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INTRODUCTION

The manifestation of the spirit is something that is given for profit to all of mankind who are Christians.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

A manifestation as defined by the Oxford dictionary is: An event, action, or object that clearly shows or embodies something abstract or theoretical. A manifestation brings visibility to something that was not seen. In this paper we will look at the manifestation of the spirit, which is the new creation inside a Christian, in operation.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:<2937> old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This word creature is the word “ktisis”, it means creation. When we become Christians, we have a new creation that is spirit inside of us. In Colossians 1:27 this is described as Christ in Us the Hope of Glory.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

P.S. Sometimes you will see extra spacing, a pause, between the paragraphs. This is so you might spend extra time considering the point I am making. I hope you will enjoy this study. It is designed to open the how of living in the spiritual world given to us by God.

CHAPTER 1: The Promise of the Father

On the day of ascension Jesus spent some final time with his disciples whom he had chosen

Acts 1:2 – 9; 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 <hagios pneuma> 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 <2983-lambano> power <1411-dunimas>, after that the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> 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

They have been told three things by Jesus: to wait for the promise of the Father, that they would be baptized with the holy spirit, and that they would (receive <2983-lambano> power <1411- dunimas>) after the holy spirit is come upon them.

We need to look at these words. There are two Greek words (Translated - receive in english) that are used with the holy spirit in the New Testament. One is 2983-lambano, and the other is 1209-dechomai. While both mean to receive, there is a difference between them.

2983 λαμβάνω lambano lam-ban'-o

a prolonged form of a primary verb, which is use only as an alternate in certain tenses; v; TDNT-4:5,495, AV-receive 133, take 106, have 3, catch 3, not tr 1, misc 17; 263

1) to take 1a) to take with the hand, lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use it 1a1) to take up a thing to be carried 1a2) to take upon one's self 1b) to take in order to carry away 1b1) without the notion of violence, i,e to remove, take

away 1c) to take what is one's own, to take to one's self, to make one's own 1c1) to claim, procure, for one's self 1c1a) to associate with one's self as companion, attendant 1c2) of that which when taken is not let go, to seize, to lay hold of, apprehend 1c3) to take by craft (our catch, used of hunters, fisherman, etc.), to circumvent one by fraud 1c4) to take to one's self, lay hold upon, take possession of, i.e. to appropriate to one's self 1c5) catch at, reach after, strive to obtain 1c6) to take a thing due, to collect, gather (tribute) 1d) to take 1d1) to admit, receive 1d2) to receive what is offered

1209 δέχομαι dechomai dekh'-om-ahee

middle voice of a primary verb; v; AV-receive 52, take 4, accept 2, take up 1; 59 1) to take with the hand 1a) to take hold of, take up 2) to take up, receive 2a) used of a place receiving one 2b) to receive or grant access to, a visitor, not to refuse intercourse or friendship 2b1) to receive hospitality 2b2) to receive into one's family to bring up or educate 2c) of the thing offered in speaking, teaching, instructing 2c1) to receive favourably, give ear to, embrace, make one's own, approve, not to reject 2d) to receive. i.e. to take upon one's self, sustain, bear, endure 3) to receive, get 3a) to learn

40 ἅγιος hagios hag'-ee-os

from hagos (an awful thing) [cf 53, 2282]; adj; AV-holy 161, saints 61, Holy One 4, misc 3; 229 Holy, characteristic of God, separated to God, worthy of veneration

4151 πνεῦμα pneuma pnyoo'-mah

from 4154; n; 876; AV-Spirit 111, (Holy) Ghost 89, Spirit (of God) 13, Spirit (of the Lord) 5, (My) Spirit 3, Spirit (of truth) 3, Spirit (of Christ) 2, human (spirit) 49,

(evil) spirit 47, spirit (general) 26, spirit 8, (Jesus' own) spirit 6, (Jesus' own) ghost 2, misc 21; 385

1) the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son 1a) sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his personality and character (the Holy Spirit) 1b) sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his work and power (the Spirit of Truth) 1c) never referred to as a depersonalised force 2) the spirit, i.e. the vital principal by which the body is animated 2a) the rational spirit, the power by which the human being feels, thinks, decides 2b) the soul 3) a spirit, i.e. a simple essence, devoid of all or at least all grosser matter, and possessed of the power of knowing, desiring, deciding, and acting 3a) a life giving spirit 3b) a human soul that has left the body 3c) a spirit higher than man but lower than God, i.e. an angel 3c1) used of demons, or evil spirits, who were conceived as inhabiting the bodies of men 3c2) the spiritual nature of Christ, higher than the highest angels and equal to God, the divine nature of Christ 4) the disposition or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one 4a) the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc. 5) a movement of air (a gentle blast) 5a) of the wind, hence the wind itself

Lambano - 2983, means to receive or to take hold of, and to use; while dechomai - 1209, only means to receive or take hold of. (there is no reference that anything is done with what is received). This a very important distinction. The first distinction being how could you tell the difference? Spirit cannot be detected by any of the five senses. This leaves us with more questions. What happens when

somebody does something through the spirit. How do you know it is through spirit. How do you know that it is a good spirit, and not a bad spirit.

If you look throughout the bible in the Old Testament, you can see seven different kinds of acts or evidences, of men of God acting by the spirit, and the results: these are when men of God prophecy, when men of God hear wisdom from God, when men of God hear knowledge from God, discerning of spirits, i.e. spiritual matters from God, when men of God heal someone, when men of God perform miracles – earthquakes, produce water from rocks, no rain for a specified period of time, a road through the ocean when the waters part, raising the dead, anything done by instruction from God which is impossible by any known law. All of these acts performed after knowledge from God is given; it requires that the man or woman of God operate faith which is needed for all miracles, and instant healing.

In the New Testament God identifies all of these acts or evidences as manifestations. These seven manifestations that were operated in the Old Testament, and two that have been added since the resurrection of Jesus Christ, are listed in 1 Corinthians 12. The two new evidences are speaking in tongues, and Interpretation of tongues. This record in 1 Corinthians 12 calls these evidences of the spirit from God, being operated by man, as a manifestation of the spirit.

A manifestation is something that is in the sense's realm. We can see, hear, taste, touch, or smell it. This is why Jesus said -

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive <2983-lambano> power <1411-dunimas>, after that the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> 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.

Joh 14:26 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.

11 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. This word creature is creation. We are a new created spirit being.

Ac 2:38 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/Spirit <Hagios Pneuma>.

Ac 10:45 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/spirit <hagios pneuma>.

This new creation inside of us is a gift from God. The gift is <hagios pneuma> holy spirit.

Joh 14:26 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.

Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> is Holy Spirit. God is Holy, and God is Spirit. This is easy to understand, Holy Spirit is God. A gift from God is holy also. A gift of spirit is not God, But the essence of God. It is still spirit like God is, it is now inside of us. God can talk to it, but it is not God. So now inside of us we have a gift of spirit from God that is holy, because it is from God.

When a man or woman of God has spirit, that spirit is from God; this is created spirit making the man or woman a child of God. This created spirit is so that the man or woman of God, can interact with God. God will talk to the spirit that is upon the man or woman, and the spirit that is upon the man or woman will teach the man or woman what God has said.

People would see the manifestation of the spirit, from the acts of these faithful men and women of God. Because people see the results of the abilities that these empowered saints have when they operate dunimas – power; these saints then become witnesses of God to the world: because of these signs, miracles, and wonders that follow them, which people then see.

By receiving <2983 - lambano> and using power <1411 - dunimas> the results would give glory to God and give them a reputation of being men of God.

1Co 15:47 The first man *is* of the earth, earthy: the second man *is* the Lord from heaven.

1Co 15:48 *As is the earthy, such *are* they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such *are* they also that are heavenly.*

1Co 15:49 *And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.*

Looking at these three things, (Receiving power, using power, giving glory to God) we can see that these are spiritual matters, not earthy matters. The holy spirit the Apostles are now living with, and using, is something new inside the apostles; it is more that they had when they were walking with Jesus.

This section of scripture in Acts we are looking at is the middle of a conversation that actually started in Luke.

Luke 24:44 – 51; 44 *And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.*

45 *Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,*

46 *And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:*

47 *And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*

48 *And ye are witnesses of these things.*

49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued <1746-enduo> with power <1411-dunamis> from on high.

50 ¶ And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

In the gospel of Luke Jesus told the disciples that they would be endued with duminas, which means clothed with power. Which is inside spiritual power that is always ready to be used.

This power being spiritual, cannot be understood by the senses, it cannot be known by the five senses, which are to smell, taste, touch, see, and hear. Spirit is without form, and cannot be known by us via our senses. The effects of the spirit being operated can be seen, by the manifested results brought forth.

None of the greatness of what was going to happen after Jesus ascended into heaven was ever recorded in detail before the book of acts. In Acts Jesus explained this same promise of the Father w as power given to the disciples to use. He said they would receive <2983-lambano> power <1411-dunimas>. This promise of power started way back in verse four.

Acts 1: 4 – 8; 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 <1849 - exousia>.

8 But ye shall receive <2983-lambano> power <1411-dunimas>, after that the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma> 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.

Things of note to see between Luke and Acts are the “Promise of the Father” in both sections, Luke and Acts. In Luke, Jesus says endued <clothed> with power <dunimas>. In Acts Jesus says they will receive <lambano> power <dunimas>, and that they will be baptized with the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma >. Then Jesus says that after the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma > is come upon you, ye shall become witnesses unto me all the way to the uttermost parts of the earth.

These are both talking about the same thing, but in Acts we get a little more information.

The difference between <exousia power and dunimas power> is that dunimas is inherent power, and exousia is authority power. The authority is in God's hands.

It is good to recognize that God is Spirit. John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. This is where the ministry of Jesus Christ, which was to reconcile the people of the world unto God, operates from. We see in Luke that the disciples are to be clothed with inside spiritual power <dunimas> which is dormant until it is needed to be used. In Acts it tells us how they will receive the power; they will be baptized in the holy spirit that will give them this power.

The twelve disciples, while they were in the period of the gospels, had no spirit of their own. They relied on the temporary spirit that Jesus put upon them. Now Jesus has promised them that they would be clothed in power <dunimas>, no longer naked spiritually. This power has to be spirit, because that is what God is, and Jesus is reconciling the church of Israel to God through spiritual wisdom and spiritual abilities. To reconcile is to bring back together on common ground. Spirit would be that which is now common. This is confirmed in Acts.

The promise of the Father is the beginning of both of these sections, the disciples are told to tarry (which is to wait) in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father. To find out what this promise is, we need to read.

In Luke Jesus tells them that they are to be clothed with power, dunimas. Dunimas is an inherent spiritual power that is ready to be used. This is like the

same power that is in a muscle. The strength in a muscle is just waiting to be used; the power is there, but until it is exercised the power is not seen.

This section is continued in Acts where they are again told to wait for the promise of the father, which he has talked to them about. He reminds them that John baptized with water, but (now the baptism is with spirit, which is something new) that they would be baptized in the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit <hagios pneuma>.

We now have heard the same thing mentioned two different ways. The promise of the father is to be clothed with power <dunimas>, and the promise of the father is to be baptized in the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>. This makes being clothed with power, equal to being baptized with the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>; hagios pneuma is holy spirit.

When the conversation continues in Acts, Jesus tells the disciples that they will receive <2983-lambano> power <1411-dunimas>. There are two words used for receive when dealing with spiritual matters in the New Testament. They are Lambano <2983>, and Dechomai <1209>. Lambano <2983> means to take hold of and make use of, while Dechomai <1209> just means to take hold of.

Jesus told them to wait to be baptized in Holy Ghost/Holy/Spirit <hagios punema>, which would cloth them in power <dunimas> and then He told them that they would receive <lambano> power <dunimas>. They were told that they would get power, and use power. Inherent power dunimas, which they would receive/lambano, which means to take and use. This spiritual power dunimas, when used, will make them witnesses unto Jesus all the way unto the uttermost parts of the earth.

Acts 1:14 These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

There were 5 periods/hours of prayer during this period in Israel's history. They were 6 am, 9 am, 12 pm, 3 pm, and 6 pm every day. They would meet in the temple (if possible) during these times. The upper room where the men slept was their sleeping quarters; these quarters by law could not allow the presence of woman. Unmarried people of different sexes could not be in the same sleeping quarters together.

We see the promise of the father that they were waiting for show up in

Acts 2:1 – 4. 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 <4137 pleroo> 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 <4130 pletho> with the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

This is an example of being baptized in the Holy Spirit. They were baptized by God, in spirit from God, and not by man. The results of this encounter were that

they began to speak with other tongues, as the spirit gave them utterance. This was not done in a hidden area, but in the Temple of God where everybody could see.

This was not an unexpected experience for the Apostles, they had been previously instructed by Jesus on what to expect and how to react.

Joh 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>:

The act of God upon these 12 apostles was so unusual that it spilled out of the Temple and onto the streets of the city which caused a turmoil in the entire city. The disciples had been going to the Temple daily during the hours of prayer. They stayed in one mind together (they kept the same purpose, and had the same thought), to follow the words of Jesus and wait for the promise of the Father. Finally, when the time had been fulfilled, it was time to receive the promise on the day of Pentecost.

It says they were filled (pletho)<4130> with the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma>. We have two new words to look at. Pletho <4130>, and pleroo <4137>. Pleroo <4137> is the word fill, but only to capacity, while Pletho <4130> is the word fill but to overflowing. We will look at these words again later.

We can see evidence of both of these words “fill” right next to each other in Acts 2:2-4 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled <4137-pleroo> 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.

Acts 4 And they were all filled <4130-pletho> with the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The sound from heaven filled <4137-pleroo> the whole house, it filled their ears with sound like wind, and there appeared tongues as of fire upon the Apostles, and the Apostles were filled <4130-pletho>with the holy ghost <hagios pneuma>.

This was the promise of the father that they were waiting for. This was them being clothed with power <1411-dunimas>, with them receiving <2983-lambano> power <1411-dunimas>, with them being witnesses unto Jesus Christ. The act of speaking in tongues was them operating the <dumimas > power that was inside of them.

They were filled with the Holy Ghost to the point of overflowing. The result was that they spoke in tongues for everybody in the Temple to hear. This was the manifestation of the spirit in action. This caused quite a stir, and everybody was talking about it. The multitude came together to see what was going on. People from every nation gathered to hear what was going on; what they found was twelve Galileans speaking in a language they understood.

Some of these people recognized that this was a work of God. “we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.” Others made fun of it, saying they were full of new wine, (grape juice). Some recognized that this was a miracle from God, others did not. Sound familiar, we hear this same argument today. We need to look for those who would believe the words of God. It is these whom God seeks to build His church.

Peter stands up in front of the crowd and explains by prophesy what is going on Acts 2:14 – 36. That what they were seeing was actually a fulfillment of prophesy which all of Israel had been waiting for. He explains how that Jesus of Nazareth was a man approved by God: through miracles, and wonders and signs.

He further proclaims that this was the same Jesus whom they crucified and slew. How God raised Him up and loosed the pains of death. Peter told them how David prophesied of Jesus calling Him Lord, knowing that God would take the fruit of David's Loins of the flesh, and raise up Christ to sit on His throne. God took the seed of David, and the egg from Mary to have a Son. Peter told them how that Jesus was this very Lord and Christ whom God raised up, and has received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost/spirit <40-hagios 4151-pneuma>

Acts 2:22 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.

29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of he 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 that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

They are moved by what Peter has told them and ask what they are to do.

37 Peter responds “repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins and ye shall receive <lambano 2983>

the gift of the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>. For the promise is unto you, and your children and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord shall call.”

Those of the crowd that gladly received <1209-dechomai> the words that Peter spoke were baptized in holy spirit. (they received the gift of the Holy Ghost – 40-hagios 4151-pneuma, which was the promise of holy spirit)

That day about 3000 souls were baptized in the Holy Ghost <40-hagios 4151-pneuma>. We have already learned that the promise of the father is equal to being clothed in the Holy Ghost <40-hagios 4151-pneuma>, that it is equal to being baptized in the Holy Ghost <40-hagios 4151-pneuma>. Here on this first day the people <received -1209 dechomai> the promise of the Father (that they would receive <2983-lambano>, and they received <1209-dechomai> the gift of the Holy Ghost <40-hagios 4151-pneuma>. Why did these people not follow the path of the disciples, and speak in tongues? Why were the multitude not filled to overflowing?

The answer is simple, they were not taught of the ability of the new spirit that was inside of them. Everything happened too quickly, there was no time for the people that day to learn that they too could receive-lambano/use the new gift that was now inside of them. The disciples were prepared for this day of Pentecost. Jesus taught them what was going to happen, and what to do.

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive <2983 lambano> ye the Holy Ghost

Because they were ready, they spoke in tongues, manifesting the spirit of Christ that was now inside of them. This was done in the House of God, in front of everybody that was there. God does not hide the works that He does.

Chapter 2: The Evidence of the Promise to Israel

Let us look through the rest of Acts and see some more examples of people receiving the promise / holy spirit – <40-hagios 4151-pneuma>. In Acts 8:2 - 25, Philip was preaching Christ in the city of Samaria. His ministry was filled with miracles. His ministry was a witness for Jesus Christ and the power that comes with it. Everybody listened because of those miracles, signs, and wonders. Unclean spirits left, the sick and lame were healed, there was great joy in that city.

The only person that had a problem was Simon the sorcerer, who had bewitched the city into believing that he was the great power of God. Both the city and Simon believed and were baptized; they received <dechomai 1209> the promise of God. When the Apostles at Jerusalem heard that the people of Samaria had received <dechomai 1209> the word of God, they had a problem. The problem was not whether or not the people of Samaria were born again, the problem was that none of the people of Samaria manifested the new creation spirit that was now inside of them. Nobody lambanoed (received the spirit and used it), they only decomaied (received the spirit, and then nothing) the new creation spirit. Because of this they sent their two best men, two of the original Apostles who sat and learned with Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:14 ¶ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received <dechomai - 1209> the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:

They sent Peter and John to find out why the people of Samaria had not received <lambano 2983> the word of God. This was considered unusual, the people were baptized with the baptism of Jesus Christ, this means they received the

promise from God, but had failed to manifest the Christ that was now in them. There was no external evidence of the Christ in them the Hope of Glory. Peter and John's purpose was to find out what had happened to Samaria. What had happened was the people were bewitched by Simon the sorcerer. This situation needed the elders of the church to pray for, and to remove the devil influences that had been placed by Simon the sorcerer. Even though Simon was now born again; he had received <decomai> the holy spirit. Simon had not been instructed on how to undo the harm he had done while being a sorcerer, or to forgive himself for all his former sins.

Ho hum, if this had happened today nobody would think anything about it. How about you? Do you think that this is important, that we be able to lambano the holy spirit? But on this day, this caused a big enough issue that they sent Peter and John to deal with it.

**Acts 8:15 Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive <lambano - 2983> the Holy Ghost/spirit <hagios pneuma>:
16 (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)**

The point of Peter and John showing up was there was no external evidence that these folks got born again. They thought this was just wrong, so they took action and dealt with this situation directly.

Peter and John Prayed for the people of Samaria that they might receive <lambano 2983> the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma>. They laid hands on the people and the people received <lambano 2983> the holy Ghost <hagios pneuma>. To lambano spirit, you have to operate one of the nine spiritual manifestations that are

available to the body of Christ. These nine manifestations produce physical evidence when they are operated; these evidences can be witnessed by others, when the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> is manifested.

Acts 8:17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received <Lambano - 2983> the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma>.

Simon saw this power operated and wanted it also,

Vrs 19. Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive<lambano 2983> the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> .

Simon offered money so that he also could have this power, that whosoever he laid his hands would also receive <lambano 2983> the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma>. Peter told him his money would perish with him because he thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money; his heart was not right with God

Vrs 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money.

21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God.

22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.

Peter then told him to repent of his wickedness and pray that his heart might be forgiven. Peter told him that he perceived (this is discerning of spirits, word of

knowledge, and word of wisdom) that he was in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity,

Vrs 23 For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.

Simon asked to be prayed for that the things spoken would not befall him.

Vrs 24 Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me.

When Peter and John had finished preaching and testifying to the people of Samaria, they left.

In Acts 9 we see Saul who meets Jesus in the road. This initial record of Saul's encounter and reaction is recorded in Acts 9:3-18.

Acts 9:3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do.

Here Paul has an experience that is beyond the understanding of human experience. He asks for and receives instructions. Following these instructions, Paul goes into the city and begins a period of fasting and praying, as he was accustomed to. While he waited in prayer, another man (just a certain {faithful} disciple- not any special leadership) was called upon by God. God asked Ananias to go and minister to Saul. Ananias knew the reputation of Saul, and questioned God's wisdom in this matter.

Acts 9:10 And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord.

Ananias was only a faithful disciple, Yet God called on that faith and asked for Ananias's attention.

11 And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth,

12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

God calls on Ananias to minister to Saul of Tarsus (a man known to all Christians as someone to be wary of). Ananias was not called a Minister, an Apostle, a Prophet, a Pastor, a Teacher, an Evangelist, or even a Deacon. He had no designation of leadership, only a disciple whom God chose to call on. Ananias could not go out and minister to Saul of Tarsus if he was not able spiritually to minister. Ananias had received the promise of the Father; he has received <2983-

lambano> power <1411-dunimas>, and now God is asking Ananias to use this dunimas that God gave to him, to minister to Saul of Tarsus.

13 Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem:

14 And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name.

Ananias's first Response is for more information from God. Ananias had heard of Saul of Tarsus and needed to hear it again. God complied and continued talking to him.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Ananias replied to God by evidence of his actions, he accepted God at His word. He took God at His Word and acted upon what he had been told.

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 <4130 Pletho> with the Holy Ghost/spirit<hagios pneuma>.

Ananias has already accepted Saul of Tarsus as one of the brethren of Christ. In this ministering to Saul, Ananias spoke by the spirit from God that was in him, and said that Saul would be filled <pletho> (filled to overflowing- there are going to be signs, miracles, and wonders)

18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

Paul receives <lambano, because he was healed immediately> the ministering that was given to him, and is healed, then he is baptized so that he might receive <lambano> the promise of the Father and might <lambano Duminas>. There is no more evidence here in these few verses of this promise of the Father being manifested.

This record is given again from Paul's Point of view in
Acts 26:12- 19 ¶ Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests,

13 At midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me.

14 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

This is Jesus Christ talking to Saul and asking for an answer.

15 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest.

Saul responds, “asking are you Lord”. Jesus says yes and you are persecuting me.

16 But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee;

17 Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee,

18 To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive <lambano> forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Saul believes what he has heard and believes upon whom he has heard. The rest of his life is now devoted to teaching and preaching Jesus Christ; that the people may Receive <lambano> forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by the faith that is in Jesus Christ. This is the promise that Jesus gave the Apostles, and that is now received <lambano> by the Church of God.

19 Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision.

Saul acted upon what he had been told and went into the city. We know from reading earlier that he fasted and prayed until Ananias showed up. Saul was a Pharisee, a leader of Israel. He had been educated in the best colleges of the day about the Bible of Israel. Saul, who would soon be called Paul, did receive <lamano> that promise of God.

This record is repeated in Acts 22:6-16, and in Acts 28:22-28

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all: Paul is talking here.

Speaking in tongues is a manifestation of the spirit.

Acts 13:4 ¶ So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost,

(this is walking by revelation – which is another manifestation of the spirit) departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to their minister.

6 And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Barjesus:

7 Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius Paulus, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost,

(Paul speaking by revelation- again a manifestation of the spirit - to Elymas the soccerer) set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately

(this required the manifestation of faith, miracles, revelation – word of knowledge and word of wisdom - and discerning of spirit)
there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the deputy, when he saw

(with his eyes he saw the word of God work – Paul was a witness through the signs, miracles, and wonders that followed him)

what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

Acts 13:42 ¶ And when the Jews were gone out of the synagogue, the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath.

43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes

(religious proselytes are gentiles that are following the Jewish faith)
followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

44 And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God.

45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming.

This was the Jewish people that were speaking against Paul and God

Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said,

(confidence, knowing that God is with them)

It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us,

(speaking by revelation)

saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth. (prophecy)

48 And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.

49 And the word of the Lord was published throughout all the region.

Paul now started teaching the Gentiles the Word of God

Acts 14:8 ¶ And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:

9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving

(God is talking to Paul by revelation; God told him what to say, and Paul spoke it)

that he had faith to be healed,

10 Said with a loud voice

(Speaking by revelation),

Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

(the manifestations of faith, miracles, and healing)

11 And when the people saw

(again, Paul's actions -signs, miracles, and wonders- were a witness for God) **what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men.**

In all of these records it is obvious that Paul manifested the power <dunimas> of God.

Colossians 1:26-27 Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

**27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory
This is the power of Christ in You the Hope of Glory**

We have seen the bible talk about the same subject (about Saul/Paul receiving the holy spirit) in three different places. The first record in Acts 9:3-6 is short and without many details. Just a quick direction to Paul, along with a promise of more information later. Our second record in Acts 9:10-16 is to Ananias; Ananias is given instruction to go to an address, and minister to a specific person by name, and then he is giving more information as to why it is so important to minister to this specific person. Ananias was faithful and went and ministered to Saul without fear. Saul was greeted by Ananias as a brother, and was given instruction by Ananias that he was there in the name of Lord Jesus so that Saul would receive his sight, and be filled <4130-Pletho> with the holy ghost (hagios pneuma) or holy spirit.

We touched on this word filled earlier. There are two words the bible uses for fill when talking about the holy spirit. They are Pletho, and pleroo.

4130 pletho play'-tho This would be full to overflowing. Like a glass that is spilling over while it is being filled.

4137 pleroo play-ro'-o This would be full to capacity, like a glass that is so full that there is no room for another drop before it overflows.

Both of these words pletho, and pleroo (overflowing, and full to capacity) are used with lambano, and dechomai (receive and do something with it, or receive and you just have it) and also are used with the words Holy Spirit (hagios pneuma). God is spirit, and when He creates us as His children, we are completely full (pleroo) of what God has created in us, spirit from God. No room for anymore.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

The act of on walking out on good works requires our thoughts.

Eph 4:24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

We are already both full (I will get back to this later), and complete with our new creation spirit that is in us, through Christ Jesus. The only place left to put anything on is in our mind, and in our thoughts.

Col 3:10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him

Knowledge is made of thoughts, thoughts which are then put on in our mind; these thoughts found in God's Word bring us into the image of Christ.

To get back to the records in acts, we now go with Peter unto the Gentiles.

Chapter 3: The Evidence of the Promise to the Rest of The World

Acts 10:1 ¶ There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

3 He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

4 And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

5 And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

6 He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

7 And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

8 And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

Cornelius's reaction to this Conversation with the Angel of God was immediate. Cornelius called two of his household servants and declared all what

the Angel of God had told them. He then sent them to Joppa to the address of where Peter was at (as told him by the Angel of God.) According to the culture of the day, these men could expect no response except rejection from any man from Israel.

During the time of the journey of these men, God had to protect His word that He gave to Cornelius by giving instructions to Peter. While Peter was at his normal time of prayer, the men from Cornelius came near the city. God took this time to talk directly to Peter. All this was set up by God, the sending the men of Cornelius to see Peter, and Peter being prepared to receive these gentiles. God timed this whole meeting, isn't it fantastic.

Acts 10:9 ¶ On the morrow, as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the sixth hour:

10 And he became very hungry, and would have eaten: but while they made ready, he fell into a trance,

11 And saw heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending unto him, as it had been a great sheet knit at the four corners, and let down to the earth:

12 Wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

13 And there came a voice to him, Rise, Peter; kill, and eat.

14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten any thing that is common or unclean.

15 And the voice spake unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

16 This was done thrice: and the vessel was received up again into heaven.

By the instruction that Peter had been taught his whole life, this response to God was understandable. There were only some things he was allowed to have in his diet. These unclean animals that God was talking about were actually reference to the gentiles, but Peter did not yet know that.

Acts 10:17 Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate,

How is this for timing, God has just finished talking to Peter about unclean animals, and the gentiles from Cornelius are at the gate where Peter lives looking to talk to Peter.

Acts 10:18 And called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there.

19 ¶ While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. (this is revelation)

20 Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

Look at how specific this word from the angle of God is. These men of Cornelius went to the right city, to the right house, and asked for the specific name of Simon Peter, whom God had said through the angel lived there. This is not a place they would have known, nor knowledge they would have had. Yet they found the exact person they were looking for. Nothing is vague when God gets involved.

God is still making sure His word to Cornelius is good. He tells Peter to go with these men and to doubt nothing. Peter still does not know why, or what is going on, only that he is to go with three gentiles while doubting nothing. This is against everything he has been taught, only that God has told him to go. Peter trusts God and acts on what has been told to him. Peter goes with these men expecting to find understanding on why he has been sent.

Acts 10:21 Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?

22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Peter now has some more information, but it came from gentiles and not from either God, or from a man of God whom Peter trusts. Peter is still listening to God's Words in his memory, which said "go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them."

Acts 10:23 Then called he them in, and lodged them. (this is against the law of Moses, and against all nature for a Jew to allow a gentile into their house) And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

24 And the morrow after they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius waited for them, and had called together his kinsmen and near friends.

25 And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him.

Cornelius gives Peter respect as if Peter was God

26 But Peter took him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man.

27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and found many that were come together.

28 And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath shewed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

29 Therefore came I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent for: I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?

A reasonable question, it is against all law of Israel for Peter to be there. Still Peter tells them what God has told him. Cornelius tells Peter about the visit with the angel.

Acts 10:30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago I was fasting until this hour; and at the ninth hour I prayed in my house, and, behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing,

31 And said, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God.

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

How bold is Cornelius's response; I want to hear what God Has to say. How long has it been since we could go to a man or woman in whom the spirit of God is, and ask these words. "What does God have to say." Cornelius demands of Peter: "Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."

Peter now has understanding of what God has told him "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common."

Acts 10:34 ¶ Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him

36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)

37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;

38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.

42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

44 ¶ While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> fell on all them which heard the word.

Peter now understands that God has given the promise to these gentiles; God has given His Word to these gentiles. He did not minister to them; Peter only spoke Gods Word.

Rom10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

He taught out of the scripture that had been given to the Church of God. Peter taught: that Jesus Christ is Lord, that Jesus Christ was slew and hanged on a tree, that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead on the third day by God, and that Jesus Christ was shewed openly to those chosen by God to be a witness to all of mankind. And how Peter was chosen with others to preach Jesus Christ to the people: and testify that Jesus Christ is Lord of all, and the Judge of the quick and the dead. Peter testified that it was Jesus Christ that was given witness (that it was Jesus Christ that was spoken of by these prophets) by all of the prophets that have come before, and that it was by the name of Jesus Christ that whosoever (this is all of mankind) believeth upon (eis-1519) him shall receive (lambano-2983) remission of sins. Receive the promise given to Adam and Eve, a seed from God given to Eve (Jesus Christ).

Look at this, while Peter was still speaking the Holy Ghost fell on the gentiles who were listening to Peter speak. They received the same gift that was given on Pentecost to the 12 Apostles and then to all who would receive that day.

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/spirit. <hagios pneuma>

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter,

Peter and his witnesses that he brought heard the gentiles speaking in tongues, and understood that this wonderful gift from God was now given to these gentiles.

I would like to compare the speech that Peter made here with a verse in Romans 10:9,10.

Rom10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus [*Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.*]

and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, [*Acts 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.*] **43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins thou shalt be** **saved** <4982 - sozo>

4982 - sozo from a primary sos (contraction for obsolete saos, "safe"); v; AV-save 93, make whole 9, heal 3, be whole 2, misc 3; 110

1) to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction 1a) one (from injury or peril) 1a1) to save a suffering one (from perishing), i.e. one suffering from disease, to make well, heal, restore to health 1b1) to preserve one who is in danger of destruction, to save or rescue 1b) to save in the technical biblical sense 1b1) negatively 1b1a) to deliver from the penalties of the Messianic judgment 1b1b) to save from the evils which obstruct the reception of the Messianic deliverance

We see that this word saved represents: being rescued from destruction-(we no longer have to wait for the wrath that is coming, we will be saved from all of the coming destruction), make whole- (give back what is lost, as in the spirit that Adam had and lost when he sinned), restores-(puts back what is missing, as in a direction to God, the veil of the temple was torn giving access to God), delivers from the penalties of judgement – (the price for sin has been paid, we are no longer responsible for what Jesus paid for us). This salvation restores those of mankind to the state that Adam and Eve shared.

This speech of Peters fit all that is needed for a person to be saved. They had to believe that Jesus was Lord, and they had to believe that he died and that God raised Him from the dead. They also had to realize that it is through the name of Jesus that they shall receive remission of sins.

Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> 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.

Peter commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord, to be baptized in holy spirit. He changed his mind about the water as is seen during his recounting of this experience to the leadership of the church.

Peter commanded that Cornelius and his household were to be baptized in the name of the Lord. It was the speaking in tongues that was the undeniable physical evidence that the gentiles had the spirit of God inside of them. The outward evidence of the internal reality of the presence of Christ in Them the Hope of Glory.

We cannot see spirit but we can see the evidence of the spirit in action. Signs, miracles, and wonders are our proof of the internal reality of the presence of Christ in us.

These signs, miracles, and wonders are our proof in the senses world that is stronger than any verbal argument given by unbelievers against God.

After this wonderful meeting with Cornelius and his household, Peter had to go up to the leadership and explain what he was doing with the gentiles which was against the law of the land.

Acts 11:1 ¶ 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,

Peter knew this was coming and had already thought it through, leaving nothing out of the story.

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:

6 Upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw fourfooted beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.

7 And I heard a voice saying unto me, Arise, Peter; slay and eat.

8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath at any time entered into my mouth.

9 But the voice answered me again from heaven, What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common.

10 And this was done three times: and all were drawn up again into heaven.

11 And, behold, immediately there were three men already come unto the house where I was, sent from Caesarea unto me.

12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, nothing doubting. Moreover these six brethren accompanied me, and we entered into the man's house:

Every one of these men of the circumcision understood that this was God talking to Peter. They understood the source of his actions.

13 And he shewed us how he had seen an angel in his house, which stood and said unto him, Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter;

14 Who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved.

15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> fell on them, as on us at the beginning.

See here it was the speaking in tongues that made the difference to the understanding of those who were judging Peter.

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.

This is why he did not baptize with water, but gave them the baptism in the name of Jesus Christ, the baptism of the holy spirit

Peter recognized that the speaking in tongues was proof that they were baptized with the Holy Ghost. He told the Apostles whom he was before that he had to do what God told him to do. When these Apostles and brethren who were

listening heard the testimony of Peter, they realized that God had also granted the gentiles repentance unto life.

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.

Those of the circumcision also knew that they could not withstand God, and had no more to say against this action of Peter.

The last record on this subject of people receiving <lambano> the holy spirit <pneuma hagion> in acts, is in chapter 19.

Acts 19:1 ¶ 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 <lambano - 2983> the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

Paul's question to them is have you manifested the spirit of God, have you operated signs, miracles, and wonders from God. Today this same distinction is uncommon. People do not expect the signs, miracles, and wonders to be part of believing in God. It is not uncommon to hear an answer of unbelief to this same

question. People today are in the same boat as the people of Ephesus were at this point, they just don't know enough to respond positively.

3 And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

(this is a water baptism or repentance, there is no power here. Its entire purpose was to prepare them for Jesus who was coming- 3918 parousia)

4 Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance,

This was a steppingstone unto the baptism of Christ. This baptism was only to get you ready for what was coming.

(to turn your live around) saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

Mat 3:11 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:

(John taught that Jesus Christ was coming soon, and that people should believe on Him, Jesus Christ as Lord.)

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive <lambano - 2983> power, after that the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma> is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses

(people will see something, something will happen.)
unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Paul teaches to believe on Jesus Christ and be baptized with the baptism of Jesus Christ. This is a baptism of power and deliverance. Paul explains to them the limitations of the baptism of John. This is a baptism of water which signifies repentance; this means that people have turned their lives to Jesus, the promised Lord who is coming. This was the old baptism until Jesus taught the baptism of the Holy Ghost to the Apostles (the baptism of hagios pneuma-Holy Spirit.) This is a baptism of power and deliverance. The church started with the baptism of repentance to prepare the way for Jesus; Jesus taught the baptism of the Holy Spirit. (Jesus taught the baptism of the Holy Spirit.)

There is a real distinction here, a baptism of water, or a baptism of Holy Spirit. Which would you rather have? A public declaration of repentance, or a gift from God; this gift is through Believing on the Jesus Christ of eternal life and power from God. The power is in the Christ in you the Hope of Glory.

Acts 19;5 When they heard this, they were baptized in <eis – 1519, upon> the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them

(Paul ministered to them by revelation.)

the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

(this is a manifestation of the spirit that is in them, Christ in them the hope of Glory.)

7 And all the men were about twelve.

This is a big deal because of what happens with these twelve disciples. After these twelve disciples were taught about the power of Christ in them, Paul went into the synagogue and spoke for three months.

Acts 19:8 ¶ And he went into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, disputing and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

9 But when divers (many) were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus.

10 And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.

(in just two years and three months God's Word spread over all of the known world.) This was done with no radio, or television, or phone, Only word of mouth. Each person became a witness from God to another, and in this manor the word of God was spread to another. They each taught others as they were taught. Each one reaches one or more others. This developed the church exponentially.

Chapter Four: Summation of Part One

Col 1:25 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil <plethroo-4137>

<plethroo-4137> (to fill to capacity, to fill the whole world with the knowledge of the Word of God, and Jesus Christ whom the word talks about) **the word of God;**

26 Even the mystery

(God kept this a secret from before the time in Genesis 1:3 when God said, **“let there be light”**.)

which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints:

(Now God is making this secret known, which has been kept secret from before the foundation of the world, through Paul – his prophet.)

27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

(this is the great secret that nobody knew, even the angels; it is now Christ in each and every believer.)

1Co 2:7 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.

This knowledge is such a big deal that if satan had knowledge of what would happen if Jesus Christ became the sacrifice for the sin of Adam which had passed into all of mankind, satan would not have killed Jesus Christ, the prophesied savior of mankind. This would have defeated God's plan of redemption of mankind. There would have been no reconciliation of mankind with God.

Because of this God kept this secret from Lucifer, His trusted right-hand angel from before the time of the war in heaven when lucifer turned on God and became satan.

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.

It is through Christ in us that God talks directly to us. It is through this spirit that we can know what is already freely given to us of God.

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received

<paralambano – 3880, to receive and act upon in the same manor it is given>

Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

Para-3844, is the preposition besides. This verse is asking us to walk beside Jesus Christ while acting upon the gift of Christ in us the hope of glory.

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,

(do not let anybody talk you out of what has been given you.)

after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

(man's way is not the way; the way of Christ is the way.)

9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

(In Christ lives all of the fullness of God.) It is Christ in us the Hope of Glory, what more is needed to conquer our adversary satan.

10 And ye are complete <pleroo – 4137, >in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

This usage of the word Pleroo-full is in the perfect tense. This means the action that filled us up happened in the past; there is no need for us to receive more to be complete. We already have been given all there is to give.

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:

We have been spiritually circumcised; this allows us to put off the thoughts of the flesh and replace these thoughts with thoughts “full of God’s Word”. It is the words of God’s Word that heal us, strengthen us, enable us, and bring us victory over darkness. “we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us.”

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.

The baptism of holy spirit (pneuma hagion) is what has made us complete. It is through this baptism: that we were circumcised, that we were crucified with Jesus Christ, and then raised us from the dead with Jesus Christ and seated us in the heavenlies with Jesus Christ.

Ga 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

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;

We are now alive in Christ. The spirit of Christ in us, is incorruptible.

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

This says it is not the seed we were first born with from our parents, the seed of our flesh which is corruptible. The seed we were born again with is the Word of God, which is Christ in us the Hope of Glory; it is that seed which is incorruptible.

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;

This is a cultural understanding of the time in which Jesus was crucified. A paper upon which was written: all of the debts, broken laws and such, was folded in half and placed for all to see. This paper represented a clean slate, forgiveness.

15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

We were the victory. Christ won back what Adam lost, which was the freedom of people of this planet being allowed to worship God in spirit and in truth.

Col 2:8 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 (in Christ) **dwelleth all the fulness** <4138-pleroma - the noun version of 4137 pleroo, filled to capacity, completely full> **of the Godhead bodily**

10 And ye are complete <4137- pleroo-in the perfect tense, absolutely complete> **in him** (in Christ), **which is the head of all principality and power:**

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

Jesus got everything that God had to give him. The prophets in the old testament always had their spirit measured out. Now because of what Jesus sacrificed on that cross, we all are given the measure that was given to Adam, and to Christ; we are all given the same measure.

2Ki 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

At this time God only gave a portion of the spirit that He had to give to His prophets.

Ro 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

God has given each of us “The Measure of Faith” that Christ finished. This is all that there is.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus finished the walk of faith, because of this we are now complete in Christ.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Our spirit is the image of Christ; as we put God’s Word on in our minds, this image that shines out of us becomes brighter and more visible as the spiritual

image of Christ. Our faithfulness to put God's Word on in our minds and life, turns us into living witnesses for God.

When you lambano God's Word (receive and act on the Word that God has given to us,) God will fill you with His spirit (pletho- filled to overflowing;) not only do you get to use what God has given you but, God keeps enabling (dunimas – power) this spiritual ability in you as you keep using what He gives. This is like a glass that is never empty, and always overflowing.

31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled <4130 pletho – filled to overflowing> with the Holy Ghost <hagios pneuma>, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

The choice is always ours to act, God gives the ability, the power, and the results, but we act on what God has given. God first gave us all that we need, it is now up to us to act on what God has given.

With all of what we have inside of us: the full measure of God, in Christ, in us; is it any wonder that Jesus said this.

John 14: 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.

Jesus said we could do all that He did, and more. This is because it is Christ in us the Hope of Glory. Christ is inside of each of us, working God's pleasure in us.

13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Jas 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

We are Christians: children of the Most-High God, we have Christ in us the Hope of Glory, yet we walk in condemnation, fear, loss, anger and hatred, and doubt.

It is not our ability, or lack of sin that brings to pass signs, miracles, and wonders, but the freedom from sin that is the Christ in us the Hope of Glory. We need to trust God at His Word. Act on what He has already given us and live in the freedom from sin that the Son has given us. Become a servant to righteousness.

Joh 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

We have seen that the Church of God as it started walked in the power of the Christ in them the Hope of Glory. They expected to operate the power that was in

them. Manifesting the new spirit that was inside them was the norm of the day. How about now, what has changed. Has the “Christ in us” changed in the last 2000 years? God’s Word says that Jesus Christ is the same today as He was in the beginning.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

Is the Church of God different today than in the beginning? There are differences. There were churches in many locations in the book of acts, but there was one God. People did get away from the teachings that were delivered in a written form.

Gal 1:6 ¶ I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

This is the same today, there are so many churches of not only so many denominations, but different religions also. So many ways to believe, bring so many ways to doubt.

God says His Word is what we need. While this verse is addressed about those who would lead us astray, what does it mean for us. We lead even as we are led. Until we get back to the Word of God as our only means of Faith and Practice, we will be walking accursed by the Word of God.

Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

The power is in trusting, believing, and acting upon the Word of God; without power we walk by the will of the adversary of God, satan.

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:

Walking outside of the fullness of the Word of God brings us to the same place. Strangers from the covenants of promise- (if we do not know and walk in the promises from God, these promises are estranged from us:)

Our hope is in Christ Jesus, - (if we do not act on this and believe on this, where is our hope;) when we rely on the words of the pulpit, and do not search the scriptures daily to see whether these things we are taught are true – we have no knowledge of where we are sitting, in the heavenlies or in the world.

Our victory is in believing and acting upon God's Word. As we take God at His Word, we walk in the freedom that Christ Jesus has given us.

Heb 13: 8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.

The church today is what has changed. We look for the things we disagree on, we look for the things we doubt. In contrast to this god asks us to love each other, and look for the things we can agree on according to God's Word.

Phil 2:1 ¶ If *there be* therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies,

2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, *being* of one accord, of one mind.

3 *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves.

4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Look to be likeminded, to have the same love – this takes effort, of one accord (the same purpose – this takes talking), of one mind – this takes more talking.

Heb 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*.

The foundation of faith is to believe God's Word, mix this believing with God's Word by acting upon it.

Act on the Words of God's Word by treating each other in love, as you also would like to be treated. This is not just the people you know, or the people in your

church, but all who would be or are Christians. This is part of what being a witness is all about.

Ac 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

Not only did they receive God's word with anticipation, they searched the bible daily for conformation of what was taught. We need to compare what we are taught with what God's word teaches.

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

This is the way into God's heart. Study the scripture daily, confirm what you have been taught, teach others what you have learned. This is part of fellowship, talk to each other what you have learned out of God's Word.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us

The power is already in us. It is the full measure of Christ in us the Hope of Glory. We are complete in Him. We have the finished work of faith inside of us. God has already paved the way for us to be completely victorious in every spiritual matter we will ever face.

Part 2

CHAP 5: WHAT IS THIS PROMISE ABOUT

Ps 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

God's Word is worth more to Him than His own name.

Nu 23:19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

There is no reason to doubt God's Word.

Mt 5:18 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

God keeps His Word above anything that might get in the way. He says it is more important than His own name to Him.

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God will never contradict His word, but He will allow our understanding of His word to contradict what He has said.

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God leaves it up to us to believe His word, to seek and act upon His Word.

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God promised a Savior for mankind because of the sin of Adam, and Eve. Jesus was that Savior. He won a victory over satan, who had power and authority over all the earth, and all the people on the earth.

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2Co 4:4 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. Satan is still trying to keep us away from the knowledge of Christ in us the Hope of Glory

This victory Jesus on the cross, brought benefits to those who would believe on Jesus Christ, the Promised Savior of mankind.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

We have direct access to The Throne of Grace

11 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature,

“Hath given unto us”- this is past tense; we have already been given all things through His Word. We receive these things from God, through acting upon the knowledge we have gotten, through the written word of God.

1 Cor 3: 21 ¶ Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours;

22 Whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours;

23 And ye are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.

All things are ours; having the authority that Adam had, which Jesus won back for us, gives us spiritual authority over all the earth. Besides this relationship we have with God’s Creation, we have a relationship with Christ and God.

The scripture says we are Christ’s, and Christ is God’s. We cannot do any better than this. We still need to believe what God’s Word Says, and act on it, to receive these spiritual benefits that have already been given us.

1Co 6:11 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.

This is so good: washed, sanctified, and justified, by the Spirit of God.

Ro 8:30 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.

More good words: predestinate, justified, glorified.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Jesus Christ took our sin so that we could be made the righteousness of God, in Christ. These are words out of God's Word. Can you believe upon these words of God's Word? How big is God.

Jas 4:2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Bottom line is, we need to ask before we can receive anything from God.

We have been given the legal right to use a name that is not ours. This right has been given to all Christians, by the person who owns that name.

Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

These verses show the power in the name of Jesus Christ, the value of the name of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ INHERITED A NAME: Rom 8:17 ¶ 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.

Jesus Christ was the only begotten Son of the Most - High God. He inherited the Name of God.

Jesus Christ WAS GIVEN A NAME: **Phil 2:9-10 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.

Jesus Christ was given a name of lordship that every knee will bow at.

Jesus Christ EARNED A NAME: **Eph 4:8** Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Jesus Christ received this name for Himself by defeating all of the principalities and powers that have plagued this creation of God's.

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

It is in the name of Jesus Christ that salvation is found.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

We have to accept that Jesus is our Lord and confess that He is our Lord with our mouth -confess with the innermost part of our heart (confess that He is your Lord- this is a contract). It is only through the name of Jesus Christ that salvation is found. Remission of sins comes through believing on the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:38 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.

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.

This promise was from God to all of mankind, through Adam and Eve. This promise is the ability to be spiritually connected to God, to be reconciled to God.

Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued <clothed> with power < 1411 dunamis> from on high.

John 14:13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.

Not just ask, but ask in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Eph 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

God wants us to have revelation (he wants us to be able to hear him) in wisdom, and in knowledge of Him. God wants our understanding to be clear, so that we know all of the details of the hope of his calling (what we get out of being called by God), and what are the riches of the glory that God gets out of having us as His children. God wants a relationship with us.

The exceeding Greatness of Jesus Christ's power is ours to access when we believe on the name of Jesus Christ.

Acts 3:6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

7 And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

The man received this word that had been given to him, (Peter was a representative from God, and had full authority to act in this manor and heal this cripple) and was healed.

16 And his name through faith in his name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.

There is power that can be accessed in the name of Jesus Christ. If we do not act on this power, or if we do not claim this power that we have been given access to, this power does neither us or anybody else that we could help, any good.

Rom 12:1 ¶ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

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.

Act on what we have been given by God and be the person that He invested the death of His Son for. By putting the words of God's Word in our minds, by using these words to replace our thoughts, we become transformed into the living image of Jesus Christ. We will then prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God, by acting on the Word of God, and becoming the witness described by Jesus to the apostles on the day of the Ascension. By acting upon the Word of God: signs, miracles, and wonders happen. (I covered this in the beginning of this study)

Paul, Peter, Ananias, and many others used this power. They were our examples of how to walk out on the Name of Jesus Christ, and act on the inherited

power that is within us. Remember it is Christ in you the Hope of Glory. **Col 1:27**
We have access to everything that is in Christ.

The Church of God (this is who we are as a group, all of the people that have been called out from this earth, all who have ever been born again) is the body of Christ. **1 Co 10:32 Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God**

All the people of the earth are grouped into three categories.

Eph 1: 22 And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,

23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

The Church of God is the body of Christ.

1Co 12:27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.

All the individual Christians are members of the body of Christ.

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

This is why God has chosen some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers. The church < ekklesia – called out for God > of God

Eph 3:18 And he (Jesus Christ) 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.

The Church of God is the Body of Christ, and Jesus Christ is the Head of the Body.

Eph 3:9 And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

11 According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

The Church of God displays the victory that Jesus Christ had over the principalities and powers in the heavenly places. We are what Jesus Christ won from satan on that cross. We are what God thought the price was worth, for His Son to be humiliated and crucified for. We (the Church of God) are the victory.

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply <4137-pleroo> all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

To supply means to completely fill, nothing is missing. God takes care of both big and small. Nothing is left out. That is caring. We cannot even do this for those whom we love, something is always left out. God goes the extra mile and

supplies all of our need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (the victorious one.)

Cor 6:11 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.

These are some of our needs that have been met. A small part of what God has done for us through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ.

Heb 13:15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

This is what God asks from us, to offer the sacrifice of our praise to God in the name of Jesus Christ. This is telling us to praise God in the name of Jesus Christ, because our access to God is by what He did for us.

Ps 100:4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

This would be like the living room of God's Love. Our praise gets us into His presence.

James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15 And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

The elders are those of the Church of God, the Body of Christ that have studied in the word of God and are practiced in prayer and results. They are like Ananias was, the faithful of God.

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

God has empowered us also. You who are faithful, trust each other, and pray for each other. We are all complete in Jesus Christ. We can strengthen each other's faith.

Ex 17:12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady <0530 emuwnah> until the going down of the sun.

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This Hebrew word steady is the same word used for faith in the New Testament. Aaron and Hur held up Moses's hands so that Moses could hold the staff up. The rod represented God's faithfulness.

This is the very first time this word is used in the bible. There is a lot to be learned here.

1. Moses had help with keeping that rod steady.
2. God gave Moses credit for faithfulness by having Israel prevail.
3. We can help each other stand strong in faith.
4. Keep the Words of God's Word spoken so all can remember.

Ex 17:9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand.

10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill.

11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed.

12 But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun.

This Rod of God was the same rod that Moses had in his hand when he went before the burning bush.

Ex 4:2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

This Rod became a symbol to Israel that God was with them. Moses would use this Rod of God as it was called to show that he represented authority from God. The act of Moses holding the Rod up in the air represented God over Israel. When Moses's arms got tired and he dropped the Rod, Israel would start losing the battle. This meant that people started dying. Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, Aaron and Hur helped Moses be faithful. God gave Moses credit for his faithful arms. We can help each other in our faith.

Chap 6 WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO

The name of Jesus Christ is powerful, but it is not enough just to say the name out loud. The rules to receiving anything from God are simple.

1. Pray on the name of Jesus Christ.

Everything from God comes by way of Jesus Christ.

2. Believe you have already received what you're asking for.

God needs us to Believe Him before He can give anything to us.

3. It has to be a need.

God takes care of our need not our greed.

4. We have to want what we need.

If we do not want, we will not ask.

5. Everything that God has already given us, is written in His Word.

11 Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given (This is past tense, we have already been given) **unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:**

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises (We find these promises written in God's Word) **that by these ye might be**

partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

There are two things to do here which add up to walking in faith. First, we must believe that God is. (that God is capable of doing all that He has promised in His Word), and second we must believe that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him (to believe means to act upon; if we do not act, we are displaying doubt)

An example of these promises are these 10 verses on prayer. Jesus spoke of 7 of these.

1. Mathew 21: Mt 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

2. Mark 11:24 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

3. John 14:13 Therefore I say unto you, 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

4. John 14:14 If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

5. John 15:7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

6. John 15: 16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

7. John 16: 23 ¶ And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

8. 1 John 3:23 And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, Because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

9. 1 John 5: 14 ¶ And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

10. 1 John 5: 15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

There are three things listed here that we are allowed to pray for: all things, anything, and whatsoever; we have no need to ask for more than this. We are asked to pray in His name, and we are asked to believe on Him that we receive what we

ask for. Through this manner in which we are exhorted to pray, all of our needs will be met.

John 14:12 ¶ 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. We believe upon who Jesus Christ is.

John 16: 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

Jesus said this while He was alive. This was a promise to the Apostles who were a guide on how we are to walk in Jesus Christ's footsteps.

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

21 Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

This is what God has delivered unto us; through believing on Jesus Christ we can walk in His steps with the full power and authority that Jesus showed when He walked on this earth. The power is inside of us already.

People who trusted God, and walked before us, have been listed as examples so we too can believe God's Word. The Apostles were the examples whom Jesus

Christ chose so that people would learn how to be reconciled to God; collectively all people who believe on the Lord Jesus now become the Church of God, AKA- the body of Christ.

Rom 15:4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. After Adam, God gave His Word to His prophets to give hope and guidance to those who would listen. Later God gave His Word to one man and his descendants, which became the Nation of Israel. These were all before Christ. God gave his word in the Old Testament to prepare us for Jesus Christ.

11 Peter 1: 3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

God has already given us everything through His Word. By believing and acting upon the promises in His Word, we partake of the divine nature and escape the corruption that is in the world.

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;

21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

This was Abraham; he trusted God absolutely and became our example on how to believe. This is why God calls him the father of faith.

Ro 4:16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

1 Thes 2:13 ¶ For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

Believing The Words in the Word of God, effectually work also in you when you believe upon the Words of God. Believe is a verb, and a verb shows action; action upon God's Word is required to receive anything from God. An example of action is to reach out and take hold of.

1 Tim 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Paul was an example of God's forgiveness. Paul was the worst of all the sinners that God needed to forgive. He tortured and killed God's children in his quest to crush the followers of Jesus Christ; he did this for the Jewish religion of which he was part. Paul, his Greek name, was known as Saul to the Pharisees of which he was part. He was known as a Pharisee of the Pharisees; these people whom Paul persecuted were the first believers of the Church of God

Paul is an example to us of how much God will forgive, and how much He is willing to give. Paul was so close to God that he either wrote down or had somebody write down all of the words that God gave him; these letters were then to be given to the churches of the day. This turned out to be most of the New Testament Bible that we know today.

So far you have seen great power being operated; you have learned that you have this power also. The big question is how do you step into this person which can walk like Jesus Christ, the twelve Apostles, and all of the believers that are seen in Acts. The key to receiving anything from God is the same key that is needed to become the man or woman that God has created you to be.

The very first thing that you need to do before anything else is you need to ASK.

1. We need to ask for what we want in the name of Jesus Christ.
2. We need to believe that we have already been given that what we are asking for.
3. What we are asking for must be a need.
4. What we are asking for must be something that we want.
5. What we are asking for must be according to the will of God.

We will go more into this later.

Things we need to know are God's ability equals his wiliness; what He can do for us, he desires to do for us.

Ps 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

God's Word means more to Him than His own Name. He will never let it fail. We can trust God at His Word.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.[

God is able because the power is already in us.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

There are two things listed here that we need to believe.

We need to believe that God is. In Moses's time God was "I Am". God told Moses "I am", I am all that you need, He was saying. God was what they needed Him to be. This "AM" is the past tense form of "IS", which is who God is to us today. We need to believe that God IS who we need Him to be. We also need to believe that God IS a rewarder of them who seek him.

To seek is to act. We must act upon God's Word and seek Him while we are expecting to be rewarded.

An example of all 5 of these things we need to know, to receive anything from God, are found in the book of Luke, where it speaks of the record of the man with the withered hand.

Luke 6:6 And it came to pass also on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught: and there was a man whose right hand was withered.

We can all see that there is a need here; this man has a withered hand that he needed to be healed.

7 And the scribes and Pharisees watched him (they were watching Jesus), **whether he would heal on the sabbath day; that they might find an accusation against him.**

We are in the Temple of God; this is where you should expect healing. The only thing that we see is the leaders have a hard heart and are looking for reasons to accuse Jesus of wrongdoing. They wanted Jesus the Son of God, the Promised Messiah, to only work according to their rules. They were in charge of Israel, not servants of God working for Israel.

This perception of theirs shows how far God will let us stray from what He has told us through His Word.

He will never contradict His Word, but He will allow our understanding of His Word to contradict what He has said.

Here the Pharisees replaced their roles as servants of God with the leadership of Israel. Their job was to administer the rules of God; instead they created the rules that Israel lived by. They took the place of God whom they were supposed to speak for.

8 But he knew their thoughts, and said to the man which had the withered hand, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst (here the man with the

withered is given the promise that health-healing is available. He has to stand forth in the middle of all of this accusation to receive healing; this act of him asking to be healed is him standing forth in front of the synagogue for healing.)

[1. the man had a need for healing, 2. he had a desire to be healed, 3. there was a promise that he would be healed if he only stood forth 4. Standing forth was him asking to be healed; he stood forth in the middle of the synagogue in front of scribes and Pharisees who only wanted to accuse the man who said stand forth]

8b And the man with the withered hand stood forth in front of the man he knew to be Jesus, whom he believed was from God.

9 Then said Jesus unto them, I will ask you one thing (Jesus is speaking to everybody in the room; He is teaching Gods Word); **Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do evil? to save life, or to destroy it?**

10 And looking round about upon them all, he said unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. (5. now we see that it is according to the will of God that he be whole), [the act of him stretching forth his hand was him believing and acting upon the words of Jesus. This was walking by faith] **10b And he did so: and his hand was restored whole as the other.**

11 And they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

The leaders of the Church of the day only wanted to stop Jesus, they did not care about the people of the Church which were in their charge.

Their animosity against Jesus was so bad that in a short while the leadership of Israel, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, would forbid anybody from confessing that Jesus was the Christ under the threat of being kicked out of the church. The people of Israel lived in a one world church (the church was their whole world). You had to be friends of the church to live in Israel: to eat, to buy, or even to talk to your neighbors.

John 9:21 But by what means he now seeth, we know not; or who hath opened his eyes, we know not: he is of age; ask him: he shall speak for himself.

22 These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did confess that he was Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue.

We have seen that God desires that we are healthy and taking care of. We have seen men of God walking with great power. We have seen that that power is in us.

Lu 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

This is the promise

Ac 1:8 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.

Shall receive power is in the language of absolute. It is in us. This is part of the victory of Jesus over our adversary. We shall be witnesses for God when we act on what God has put in us.

Ac 6:8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

An example to us.

Ac 10:38 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.

Now we are anointed with Jesus Christ, Christ in us the hope of glory.

Ro 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

The word of God is the Gospel of Christ. This word is for us unto salvation.

Ro 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The Word is our joy, and our peace, that we might abound in hope.

Ro 15:19 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.

The gospel of Christ comes with power.

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Those who are called have Christ in them the hope of glory whether they were a Jew or a Gentile; this comes with the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

1Co 2:4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:

Paul did not just say it, he showed it.

1Co 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

Paul showed them how to walk like a Christian.

1Co 4:19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power.

God wants us to know who we are in Christ and uses His men of God to show it.

1Co 4:20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power.

This power is in you.

1Co 5:4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

With the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Trust in God, and not in ourselves. It is from God that the power of Christ may rest on us.

Eph 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

It is because God is powerful, that we can believe on Him.

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ

More than we can ask or think, through the power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

11 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Here is a key, Gods divine power has given unto us everything that leads us to life and godliness; this by the applied knowledge of Jesus Christ that we find in God's Word.

Eph 6:10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Be strong in what is inside of you.

Php 3:10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;

God wants us to know Him.

Col 1:11 Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;

Strengthened in Him, unto patience and joy.

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Out of darkness and into the Kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Complete means nothing is missing. This usage is in the perfect tense, which means there is nothing left to do. We are completely complete, nothing missing.

Ro 15:13 Now the God of hope fill <4137 pleroo> you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

God has filled us. This means completely full, no room for more.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

This is the reason we have the power of Christ in us, it is already Christ in us the hope of glory. The power of Christ comes with Christ. It is in us.

CHAP 7: WHAT ABOUT AUTHORITY

We have God's ability working for us, and God's desire for our wellbeing working for us, along with Christ's power working in us.

What about authority, do we have permission to operate this power that God placed inside of us?

Let's go back to Adam and Eve. They were the first humans and were the example of all that God desires for His children.

Adam and Eve had rights given to them. They were told they had absolute freedom partake of everything that was on the earth, except they could not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. God also told them that if they ate of that tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would die in that day. The fruit would kill them. Adam and Eve did eat of that fruit, and they did die that day. What died was the created spirit that was inside of them. God took His spirit back, effectively leaving them dead spiritually. They no longer had access to God, or dominion over the fish of the sea, over the fowl of the air, over the cattle, or over all the earth, or over every creeping thing upon the earth.

The very first thing that God gave to His children was choice. To be given freedom of choice is to be given responsibility. They had access to everything good to enjoy. They also had access to a fruit that would give them knowledge of everything evil.

This was the choice they were given, Good is in all of this, evil is in this one thing. Their choices represented loving God, and obeying Him, or disobeying Him.

Adam and Eve had

- Freedom of Choice – results always follow decisions
- Perfect health
- No sin
- A relationship with God through the spirit inside of them
- Perfect Body with no illness
- Soul; their body was alive
- Spirit; they had access to God, they could talk to Him
- Authority over all the earth, and could live on all the earth

With rights you have core responsibilities. With responsibilities there are always reactions for your actions.

- Obedience to God leads to good results
- Disobedience to God leads to negative results.

The rights that God gave to Adam and Eve were legal rights. These rights could be used or disused as Adam or Eve chose. When Adam sinned, he forfeited the use of his spiritual rights, because the spirit that he needed to access these abilities was now gone; they were spiritually dead.

Adam and Eve were effectively in absolute charge of the world. Their decisions were absolute, because God gave them this authority which was operated by the spirit that was theirs to use.

Now Adam and Eve are no longer in charge. The earth and all that is alive upon the earth can still be ruled spiritually, But Adam and Eve no longer have spirit inside of them. What does this mean for the earth?

Satan is still a spiritual being, and satan hates everything about God. Satan now picks up the use of what Adam lost; he uses his spiritual ability and rules the earth.

Satan can now misuse what was given to Adam and Eve to use. Now the god of this world is no longer Adam and Eve, but the arch enemy of God, satan (who was lucifer the morning star) followed by his fallen angels.

11 Cor 4:4 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.

There is still a choice here, the god of this world, or the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, the Image of God.

Satan is the god of this world. He is against God, so his purpose is against God. He has authority over this world because he is a spiritual being; he misuses this authority in a manor opposite to how God would use it, or would desire that it be used.

He brought: doubt, death, sickness, fear, jealousy, covetousness and all manner of works of darkness to the people of the earth.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

We got false gods and false hope from satan. All manner of misdirection to confuse us and direct us away from God.

God's desire for His children is everything that Adam and Eve lost. Jesus Christ won back each and every one of these things through His sacrifice on that cross. Through the life that He lived, and the death on the cross as the Passover lamb, Jesus Christ defeated satan and all principalities and powers.

Jesus Christ's victory was our victory; the rights He won for us reconciled us to God. This victory now gives us access to God; we can have the close and personal relationship to God that Adam had.

Adam was the first created Son of God. Jesus Christ was the first Begotten Son of God. We now are also sons and daughters of God. We are God's chosen Representatives on this earth, to every living person of the earth, because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

The legal rights that Adam lost on that day that he died, have now been won back for us by the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ on that cross.

We have

- Freedom of Choice – results always follow decisions
- Access to Perfect health
- We have been freed from the power of sin – results always follow decisions
- Access to a relationship with God through the spirit inside of us
- Access to a renewed Body with no illness; God says He has already healed us through the stripes of Jesus Christ

1 Peter 2: 24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

- We were born with a soul, our body is alive
- We have a created spirit given us access to God, we can talk to Him like we would talk to a friend
- As a child of God we have power already inside of us

Eph 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,

- The authority that Adam and Eve had has been won back for us. Our prayers directly stand in the way of the authority of satan. We can now access and operate the authority of lordship over all the earth, and life on all the earth according to God's will.

With rights you have core responsibilities. With responsibilities there are always reactions for your actions.

- Obedience to God leads to good results
- Disobedience to God leads to negative results.

These responsibilities that come with being a child of the Most High God come with the weight of our actions. Everything we do brings us closer to God, or leads us away from God.

Our adversary is still exercising his spiritual authority. His power is still absolute until a child of God stands in his way. God has given him a title as god of this world.

2Co 4:4 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.

Satan still has access to the weather, all people who are rejecting God, the animals, the earth, he even tries to influence the children of God....

As children of God we too have a choice every moment of the day. These choices lead us closer to, or further from God. God has protected us from the wrath of satan through “**Christ in us the hope of glory**”. The choice to diligently seek God saves us from the wrath of this world.

1 Jo 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The created spirit in us is greater than satan who is against us

11 Thes 2:6 And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time.

7 For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way.

This is talking about the power of that created spirit inside of us. It stops satan in his tracks. Our prayers withhold satan and his works, as long as we are

praying while believing that God is answering our prayers. This will continue until the gathering together of all the saints, at which time satan will be free to wreak havoc on all the earth.

I will not go into the gathering together which is covered in the book of Thessalonians, and the book of revelation right now. That is off of the subject of this teaching. Suffice it to say right now that God has got us covered by backing up our prayers and covering us with His Word.

Ro 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

This is saying that since God is on your side, what do you have to worry about?

We wonder, complain, and blame, because we are not seeing any results from God. God says we are not asking for our needs. This is one of the important rules to receive anything from God.

The first thing you need to do to receive anything from God is ask. Earlier I showed you ten verses that showed three things we are allowed to pray for: anything, all things, and whatsoever. In these verses the theme was to pray in the name of Jesus Christ, believing that you have already received them.

CHAP 8: WHAT IS FAITH

Faith is steadfast believing God's Word. Abraham was the father of faith.

Ro 4:11 And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also:

The righteousness of faith has been imputed to us.

Ro 4:3 For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

Ga 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Heb 11:17 By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac: and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 Of whom it was said, That in Isaac shall thy seed be called:

19 Accounting that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead; From whence also he received him in a figure.

Abraham believed something about God, he believed that God was good for His word no matter what. God had never raised anybody up from the dead before at this time. Yet Abraham believed that God would do this if that was what was

needed for God to keep His word about Isaac, that in Isaac Abraham's seed would be called.

Jas 2:23 And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God.

Abraham's example of believing is that being steadfast in believing God's Word is the foundation of receiving anything from God. Abraham had no doubt that God would fulfill his Word to him no matter what.

Faith- steadfast believing God's Word, is stronger evidence of already having what we have prayed for than seeing what we have prayed for.

Heb 11:1 ¶ Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

We have been given full access to God. This was a victory for God over Satan. This does not become a victory for us until we act on that access to God.

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

We need to diligently seek God to receive these rewards that God is offering us. God has given us access to Him but asks for our faith to please Him. God is our sufficiency in life.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory

Not only has God given us access to Him, He has accessed us by putting Christ in us the hope of glory. God is in us through Christ, but wants us to access Him through faith.

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:

God says that since Christ is in us, we need to walk in Christ. This can only be done by putting the words of God's Word on in our thoughts to the extent that these words become our thoughts. At this point we will own the empowering Word of God. We become the witnesses of God to the people of the earth; as we act of these thoughts of God's Word, we will become fishers of men.

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:

We are complete, this means we are lacking nothing when we walk in Christ. Words are what guide us in life.

God has given us the ability to choose the words we want to listen to. This is a loophole that satan uses to rule the world. He replaces: positive with negative, good with bad, light with darkness, love with hate. These show up as fear, doubt, distrust, unbelief, hatred. Everything that is needed to turn our heads away from believing the words of God's Word.

In face of this choice that God allows us, we can turn our eyes to the words that are written in God's Word and believe these, or we can listen to the words of doubt that are all around us. One choice leads to success in life with abundance from God, the other choice leads to separation from the access to God that has been given us.

Just because there is an open door, does not mean that you have to go through it.

Joh 10:7 Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

Joh 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Jesus Christ is our way to all that God gives.

Re 3:20 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.

Again, God is showing us that we have been given access. Jesus is our way in, and through being in Christ we have access to God.

Through the words that have been given to us through God's Word we have freedom from the words of our adversary; words which are designed to ensnare and defeat us.

Our God given right to choose can free us, or it can enslave us.

God sent us promises in His Word for us to grab hold of. He has also said that His Word means more to Him than His own Name. This is so we trust His promises, and act on them.

Ps 138:2 I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

We are His children, He loves us

Ro 8:16 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. We are free from sin.

When we act upon the words of the promises of God and see results, we have proof of the Christ in us the hope of glory, we have proof that we are the children of God.

Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.

What we serve is a choice.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

While we are walking on the words from God's Word, we are walking with Jesus Christ; this is because Jesus Christ is the Word of God. When we walk with Him, He walks with us.

We are Sons and Daughters of the Most High God; not everybody on this planet is a child of God, only those who have believed on Jesus Christ, and have

confessed with their mouth that He is Lord, while believing in their heart that God has raised Him from the dead are the children of God.

Ro 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

We are complete in Christ, nothing that we need to be fully enabled is missing. We each are joint heirs with Christ, which means we all share from the same inheritance from God our father. God has given each of us all there is to give.

Responsibilities follow what we have been giving. God has already asked us to walk in Christ. A result of walking in Christ is we shine as lights in the world.

Phil 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Speaking God's Word is part of being a witness for God.

Ro 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

It is already Christ in us the Hope of Glory, we cannot put on more Christ. Wait for it.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

This is talking about the Christ that is in us, the hope of glory. It says we are complete (Pleroo- completely full) in him (Christ), this complete is in the perfect tense- we cannot get more complete, we cannot be more-full.

This act of to put ye on then cannot be to put more Christ on. What is left then is our thoughts. To think more about God's Word, to put more thoughts about Jesus Christ on in our mind. This is done by replacing our own thoughts with the words that are in God's Word. Think the words of God's Word. This is saying put on a new thought; think like Jesus Christ who was the living Word of God.

John 12:46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.

Walk in the light of God's Word, Believe the words in God's Word that speak of Jesus Christ.

God has created in us something brand-new to this world. It caught satan complete off guard. Our prayers stop him cold. Our stand on God's Word scares him away.

11 Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

He has giving us a job to go with this new creation.

18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

With this job we have been giving by God, tool have been provided to us so we can do a proper job.

19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

These tools have been committed unto us; they cannot be taken away from us. At any time that you want to reach for these new tools, they will be there.

Now that we are a new creation, with a new job and a bunch of tools to do this new job, God has giving us a job title to match our new responsibilities.

20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

An ambassador for Christ. This is a proper kind of job that comes with the highest respect. This is how God thinks of you. Full of respect.

It does not stop here. A job along with some respect given to us by the Most-High God. God has made us the righteousness of God in Christ. The Christ in us the Hope of Glory comes with the righteousness of God. This is what I would call formal wear to go with our new job. God wants us to dress for the part. Put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ (God's Word in our thoughts), and the righteousness of God (**Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil**), and be an Ambassador for Christ.

11 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The job to speak God's Word is now ours, it has been committed unto us. If we do not speak, it will not be spoken. When we put these words on that God gave us to enable to ministry of reconciliation that the Ambassador does (**11 Cor 5:19 To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation**) in our thoughts and on our hearts, we abide we live in Jesus Christ.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

God will honor the words that we speak when we are full of His Word.

We are a new creation; we have been created to bring the world of mankind back to God. As we follow God, people will follow us to God. Hold forth the Word of Life as a shining light, a beacon over the world that leads to God.

God desires us to receive His Word

Jas 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

God desires us to hold on to His Word with all of our strength.

Tit 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.

God desires us to share His Word with others so that they might live

Php 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

CHAP 9: WALKING IN THE POWER OF GOD

The abilities that were in Christ are the abilities that God has put in us. Manifesting this same spiritual power, brings forth signs, miracles, and wonders, that make us witnesses for God. These tools are the bait that we are to use to become effective fishers of men and women. The Dunamis that is inside of us is made more effective by the manifestation of speaking in tongues.

We are born again of God: He has put inside of us a new creation.

2 Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Like Adam we now are a three part being. We were born of our parents' body and soul. Now we are also a new created spirit from God. This spirit in us is the image of Jesus Christ. This new creation inside of us gives us direct access to God.

The life blood we were born with links all mankind together with Adam and Eve, the first parents of the human race. The new creation inside of us links us to God. This spirit that is now inside of us is a gift of God to us. **Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Because of this gift of spirit, we now have access to all that is in Christ. All the spiritual abilities that were in Christ are now in us. These are the tools that God has given us to reconcile the all the people of the world unto God.

There are nine of these spiritual abilities that come with that one gift of spirit, the new creation inside of us. All nine of these abilities are in each and every child of God.

1Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. They are listed here.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

Speaking in tongues, which seems the least of all, is the foundation that all the rest of these manifestations rest on.

BENEFITS TO SPEAKING IN TONGUES

1. **Isiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.** This is a prophesy about God using speaking in tongues to bring a message to His people

2. **Isiah 28:12 To whom he said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.** Speaking in tongues brings us rest and gives us energy

3. **John 4:23,24 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** Speaking in tongues is worshiping God in spirit and in truth.

24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship Him in spirit and in truth. Speaking in tongues worships God in spirit and in truth.

4. **Acts 2:11 Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God.** When we speak in tongues, we are speaking the wonderful works of God

5. **Acts 10:46 For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.** We magnify God when we speak in tongues

6. **Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:** Speaking in tongues is proof that you are born again of God

7. **Romans 8:17 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.** Speaking in tongues reminds us that we are a joint heir with Christ

8. **Romans 8:26-27 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Since we do not know what to pray for,** God supplies the prayers for us. This way our imperfect knowledge does not get in the way of a perfect prayer.

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.** “Makes intercession for the saints” Speaking in Tongues is perfect prayer to God. God supplies the prayers, and we speak them.

9. **1 Corinthians 14:2 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.** God gives the words and keeps our understanding out of it. No room for us to argue leads to a perfect prayer.

10. **1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself;** Speaking in tongues builds you up spiritually, it makes you better able to operate in the spiritual realm.

11. **1 Corinthians 14:4,5 but he that prophesieth edifieth the church I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.** In the church when the person speaking in tongues is also doing the interpretation, they can edify the body of people present with a message from God.

12. **1 Corinthians 14:17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not edified.** Speaking in tongues gives thanks to God

13. **1 Corinthians 14:22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not:** speaking in tongues is a sign to unbelievers so that they to can believe God's Word

14. **Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;** speaking in tongues strengthens you with might in the inner man, it makes you strong spiritually – spiritual weight lifting

15. **Philippians 3:3 For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.** Speaking in tongues is worshiping God in spirit and in truth. Worship is to give preference to i.e. kiss the hand, bow, kneel; to show reverence to.

16. **Jude 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost.** speaking in tongues builds you up spiritually

CHAP 10: SPEAK IN TONGUES

Just like our physical body needs proper nourishment, and exercise, our spiritual body needs these things also. Speaking in tongues is that exercise that edifies, builds, strengthens our inner man. This manifesting of the spirit that God has created inside of us serves a dual purpose. It is perfect prayer to God, and it is perfect intercession for other saints. When interpreted in a group of believers it is a message to or for the body of believer's present.

As always, the choice to speak or not to speak is up to the believer. You can have a million dollars in the bank. This will make you a millionaire; The money is yours; you have control over it. If you choose not to access that money, and live like a beggar, you are still a millionaire.

The same is true with the spiritual ability inside of us, we can access the spiritual ability inside of us, or we can ignore it. We can believe the words of God's Word and act on them, or we can operate unbelief and do nothing.

Fear is a trap that chains us; all of our worst thoughts of ourselves come from fear. Doubt, worry, anguish, disgust, abhorrence, will all shut us down from turning to God.

Jesus Christ came to set us free from these chains of darkness. Choice is not bad, it is freedom. We do not have to have fear, doubt, worry.... By replacing the

thoughts of darkness that are trying to ensnare us with the opposite image from God's Word, we are freed from these things that would stop us in our tracks.

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

This is not just some freedom like a pet with a long leash; but truly free, unrestrained, not bound by any fear, doubt, worry, or sin. This is the freedom that is offered by Jesus Christ. He did not come to bind us to new rules, but to free us from the restraints of our adversary, satan.

How can this be done? Jesus Christ delivered the words from the Word of God to us. Thoughts of freedom, and love. He delivered power/ Dunamis to us, which enables us to claim this freedom that He made available to all who would believe on Him; this also makes us living witnesses to everybody else that sees how we live our lives.

Find a promise in God's Word that you can hold on to, there are more than 900 of them designed to free us from this world. Keep this promise in your thoughts: repeat the words that make up the promise that will free you, think about that promise, and meditate upon it, write the promise down and post it in your sight, speak it out loud in the morning, the day, the evening, make this promise part of your thoughts so that it cannot be stolen from you. These words that are in God's Word are words of life. They are our freedom from this world.

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

Php 2:16 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain.

Satan the god of this world 11 Cor 4:4, seeks to kill, steal, and to destroy all that Jesus Christ won from him, and delivered unto the children of God:

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

the keys of freedom, the ability to step through that spiritual door to Jesus Christ, and the knowledge of how to live in the freedom of God's Word.

These nine manifestations are the tools to access what makes us complete in Christ. Use of these tools are what allows us to reconcile others to God. They are how God strengthens the Church of God, the Body of Christ through exhortation, edification, and comfort. They are how God speaks to the Church, and how God heals and protects the Church.

1 Cor 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

The first most important thing to know about this ability of the church members, is that they all were born again before they received this ability.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

This is the key; Jesus Christ is Lord. We need to make Jesus Christ our Lord, confess to God that Jesus Christ is your Lord; God gave us a choice to believe on His Son, or not to Believe on His Son. This is the same Son that was crucified on a cross and buried for three days. God got this Son up from the dead and set him forever at His own right hand in the heavenlies. The benefits that God gives are ours when we act on the promises given to mankind by God. Rom 10:9 & 10 are one of those promises.

Joh 3:16 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.

God wants us that are His children to speak in tongues so we might be edified and strengthened. God desires even more that we prophesy that others are edified and strengthened. To do this we need to be strong ourselves. We are

accepting God's words as fact and acting upon them without doubt. This is walking on faith.

The mechanics of speaking in tongues is simple. It is just like talking. The same mouth, yours is what moves. It is your tongue, it is your breath, it is your moistness in the mouth that allows it to operate and speak. You will do the speaking; you will move your mouth for different sounds. It is the same as if you are talking.

The speaking will not be new when you are speaking in tongues. What is new is the words. God puts the words in your mouth, you supply the sounds, but God shapes them. You will not understand what the sounds mean, God says in His word that they will be in the language of men or of angels.

1 Cor 14:2 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.

1 Cor 14:2 For he that speaketh in an ____ tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth ____; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

Words in italics are supplied by the translators, and are not part of God's Word, cross them out. The person speaking has no understanding of what they are saying.

1 Cor 13:1 ¶ Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels,

The language spoken when you are speaking in tongues will be a language of man that you do not know, or a tongue of angels that you do not know.

To speak in tongues, you will have to step out on faith. You will have to believe what God said in His word, that you can speak in tongues.

As you began speaking, do not think about what you will say. You are trusting God to supply the shape to the sounds. You will move your mouth for different sounds. There will be some consonant sounds that you recognize, possibly some that you do not. Add vowel sounds, add consonant sounds as your language expands. Not all languages have the same sounds in their composite.

Like anything in life, speaking in tongues is a learned skill, you will have to practice to improve. You had to learn how the muscles work when you learned to walk, you will have to build confidence in your ability to speak in tongues. As you speak more in tongues, you will be able to speak more in tongues. Speaking in tongues builds us up spiritually; it is like exercise for the spiritual body. Like exercise, it needs to be practiced in order to be perfected. As I said earlier, you will not understand what you are saying. The words will not make sense to you. You need to trust God that He has got your back and continue speaking, just keep practicing. God is faithful and will not make a fool out of you. Trust God to keep His Word, act of faith and speak in tongues.

1 Cor 12:4 Now there are diversities <1243> of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are differences <1243>of administrations, but the same Lord.

6 And there are diversities <1243> of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8 For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11 But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

1Co 12:11 But all these worketh <1754 energo> that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing <1244 diaireo> to every man severally <2398 idios> as he will.

See definitions of these words below.

But- this is a word of contrast, a change in the direction of the conversation. We were talking about differences of gifts, differences of administrations, diversities of operations, in verses 4 – 6. In verse 7 we see the word but again. This time we are talking about the manifestations of the spirit. There are nine listed in verses 8 – 10.

Now in verse 11 the subject is changed again. We are now talking about how these manifestations work, and to whom they work for. Verse 11 starts out with the words “but all these”; all these relate back to the list of nine manifestations listed in verses 8 – 10.

But all these worketh <1754 energo> by that one and selfsame spirit, (This relates back to the same spirit that is mentioned in verse 4, the same Lord mentioned in verse 5, and the same God mentioned in verse 6. God decides what the gifts will be for the people of the church, God decides who will rule the people of the church, and God decides how the gifts will operate for the church) **dividing <1244 diaireo> to every man severally <2398 idios> as he will.**

This word dividing (diaireo) in verse 11 is related to the words diversities, and differences (diairesis) in verses 4 – 6. Diairesis is the word division, or distribution, and it comes from the word in verse 11 (diaireo). Diaireo comes from two words (dia) through and (haireomai) to take for oneself; Diaireo - through taking for oneself.

Dividing <1244 diaireo> to everyman severally <2938 idios> as he will.

This word severally relates back to the word dividing - diaireo: to take one's own, or take his own.

1754 energeo ἐνεργέω AV-work 12, show forth (one's) self 2, wrought 1, be effectual 1, effectually work 1, effectual fervent 1, work effectually in 1, be might in 1, to do 1; 21

1) to be operative, be at work, put forth power

1a) to work for one, aid one 2) to effect

3) to display one's activity, show one's self operative

This word says to do the work, to make happen

1243 διαίρεσις diairesis dee-ah'-ee-res-is

from 1244; n f; AV-diversity 2, difference 1, 3

1) division, distribution 2) distinction, difference 2a) in particular, a distinction arising from a different distribution to different persons

This word is to divide, or to distribute

1244 διαρέω diaireo dee-ahee-reh'-o

from 1223 and 138; v; AV-divide 2; 2

1) to divide into parts, to part, to tear, cleave or cut asunder 2) to distribute

This word is to divide for yourself, you separate and take what you want

1223 διά dia

a primary preposition denoting the channel of an act; prep;

AV-by 241, through 88, with 16, for 58, for ... sake 47, therefore + 5124 44, for this cause + 5124 14, because 52, misc 86; 646

1) through 1a) of place 1a1) with 1a2) in 1b) of time 1b1) throughout 1b2) during 1c) of means 1c1) by 1c2) by the means of

This word is a preposition, it means through

138 αἰρέομαι haireomai

probably akin to 142; v; AV-choose 3; 3

1) to take for oneself, to prefer, choose

2) to choose by vote, elect to office

To take for oneself, to choose

2398 ἴδιος idios id'-ee-os

of uncertain affinity; adj; AV-his own 48, their own 13, privately 8, apart 7, your own 6, his 5, own 5, not tr 1, misc 20; 113

1) pertaining to one's self, one's own, belonging to one's self

Ones own, or his own

I know this is a bit complicated, it takes a bit to make sense of all of it. I put together all of what we just covered just below.

When you put this verse 11 together you see that all of the manifestations are energized by the same spirit, God. And the division comes through taking for oneself each of the manifestations as the person chooses. It is God who energizes the manifestation but is the person who chooses which manifestation to operate.

11 But all these worketh (are energized by) **that one and the selfsame Spirit** (The same God talked about in verses 4-6), **dividing** (separating by choice) **to every man severally** (as that man) **as he will.**

All nine manifestations of the spirit are all part of the same package that is given to every member of the church of God. Just like on the first day of Pentecost there were around 3,000 people that dechomai-ed the promise from God. They did not lambano because they had not been taught what they now had inside of them. We have the same problem today, some of us have not been taught what the bible says, others of us have been taught unbelief of what is taught in God's Word.

Ga 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Ga 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any [man] preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

Be Careful of what you are taught, take everything back to the scripture to see whether those things are so.

Ac 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.

We teach as we are taught. Stand approved before God or stand accursed before God.

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

The choice today is ours. Believe what God's Word says and act upon those words in God's Word, or do not believe God's Word and do not act upon the Words in God's Word.

We access these manifestations by our believing, first we believe what the word says, then we act on what the word says, and then we do what the word says. The word is our guide as to what to choose; the choice is ours to act upon. God tells us what, He tells us how, and then we believe, and act upon, and receive that which God has already given us.

Even though it is yours, if you do not take hold of it, it does you no good.

Get in a quiet place and talk to God. Thank Him for what He has already given you. What He has given is yours to take and use. God will not go back on His word; you can trust what is written. The ability is yours. Once you have prayed, take a breath and prepare to speak. Start with a consonant or a vowel and keep letting the sounds flow. God will provide the shape of the sounds, but you will not understand what they are. God is faithful, so keep breathing, keep speaking, moisten your mouth. Stop speaking and take a breath. Understanding that you are in control. Now start again and speak in tongues, keep speaking. You are still in control.

Practice this often, speak in tongues much. It is prayer, and edification, and intercession, and worship, and truth, and thanks, and edification, and exercise, and most of all it is a reminder of who we are as a child of God.

God, I thank you for all who read these words that you gave me for your church. I thank you for their lives, and for their trust in your word, and in your Son Jesus Christ. Thank you for their lives being edified by your words, and through the manifestations of the spirit that they are now operating in their lives.

Amen.

Now the freedom and the choice are yours. Grab hold and go forth as living witness of what God can do and has done. Be free. God Bless you in the name of His Son, our living Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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