the flesh, the same set of

temptations Adam and Eve faced: Lust of the Flesh; Lust of the Eyes; Pride of Life.

Matthew 4:1-11 (KJV) 1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. 3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

A.4. His Entire Ministry was by Holy Spirit

On successful completion of the test Jesus went in the strength of the anointing of the Holy Spirit to do all the miraculous deeds that are recorded for our learning in all the gospels.

Luke 4:14 (KJV) 14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region round about.

Isaiah 61:1-3 (KJV) 1 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; 2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

Acts 10:38 (KJV) 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

Deliverance of the oppressed and spiritual warfare was conducted by Yeshua through Holy Spirit at work in and through Him:

Matthew 12:28 (KJV) 28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you.

What is evident from this is that the man Yeshua Jesus, in the flesh, needed the Holy Spirit to successfully fulfill His assignment on earth. Why was this so? In the flesh He had emptied Himself of His majesty and splendor.

Philippians 2:5-10 (KJV) 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Like all human beings He was a vessel whose life and power would be dependent on whom or what he was filled with. He was filled with the Holy Spirit who conceived Him in the womb, announced at the baptism of John, empowered and strengthened at critical junctures on His journey of the journey of redemption. By anointing of Holy Spirit, Paul was to expound on the mystery of Yeshua as a manifestation of Elohim Who needed to be justified of Holy Spirit.

1 Timothy 3:16 (KJV) 16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest

in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

4.5. Yeshua was Raised from the Dead by Holy Spirit

When Yeshua completed His assignment with His vicarious death on the Cross, His physical Body was buried in the grave of Joseph of Arimanthea. For Satan and the Hebraic Religious leaders, that was the end of His Story. To make assurance doubly sure that He remained in the grave, they went to extraordinary lengths to seal the tomb:

Matthew 27:57-66 (KJV) 57 When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed. 61 And there was Mary Magdalene, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre. 62 Now the next day, that followed the day of the preparation, the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, 63 Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. 64 Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first. 65 Pilate said unto them,

Ye have a watch: go your way, make it as sure as ye can. 66 So they went, and made the sepulcher sure, sealing the stone, and setting a watch.

But at the appointed hour, Holy Spirit entered the dead Body and quickened it back into eternal life.

Romans 8:11 (KJV) 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

A.6. Holy Spirit was an Active Participant in the Redemption of Mankind by Yeshua

Hebrews 9:14 (KJV) 14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Assignment: (1). Please summarize what you learnt from the 3 aspects of Holy Spirit. (2). Discuss 3 of the 6 aspects of Holy Spirit's ministry to and through Yeshua which ministered most to you.

Chapter 6

Holy Spirit: As Taught by Yeshua, Jesus

One of the most profound truths in the Holy Scripture is that the three personalities of Elohim delight in affirming each other

Yeshua Constantly Affirmed Yahweh as His Father

The emphasis of Yeshua's earthly ministry was not on Himself but on revealing the Father to Israel.

John 4:23-26 (KJV) 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. 25 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh, which is called Christ: when he is come, he will tell us all things. 26 Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am he.

John 5:30 (KJV) 30 I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 6:38 (KJV) 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

His assignment was partly to break down the thick walls of religion and religiosity, and present the Father as a Personal

Being who loved the people enough to care for all their needs.

In this regard, He revealed the essence of the Laws given through Moses. For instance, the essence of the Sabbath was to emulate Elohim who rested on the seventh day after six days of creation. Sons of Elohim by observing the Sabbath simply give the cells and tissues of their bodies ample time to be rest and be renewed, leading to better quality of life. Unfortunately, Judaism had turned observance of same into an unbearable yoke of religion where even doing good on the day was frowned upon.

The Father Affirmed the Son

The Father affirmed the Son to Israel as the ONLY access to Him at various times and these include:

1. At the Baptism of John – when there was need to announce His public ministry to Israel.

Matthew 3:16-17 (KJV) 16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: 17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

2. On the Mount of Transfiguration -when Peter was minded to equate Yeshua with Moses and Elijah, representing the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 17:1-5 (KJV) 1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and

bringeth them up into an high mountain apart, 2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. 3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him. 4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. 5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

3. When Jewish Religious Leaders questioned His Authority

John 12:27-29 (KJV) 27 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. 28 Father, glorify thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again. 29 The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Hebrews 1:1-3 (KJV) 1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself

purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high:

Holy Spirit Affirmed Yeshua

In the same way, Holy Spirit affirmed Yeshua in various ways and at different occasions as we saw in lesson 6:

- Planting the Seed in the womb of Mary.
- At the baptism of John.
- Anointed Him for service.
- Raised Him from the dead.
- Indeed, all that Yeshua did while in the Body was a function of the anointing of the Holy Spirit on His life.

Yeshua Taught who Holy Spirit is and Affirmed Him

In His great exposition of the things to come, Yeshua, Jesus took time to explain the person, character and assignment of Holy Spirit which we will discuss in great detail. In plain English, here is a profile of the Person and work of Holy Spirit from the teachings of Yeshua:

1. Primary Instrument of Conversion. To become part of the family of Elohim, repentance from sin was to take place first. To repent would be hinged on the ministry of Holy Spirit to convict people of sin, righteousness and judgment and lead them to appropriate the Blood shed at the Cross. This process, mediated by Holy Spirit is what makes conversion from sinner to saint possible.

John 16:8-12 (KJV) 8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; 11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

Therefore redemption is incomplete until an earnest of the Spirit (down payment) is imparted into the spirit-man. This guarantees that the vessel will be filled to the brim in future. More importantly, the seal is the sign of Elohim's ownership and guarantee of participation in the rapture or first resurrection.

2 Corinthians 1:22 (KJV) 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

2 Corinthians 5:5 (KJV) 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Ephesians 1:14 (KJV) 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

2. Resident Elohim. He is the personality in the Godhead who would stay inside of and among the redeemed following glorification of Yeshua after the cross, His resurrection and ascension into heaven. This was a critical revelation marking a departure of the Old Testament norm in which Holy Spirit 'visited' or came upon specific vessels at times appointed by Yahweh for the purpose of doing His will. In the Old Testament, the visible sign of Ruach Ha Chodesh (Holy Spirit) was Menorah in the Holiest of Holies whose Light was never to be extinguished for a moment. Here, only the High Priest had access, once a year. In the New Covenant, a

superior dispensation was manifested in that the Elohim of the whole universe was making the hearts of the redeemed part of His dwelling place and throne. Holy Spirit was not just to ‘come on’ but would now “dwell in” the saint.

John 14:15-18 (KJV) 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

Making His dwelling inside of the saint creates a scenario where He flows from “inside out” rather than from “outside in.” Many saints have refused to walk in this paradigm and are thus pressed by religion to seek some external, carnal manifestations including goose bumps and music, just like in the Old Testament times, before they can release faith to “sense His presence.” Talk of starting in the Spirit and ending up in the Flesh.

John 7:37-39 (KJV) 37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

While thirsting for Him would determine how much of Him saints would drink, all who are called by His Name have their beings as His Temple. Of this thirsting and degrees of infilling, we shall say more in a subsequent chapter. If any saint needed motivation to live Holy unto the thrice Holy Elohim, nothing makes the case more than the consciousness of their being as His very temple.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (KJV) 19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? 20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

3. Comforter. In His capacity as resident manifestation of Elohim, Holy Spirit would be the principal instrument of comfort and care of the redeemed. Therefore Yeshua, Jesus urged His disciples to cease from sorrow over His imminent departure.

John 14:15-18, 25-26 (KJV) 15 If ye love me, keep my commandments. 16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name,

he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Then and there Jesus revealed a mystery of the ages: in the Body that was prepared for Him, He was limited to function in one place at a time. His exit would usher in the era when the Holy Spirit, who has no corporeal body, would indwell the physical bodies of all true believers and through them manifest all that Yeshua is in terms of His nature and power. The Father was making a master stroke statement concerning saints: with Divinity on the inside, none of His off spring should be destabilized by anything on the external.

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

4. Teacher. Yeshua also made it clear that Holy Spirit would take His place and teach us all truth. Ideally, Christian scholarship is not so much as the ability to conduct research as it is to humbly and prayerfully inquire of the Holy Spirit and learn from Him all insight and revelation of the Word of Truth.

John 16:12-15 (KJV) 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 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. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father

hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

5. Affirmer of Yeshua. He has the core assignment of glorifying Yeshua to the Church and the world. While on earth, Yeshua glorified Yahweh His Father. This is why He did not clutch at His glory but rather laid it aside to focus on revealing Yahweh to those who were willing to listen. In the same way, after Yeshua's departure to heaven, Holy Spirit is now engaged in revealing and glorifying Yeshua to His Body. It is not possible to truly know Yeshua both in terms of understanding and experiencing Him without illumination of Holy Spirit.

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For this reason, any so-called minister who depreciates the Person or redemptive mission of Yeshua cannot by any stretch of imagination claim to be inspired of Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (KJV) 3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

6. Empower saints. He empowers the saints to demonstrate Yeshua in all aspects and areas of Kingdom influence assigned to them in the earth realm. For this reason Yeshua Jesus commanded His disciples not to depart from Jerusalem until they were endued with the person and power of the Holy Spirit. He wanted the, saints all of them, to operate in the earth realm as He operated: vessels filled with and used by Holy Spirit to manifest the unsurpassable powers of divinity. He did not come to found Christian Religion but to bring Heaven to earth. Being purchased of the Blood is by the same measure an invitation to come out of religion and receive Holy Spirit who will use us to be catalysts of true change.

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

With this vital divine equipment, saints are guaranteed a measure of divinity and the ability to effectively represent

Yeshua, Jesus anywhere as His witnesses and ambassadors of His eternal Kingdom.

Because of the way the Alpha Church understood what Yeshua said of Holy Spirit, they were able to receive one of the most profound assignments of Holy Spirit:

7. Restorer and affirmer of sonship. Those who recorded the life, times and teachings of Yeshua as well as Paul who He gave the Master Plan for the Church were used to add one critical ministry of Holy Spirit in the earth realm: He assures those who respond to His work and make the transition from natural living that they are now sons of Elohim. He guides their lives and distinguishes them from the mass of humanity. In other words, the estate of sonship which was lost in Adam and recovered by Yeshua is dispensed to those who respond by Holy Spirit.

John 1:12-13 (KJV) 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Romans 8:14-19 (KJV) 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified

together. 18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

Galatians 4:1-7 (KJV) 1 Now I say, That the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

We cannot understand the full inheritance we have in Yeshua without the Holy Spirit: restoration of the estate of being sons of Elohim and the glorious state of being that Adam and Eve were before they lost it to take on the sin nature of Satan. Yeshua has recovered it. The grand plan of Elohim now is to re-populate the earth realm with sons, just like Him.

Hebrews 2:9-14 (KJV) 9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

10 For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee. 13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me. 14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

This is what making disciple of all nations is all about! (Matthew 28:18-20).

You have heard religious presentations of Holy Spirit which lead to denominating Him and more confusion. In this Course of study/book, Holy Spirit wants us to hear a holistic Biblical presentation of He Who transforms sinners to not just believers but empowers them to be sons of Elohim - just like Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm. Oh, what a glorious plan that we, who were dead in sins and trespasses would have the privilege of being called sons of God.

Assignment: (1). Please explain what you understood from the concept of Personalities which make up Elohim (The God Head) affirming each other. (2). Out of the 6 assignments of Holy Spirit given by Yeshua, Jesus which 3 do you consider most significant?

Chapter 7

Holy Spirit and the Alpha Church Part 1

Holy Spirit is extremely gentle and does not strive with humans (Genesis 6:3). He will by every means reveal, convict and counsel but will never force anyone to act. As can be deduced from this teaching, Holy Spirit is the personality in Elohim who took over from Yeshua, Jesus to walk among mankind. As an Omniscient and Omnipresent Spirit He is therefore everywhere at all times. Due to His divinity, He needs no rest, working 24/7 in the hearts of the redeemed and sinners alike.

In the mind of Elohim, Holy Spirit was ordained to indwell the hearts of saints – their spirit-man - and from there, exercise Sovereign rule over their lives on behalf of Yeshua Who redeemed them. Those who understand this principle will live in the consciousness of Yeshua as King and Lord by His presence.

As a benevolent King, Yeshua guarantees sons of Elohim in the earth realm all things that pertain to life and godliness including provisions and preservation. His Kingship is so total that He even asks saints not to ever worry or fret when hauled before religious leaders, heathen kings or authorities in the civil society of the work place. Holy Spirit within will show up with the right answers.

Luke 12:11-13 (KJV) 11 And when they bring you unto the synagogues, and unto magistrates, and powers, take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say: 12 For the Holy

Ghost shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say. 13 And one of the company said unto him, Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me.

Heaven was proposing a new way of life on earth. It was not like the old which was based on humans overseeing their own lives and going into a specific building on certain “holy” days to encounter Elohim. It was no longer going to be about human worshippers constructing a long list of desires to present to Him for solutions. This was going to be a radically new way of life in which Elohim would make His residence within His saints by His indwelling Spirit within their spirit-man. In this new dispensation, the objective driver of life would be Holy Spirit, evidently in charge to steer saints in the direction ordained by heaven. Their hearts would be pure having been delivered from idols of ambition and carnal desires and where their carnal senses are crucified. These saints would live like sons of Elohim, satisfied with His direction and provisions.

Desiring to get this point well settled and avoid having the disciples misrepresenting Him, Yeshua conducted a 40-day School of Ministry after His resurrection to give them deeper insights into how to live the Kingdom life based on these principles on this side of eternity. It was a lifestyle He had clearly articulated in the epic Sermon on the Mount. He had made it clear that to truly live the Kingdom life until He returns to set up its manifest phase as King of kings, saints needed to approach the Kingdom with a singleness of eye which trumped every other affection in life (See Matthew 7:19-34; Luke 19:11-27). It is in this context that this

foundational passage is situated for the Alpha Church. As the Omega Church, it is critical that we understand these Kingdom life concepts, lest we veer into vain religion and religiosity, masquerading as “revival.”

Acts 1:1-11 (KJV) 1 The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, 2 Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen: 3 To whom also he shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God: 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. 9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. 10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up,

behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; 11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Obedience is Personal

Judging from what Holy Spirit revealed to Paul in 1 Corinthians 15:6, Yeshua spoke to about 500 people on that day. Of the 500 who heard Him, only 120 obeyed the instruction to wait for the infilling of Holy Spirit

Acts 1:15 (KJV) 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

In giving them the instruction, Yeshua did not tell them how long their wait for infilling of Holy Spirit was going to be. Their motives and obedience needed to be tested. Ten days later, the fountain of the deep of heaven broke. The deed was done with precision as recorded in the second chapter of Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Alpha Church was birthed dramatically during Shavuot, the Hebraic Feast which took place 50 days after Pass Over. On that day, something dramatic happened to show the essential difference between the New and Old Covenants. On the day Moses received the Torah, the people were too impatient to wait for him and thus slid into the flesh and 3000 people perished as a result of the sin and judgment thereof. Sin attracted Judgment.

Exodus 32:1-8 (KJV) 1 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down out of the mount, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 5 And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to the Lord. 6 And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play. 7 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest out of

the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed thereunto, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

Exodus 32:25-29 (KJV) 25 And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) 26 Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. 27 And he said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbour. 28 And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

On the day of Shavuot when Holy Spirit was poured out on the 120 who diligently obeyed Yeshua, in waiting for the Promise of the Father, 3000 people received the gift of eternal life. Sinners plugged into the dispensation of Grace and were saved from judgment!

Acts 2:37-41 (KJV) 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter

and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

Some of those who went forth without the experience of the baptism of the Holy Spirit were only able to produce partial results in the quality of Christians they raised. One of such products was the eloquent but powerless Apollos. It took an insignificant but spirit-filled couple with a marketplace calling, Priscilla and Aquila, to teach Apollos the full truth.

Acts 18:24-26 (KJV) 24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. 26 And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

It also took a visit by the Spirit filled Paul who walked in the fullness of the understanding of the Person and Power of the

Holy Spirit before the Church at Ephesus was brought to maturity. Before then they only had a “half gospel.”

Acts 19:1-6 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Everything in the Alpha Church was by the Holy Spirit, also called the Holy Ghost. From the day He was poured out upon the Alpha Church, everything that was done was by the Holy Spirit. A brief survey of references to Him in the Acts of the Apostles is instructive. Please take time to read up the context of each reference to see the glorious way Holy Spirit was pervasive in life of the early Church.

Acts 2:38 (KJV) 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 4:8 (KJV) 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,

Acts 4:31 (KJV) 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Acts 5:3 (KJV) 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Acts 5:32 (KJV) 32 And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

Acts 6:3 (KJV) 3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Acts 6:5 (KJV) 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:

Acts 7:51 (KJV) 51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.

Acts 7:55 (KJV) 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the

glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

Acts 8:15 (KJV) 15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:17 (KJV) 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

Acts 9:17 (KJV) 17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 9:31 (KJV) 31 Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.

Acts 10:44-45 (KJV) 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Acts 10:47 (KJV) 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

Acts 11:15-16 (KJV) 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 11:24 (KJV) 24 For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

Acts 13:2 (KJV) 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 13:9 (KJV) 9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him.

Acts 13:52 (KJV) 52 And the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.

Acts 15:8 (KJV) 8 And God, which knoweth the hearts, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us;

Acts 15:28 (KJV) 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

Acts 16:6 (KJV) 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

Acts 19:2 (KJV) 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they

said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Acts 19:6 (KJV) 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

Acts 20:23 (KJV) 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

Acts 20:28 (KJV) 28 Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Acts 28:25 (KJV) 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers,

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Acts 10:38 (KJV) 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

In all these situations, the Alpha Church simply emulated its Master, Yeshua who did all things by Holy Spirit.

Functioning in the full strength of the Holy Spirit, it was not long before the Alpha Church upset the natural order of things, turning the then world upside down by His power at work inside of the saints as testified by people in Thessalonica.

Acts 17:6 (KJV) 6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

Assignment: (1). Please summarize this message as Holy Spirit used it to minister to you. Be real! (2). Kindly cite at least 7 passages which reveal how Holy Spirit was critical in the day to day life of the Alpha Church.

Chapter 8

Holy Spirit and the Alpha Church Part 2

13 Things about Holy Spirit and the Alpha Church

Following from what we learned in the previous chapter, it is needful that we press in to ascertain the breadth and scope of the relationship which subsisted between the Holy Spirit and the Early (Alpha) Church. Let us examine 13 things about the kind of relationship the Alpha Church enjoyed with Him which should in turn challenge the Omega Church to do likewise.

1. Holy Spirit only came on them to activate the Alpha Church when the 120 were in one accord in one place.

What this means is that their diverse agendas, personalities and perspectives needed to be streamlined and bonded before they could receive this Holy Personality from heaven.

Acts 2:1-4 (KJV) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The ten days in which Yeshua left them for heaven were days of detoxifying some of the worldly attitudes lingering within them such as the flip-flop character of Peter who went

fishing when Yeshua was away (See John 21:1-4); the raw ambitions of James and John for places of honor (See Matthew 20:20-28) and other such things. They needed to stay together, reflecting on the death, resurrection and ascension of Yeshua and apprehend the reality that they were a called out and set apart people. In the ten days of waiting on their Lord, He did a mighty thing in their lives as they bonded to the degree of being truly one, loving each other just as Yeshua declared and prayed for in John 13:34-35 and John 17. The result was that when Peter rose up to propose what to do about replacing Judas Iscariot, there was consensus in accepting same.

Acts 1:14-26 (KJV) 14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. 15 And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,) 16 Men and brethren, this scripture must needs have been fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost by the mouth of David spake before concerning Judas, which was guide to them that took Jesus. 17 For he was numbered with us, and had obtained part of this ministry. 18 Now this man purchased a field with the reward of iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood. 20 For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation be desolate, and let no man dwell

therein: and his bishoprick let another take. 21 Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection. 23 And they appointed two, Joseph called Barsabas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 24 And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew whether of these two thou hast chosen, 25 That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place. 26 And they gave forth their lots; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2. Holy Spirit He mediated the New Birth Experience.

For all who were part of the Church, the very first thing was their openness to repent of sin and receive Yeshua, Jesus as Lord and Savior. Holy Spirit oversaw this operation.

- a.** He used those saved as channels to preach their experience from the old to the New Birth with conviction and certainty.

Acts 2:38-39 (KJV) 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

b. He backed up the word they preached so that it was not merely in wisdom of humans but by His power. The word preached became powerful to convict of sin, righteousness and judgment as Yeshua said in John 16:8.

c. He sealed the saved into Yeshua and gave them assurance of salvation (Ephesians 4:30).

3. In the Alpha Church, receiving Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure was a second divine encounter and experience, normally subsequent to salvation. The initial evidence of this infilling was the ‘strange act’ of speaking in an unknown and unlearned tongue

Acts 2:3-4 (KJV) 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

That Baptism in Holy Spirit as a second experience is clear all through the Acts of the Apostles.

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Acts 19:1-7 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the

Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve.

In salvation, seekers encountered Elohim in Yeshua. In Baptism of Holy Spirit, they experienced Elohim with Holy Spirit taking over their surrendered faculties. All those in the Alpha Church accepted and lived in this reality, without exception. The prophecy of John the Baptist was very clear:

Matthew 3:11 (KJV) 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of the Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship and without question, one of the leading Bible Scholars in Africa today, offered the best explanation for speaking in tongues as universal evidence of Baptism of Holy Spirit. In his groundbreaking book, the Church of His Vision, Dr. Ilechukwu posits that this blessed experience is an immersion in that the

saint to be filled lost all control of him or herself to a higher Personality and power whose presence is evidenced in the unlearned utterances that come forth out of an otherwise controlled tongue which is suddenly loosed.

Caveat: He is not confined into Religious Boxes!

Let us take note that in His Sovereignty, Holy Spirit has no set formula as to how and when He comes upon those whose hearts yearn intensely for Elohim. He can and does bypass protocol and can come upon people anywhere and anyhow including in kitchens, living rooms and in public arenas. Look at the dramatic case of the household of Cornelius which shocked Peter.

Acts 10:44-48 (KJV) 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

Those who try to dictate specific ways Holy Spirit should fill saints may need to read the reaction of some leaders of the Alpha Church to what happened in the house of Cornelius:

Acts 11:1-5 (KJV) 1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also

received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, 5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

Acts 11:15-18 (KJV) 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

4. Holy Spirit was not denominating. The Alpha Church started as one united entity and remained in that state. The early Church knew the power of unity which Yeshua prayed earnestly for. Denominationalism puts Him in a box and hems Him in to serve a group. Holy Spirit works best by using vessels as catalysts for transforming those within their spheres of influence and the cultures in which they are situated. Both in practice and doctrine, they posited that the presence and power of Holy Spirit was not to release on any

of them the license to create schism. None was encouraged to use Him to make a name for themselves or build a personality cult called “ministry.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-8 (KJV) 1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. 2 I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. 3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? 4 For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? 5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? 6 I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour.

1 Corinthians 3:21-23 (KJV) 21 Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are your's; 22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are your's; 23 And ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

This then is the paradox of Pentecostalism. In the process of trying to denominate Holy Spirit, those who are supposed to be filled with Holy Spirit create systemic disorder which places emphasis not on Him and the Body but on individuals

seeking their exclusive space. The result is that till today, Pentecostals are the most divided part of the Body of Yeshua and the most difficult to lead with each leader wanting to be an infallible “pope” in their own turf. Instead of releasing the grace in their vessels by the presence of Holy Spirit to build up the Body in the form of Five-fold led and spiritual gift themed organisms, the Pentecostal system has elevated “one-manship” into a high art. The result is a slew of mono or dual gift ministries which do not reflect the fullness of Yeshua.

5. Saints of the Alpha Church were totally sold out to evident leadership of Holy Spirit in all things.

Like Paul said in Romans 12:1 and Galatians 2:20, Holy Spirit used their surrendered and wholly yielded vessels to do whatever Elohim ordained and desired. In doing so, Holy Spirit was evidently in charge and they knew they were nothing but vessels. They had no personal agenda, ideas or concepts for Him to rubber stamp. Their hearts, minds and physical beings were wholly at His disposal to live in, rule, direct and use. This state of life was the grand secret which made them powerful as there was no basis for self-projection or self-glory.

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (KJV) 26 For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called: 27 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea,

and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: 29 That no flesh should glory in his presence. 30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: 31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Ordinary beings, including unlearned fishermen whose only qualification was affiliation with Yeshua, Jesus were used by an Omnipotent Holy Spirit to literally shake cities and the then known world.

Acts 4:13 (KJV) 13 Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

Acts 5:27-28 (KJV) 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council: and the high priest asked them, 28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? and, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.

They filled Jerusalem with the preaching of Yeshua, Jesus and rattled Hebrew Religious leaders.

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These “nobodies” were accused of turning the world upside down in Thessalonica, one of the chief commercial cities of the age:

Acts 17:6 (KJV) 6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

6. Saints in the Alpha Church knew that presence of Holy Spirit was a visible manifestation of the Kingdom of Elohim. They therefore heeded the counsel of Yeshua.

a. Much as they respected civil authorities and kings, they had primal loyalty to Yeshua, Jesus as King of kings.

Acts 17:7 (KJV) 7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus.

b. They sought first the Kingdom above all else including what they needed for their welfare (Matthew 6:25-34).

c. They were single eyed in serving Elohim and the Kingdom, giving no room for anything to deflect their attention (Matthew 6:19-24).

d. Holy Spirit enabled them to preach and demonstrate Yeshua, Jesus, the Kingdom, and requesting humans everywhere to make the switch of primary loyalty from

worldly kings to Yeshua; and accept the citizenship of the Kingdom of Elohim offered freely by His shed Blood.

They never promoted the symbols of religion in any way:

- They did not have a small dedicated professional priestly caste which ministered to a large, consumerist dormant laity. Every saint was taught to be part of the organic Church and kingdom of priests and kings (1 Peter 2:9).
- They rejected the false religious notion that Elohim could only be found inside temples of brick and mortar.
- They met everywhere, preached everywhere and achieved the same kind of results (Mark 16:15-20).
- They did not glorify certain days as 'holy' when people 'felt the presence of God' and other days as ordinary where people could live any how they liked.
- They did not regard the work of those in the Market Place as secular. Their presence and participation sanctified their work places. Paul was even a Tent maker as were Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:2-3).

Under the unction of Holy Spirit, the Alpha Church believed and taught that saints are a Kingdom of priests and kings who are dedicated for His glory and use in the now.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his

marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

They also believed that they would rule and reign with Him in a literal sense in the world to come when Yeshua returns – just as He said (Luke 19:11-27; See Revelation 1:6; Revelation 5:9-10.)

Religion intruded into the gospel in Rome, about 300 years later. It was in Rome, over 300 years later, where the great switch happened. This was when the establishment in Rome, in a series of events started by Emperor Constantine and consummated by Emperor Theodosius in 381 sealed the marriage of State and the larger wing of the Alpha Church which had suffered and fainted under intense persecution. Most saints were so weary that they rejoiced in the ‘peace’ they would enjoy from State patronage. That is how the system of Christian religion was birthed. The remnant who were not persuaded went underground suffering rejection but strengthened by Holy Spirit (Roman 11:1-6).

7. Holy Spirit filled their hearts with love of Elohim and minds with certainty of the superiority of what He offers His own as opposed to whatever the world could offer to the degree that they willingly embraced rejection, suffering,

pain and martyrdom. They neither complained nor made a fuss about any dimension of suffering that was appointed them.

Stephen: On the day he sealed his testimony with blood, here is how Holy Spirit led this brother to manifest a positive attitude:

Acts 7:55-60 (KJV) 55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, 58 And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Paul: His writing to his protégé Timothy, reveals the positive attitude Holy Spirit released through a brother who was about to suffer beheading/de-capitation for the testimony of Yeshua:

2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV) 6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: 8 Henceforth there is laid up for

me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

Peter: A man who was about to be crucified (allegedly upside down) for the sake of Yeshua, Jesus embraced his fire with great grace.

2 Peter 1:14-16 (KJV) 14 Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shewed me. 15 Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance. 16 For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

Their attitude to death revealed that they knew it was not a fatal experience but a doorway to the triumphant state

1 Corinthians 15:50-58 (KJV) 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this

mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? 56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:1 (KJV) 1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

8. Holy Spirit enabled the Alpha Church to function as a living, loving organism tapping into the grace He imparts through all saints. Usage of Spiritual gifts became the life wire of the Church. (See Romans 12:5-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 4:7-10;

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

1 Corinthians 12:20-27 (KJV) But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye

cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

9. Holy Spirit imparted special grace ordained by Yeshua on certain vessels – Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers - The Fivefold. Their specific assignment was to be used by Him to perfect saints and equip them for works of ministry as a Royal Priesthood. By releasing and receiving of grace from each other, the whole Body made increase of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:11-13 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the

Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

10. Holy Spirit administered the Law of Process on the Alpha Church just as He did on creation morning. He processed the Alpha Church from a state of infancy and raw manifestation of His gifts to a state of maturity.

a. By the time leadership needed to expand, He gave wisdom for activation of the Diaconate in Acts 6:1-7.

b. At the Jerusalem Council, He inspired them to reject the attempt of Judaizers to foist the Mosaic cultural yoke on Gentiles in Acts 15:1-30

c. When the apostles were limited by cultural strongholds in the mind from fulfilling the Great Commission, Yeshua specifically arrested Paul and committed to him the Divine Master Plan of the Church and the consequences for getting it right or wrong (1 Corinthians 3:10-15). The Church, including Peter acknowledged the special grace in him (See 2 Peter 3:15-16.)

11. They individually and collectively had real Communion with Holy Spirit – It was a vibrant personal relationship. In this state, they knew Him, heard His voice and responded to His feelings and guidance

Acts 13:1-3 (KJV) 1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been

brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

They could not miss it in the business of “Go Ye” because He guided every step of the way. There were times when everything appeared to be rosy for a mission opportunity but once He said no, they did not struggle to obey.

Acts 16:6 (KJV) 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

12. They received His Person and Power. Holy Spirit came to dwell inside of them and from that centre of their lives, release the unsurpassable power of Divinity. The focus was on what could be done through their vessels. They never used Him as a show-stopper of how many tongues could be spoken neither was noise making an index of His presence.

John 14:12 (KJV) 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

His Presence in their lives was certainly about Divinity using human vessels exponentially.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV) 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

13. For the Alpha Church, life was to be an experience in the School of Holy Spirit and the Word.

They continually dwelt in His presence and in the Word. With this posture, the Alpha Church was humble before Elohim; knew His Mind and therefore, drew down the fullness of His grace and power as they learned from Him the mysteries of heaven which they apprehended by faith.

Assignment: (1). Please discuss which of the 13 points in this chapter particularly ministered to you. (2). Based on what we received from Holy Spirit today, in what ways did the Church of this generation miss it?

Chapter 9

Opposition and War Against the Work of Holy Spirit

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Everything Elohim does in the earth realm is by His Spirit working either directly or through yielded vessels. As we have seen variously, when the time came to fulfil what was determined before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8), the Incarnation of Seed of the Woman; His empowerment to function; the good deeds He did; the process of laying down His life and being raised from the dead three days later were all moderated by Holy Spirit. The Church was not activated and released to function until the saints were baptized in Holy Spirit so that they can fulfil the Go Ye mandate (Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4).

The simple, uncomplicated and glorious gospel of the Kingdom which turned the world upside down within a few years of Pentecost did not go unchallenged and unopposed. Working directly as a spirit and through human vessels, Satan went to work to frustrate the divine plan. Where he could not stop the gospel, his alternative strategy was to switch over to corrupt the gospel from within.

Two Broad Opponents Emerged in this Regard: Satan and Humans

Let us further understand how challenges, opposition and war manifested. In the days of Yeshua, Satan did all he could to destroy Him and the Mission. In the Alpha Church he also deployed various strategies to achieve his plans. Humans, on

the other hand, also allowed natural, logical ways of reasoning to intrude into a simple Divine assignment. With clear attempts to build a spiritual project with carnal propensities and properties, it was only a matter of time before the train would derail. What we discuss in this lesson is simply this: by attacking the Divine plan directly and by activating in humans a tendency to bring their logical way of reasoning and desire for personal glory and wealth into the Kingdom business that only Holy Spirit was qualified to do through willing holy vessels, the course of the gospel was misdirected to what we see today: Christian Religion.

Specific Ways of Opposition to Work of Holy Spirit

1. Satan and his demonic hordes. Being a created being, Satan had limited knowledge. He did not know when the incarnation took place.

a. From the day he got wind of the reality that the Seed of the woman Who would crush his head had been born, Satan went to work, desiring to kill the Baby (Matthew 2:1-18).

b. Immediately after Yeshua was publicly announced by The Father and Holy Spirit, Satan went to work to tempt Him with the same old bag of tricks he used to take the mantle away from Eve and Adam: Lust of the Eyes, Lust of the Flesh and Pride of Life (Matthew 4:2-11).

c. Satan entered the vessel of Peter to oppose the Divine Plan where Yeshua would pay the price for redemption of mankind at the Cross (See Matthew 16: 21-23.)

d. Knowing that Peter was ordained to play a key role in the early Church after the Ascension of Yeshua, Jesus, Satan sought permission to sift him and possibly take him out.

Luke 22:31 (KJV) 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

e. Not realizing that the physical death of Yeshua at the Cross was the divinely appointed means of crushing his head, Satan inspired Jewish Religious leaders to demand his crucifixion.

Mark 15:12-14 (KJV) 12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crucify him. 14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him.

f. Satan blinded the eyes of people so that they could not understand or receive the beautiful liberty heaven offered them through the gospel

2 Corinthians 4:3-4 (KJV) 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

g. Satan deployed the hordes of hell to war against the advance of the gospel. In several cities, principalities withstood saints on mission assignments.

1 Corinthians 16:9 (KJV) 9 For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

h. While Yeshua was in the Incarnate state announcing the Kingdom and paying the price for redemption of humans, Satan was busy planting tares or fake Christians in the earth realm (Matthew 13:24-30; 36-44). Several generations later, it is not hard to imagine what the ‘tares’ DNA has done to the Church in terms of various ways Christian religion may look like the real deal but without people having any personal relationship with the Father on the merit of the Blood that Yeshua shed on the Cross.

Matthew 13:24-25, 38-39 (KJV) 24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: 25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

38 The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; 39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.

2. Humans and Humanism

In different ways, human ambition and desires which were contrary to the Divine purpose and move of Holy Spirit tried to shut down the New Covenant from manifestation. It was not just an external threat as even among those who walked with Yeshua, Jesus, would have their human nature rise whenever they were unguarded. In the matter of their relationship with Holy Spirit, several failures manifested with the capacity to negate the Divine purpose. Let us be reminded of how humans and humanism warred against what Holy Spirit was doing:

a. Herod, who was an Edomite, valued his rulership of Jews so greatly that he was willing to kill Yeshua as a Baby. He was so desperate and so determined that he killed all young contemporaries of His (See Matthew 2:1-18).

b. Religious leaders who presided over a backslidden form of the religion of Judaism were so minded to secure their places of honor, feeding fat off their followers. To them, the liberty, access to and relationship with Yahweh offered by Yeshua threatened their “business.” They resisted him, called Him names and even demanded His death.

Matthew 12:22-24 (KJV) 22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a devil, blind, and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the blind and dumb both spake and saw. 23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils.

Mark 15:12-15 (KJV) 12 And Pilate answered and said again unto them, What will ye then that I shall do unto him whom ye call the King of the Jews? 13 And they cried out again, Crucify him. 14 Then Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? And they cried out the more exceedingly, Crucify him. 15 And so Pilate, willing to content the people, released Barabbas unto them, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

c. Several times, the disciples lost sight of the mission and relapsed into arm of the Flesh. They strove for prominence or allowed petty issues to create friction (Matthew 20:20-25).

On some occasions, Peter and some apostles failed the test of faithfulness: Peter was adept at flip flopping. The man who received a revelation of the divine identity of Yeshua as the Messiah in Matthew 16:13-20 was to fall flat shortly thereafter

Matthew 16:21-23 (KJV) 21 From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

When Yeshua announced that Satan had sought him for shifting, Peter was so cocksure of his loyalty that he refused to take heed and fell hard in the process.

Luke 22:31-34 (KJV) 31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: 32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death. 34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

Luke 22:54-62 (KJV) 54 Then took they him, and led him, and brought him into the high priest's house. And Peter followed afar off. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the hall, and were set down together, Peter sat down among them. 56 But a certain maid beheld him as he sat by the fire, and earnestly looked upon him, and said, This man was also with him. 57 And he denied him, saying, Woman, I know him not. 58 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou art also of them. And Peter said, Man, I am not. 59 And about the space of one hour after another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this fellow also was with him: for he is a Galilaean. 60 And Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the

cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

The one who would have taken the other disciples into the divine assignment responded to the temporary absence of Yeshua, Jesus with the return to his old profession, until grace rescued him (John 21:1-23).

John 21:3 (KJV) 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught nothing.

The Apostles were so fixated in Jerusalem that they forgot that their Master commanded them to ‘Go Ye’. Even persecution did not move them into action. Despite being given Holy Spirit for them to function, the Apostles became so maintenance minded that they were drained. It took strife to awaken them to the reality that they needed to focus on the main things: prayer, ministry of the Word and of course leadership. That is how they saw the need to delegate welfare matters to Deacons (Acts 6:1-7).

At Antioch, Peter and Barnabas dissembled big time and fell into the trap of Judaizing (See Galatians 2:1-21). Judaizers were a real challenge in the Alpha Church that they almost determined to shut down the move of Holy Spirit. They wanted Gentiles to become proselytes of Judaism first before they could be accepted into the Church. There were also specific people who resisted authorities set by Yeshua in the Church. Paul had his fair share of such people.

2 Timothy 4:14-15 (KJV) 14 Alexander the coppersmith did me much evil: the Lord reward him

according to his works: 15 Of whom be thou ware also; for he hath greatly withstood our words.

John the beloved also experienced the opposition of Diotrephes.

3 John 9 (KJV) 9 I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not.

Warning about Strange Doctrines by Apostates

Peter warned also about those who had departed from the faith.

2 Peter 2:1-2 (KJV) 1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

2 Peter 3:3-4 (KJV) 3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

John warned against how Anti-Christ doctrines and tendencies contrary to the true gospel were already manifesting (See 1 John 2:18-28.) Jude also warned the

Church about invasion of apostates who had fallen out of the Faith.

Jude 3-4 (KJV) 3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Alpha Church Begun in the Spirit until some tried to Continue in the Flesh

The declension was not a sudden thing. It was a slow but steady and persistent attempt of Satan to distort the gospel and achieve outcomes different from what Elohim intended. This manifested in several ways. Let us take excerpts from the assessment that Yeshua Himself made of the Alpha Church within 70 years of His death, resurrection and ascension to Heaven in order to appreciate the effects of the switch blade attack on the Alpha Church by both Satan and humans. Here is the shocking assessment of 5 of the 7 Churches of Asia Minor (A full study is available in the ground-breaking course: 7 Letters from Heaven).

1. Ephesus: Loss of first (passionate) love and replacement with religious programs and activities.

Revelation 2:1-5 (KJV) 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh

in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

2. Pergamos: Doctrine of Balaam

Revelation 2:12-15 (KJV) 12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

3. Thyatira: Spirit of Jezebel at work along with immorality and syncretism

Revelation 2:18-23 (KJV) 18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

In chapter 3 we also see additional specific assessments of a further two Churches:

4. Sardis: The Church which was dead but maintained an appearance and reputation of life.

Revelation 3:1-4 (KJV) 1 And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead. 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember

therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee. 4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with me in white: for they are worthy.

5. Laodecia: Lukewarm, worldly and carnal but boastful Babylonian Church

Revelation 3:14-18 (KJV) 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God; 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

Understanding the Doctrine and Deed Yeshua, Jesus Hated Completely

In writing to the Church at Ephesus and Pergamon in Revelation Chapter 2, Yeshua declared how He hated the deeds of the Nicolaitanes.

Revelation 2:6 (KJV) 6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitanes, which I also hate.

Revelation 2:15 (KJV) 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, which thing I hate.

He was warning against the tendency of some ministers in those Churches to re-configure it to serve their bellies and egos. They took unholy liberty to create an ecclesiastical hierarchical order of Priesthood contrary to the Royal Priesthood which he instituted after the Order of Melchizedek. In the Royal Priesthood, all saints are priests with the Five-fold positioned to bring them into perfection. In the Nicolaitane order, however, Bishops and Archbishops emerged who saw themselves not as servants of the Church like Him but as Lords who had conquered people and territories, proceeding to live off them as vassals. This tendency to create an episcopacy of a tiny professional clergy who ruled a large, dormant laity that depended on them for access to Yahweh, directly contradicted the charge in Matthew 20:25-28 and 1 Peter 5:1-3. This then is the origin of a form of the Episcopacy, an arch enemy of the gospel of the Kingdom. In effect, it was a system in which the spirit of Nimrod who conquered and ruled people away from the Divine purpose subsisted (Genesis 10: 8-10).

Warnings From King Yeshua to the Alpha Church (And to the Omega Church too)

Revelation 2:7 (KJV) 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

Revelation 2:11 (KJV) 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

Revelation 2:16 (KJV) 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Revelation 2:17 (KJV) 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Revelation 2:26, 29 (KJV) 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:5-6 (KJV) 5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his

angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Revelation 3:19-22 (KJV) 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.

20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Nicolaitanes laid the foundation for the emergence of full blown organized Christian religion. It was this unheeded warning concerning deeds of the Nicolaitanes and their love of stiff hierarchies (order with no room for liberty of vibrant personal relationship of the redeemed with Yahweh) which created the enabling environment for Rome to propose and marry the wing of the Church which desired ease, comfort and respite from persecution and suffering. What Yeshua warned against less than 70 years after His ascension to heaven had morphed into a full-blown system of Christian religion which externally looked like the true gospel but intrinsically and materially different.

Even though the Protestant Reformation happened from 1517 with Martin Luther, the twin attack of Satan and humans continued unabated. The result is the huge tangled peculiar mess that is the Church of this generation. This is now a generation where, in the name of Holy Spirit, every strong minister and ministry can propound whatever

doctrine that please them, no matter how unbiblical. It is in this generation where Holy Spirit is used to validate lies, evil behavior, outright sins and building contrary to the Master Plan of Yeshua. One key tool Satan used to deceive many Christians to gamble with Holy Spirit and take chances with the Blood of Yeshua was the embrace of the strange doctrine that once saved, whatever a believer did would no longer be imputed. With this distortion, sin and sinning ceased to become aberrations but rather the norm amongst many who professed allegiance to Yeshua. Since the gifts of Holy Spirit are without repentance, people whose relationship with Yahweh was no longer vibrant or even functional had a free pass to use 'the anointing' to deceive multitudes. Unfortunately, the gifts that would have been a blessing, became instruments of damnation (See Romans 11:29.)

Hebrews 6:4-6 (KJV) 4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, 5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, 6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

Hebrews 10:26-31 (KJV) 26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, 27 But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. 28 He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: 29 Of how much sorer

punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

The point is this: multitudes are marching in slow motion to an eternity away from Elohim. This is because though ‘in the physical Church’, they are not part of the One True Church: those who have experienced the regenerative work of Holy Spirit in the hearts of the redeemed. This is self-deception at its worst and the direct fruit of religion.

There is hope. Despite this rubble, Holy Spirit and the word have been activated in the earth realm to do a work that has never been done before in the earth realm, which is to activate the emergence of the remnant within the remnant: The Omega Church.

Assignment: (1). Please write a summary of this chapter as it ministered to you. (2). Mention the specific points which require you to re-evaluate some of the things you believe or do and what your responses are.

Chapter 10

Four Dimensions of Holy Spirit in Saints (1): Seal

Dimension No.1: The Seal Measure

At this stage, we now need to turn our attention to a critical reason why Yahweh our Father, authorized the release of this study to the Body of Yeshua in this time and season. Holy Spirit, Yahweh's appointed instrument of executing the Divine Ordinance in the earth realm, is the true starting point of what the Omega Church needs understanding of. The Omega needs proper understanding of the following things about Holy Spirit:

- Who He Is
- His role in the Incarnation; empowerment of Yeshua for Service and raising Him from the dead
- How He operated in the Alpha Church
- Who and what came against what He was doing in the Alpha (First Century) Church
- How He will bring about emergence of the full expression of the Omega (End Time) Church which is the fullness of Yeshua.

With the first four sub themes already covered, we will now focus on this last theme.

Reminder: Prime Responsibility of Holy Spirit

It is a prime responsibility of Holy Spirit to activate and empower The Omega Church to demonstrate in the earth realm ALL that it's Head, Yeshua is. The organic link between the Church and Yeshua is so clear that no one dares

to speak of The Head without seeing the eminent glory of the Body in full bloom. As we have seen in our study so far, the true Church has been obscured by preponderance of Christian religion injected by the Nicolaitanes which was institutionalized over the past seventeen hundred or so years into a system of external worship moderated by a professional clergy entrenched by both Rome and Protestants.

The true Church is the grand puzzle of the ages. In its proper perspective, the Church of the remnant, a part of the eternal Kingdom of Elohim is described in glowing terms as organically connected to its Head, Yeshua:

Colossians 1:12-23 (KJV) 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace

through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

Colossians 2:6-19 (KJV) 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all

trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Stripping Away Layers of Religion

To strip away the layers of religion and the effects of the attempts to denominate Holy Spirit, we need to come into a proper understanding of the full extent of His assignment in bringing the Church to be, not just on the day of Pentecost but more importantly, how He has maintained it as the Body of Yeshua ever since. We will therefore need to examine how Holy Spirit becomes the principal agent of turning sinners to saints and His deeper ministry in the lives of believers.

An Unnecessary Controversy

This topic is critical because the issues herein lie at the heart of the unnecessary rift between the so called “Evangelicals” and the so called “Pentecostals.”

In a generalized form, Evangelicals are those who have accepted certain aspects of the ministry and work of the Holy Spirit in their lives such as His refining and transformative work and rejected other aspects. They accept fully two of the four dimensions that we will examine in this part of the study. Due to the Evangelicals’ acceptance of the work of Holy Spirit in transforming character and uniting saints into the Body, they tend to live ‘better’ Christian lives than their Pentecostal brethren. Unfortunately, because they dogmatically refuse the fourth dimension, which is manifestation of His Power, they are unable to demonstrate the gospel in signs, wonders and miracles.

On the other hand, Pentecostals tend to put a high premium on His power to the extent that they literarily devalue two critical dimensions of the work of the Holy Spirit, the transforming and uniting operations, causing the Lord Yeshua, Jesus so much grief with their less than noble character and extreme divisiveness. While they operate in signs, wonders and the miraculous, Pentecostals tend to display inadequacies of character by being prone to divisiveness and dis-unity. Everyone thus becomes his own lord, accountable to no one.

Yeshua is calling on His elect remnant to shun this unnecessary hair spitting. Holy Spirit was given to perfect us in the nature and character of Yeshua our Head, unite the Body of believers in the faith and make us instruments for demonstrating His unsurpassable power. We are to be both

Evangelical and Pentecostal in lifestyle and ministry, receiving all the Lord has for us through Holy Spirit. He is the divinely given Teacher, Advocate, Guide, Comforter and Anointer. For that reason, we will allow Holy Spirit to show us where both camps got it wrong foundationally by not emphasizing the critical nature of His word in bringing the fullness of New Creation into being.

Dimension 1 of Anointing of Holy Spirit: Seal of our Redemption

Yahweh our Father Who seeks reconciliation with lost Humanity, offered Yeshua as His Lamb to pay the price for the original sin of Adam. This divine plan remains unfulfilled until Holy Spirit goes to work in the hearts of those ordained for salvation. No matter how many times a sinner hears the gospel, the eloquence of the preacher cannot change his/her heart. A sinner can hear enticing words of human wisdom, feel emotionally agitated and yet remain unsaved.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (KJV) 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

A sinner can come to a congregation and attend regularly with friends and family for weeks, months and years and yet remain unchanged where it matters most: the heart or spirit-man. This is so because unless Holy Spirit engages with the process, salvation is impossible. No Holy Spirit, no salvation, period. That is the way Elohim ordained it. This

truth accounts for why there are multitudes who ‘go to Church’ regularly but are not part of the true Church of Yeshua.

Let us examine the specific ways Holy Spirit enables sinners to appropriate the shed blood to become saints:

- a.** Holy Spirit convicts a sinner of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8). Without this conviction, a sinner thinks of his/her sin in relative terms and fails to see the weight of the evil nature which Elohim’s pure eyes cannot behold. It is this conviction which starts up the conversion process.
- b.** Once a sinner is under the weight of conviction, Holy Spirit steps further in to show Yeshua, Jesus as the only solution. In a split moment of time or over a process of time, Holy Spirit quickens the convicted sinner to see Yeshua, Jesus and the shed Blood as atonement made on his/her behalf.
- c.** Under the weight of conviction and with faith activated by Holy Spirit, the sinner presses on to confess sins, repent of them and ask Yahweh for mercy. In line with the word, as the sinner repents in the heart, declares faith in Yeshua, the Father accepts and pardons him/her and he/she becomes saved (John 3:16; Romans 10:6-13)
- d.** At that point of salvation, Holy Spirit brings assurance that one is a New Creation (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:16).

To make this assurance real, a measure Holy Spirit is given to the believer. It is a “seal” that says: “Elohim owns this

one” and a clear guarantee that he or she will be preserved until the day of being taken up by Yeshua at the first resurrection or during the rapture (See 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:50-55.)

Romans 8:9 (KJV) 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

This scripture has been used unconsciously by many who denominate the Pentecostal experience to destroy the faith of many young believers who while yet seeking for baptism of Holy Spirit are given the impression that they are not yet ‘fully saved’. Some go into anxiety and despair which negates their faith to receive Holy Spirit. Some even go into depression.

On another note, most Christians rely on this misapplication of scripture as an excuse to be idle and unproductive as a ‘dormant laity’, waiting until when they are baptized in the Holy Spirit to be of any use. By breaching a spiritual principle of denying what they have received, they end up as consumerist fans of ‘anointed’ ministers who they see as closer to Elohim thereby making them their mediators along with Yeshua. This tendency ultimately leads to co-dependency.

The above scripture speaks of the seal measure of Holy Spirit as further evidenced by the following scriptures:

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 (KJV) 21 Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed

us, is God; 22 Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

Ephesians 1:12-14 (KJV) 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 4:30 (KJV) 30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

1 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV) 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

A careful look at Romans chapter 8, reveals that it is not addressing the issue of being filled with Holy Spirit as a second experience after salvation but a life in the Spirit whereby saints are encouraged to give up their self-driven lives. The overall thrust of the message is that if they give up direction of their own lives and surrender themselves to the leading and direction of Holy Spirit, they will live as sons, enjoying their relationship with The Father.

Romans 8:5-16 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God,

neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. 10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Galatians 4:6-7 (KJV) 6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

As the seal of Redemption, Holy Spirit takes His office as the Peace, Comforter and Advocate of the redeemed of the Lord as Jesus Himself promised in John 14:16-18.

Outcomes of the Seal Measure of Holy Spirit

1. The seal measure of Holy Spirit is the first logical outcome of true salvation by grace, not human effort, when Holy Spirit does the work of changing us from inside out. Our spirit-man or heart is changed by Him.

Ephesians 2:1 (KJV) And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

2. The seal measure results in the root/basic spiritual gift(s) being imparted to define the new believer's spiritual identity.

On the day when the sinner is sealed into or joined to the Body of Yeshua, His root spiritual gifts are also imparted. The root gifts, which may be evident or dormant depending on the degree of light in the word which they may be exposed

to, define their spiritual functions as part of a living loving organism.

Root gifts are also known as basic or general service gifts, a phrase popularized by the Chair of Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship, Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu in his book, *The Church of His Vision*. Basic spiritual gifts are what the Lord, in exercise of His sovereignty makes saints to be in the Body of Yeshua. In other words these are the gifts that the Holy Spirit imparts in each saint to be in, part of and us to build up the Body. The duty of a saint is not to yearn for what others have but to discover what one is already given when saved/wired to be, accept the same and yield to the Holy Spirit to use as a vessel to manifest them to meet the needs of others In this way, the entirety of the congregation of Elohim's people functions as a living loving organism of mutually interdependent parts (Ephesians 4:15-16).

These root gifts – some of which are also part of enabling gifts - are found in Romans 12:4-8.

Prophecy - Ability to prophesy to edify, exhort and comfort the saints. It is also the capacity to be a vessel through which Elohim brings forth His counsel to His people

Ministry/Service - Ability to serve others joyfully with the right spirit, deeming it an honour, not pain.

Teaching - Ability to use the Word of Elohim to teach others and instruct in righteousness, first imbibing the lesson and joyfully communicate it to others.

Exhortation - Ability to encourage and stir up the spirits of brethren. In this way, people will not remain downcast, depressed, fearful or wallow in negative emotions as their spirits are stirred up and energized.

Generosity - Ability to cheerfully share and distribute finances and materials to the needy with such graciousness which impacts both the receivers and edifies other saints. Brethren who are so gifted seek no recognition or glory but rather return all the glory to Elohim.

Leadership - Ability to lead the people of Elohim to fulfill the purpose of the mission to which they are called. Those who are thus gifted serve with graciousness and do not seek rulership of other saints.

Compassion - Ability to empathize with those who are grieving or suffering pain or lack. The empathy moves them to solid actions to ameliorate the sufferings they see in others.

When Baptism in Holy Spirit is received, the root or basic gifts are given further quickening which enable them to be more effectively released. Even before the baptism in Holy Spirit, by simply understanding what one was ordained to be and do, a saint who exercises personal spiritual discipline to yield to Holy Spirit in his daily walk can be used of Him to be of a greater blessing to the Body and humanity.

Most Evangelicals operate in life and ministry based on the root/basic gifts they received when truly converted. Even though their denominational doctrines do not acknowledge Him, Holy Spirit is the one at work through their vessels as they honor Yeshua to the degree of light in them. Those who

are truly converted are sealed into the Body. They are secure in the Head, Yeshua except if they open the door to Satan through yielding their vessels to Him and sin.

Saints are not happenstances or objects of statistics in denominations. They are specifically chosen by the fountain of all wisdom, Elohim before the foundation of this world to be not just saints but functional parts of the very Body of Yeshua, Jesus in the earth realm. To grasp this truth and walk in it will be to unleash the hitherto latent Body of Yeshua to truly function as His Omega Church, radiant in the dazzling glory of His Majesty.

Ephesians 1:3-6 (KJV) 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: 4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Assignment: (1). Please summarize this chapter and share with us what you learnt. (2). Which of the 7 root gifts mentioned here are part of your persona? (3). In what way are you going to utilize revelation of the Word on the Seal Measure of Holy Spirit?

Chapter 11

Four Dimensions of His Work in Saints. Part 2: Transform

Dimension No.2: Transform

Holy Spirit Transforms Saints from Inside Out, Sanctifying the Soul Realm and Body to bring about holistic purity.

What happens when the triune human – made up of spirit, soul and body – is born again by initial operation of Holy Spirit? The answer is that his or her spirit man is automatically changed.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (KJV) 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Main Theatre of True Holiness is the Soul

What the Church has not paid adequate attention to in the Holy Scriptures is that the soul realm—the mind (imagination, memory, thinking), will and emotions of the saint who is now a new creation and the physical body, are not automatically translated into the realm of perfect holiness at Salvation. If they were, all the instructions concerning godly living in the New Testament would have

been totally unnecessary. The soul of man is the region of self-awareness/consciousness. It develops according to family traits, environment, habits which form from repeated actions, education and many issues which represent personal experiences on the journey of life. Some people gain more experience of life with far more developed souls before others. Salvation is also more difficult to grasp because of their complexity and inability to have childlike faith. That is why many so-called “super souls” are often saved through either dramatic encounters with Yeshua or when they are broken by stronger circumstances.

The body of Adam was created from the raw earth. When Elohim breathed a measure of His Spirit into the inert, lifeless form, the soul realm was activated.

Genesis 2:7 (KJV) 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

On creation morning, the intent of Elohim was for the triune human created, to be led by his spirit-man. In other words, the spirit-man was ordained to rule the soul and body. On the day of the Fall, a switch of epic proportions happened: Satan tempted Eve hard enough for her soul to lust after the forbidden fruit. Thrusting and projecting itself forward, the soul responded to solicitations of Satan and thereby overthrew the spirit-man as main center of life. A careful reading of Genesis 3:1-6 will reveal this truth. It is significant that the first outcome of the soul’s new dominance of the life of Adam was inability to repent but rather (i) a tendency to first hide, (ii). then excuse his sin and

(iii) rather accuse Elohim for giving him a wife (See Genesis 3:7-14). Humanity has lived in this dis-balance ever since.

One critical assignment of the Blood that was shed by Yeshua which Holy Spirit is principally charged with implementing, is to bring the redeemed fully back to the original plan. In the New Covenant context, it is for Holy Spirit to indwell the spirit-man of the redeemed and build it up, as it submits to Him in EVERYTHING. As Holy Spirit engages with the soul realm and transforms it from inside out, the saint achieves the glorious life of liberty. This is the life where the soul with its base impulses are no longer ruling the being but rather transformed from inside out. Furthermore, the soul and body are subject to the spirit-man which is in turn subject to Holy Spirit. The essence of this chapter is to reveal some of the processes involved.

Romans 8:5-9 (KJV) 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

It all depends on how much esteem we have of and how much space Holy Spirit is given.

Romans 8:12-16 (KJV) 12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. 13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. 14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Let it be restated that Holy Spirit is the divine instrument for using the Word to transform our lives so that we are progressively made to be like Yeshua, while yet on earth. He is the sap that runs through our lives as we are attached to Yeshua like His righteous branch. He uses the Word to show us who we ought to be and based on our assent and our ability to yield. He goes to work to make it happen as we cling to Yeshua, Jesus, no matter what goes on in the outside of us.

John 15:1-11 (KJV) 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. 6

If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. 9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

The Problem with Religious Approach to Holiness

The main problem with a religious approach to Holiness to which most denominations are addicted is that it literarily takes away the core assignment of Holy Spirit and replaces it with human efforts. Scripture, however, is clear that nothing done by human effort is, pleasing to Elohim.

Jeremiah 17:5-6 (KJV) 5 Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. 6 For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited.

Religion works from outside in, relying on human attempts to use laws and regulations to please Elohim legalistically. In the end humans fall flat as they tend to rely on their

abilities which are inherently faulty. This is what took Judaism to the dead end of rejecting Yeshua when He came to bring eternal life.

Colossians 2:13-23 (KJV) 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. 20 Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances, 21 (Touch not; taste not; handle not; 22 Which all are to perish with the using;) after the commandments and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, and humility, and neglecting of the body: not in any honour to the satisfying of the flesh.

Human effort, derived from a soul which has not received dealings of Holy Spirit will at best tend towards any of these approaches:

1. Hiding from Elohim and humans like Adam.
2. Excusing besetting sins of self and magnifying those of others.
3. Trying to project a false image of reality which leads to hypocrisy.
4. Struggles to please Elohim that always fall short.

Romans 7:14-25 (KJV) 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through

Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

The Kingdom Approach to Holiness is a Work of Holy Spirit

One peculiar characteristic of the New Creation is that our lives are totally dependent on our Creator Who by His Holy Spirit takes responsibility to transform us to conform to the image of His Only Begotten Son.

Acts 17:28 (KJV) 28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

He Who works all things according to the good pleasure of His Own will delights to do a work deep within saints which transforms them from inside out so that they become more like Yeshua from glory to glory.

Kingdom Life is about Elohim doing the Work by the twin agencies of washing of water of the Word in the souls of saints and Holy Spirit using all of life experiences to transform the saint from glory to glory, into the fullness of the stature of Yeshua

Romans 8:28-30 (KJV) 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also

called: and whom he called, them he also justified:
and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Our part is to yearn for all of Him and give Him unrestricted space to do the work. It is not that we should be un-involved.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV) 1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Our job is to:

1. Identify and Reject manifestations of the old nature
2. In prayer and meditation on the Word of Life, yearn for all of Him, including fellowship of His death and Resurrection just like Paul did in Philippians 4:1-14.
3. Totally consecrate all our beings as a living sacrifice to Him (See Romans 12:1; Galatians 2:20.)
4. We are also to cling to Yeshua like a branch, no matter what we go through on the outside, and rely totally on Holy Spirit Who works within us as we yield to Him to produce the Yeshua, Jesus character and attributes. For the transforming ministry of the Holy Spirit to be effective He takes His place as the Great Teacher Jesus promised who will guide us into all truth in (See John 14:26; 16:13.)

The Mind: A Critical Battlefield of the Soul

Because the mind is the central processing unit of the saint, true transformation involves renewal of the mind so that it can think like Yeshua. The invitation for renewing the mind which is effected by Holy Spirit breathing upon the Word is

at the heart of Kingdom Life. If we think righteously, we will live righteously. That is why sin-consciousness is such a heavy drawback on the pilgrimage of saints who ought to live the glorious life.

Ephesians 4:23-24 (KJV) 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Our old way of thinking, much like the world from where we were delivered, needs to give way.

Romans 12:2 (KJV) 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

We need to have the mindset of Yeshua so that all things which come to the mind-realm are evaluated by that prism alone.

Philippians 4:8 (KJV) 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Fruit of Holy Spirit: His Work, not ours!

It is the transformative ministry of Holy Spirit that produces fruit of the Spirit, which is the nature and character of Yeshua that will enable the believer to be His witness and personal representative. It is wrong for saints to chase after

signs and wonders, especially for the wrong motives of using them to earn fame, wealth or acceptance and honor while their souls are still unchanged. Signs derived from Gifts of Holy Spirit are to follow true saints, while they are to actively chase after the fruit of the Spirit with never-ending quest (See Mark 16:17-18).

As they allow the Holy Spirit to use circumstances and issues like trials, tests, pain, rejection and suffering to lead them to experience deeper realms of holiness, this transformation process takes place. For some, the process is swift because of their uncomplicated souls. For others who have developed complexities or are insincere, the process takes longer period. In between these short, quick and long walks multitude of saints are to be found somewhere trudging along.

Fruit of Holy Spirit are released by Him in yielded vessels, not earned through works. Interestingly, all the attributes listed here are but various qualities which combine to create true Kingdom character. We should not therefore pick and choose which of them we like or desire. We need the whole bunch of fruit to make a whole new man. Articulated in Galatians 5:22-23 the fruit of the spirit is the aggregation of all these virtues:

Love – supernatural capacity to act in the best interest of other people in thought, word or deed.

Joy – the spirit of divine excitement in the spirit-man, from indwelling Holy Spirit who enables us to overcome every challenge and issue of life.

Peace – the state of stability of the heart which is anchored in Yeshua and is not agitated by challenges or difficulties that are encountered. A peaceful heart refuses to function in anxiety or worry (See Philippians 4:6-7.)

Longsuffering – the grace to bear and forbear with people who are difficult or whose lifestyle and choices tax our patience.

Kindness – the grace to be considerate and tender with other people.

Goodness – the willing provision of material and emotional support which will enable others to move on in life.

Faithfulness – the grace to be loyal to Elohim, the vision we are connected to, fellow humans and to be dependable, even in the face of challenges. It is also the grace to trust Elohim in an absolute way.

Gentleness – the grace to treat people with honor and in respect.

Self-control – the grace to restrain from consumption of whatever is not necessary. It is also the grace to desist from any course of action which can cause offense. It also applies to use of money with prudence and making the right choices on what to wear and how to look which glorifies Elohim. Another word for this is moderation (See Philippians 4:5.) ·

When we receive sound, anointed teaching of the Word, these are the outcome:

1. We are rapidly built up by the fivefold leadership to mature quickly into able ministers of the New Testament who can do the work of the ministry without struggle

Ephesians 4:11-12 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

2. We mature to such a degree that we become strong and stable in Yeshua and therefore can no longer be victims of every wind of doctrine

Ephesians 4:13-14 (KJV) 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

3. The anointing we receive from sound teaching safeguards us from the pervasive presence of false prophets and teachers of heresies

Ephesians 4:14 (KJV) 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

4. We can contribute maximally to building up other brethren so that as they do likewise to us the whole body is held together by mutual love, edification and enablement

Ephesians 4:15-16 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Now that Satan has played his very last card which is to cause many so-called Kingdom citizens to deny the divinity of Yeshua, we need this anointing in a great measure lest we lose eternal life. No one who denies the deity of Yeshua has a part in the Lamb's Book of Life (See 1 John 2:18-23, 26-27.)

The preaching of the Cross, that Elohim was incarnated as man to die for the sins of whole world, is foolishness to those who perish (See 1 Corinthians 1:18.)

Luke 2:52 (KJV) 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

James 4:6 (KJV) 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

It is with the Grace Holy Spirit releases into our yielded vessels that we can press into the fullness of our election.

2 Peter 1:5-11 (KJV) 5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; 6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; 7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. 8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us be confident of this one thing: He Who enabled us to be saved is ever at work to make the finished product the exact purpose of Calvary.

Philippians 1:6 (KJV) 6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

Philippians 2:12-13 (KJV) 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 (KJV) 23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.

Let us be open to Holy Spirit. He is more than willing to give effect to ALL that Yeshua died to purchase for us on the Cross of Calvary.

Assignment: (1). Please write a short summary of this chapter on Transformation as it was ministered to you by Holy Spirit. (2). Please list 3 insights you gained from this chapter about true holiness – the Kingdom way

Chapter 12

The Unity Dimension of His work

The Unity Dimension of Work of Holy Spirit in Saints

Of all things Satan tried to use to make the organized Church miss the mark, one of the worst is his distortion of the Person and functions of Holy Spirit. The enemy knew that if the organized Church missed it on His real identity and dimensions of His work in Saints and the Body, it will be left with hollow religion that glories in rituals, dead works and human leaders inside whitened sepulchers called “Church.”

The sad situation where billions of people are called by the Name of Yeshua, Jesus throughout the earth realm yet unengaged with His Vision and Mission speaks volumes of how the DNA of Rome is the defining feature of Christian Religion of the Protestant variant. Ahead of His soon return, The King of King Is releasing the full measure of the Word as inspired and illuminated by Holy Spirit to do a new thing among the remnant.

Ephesians 5:25-27 (KJV) 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Spots of sin, wrinkles of traditions of men and other such things, including the spirit of disunity that were injected into

the Protestant variant of Rome, are going to be identified and rooted out. The way born again, and Spirit-filled saints and ministers go about their quests for success speaks volumes of their limited understanding of Who Holy Spirit they mouth so glibly is, and how Omnipresent and Omniscient He is. Many want Him to validate their personal perspectives and opinions, but not teach them the full Word.

Many want to use Him to build personal empires, make money or be famous. In the Latter days that now is, many want His Power but not His Nature and Fruit. Without any shadow of doubt, He is our Life. Saints are mere vessels through who He manifests to touch and impact others in the Body and Society with the Nature, presence and Power of King Yeshua. This leads us to discuss the fourth dimension of the work of Holy Spirit in the earth realm.

Dimension No 3: Holy Spirit Unites saints with Elohim and each other to be the Church

When we get saved Holy Spirit automatically grafts us into two spiritual realities:

1. The Headship of Yeshua Who He reveals as Only bridge with Elohim.
2. The Body of Yeshua who He unites us with other believers worldwide.

As the word "realities" implies, these are accomplished truths that have nothing to do with whether a person is a new or old believer; whether one is aware or not; whether one is in a given denomination or not. They are just plain realities which all true teachers of the word ought to know. Knowing

these realities will forearm those called to leadership to realize that the more there is a quest to build a name for one's self-in the name of pursuing a calling or doing ministry and when such is done at the expense of any of these realities, the basis of apostasy and great evil is laid.

1. All saints are united into the Headship of Yeshua

One of the greatest traps Satan has laid for Church leaders is the tendency to build people into themselves, not into Yeshua their Head. This error is based on tendencies to make saints to rely on their Charismatic personalities, 'peculiar' anointing and special abilities to meet needs. In effect, many saints in different denominations tend to grow up to see the Minister as a mediator between them and Yeshua, much like adherents of the Roman Church regard Mary as their Mediatrix.

With this tendency, saints in effect, see themselves as "children of the Pastor." Technically, this means that they are programmed to perceive themselves as "grandchildren of Elohim." This fosters the way saints see and call their leaders as "father/daddy" or "mother/mummy." It is good to respect our spiritual leaders and honor them. But once this fosters an environment of idolatry or dependency on them for everything saints need, a red flag should be in the air.

Ministers who accept manifestation of this co-dependency state of saints on themselves are in danger. It is no wonder Yeshua raised this warning:

Matthew 23:9 (KJV) 9 And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.

Responsibility for nurturing and spiritual parenting must not be misunderstood for 'ownership'

Holy Spirit will lead babes in the faith to specific leaders until Kingdom come. Whether these babies are those who leaders led to Yeshua or new converts that become connected for discipleship, out of respect or culture, a father/mother – child relationship may naturally emerge. They may call the leaders "father/daddy" or "mother/mummy." The leaders may call them "son" or "daughter," as the case may be.

But care must be taken not to see that phrase of endearment as a right or obligation owed to the leader. Worse still, there should not arise a situation where the spiritual leader sees such babes as their 'own property'. Care must be taken to ensure this sacred relationship is set on the right direction: to wean them off the leader and empower them to grow in grace into Yeshua their true Head. This is what will enable them to become independent.

Ephesians 4:15 (KJV) 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

If this is not done, idolatry will become systemic and the saints will not grow beyond the glass ceiling their leaders have become.

Paul the Apostle understood and practiced empowerment. Timothy became his son in the gospel and Paul mentored him through an empowerment process. By the time Holy Spirit had finished the process, Timothy had moved from a

"son in the gospel," to a "colleague" of Paul. He was cited as co-author of some of the Pauline epistles.

Philippians 1:1 (KJV) 1 Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons:

Colossians 1:1-2 (KJV) 1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timotheus our brother,
2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1:1 (KJV) 1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

He learned this principle of empowerment from Yeshua Who exalted the Father and pointed Israel and His disciples to Him. Yeshua started with the disciples as His servants, processed them to become His friends (John 15:12-15) and graduated them as sons of Elohim just like Himself, the Ultimate Son (John 20:17).

A situation of permanent “sonship” or “daughtership” of a saint to a leader is a dangerous path that is best not trodden, lest leaders take the place of Yeshua in the hearts of saints. Saints need to have the right spiritual environment of empowerment to grow to become colleagues of their leaders. Leaders are to follow the examples of Yeshua who served, not worldly leaders who are big bosses.

1 Peter 5:1-4 (KJV) 1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

It is important to realize, accept and teach the simple Kingdom truth that Elohim has no grandchildren.

Galatians 3:26 (KJV) 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

We are born again by the same Holy Spirit who ensured the Incarnation of Yeshua in the Body as Luke 1:35 says. By Him, there is an organic link between Head of the Church and His Body. Let us accept the report of the Word:

1 Corinthians 6:17 (KJV) 17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

Holy Spirit unites us into Yeshua and wants us to grow up into Him in all things.

Ephesians 4:14-15 (KJV) 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow

up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:

Our growth by Holy Spirit and the Word has one direction: to become the fullness of Yeshua.

Colossians 1:12-24 (KJV) 12 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. 21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: 23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled,

and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister; 24 Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:

Colossians 2:4-19 (KJV) 4 And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words. 5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. 9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of

ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; 15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. 16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of an holyday, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days: 17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body is of Christ. 18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God.

Rather than exalt the anointing they received from Holy Spirit to build saints around themselves, Leaders should emulate John the Baptist and point all babes in the Spirit to Yeshua so that they can grow up in Him, be rooted in Him and take their place as organic parts of His Spiritual Body, the Church

John 3:26 (KJV) 26 And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

2. All saints are united into and with each other by Holy Spirit to be the Body of Yeshua on earth

We are united with each other in the Spirit as one people and members of the same family of Elohim irrespective of

gender, age, socio-economic status, race, tribe or countries where we live. It is by operation of Holy Spirit, that saints are called out of the dark world to become the Body of Yeshua in the earth realm.

Galatians 3:26-29 (KJV) 26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

1 Peter 2:9-12 (KJV) 9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

The various congregations and ministries we participate in are supposed to be as led by Holy Spirit. This is because He alone knows which of the under shepherds of Yeshua that is assigned to disciple and lead the saint into fullness of

destiny. When fellowship is not effected by Holy Spirit, the connection between under shepherds and sheep of Yeshua becomes carnal and therefore rest on a faulty foundation.

In real terms, the slick marketing gimmicks and self-promotional methods of the world are not for deployment in true Church growth. When we give Holy Spirit right of way, He connects us to others to be the full expression of the Body of Yeshua, both in the local as well as universal context.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (KJV) 1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. 2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

It is unfortunate that religion intrudes when many people allow the congregations they are part of to divide them away from the wider, universal Body of Yeshua. That is what is called the spirit of denomination. Denominationalism is a critical adversary of the True Church; it is not of Elohim and works against His interests, because it makes dis-unity a given state. Dis-unity frustrates the prayer that Yeshua, Jesus, prayed for His Church.

John 17:20-24 (KJV) 20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as

thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me. 24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

All saints in the earth realm are one in the Spirit and whatever Holy Spirit has given to one as a gift, is for the benefit of all. We are not to commercialize or withhold any gift or grace from other brethren.

1 Corinthians 12:7, 11 (KJV) 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. 11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

One of the major pre-occupations of Holy Spirit in these last days is to separate the Omega Church from the Religious contraption people call "Church." Pure religion is when saints use their gifts and callings not to build up the Body but to make a name and create a brand for themselves. When Flesh/Self intrudes into the anointing, it becomes active only for purpose of creating a "following." In these days of social media, gift projection and projection of an "image" in the form of slick marketing and promotional techniques can lead

to situation where saints are offered “anointed ministers” and ‘ministries’ to “join to” or “become part of.”

Those in Flesh cannot Walk in Unity

It takes dying to self-nature for saints to walk in unity. If Flesh is alive, the tendency is to see the gifts and callings of Holy Spirit as instruments to build personal ministries. Therefore those in the Flesh cannot fit into congregations where they are not leading. They cannot imagine their “anointing” being deployed to build up others and simply receive grace from others. The desire is always there to denominate gifts of Holy Spirit and thereby break up the Body, if need be. In this, the organic nature of the Body as envisioned by Yeshua suffers persistent and sustained lacerations by those who purport to act in His Name.

1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (KJV) 12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. 13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member,

where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: 23 And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. 24 For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked. 25 That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

Yeshua has only ONE CHURCH in the earth realm. It is a Kingdom of Priests and Kings who discover their identity, not just in Him, but also in each other. Holy Spirit guides them into companies called ministries or local congregations where they are nurtured in the truth to discover their peculiar identities in Yeshua, in each other and to be accountable. They have no name they seek to project. They do not recruit "members" carnally through worldly enticements. Wherever He plants them, they serve faithfully as unto Him, not man.

Colossians 3:17, 23-24 (KJV) 17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.23

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; 24 Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Any time Holy Spirit wants to move them on, they will hear His voice and obey. It is then that He will use them to extend His Kingdom, not divide the Body. Those who are led by Holy Spirit avoid strife, acts which cause division and attempt to build their religious empires using His Name. When we realize this uniting work of the Holy Spirit we will have only one acceptable response: love one another as He loved us and commands us.

John 13:34-35 (KJV) 34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 15:10-15 (KJV) 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. 12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. 15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all

things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

It is noteworthy that both in John 17 and John 13:35, Yeshua made it clear that unbelievers shall know His Church by Love and Unity. In John 15:12-15, He asserts that the only way to please Him is for saints to love one another. Only Holy Spirit can cause saints to walk selflessly which is the basis of Love and Unity. If saints give Holy Spirit enough space to work this miracle in them, all saints will be fulfilled by simply releasing and receiving virtue, grace and spiritual gifts in a holy and loving matrix of interconnected living.

Assignment: (1).What is the ‘Unity Dimension of work of Holy Spirit? (2). Please summarize the two dimensions of the uniting work of Holy Spirit expounded in this chapter. (3). Please cite 5 scriptures quoted in the chapter which ministered greatly to you.

Chapter 13

The Demonstration Dimension of His Work – Part 1

Dimension No.4: Releasing the Power for saints to Demonstrate Yeshua (Part 1)

Over the past three lessons, we have examined three of the four core dimensions of the work of Holy Spirit in saints. Under the acronym S.T.U.D, we saw in Lesson 11 that Holy Spirit releases the Seal Measure of Himself in saints. In Lesson 12, Holy Spirit transforms saints from inside out into a place of alignment in holiness of spirit (the heart), soul (mind, will, emotion) In Lesson 13, we saw the reality that it is HE who unites saints with their Head – Yeshua and each other to be an organic, universal Church in which every joint supplies and receives grace.

In this lesson, we will examine the Demonstration Measure of Holy Spirit in saints. This chapter will focus on why and how Holy Spirit alone empowers saints with anointing to demonstrate the power of Yeshua, Jesus so that they can fulfill the Great Commission effectively with signs and wonders following. At its birth in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost, the Church experienced the outpouring of Holy Spirit without measure, just as Yeshua promised. Presence of Holy Spirit was so needed by the disciples in order to function hence, Yeshua told them to wait in Jerusalem until they were endued. \

It is also needful to note that just as in Luke 19:10-27, Yeshua wanted the disciples to know that before He returns to rule and reign with them in the visible manifestation of the

Kingdom (the hope of Israel for global relevance since the days of David and Solomon), there was work to be done. That work is the in-gathering of all those appointed to salvation from the peoples and nations of the world. Only Yahweh our heavenly Father knows when the last of His elect would come in. The lot fell on saints, not angels, to do this great Kingdom work of seeking and bringing the lost to the Father which Yeshua came to pay the full price for in His Own Body after 33 and half years when He was a fully matured adult.

Acts 1:4-8 (KJV) 4 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5 For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7 And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

For the 120 who waited on the Lord for fulfillment of the Promise of the Father, the experience of Holy Spirit coming upon them was dramatic. Nobody was left in any doubt that Heaven invaded the earth realm in a definite way.

Acts 2:1-47 (KJV) 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. 6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? 8 And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? 9 Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, 10 Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews and proselytes 11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. 12 And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 13 Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. 14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: 15 For these are not

drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. 16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: 19 And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: 21 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28

Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. 33 Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. 34 For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 35 Until I make thy foes thy footstool. 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made the same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. 37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? 38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. 40 And with many other words did he testify and

exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. 41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. 46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

Significance of Acts 2

Several things transpired for Israel and the world to know that a new dynamic had entered the gospel program. The ways of Elohim are perfect: He did not want anyone to be in doubt that whereas incarnation of Yeshua represented a silent, peaceful invasion of the earth realm by heaven, the coming of Holy Spirit was intended to be a roar: in plain sight and with incontrovertible evidence of power from on high. Take note of these realities:

- 1.** He came during the Hebraic Feast of Shavuot, one of the few when Hebrews worldwide were required to make pilgrimage to Jerusalem. As the elect people chosen to be the

first carriers of the gospel, there was no better time to recruit a global army to fulfill Acts 1:8.

2. Holy Spirit came dramatically and in a way that was incontrovertible: The cloven tongues of fire on the 120 reminded those who saw them, just like Moses saw the Burning Bush that Divinity was at work. By granting them utterance to speak with other tongues, Holy Spirit wanted to suspend their natural reasoning in speech formation as prophesied.

1 Corinthians 14:2 (KJV) 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

He also wanted those from the Diaspora to be convinced beyond shadow of doubt that what they were experiencing was real.

3. The transformation of Peter from a flip flopper and lily-livered disciple who was fearful to identify with Yeshua that he denied Him to a bold, eloquent apostle who could take on the leaders of Israel was not lost on any one as a fruit of Divine action.

4. Outpouring of Holy Spirit was explained through Peter as evidence of the Divinity of Yeshua and the reality of Mission Accomplished. Holy Spirit was released because Yeshua is seated at right hand of the Father.

5. The reality that two prophecies were fulfilled concerning the end-times would not be lost on all who study the Holy Scriptures. The birth of the Church that day signaled

fulfilment of essence of the Torah and beginning of the End-Times.

6. Superiority of the New Covenant over the Old was laid bare. Whereas, Divine Judgment for sin led 3000 to die on the day that The Law was given on Mount Sinai. Here on the Day of Pentecost, Divine Mercy and approval opened the Life Gate for 3000 to be saved and blessed with Eternal Life in Yeshua, Jesus.

7. The Love and Unity of the early Church clearly contrasted with the rancorous division of Judaism which had several sects: Pharisees, Sadducees and Scribes often bitterly opposed to each other.

8. With Presence and Power of Holy Spirit at work, Church growth was not a carnal matter. The Lord added to the Church such as should be saved.

These realities are not supposed to be confined to the Alpha Church. Holy Spirit is to be with the Church in all ages. The Power released on the Day of Pentecost was not just for the Alpha Church, but for all saints of all ages. Those who exert much natural energies to prove that Holy Spirit and some or all His gifts ceased in the early Church are unwittingly advancing the cause of Christian Religion.

By suggesting that somehow the Church can be live and minister without Holy Spirit, is an incredible proposition which falls flat in the face of the teachings of Yeshua on Who He is and what He will do. The various strands of cessation theories also fall flat in the weight of evidence of the reality that Holy Spirit has been poured out several times since the original Day of Pentecost in the Upper Room. Over

the course of history, Holy Spirit has intervened dramatically whenever the Church begins to lose that vibrancy of His Presence and Power.

Among major revivals that have taken place since Pentecost are these:

- a. The Topheka Out pouring
- b. Azusa Street Revival of 1906
- c. Hebrides
- d. The Welsh Outpouring

There have been several other outpourings in Africa, Asia, South and Central America. No one can deny the reality of His various visitations. In some cases like South America, revivals led to close of bars and houses of sin; people stopped breaking the law; prisons had no inmates and cities were transformed.

It should be re-emphasized that in Baptism of Holy Spirit, He comes to indwell the vessels of saints in a tangible manner whose initial evidence is the speaking forth in unlearned tongues. The tongues are not the issue, but the Person and Power of Holy Spirit received in Baptismal measure is the real deal. To emphasize tongues—most often the uninspired variety proceeding from memory, is to miss the point. The power we receive is manifested as spiritual gifts with which Elohim confirms the ministry, He is calling us into.

True ministry, therefore, is the **“expression or bringing forth of what we are impressed with by Holy Spirit.”**

When we bring forth what He puts in us, we are engaged in ministry. Every believer is equipped by Elohim to be a conveyor of the power of the risen Yeshua through the gifts of the Holy Spirit received. Let it be re-emphasized that saints are not just to be satisfied with merely speaking in tongues and fleshly induced disorderly behavior done supposedly in the name of the Holy Spirit. Tongues are a sign of what is stored inside.

Assignment: (1). Please summarize what you learnt from this chapter (2). What is it about modern errors in the Pentecostal movement that you discern?

Chapter 14

Demonstration Dimension of His Work – Part 2

Demonstrate the Awesome Power of Yeshua, Jesus Part 2

Let us be reminded that after His resurrection, Yeshua Jesus sealed faith of the disciples in Him with a measure of Holy Spirit with which they would manifest His Own in the earth realm.

John 20:20-23 (KJV) 20 And when he had so said, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: 23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.

Yet He charged the same disciples to tarry in Jerusalem to receive the promise of the Father in Acts 1:1-8. This is consistent with the words Yeshua, Jesus spoke in John 14:17 “He dwells with you and will be in you.” The 120 who obeyed Him and spent an extra 10 days after His ascension were rewarded when on the day of Pentecost; they were filled to overflow with Holy Spirit (See Acts 2:1-4.) His presence and power transformed timid men and added new zest to their lives. Moving in that strength and power the disciples were able to turn the then world upside down despite the limitations of their intellect and finances.

Saints today need Holy Spirit even much more as we are now in the close of the age. Our grand need is Him and not more money, better “Church” buildings, more exciting programs or radio/television publicity. All these things without Him and His power produce religion and spiritual death.

A Second Experience

Let us also recall some truths previously shared so that we can receive in full context the experience of saints in Acts 2 and how it applies to us in the Omega Chapter of the Church. In the Alpha Church, receiving Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure was a second divine encounter and experience, normally subsequent to Salvation. Yeshua knew the ferocity with which Satan and the hordes of hell spread across the world; as well as, their human instruments would come against the Church when He ascended to heaven. He knew the limits of human ability to execute the Great Commission and reconcile other humans to the Father in His Name.

By arranging for saints to be indwelt by Holy Spirit in a baptismal measure, a game changer was introduced to the gospel program in the earth realm. Saints would present their vessels to Him through which Holy Spirit would do the work by Himself. The initial evidence of this infilling was the "strange act" of speaking in an unknown and unlearned tongue.

Acts 2:3 (KJV) 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The main issue was the Power received. The tongue uttered was to be an outward sign of an inward reality.

1 Corinthians 14:22 (KJV) 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.

That Baptism in Holy Spirit was a second experience, subsequent to Salvation is clear all through Acts of the Apostles.

Acts 2:4 (KJV) 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:38-39 (KJV) 38 Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.** 39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Acts 19:1-7 (KJV) 1 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, 2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. 3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. 4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people,

that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. 5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 7 And all the men were about twelve.

In Salvation, seekers encounter Elohim in Yeshua. In Baptism of Holy Spirit, they experience Elohim with Holy Spirit taking over their surrendered faculties. All those in the Alpha Church accepted and lived in this reality, without exception. The prophecy of John the Baptist was very clear:

Matthew 3:11 (KJV) 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:

It is significant that in the Acts of the Apostles an interesting scenario presents itself. When a congregation faced challenges from authorities they did not engage in agitation propaganda in the name of social action. Their response was to retreat to “their own company,” so to say, to receive a fresh infilling of Holy Spirit so that they could continue to live out their life in which signs and wonders were the norm rather than the exception.

Acts 4:23-31 (KJV) 23 And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. 24 And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with

one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: 25 Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? 26 The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ. 27 For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, 28 For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done. 29 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word, 30 By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

Anywhere, any time of His choosing

In this exercise called Baptism in Holy Spirit, He simply fills up the willing and ready saint to the degree of effervescent effusion that translates into speaking in unknown and unlearned tongues. This blessed experience can be had anywhere and at any time of His choosing. A saint can be filled in a revival meeting, a regular church service, in a home or indeed anywhere including cyberspace; it can be when in the company of other saints or when alone because

Holy Spirit is not bound to fit into neat religious boxes built by Church folks.

Why Tongues as universal evidence?

As was shared in a previous chapter, Dr. Cosmas Ilechukwu, Chair of the Global Governing Council of International Ministers Fellowship, offered the best explanation for this act of speaking in tongues as universal evidence of Baptism of Holy Spirit. In his ground-breaking book, the Church of His Vision (which serves as Course 109), Dr. Ilechukwu posits that this blessed experience is an immersion in that the saint to be filled loses all control of him or herself to a higher power whose presence is evidenced in the unlearned utterances, that come forth out of an otherwise controlled tongue which is suddenly loosed.

Caveat: Let us take note however that as Sovereign, Holy Spirit has no set formula as to how and when He comes upon those whose hearts yearn intensely for Elohim. He can and does bypass protocol and can come upon people anywhere and anyhow; including, in kitchens, living rooms and public arenas. Look at the dramatic case of the household of Cornelius which shocked Peter.

Acts 10:44-48 (KJV) 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. 46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid water, that

these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

The issue of how Holy Spirit fill saints can only be discussed as a guide based on previous outpouring, but no formula should be set in stone, lest saints faint when their experiences do not match given formulas. Those who try to dictate specific ways Holy Spirit should fill saints may need to read the reaction of some leaders of the Alpha Church to what happened in the house of Cornelius:

Acts 11:1-5, 15-18 (KJV) 1 And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 Saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them, saying, 5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, A certain vessel descend, as it had been a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even to me:

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, as on us at the beginning. 16 Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17 Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as he did unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand

God? 18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

Power to Demonstrate Yeshua

Let us also be reminded some additional things shared previously. The disciples received the Person and Power of Holy Spirit Who used to come upon human vessels to use them to do divine work. Now He came to dwell inside of them and from that center of their lives, release the unsurpassable power of Divinity. The focus was on what could be done through their vessels by Him. It was clearly a case of He using them and not them using Him. They never used Him as a show stopper to display how many tongues they could speak neither accepted noise making as an indicator of His Presence. This was consistent with what Yeshua told the disciples:

John 14:12 (KJV) 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Acts 1:8 (KJV) 8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

His Presence in their lives was certainly about Divinity using human vessels exponentially, taking off all limitations.

Philippians 4:13 (KJV) 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Much more than Seal Measure or Root/Basic Gifts, Baptism in Holy Spirit releases the Power Gifts. As we saw earlier, when Holy Spirit convicts a hitherto sinner and seals them into the Body of Yeshua, a gift or collection of gifts are automatically imparted to define that person as a functional part of the living organism which is the Church. That is not the end of His work in the area of spiritual gifts. There is much more that is available for those who are baptized in Him.

The dimension of spiritual gifts for demonstrating the full dimension of Power of the Risen Yeshua is part of what Holy Spirit imparts to all who are filled with Him. The Lord expects all saints, not some, to yearn for the fullness of Holy Spirit with zeal in earnest prayer. In response the Lord Jesus releases the Holy Spirit to fill up and equip them for Him to use.

Holy Spirit demonstrates His presence in saints by using them as vessels through which He shows up. These are in the form of spiritual gifts that are the outcome of the visitation of His indwelling Presence. Unlike the seal dimension which causes certain gifts to be wired into your new nature, the baptism in the Holy Spirit ushers saints into the dimension of being instruments to demonstrate power of the risen Yeshua.

In the demonstration dimension of spiritual gifts, saints receive a basket of what has been called 'Enabling Gifts' in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 28-29. These are gifts which enable

our basic or root gifts (obtained with the sealing) to function with greater effectiveness. They include:

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of healing
- Working of miracles
- Prophecy
- Discerning of spirits
- Speaking in unknown tongues
- Ability to interpret tongues

Helps: Supernatural grace to play a supportive role and uphold another person who is the vision holder or leader in the ministry. It is a compound gift that can be applied to those serving in intercession, the deaconate and other roles.

Administration: This is the supernatural grace to plan, organize and administer the business affairs of the Household of Faith.

Fivefold Leadership/Office Gifts (See 1 Corinthians 12: 28-29; Ephesians 4:11-16.)

The key to the emergence of the glorious church of the end times is restoration of the work of the fivefold office gifts working together by Holy Spirit, in synergy, to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.

Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers are not titles to be hung on the neck in the quest for honor and vain glory.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (KJV) 11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

These are the gifts which Yeshua released specifically to guide His Church into full maturity so that it can manifest the power of the Kingdom and the world to come.

The True Church is an Organic Body: Living, Loving Organism based on releasing and receiving spiritual gifts from each other, not an impersonal religious organization. Whether in the Seal or Demonstration measure, it is the plan of Yeshua that His Church will not operate as a Christian Religious Organizations with emphasis on things that are done externally, but rather an organism in which every part of the Body does its share. As 1 Corinthians 12:11–27

reveals, the paradigm is that of a living Body with many functional, interrelated parts. That is why Holy Spirit releases Spiritual Gifts through all saints.

1 Peter 4:10-11 (KJV) 10 As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The world is in earnest expectation for the Church to shake off the shackles of religion, heresy and worldliness so that it can be clothed with the righteousness of its head, Jesus Church and manifest His awesome powers, just as He declared.

John 14:12 (KJV) 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father

Mark 16:17-20 (KJV) 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; 18 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. 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. 20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the

Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

It is therefore a waste of grace when Pentecostals and Charismatics focus on glorying in tongues and switching on of 'Power mode' when inside the four walls of 'Church buildings' on 'holy days'. The awesome power of Holy Spirit which flows from Him dwelling within us makes us His mobile temples. He wants to show up any where and everywhere we are! This is the Kingdom Perspective, free of denominational colorations!

Assignment: (1). Please state what the Demonstration Dimension of Holy Spirit is. (2). In what way have Pentecostals and Charismatics limited manifestation of power of Holy Spirit (3). Please mention 3 scriptures cited in this chapter which ministered to you.

In Volume 2 of this 2-Part Series the following are covered in Chapters 15-27:

- Developing Intimate Positive Relationship with Holy Spirit
- Negative Relationship Types & Patterns
- Hindrances to Pure Manifestation of Holy Spirit
- Additional Hindrances to Pure Manifestation of Holy Spirit
- Receiving Holy Spirit in Demonstrative Dimension (Baptism)
- Salient Points: Basis of Fresh Infilling
- Outcomes When the Truth of Him & the Kingdom Church sinks in

- Leadership of Holy Spirit: The Ultimate Index of Sonship
- How Holy Spirit Speaks and Leads Us
- Holy Spirit and the Physical Human Body
- One of the Ultimate Assignments of Holy Spirit
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Feedback for Course 103: Understanding Holy Spirit - Who He Is and What He Does

Daisy Amisu - London, UK: This course expounded on who the Holy Spirit is, What the function of the Holy Spirit is in the Omega church, How to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, The manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer, the working of the Holy Spirit, How to be filled with the Holy Spirit, what can quench the Holy Spirit in the believer and most importantly, the importance of having an infilling of the Holy Spirit in our lives as a member of the body of Yeshua Jesus.

We as Minister in the Omega church, the New Testament church, the New Covenant have to depart from religion and denomination and need to be sons of Elohim whose role is to reconcile the world and our domain to Him. This can we do when we are filled with the Holy Spirit and are led and directed the Holy Spirit. How can we serve Him that we do not know? We must know who Elohim is. We must know why Yeshua Jesus died and paid the price for us. It is for the reconciliation of sons of Elohim to Him. How can we do our work of reconciliation when we are in the world full of loads of ups and down. Only by the help of the Holy Spirit.

It is therefore crucial to study and Understand the Holy Spirit, who He is and what He Does. The Holy Spirit is mighty in leading “dead Humans.” These are brethren who are prepared to lay down all their intellect and all they feel they know and allow themselves willingly to Holy Spirit leading. Normally man has their own will so we want to do

the things in our own self and might. But we must understand the Holy Spirit leading and we have to be dead to self. We have to willingly respond to Him. Only then can we hear Him when He speaks to us and His direction is superior as He is all knowing, omniscience and all powerful..

Additionally, it is important we know and understand the different ways the Holy Spirit speak to us. This include audible voice, via the Scripture, revelatory gifts, answered prayers, inner conviction, the manifestation of the gift and so on. In conclusion, let us understand that in our own self all we do is corrupt and limited. Hence why not allow the Spirit of Elohim to direct and guide us as He is all knowing, all powerful and anywhere, all the time. That is why it is best to allow Him to do whatever our King and Head Yeshua wants to be done – using our lives as vessels of expression of His nature, will and power.

Zechariah 4:6 (KJV)6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.

If we are full of ourselves, there will be no room for Him to manifest. But if we empty ourselves of ourselves, there will be sufficient space for Holy Spirit to show up and use our empty vessels to accomplish the divine purposes in everyday life.

10 scriptures which ministered most to me: Zechariah 4:6; Genesis 2:7; 1 Cor 6:19; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Roman 11:29; John 3:31; Act 10:38; Ephesians 4:15; 1Corinthians 12; Romans 8:12-16.

The written lessons in the classroom I found most helpful in terms of how effective they were used by the Teacher to communicate to me as a person: I am satisfied. I listen to the live facebook version and find the notes to be detailed for me to follow and solidify my learning of the topic. I find Apostle George and Pastor Grace both as excellent Teacher of the Word. Overall, on a scale of 1-100 percent, I rate the course 98 percent. The remaining percent for the expansion by leading of the Holy Spirit.

Rebecca Kelapile – Rustenburg, SA: This course is power filled. Every time I read a lesson I learned a new thing and it has impacted positively how I relate with the Holy Spirit. I have learned about who the Holy Spirit is. The Holy Spirit must be given right of way in our hearts, minds and attitudes. He knows the best scriptures because He is the one who inspired the writing of the scriptures. The Holy Spirit chose vessels for divine purpose. Through him many were able to fulfil their purpose.

The New Covenant with the Holy Spirit is not of material substance, because the Holy Spirit is a divine being, he is omnipresent, omniscient and omnipotent. He is the spirit of Elohim and Yeshua. He proceeds from Yahweh and Yeshua. He is, pure and undefiled. He is a person with unique personality. Holy Spirit has feelings and emotions which can be hurt and he responds to negative attitudes and actions of saints. As taught by Yeshua, The Holy Spirit is a resident Elohim, Empowerer of saints, comforter, teacher

In the Alpha church the Holy Spirit is the power within that was promised by Yeshua to bring everything in to remembrance. Without the Holy Spirit the gospel would

have not been able to spread. The gospel spread like a wild fire because of the Holy Spirit. There have always been an opposition and war against the work of the Holy Spirit. Satan and humans have been against the Holy Spirit right after the incarnation and birth of Yeshua.

The Holy Spirit has given us gifts to edify the church. Through the word he has put a seal on us. He works hand in hand with the word to bring transformation in us. The unity dimension of the Holy Spirit is to restore back the vision and mission of Elohim to his remnant. The Holy Spirit demonstrated his dimension during the outpouring upon the Alpha Church by giving them power to be witnesses of Yeshua. Saints have received the demonstration dimension of Holy Spirit which is the manifest power of the Holy Spirit in saints that empowers and enable them to demonstrate the power of Yeshua so that they can be able to witness about Yeshua to the world.

We need to maintain a positive intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit by being childlike, sincerity, transparency and open for correct, willingness to submit to his yielding and leadership, hunger and quest for more of him, prompted to obedience and sensitive to His feelings It is our responsibility not to have a negative relationship with the Holy Spirit by quenching the Him, wrong use of the tongue and refusing to exercise our spiritual gifts

There are hindrances in the church which affects the move of the Holy Spirit like Church leaders refusing to yield to the leadership of the Holy Spirit

Baptism of the Holy Spirit cannot happen the same way all the time. The Holy Spirit cannot be dictated to fall upon individuals or groups.

Basis of flesh infilling. When we say we have repented, it must be from our hearts and we must show fruits of repentance.

Emulating Yeshua and cooperating with the Holy Spirit stand out for me when we look at the outcomes when the truth of him and the kingdom sinks in us.

The ultimate index of sonship is that the Holy Spirit should lead saints. Because the most practical acid test for distinguishing sons of Elohim from the billions of people in the earth realm

Holy Spirit speaks to us through the written Word, burden of the heart, revelatory gifts, Providential steps, Answered prayers, Brokenness and manifestation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit

Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit, but also our bodies house our spirit and soul. So we need to care for our bodies. Be careful with the outside look and what we do. Stay away from sexual immorality.

One of the ultimate assignments of the Holy Spirit is to work hand in hand with the Word to fill the earth with sons of Elohim, saints who live like Yeshua, doing what he did or even greater work just as he promised.

The scriptures which impacted me most: Galatians 5:19; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 14:26-27; Matthew 6:33; Acts 2:1-47;

John 5:30; Romans 8:11-16; Ephesians 4:11-13; James 3:1-16; Acts 16:6

The platform that I have used and found most helpful is the written lessons in the classroom and the recorded video lessons. The teacher of the course Apostle George is an amazing teacher of the word. I admire his simplicity when delivering a lesson. On a scale of 1-100 percent I will rate the course 103 100%.

Mollie Maenzanise – Harare, Zimbabwe: The course has brought so much light in my life i have come to know that Holy Spirit was there from the beginning of all the creation and He is the one who was imparted into the clay which then became alive to be the man Adam .He is there to bring light where darkness wants existed and breathes life into all dead things.

Holy Spirit is Elohim in action, His divinity is without any shadow of doubt ,He is not mere force or impersonal being, He is also not a mere influence and in the Old Testament Holy Spirit was made manifest through the measure of Him. In the Old Testament He used to be released to the vessels for a special assignment and withdrew and in the New Testament He resides in human bodies as His temples. In order to properly understand who Holy Spirit is and how to relate to with Him we need to understand Elohim the Supreme Being who in the Holy scriptures is presented as a single Entity essence but three personalities father, Son and Holy Spirit union are found in all scriptures, Holy Spirit is not a servant of church He is best placed to teach us and He is the most trusted instrument.

I learnt from this course are if we give the right of way to Holy Spirit He will make us understand Him ,He knows the best scriptures to cite, He is the one who inspired the writing of the scriptures. I am to take the word concerning Elohim supreme creator and ruler of the universe His manifestation as Yahweh our father ,Yeshua our redeemer and Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit is not a material substance He is Omnipresent, Omniscient, Omnipotent simultaneously in every realm of creation, He is a person with personality and have an unbroken communion and fellowship with the redeemed and He reveals mystery of the kingdom and life to the saints who respond. As a person He has a mind ,has feelings and emotions which can be hurt and responds to negative attitudes and actions of saints .He can be grieved, quenched when saints abide in religion not recognising His presence not coveted and He is not given room .He planted the body of Yeshua on the earth realm and led Yeshua to be tempted in the wilderness with Satan on behalf of saints. Yeshua's earthly ministry was led by Holy Spirit doing miracles ,signs and wonders and when Yeshua died He was raised from the dead by Holy Spirit when He had completed His assignment on the cross.

They are concepts of person which make Elohim up in affirmation, Yeshua constantly affirmed Yahweh as His father ,the father affirmed Son ,Holy Spirit affirmed Yeshua. Yeshua's ministry was not His but was for revealing the father to Israel and the father affirmed Yeshua to Israel as the only way for them to come to Him and Holy Spirit affirmed Yeshua in various ways planting the seed in the womb ,anointed Him for service, raised Him from the dead,

Yeshua also taught who Holy Spirit is and affirmed Him ,He taught who Holy Spirit is and affirmed Him He taught who Holy spirit was His character and assignment. Holy Spirit was given to us and work with us and within us, He has His assignments as our resident Elohim, Comforter, Guider, Teacher ,Intercessor.

10 scriptures which ministered to me are: Ephesians 4:30; Mathew 4:1-11; Hebrews 10:5; Acts 19:6; John 7:37-39; Philippians 4:1-14; John 14:26-27; Luke 1:35; Psalms 42:1-10; 1Cor 12:7. The platforms I found most useful - the written lessons and the live stream on Facebook. I have been imparted a lot when even with new revelation of the word shared. I rate the course 100%.

Godfrey Maenzanise - Harare, Zimbabwe: Some key truths learnt from this course: Holy spirit is part of the mystery of the God head. He is the spirit of Elohim, Spirit of Yahweh and Spirit of Yeshua. He is one with the Father and the Son, yet He has a distinct personality. He is the executor of the determinate counsel of Elohim in all the universe and on the earth realm as revealed throughout scriptures. Holy Spirit planted the body prepared for Yeshua in the virgin womb of Mary to initiate the incarnation. Holy Spirit filled incarnate Yeshua with power at John's baptism to enable him to function at optimal divine capacity whilst in the body.

He raised the incarnate body from the dead by quickening it. When Yeshua ascended on high, he was Holy spirit indwells the redeemed as the comforter. Holy spirit is now the primary conviction of sin, righteousness and judgment. He reveals Yeshua as only propitiation for sin. Salvation is by faith in Yeshua and Holy spirit seals the redeemed. From the

inside out, Holy Spirit transform lives to bear fruit of the spirit as recorded in the letter of Apostle Paul to the Galatians 5:22-23.

Holy spirit unites all saints into one kingdom church of priests and Kings of Royal order of Melchizedek with Yeshua as the High Priest and king of kings. Holy spirit fills up all who yearn for Him and uses their yielded vessels to demonstrate the power of the risen Yeshua through spiritual gifts He imparts to us. We are Empowered to be His ambassadors of Yeshua and His kingdom everywhere and wherever He sends us. Holy Spirit facilitates the process based transformation from new birth experience to maturity into son's hip of Elohim's in the earth realm with responsibilities to bring others into the kingdom by the process based transformation as modeled by Yeshua. Whatever we do in this earth realm without Holy spirit is religion.

The Ten scriptures that ministered most to me: Genesis 2:7; Revelation 13:8; 2 Peter 1:20-21; John 16:8-12; Romans 8:14-19; Acts 16:6; Ephesians 4:11-13; Ephesians 2:1-8; James 3:1-16; Galatians 5:22-23. The written lessons in the class, the live stream on Facebook and the recorded videos I found most useful. Apostle George effectively delivered and greatly impacted my understanding of the revelations. My spirit would jump out whenever rhema word was spoken. I rate the course 98%.

Jerry Henry - Lusaka, Zambia: Holy Spirit, usually referred to as the Third Person of The Triune Godhead, is the Spirit of Elohim, the Spirit of Yahweh and the Spirit of Yeshua. He is one with the Father and the Son, yet distinct

in personality and personhood. Holy Spirit is the principal executor of the determinate Counsel of Elohim in the earth realm and all the universe, Whose presence was unveiled from the creation of the world right through the present age. He is the principal instrument for Salvation and the facilitator of our entire process of Kingdom life, and has a mandate to repopulate and fill the earth realm with Sons of Elohim with a Nature and life like Yeshua, Jesus.

Key truths and concepts learnt from the course: The Word remains the authentic and legitimate foundation upon which we build the revelation knowledge and insight by Holy Spirit, in our pursuit to know Who Elohim Is. When we allow Him, Holy Spirit is the only one Who can teach and reveal to us Who He Is. Without Holy Spirit, we can not do exploits for Elohim in the earth realm. As His name speaks, Holy Spirit is absolutely pure, holy and undefiled in His core Nature and being. Holy Spirit is a person with unique personality, has feelings and emotions which can be hurt. Holy Spirit is Elohim in Action! He is the administrator of our Salvation process, with the assurance that one is a New creation through His Seal.

True holiness in Saints, is the full work of Holy Spirit in a life that is totally yielded to Him, and can never be attained through human effort. Religion works from outside in, relying on human attempts using laws and regulations in trying to appease Elohim legalistically. Holy Spirit does not work in environments where He is boxed or put in a formula.

Though there is one Baptism in Holy Spirit, there needs to be multiple in-filling in order to be full of Him in a 24-hour daily basis. The kingdom of Elohim operates with the sense of Faith, which is imparted and activated by Holy Spirit to guide our Spirit-man. No one Saint can on their own produce Sons of Elohim without Holy Spirit, Who has a mandate to repopulate earth with Sons of Elohim who live like Yeshua.

Ten scriptures which ministered most: Acts 1:8; John 14:15-18; John 16:5-15; Galatians 2:20; 2 Timothy 2:4; Hebrews 10:26-29; Romans 8:27; John 4:34; Acts 16:6-7; 1 John 2:15-17. The written lessons in the classroom worked wonders for me. The facilitation of the Course was excellent as well as the delivery and content. Overall, on a Scale of 1-100% I rate the Course 100% with no reservations!

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