

# The Scribe

"Every Scribe which is instructed unto the Kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old" - Matthew 13:52



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## THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE - PART 4

The following message was preached by Brother Amos, at Bible Faith Tabernacle, Lagos, from Tuesday 11th July, to Sunday 16th July, 2006, three separate services merged into one Scribe. In this message is the immense journey we have to endure, and the great length which the Lord will undertake, to secure a glorious Bride for His Son, our Bridegroom. This message should place an earnest desire in the hearts of God's people, which should make every elect seed of God pray, *"Fill me Lord, till my change come."*

Good evening church. We want to continue our message tonight, titled, *The Beautiful Bride*. Last Sunday, we considered the fact of Jesus being our perfect mirror, the

mirror we must keep looking at, for by it we are changed, through the renewal of our minds; for it is his perfect image we must conform unto. We saw this in 2 Corinthians Chapter 3. We also considered James Chapter 1, which admonished us likewise, to keep looking into the Word of God, as it is the perfect law of liberty: for by it we are set free. It is therefore what is going to guarantee our change, because as we behold Christ in his divine revelation, the stimulation which truth gives, being powered by the Spirit of God, stirs our souls, and puts a desire in our hearts, a longing to be like him, for there is power in truth: And we are going to be like him, for we earnestly desire to please him; as God, our enabler, will make us attain unto Christ's spiritual image, for



He is the life changer! In John Chapter 14, verse 6, Jesus said: ***"I am THE WAY, THE TRUTH, and THE LIFE: nobody cometh unto the Father, but by me."*** Church, Jesus Christ is the full revelation of God to man, for in him God was fully invested and expressed, in the fullness of all of His divine attributes. Hence, and as it is written, he was the visible or expressed image of the invisible God. Consequently, having the truth of our Lord Jesus Christ, is having the very truth of God: For he is THE WAY, the exclusive avenue to Almighty God, being THE TRUTH of God. This is also why he is THE LIFE, the very life of God, being God incarnate, for the life of God was invested in him. It stands inviolate, therefore, that we must listen to him, bearing all of his revelation, if we are to have his life, for his Word is infallible and immutable, being the very Word of God. His Word is therefore ***"Ye and Amen."*** Come with me to the Word, as we consider the perfect image of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who is our standard.

We will open to the Epistle of Saint Paul to the Romans, Chapter 1, and take it from verse 16. It

reads: ***"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ."*** Why? He tells us: ***"FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*** Verse 17 declares: ***"For therein"*** (that is, in the revelation of Jesus Christ; in the Gospel of Christ), ***"IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED from FAITH to FAITH..."*** (That is: From revelation to revelation). Why is this so? It is simply because we do not have all the revelation of Christ, (or all the faith of Christ), in one day. We do not! Hence, ***"As it is written, The JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."*** For the revelation of God comes one step at a time, for they come in piecemeal, not in one whole block. As such, these truths come in folds, and also come from junction of time to junction of time, and from season to season, wherein God ordains to unveil His Word. This enables God to have a say, the final say, in this great divine plan of salvation, through all ages, from junction of time to junction of time, and from season to season, all through human time! Precisely! In other words:

God sheds light on His Word a step at a time, in folds, and as such, we do not have its fullness in one day, and cannot have its fullness in one day, or in any one generation, or dispensation of time. That is precisely why we must grow in the faith. That is: We must grow in the revelation knowledge of Jesus, till we come into the fullness or completeness of his revelation. Brothers and sisters, we must realise that there has to come a time of completeness, a time when all the revelation which the Lord has ordained for the spiritual growth of the Bride has been fully given, and fully absorbed, and that the time of completion cannot be but at the very end of the Gentile dispensation of grace, which gives us the very hour we are currently living in, which is the final junction of time in the grace age. And one of these days, the Bride of Christ will have her revelation complete, for we are going to come into that completeness or fullness of divine revelation. That is a fact! And that is precisely what we see represented in Revelation Chapter 10, when John was asked to eat the **Entire** scroll of

redemption, for that is its implication. He eats it that he may bear it for the universal Bride of Christ. It therefore speaks of the completeness of the revelation of the Bride, of which completeness we will come into, in the hour of the Seven Thunders. Brothers and sisters, that hour is right ahead for the Bride, for the end is what gives us the climax, and as such, it is the hour which gives us the final details of truth that will complete the revelation of the Bride. And at that time, we would have moved from written revelation into unwritten revelation; for all written truths ordained for the spiritual stature and glory of the Bride, would have been fully given, and totally absorbed. And because the climaxing revelation will be **Unwritten Revelation**, the climaxing revelation will therefore be prophetic. Regardless of our personal thoughts and feelings, one thing stands firm: The revelation of the Bride will be complete, as we come to the very end of Gentile time, for she will have the revelation God has given throughout all ages of human time, plus the present day truths of Christ. That is why, church, when we go to

Revelation Chapter 19, verse 7, what did John see in heaven? He saw the marriage in heaven! It declares: ***“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb IS COME, and his wife HATH MADE HERSELF READY.”*** She **HATH** made herself ready on earth, prior to her being caught up into heaven! But what does her readiness mean? To be ready simply means she has attained God's required stature, God's required spiritual image, and as such, she is in perfect shape. She has attained perfection: For she has not only been fully called, numerically, she has also received every necessary divine revelation she needs to attain the divine image of Jesus, and she has robed herself with it, standing absolutely in Christ's glorious divine image. **Absolutely!** And consequently, saints of God, we must realise that prior to this heavenly setting, her revelation would have been complete: There would be nothing more to add, and nothing else that can be taken away from her. Therefore, standing complete and perfect, off she goes in the rapture

into heaven, for the marriage, and hence the heavenly declaration in Revelation Chapter 19, verse 7 that, ***“she hath made herself ready”!*** To be ready implies that she is no longer arguing and stewing over issues of truth. The Bride universal is seeing absolutely **EYE TO EYE**, being in perfect unity **ON EVERY REVELATION** of the written Scriptures. She has embraced every revelation of truth which the Spirit of Jesus has given her through the ministry, from the pages of the Bible, and she has also robed her soul with the wonderful revelation of unwritten prophetic truths of God, through the Seven Thunders. The Spirit of God has also worked upon her life to energize the seed of the Word that has been sown into her heart, and she has been completely transformed into Christ's divine image. I have to emphasise this truth because of what these unbelieving Message people are saying around the globe. They croak: ***“We do not have to see eye to eye on every issue, and we cannot see eye to eye on everything”.*** But that is a blatant lie, for we will see eye to eye on every issue

of truth! We will, because THE REVELATION OF GOD IS ONE! I know some will still say, *“But I just do not think that that is possible, Brother Amos. We will have our little differences here and there.”* I do not care for how you feel, or what you think over this issue. The Bible says, **“THEY SHALL SEE EYE TO EYE”**, and I believe it, and that settles the whole matter as far as I am concerned! Just stick around, it will not be long, and you will see something one of these days. Isaiah Chapter 52, verse 8, plainly and categorically declares: **“THY WATCHMEN”**, (which by spiritual application gives us the Ephesian fivefold ministry), **“shall lift up THE Voice”** (singular); **“with The voice”** (singular), **“TOGETHER shall they sing: FOR THEY SHALL SEE EYE TO EYE, when the Lord shall bring again Zion”**, (or when the Lord restores Zion. Remember, Zion includes spiritual Zion, which is the Bride of Christ, on the full authority of Hebrews Chapter 12, verses 18-24). Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 11-14, which speaks concerning the most effective job which the fivefold ministry,

God's spiritual watchmen, will of necessity, accomplish in the universal Bride, also states clearly and infallibly: **“And he”** (Christ) **“gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: TILL WE ALL COME IN THE UNITY OF THE FAITH, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.”** This absolutely lets us know that we will definitely come into the UNITY OF THE FAITH, and we will not be arguing over issues of truth, for we shall see eye to eye. Period! We will not be arguing over what the Scripture means. We will know what it means, because we have the revelation of it. We will all see the same picture, and we will all believe the

same thing, and we will all stand for the same truth, because we have been dealt with by the same Spirit of Christ, working through the same body of ministry, who are standing as one man, and are speaking with one indivisible voice! This is the sole foundation for perfection: Unity! Because perfection cannot come in disunity! As Jesus Christ declared in Matthew Chapter 12, verse 25: **“... Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand”!** Period! Therefore, it is certain that there will be perfect unity in the Bride, for perfection to be obtained, and it will certainly be obtained. In the final analysis, and as John saw way ahead in a prophetic preview, **“she hath made herself ready”**: Her life has been changed. She has been transformed. The revelation of the Word of God, the seed of God's Word that has been sown into her soul, has been energized, transforming her life, making her so beautiful, so glorious. She is in the very image of Jesus. At that point in time, the point of readiness, the Bride has become the very

embodiment of Jesus the Christ in his fullness. And because she hath made herself ready, brothers and sisters, she has been given the quickening power that will translate her physically into heaven, spirit, soul, and body. But until then, brothers and sisters, we must open up our hearts to Christ's Continuity revelation, for **THE REVELATION OF GOD IS PROGRESSIVE**, and we need to grow in this ever continuous and progressive light; for therein is revealed the righteousness of God, from faith to faith. For the more light we receive, as God is shedding light on His Word, and to the measure He sheds light on His Word, the more we grow in his likeness, and to that measure we grow! Because the more we grow in revelation, the more the grace of God will abound in our lives, to enable us to grow in Christ likeness, as it is written: **"For therein is the righteousness of God revealed FROM FAITH TO FAITH..."** Praise the Lord! Amen! That lets us know that there is a great power of transformation in the Gospel. The power of regeneration is in this Gospel. It will give you the new life that is in Christ.

And that is why Saint Paul declared: **"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION..."** In other words: It is God's redeeming and transforming power! Yes! The Gospel has power to save, to deliver, and to transform. When the Gospel is ministered to a man that is a drunk, a man always falling in and out of the gutter from a drunken stupor, it cleans him out completely. It delivers him from the spirit of drunkenness. It cleans out his whole life, and produces a saint out of him. That is the power of the Gospel, a power which takes away the cigarette from the smoker, by taking away the love of tobacco in his heart! It is the power that will work upon a harlot, someone with a serious spirit of lust upon her life, and deliver her from that vile spirit, washing her life clean, and making a saint out of her: For there is power in the Gospel! It certainly delivers from the hold of the spirit of gambling and homosexuality, empowering the believer to walk in the liberty of divine righteousness! Saints of God, the revelation of God has

power to transform! I am talking of the power of the Gospel of Christ. It is the power of God's spoken Word, which has become God's written Word; a power by which the universe was made! And it is by this same old life-giving Gospel, that the Bride will be made ready! Yes! But the beginning of true spirituality is the new birth. It is the foundation of true spirituality. Come with me to the Word, for we are considering *The Beautiful Bride*.

Let us open to the Gospel of Saint John, Chapter 3, verses 1-7. It reads: **"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily,**

**verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN.** Saints of God, the new birth experience, is the beginning of true spirituality, for true Christianity anchors in the new birth, even as Christ Jesus revealed in John Chapter 3, verse 6, saying that that ***“which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”*** He also declared in verse 8, saying: ***“The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.”*** In other words: It is not possible to truly understand a spiritual person, and neither can he be impersonated, unless you are born again yourself. Because the new birth is what puts you on the same spiritual platform or realm or pedestal! And ***“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”*** Therefore, true spiritual

growth, although it has its beginning in our believing and accepting Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour, however, in true essence, it anchors in being born again, because that is really when we can truly begin to grow in Christlikeness, having first been born as a new creature! And I am not talking of professed new births, but of a genuine new birth Holy Ghost experience. I say that because today, every Tom, Dick, and Harry is born again, and they do not have a clue to anything, for they are not even saved, let alone being born again! We live in a world of mere professing Christians: They do not look like Christians, and neither do they live like one! Nonetheless, it is the truth that we cannot truly grow in true spirituality, unless and except we are born again, by the infilling of the Holy Spirit; for it is by the infilling of the Holy Ghost, we are put into Christ by a new birth. Hence Apostle Paul declared in 2 Corinthians Chapter 5, verse 17: ***“Therefore if any man be IN Christ, HE IS A NEW CREATURE: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”*** And how do we get into Christ? 1 Corinthians

Chapter 12, verse 13, sets it forth, for it plainly states: ***“FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY,*** (which is the body of Christ), ***“whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.”*** This experience sets the fundamental basis for growth in the nature of Christ, who is ***“the firstborn”*** in God's new creation: Because it is not growth in the old fallen nature, but growth in the new creation, which is the new man, having a new nature, after Christ's likeness. For like begets like! For instance, when a human being gives birth, his offspring must be in the very image of a human being, though a baby. Therefore, you will not see the baby having feathers and flying around the house, because that is not the nature of a man. Neither can a bird give birth, and out comes a lizard. That is absolutely impossible, for that is not the image of a bird. Whatever is produced or birthed, must be in the very nature and image and likeness of what produced or birthed it, except that, in form, it will be very small, in comparison. But every

semblance or attribute of the original seed, is what will be reproduced. For instance, if the birth is a human birth, the baby will have one head, two hands, two legs, a torso, five senses, have human complexion, for he will not be green or red, etc. And being a human baby, from hence, he can only grow in human likeness; he can only grow expressing the attributes of a human being. And likewise, so is one born of the Spirit! When a person is born again, he is born of the Spirit. He is as such, a spiritual baby, and he can only grow in spiritual likeness, for no one is born an adult; no one is born a spiritual giant. As such, like a human baby, he will be full of mistakes, and he will have to learn to grow in spirituality, and eventually, he will grow into spiritual maturity, and this takes time! But the rate and the extent of growth, is dependent on how yielded a child is to instruction and discipline. But regardless of the rate and the extent of his growth, he can only grow in human likeness. That is a fact, and that is the main point! An animal on the other hand, try as it may, can never grow in human likeness, because it is not in the nature and likeness of a man!

Consequently, a person that is not born again cannot grow in Christ likeness! Period! As the prophet to this age often stated, he would only be **“sticking feathers”!** Therefore, for true spiritual growth, which will produce the beautiful Bride, the new birth is absolutely imperative; it is necessary. Therefore, we need the new birth experience, which gives us the infilling of the Holy Spirit, in order to truly grow in Christ likeness. Come with me to the Book of Colossians Chapter 1, verse 15. From verse 12, it states: **“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.”** Our inheritance is in the light, because the inheritance of the saints is in the revelation of the Word of God, which spells out God's divine inheritance for the saints. The inspired Scripture is the Will of God, or God's Testament for us. Therefore, if you reject it, you are simply rejecting your eternal inheritance. Period! And if you do, you will certainly not make it as Bride, because the inheritance of the Bride is strictly in the light of truth. That is why we often say that our glory is in the true

revelation of Jesus Christ; it is in the pure revelation of the Word. We will take Colossians Chapter 1, verse 12, again, up to verse 14. It states: **“Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son: In whom”** (that is in Christ) **“we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.”** Note verse 15, for it states of Christ: **“Who is THE IMAGE of the invisible God, THE FIRSTBORN of every creature.”** That is in the new creation! That lets us see that every newborn in this new creation is born in the very image of Jesus Christ, although a baby. Therefore, he has all the attributes of Christ invested in him POTENTIALLY. I say he has it potentially, only because no individual or singular member of the body of Christ, will express the complete potential attributes of Christ. It is strictly as a collective body that we will bear all the attributes of Christ. Nonetheless, one thing is definite: Every child born will be in the image and

likeness of Jesus Christ, being a new creation, because no child that is born to human parents will look like a bird. He will look like a human being, and he can only grow in human likeness, having in him every potential attribute invested in man. And as it is with a human child, in learning to stand and walk, he will no doubt fall many times; but with the spirit of determination God invests in him, which will move him to want to stand and walk, he will eventually learn to stand and walk. And in the same vein, he will also learn to talk, even though it starts as mere blabbering, as he learns to grow into human maturity. So it is with a person born again. It is precisely how it is with the Body of Christ, which is his Bride. Seeing that we are talking of growth in the spiritual image, and we know that Christ is our perfect mirror, for he is said to be the image of the invisible God, which is strictly a spiritual image, and not a physical one, and further, that he is **“the firstborn”** in the new creation, which makes him our elder brother in the eternal age, consequently, if the Bride of Christ universal is to conform to this image, and it is a most beautiful image, and a

must-be-attained image, we must then fully consider the image of Jesus Christ, lifting it up as the mirror before us.

Let me therefore start by saying that the image of Jesus Christ, is a three dimensional image. We will, as such, consider him in his three dimensional image. In other words, we have three dimensions, or three spiritual levels, in which we must consider the Lord in his divine image. FIRSTLY, we are looking at his revelation, for he bore a full and perfect (or flawless) revelation of God, he being the full revelation of God to man. I know that this truth has already been set forth in this message. But we will re-emphasise it at this material time, as we are speaking of the three dimensional image of Christ. Therefore, every revelation of truth that Jesus gives, will be firmly and wholeheartedly embraced by the Bride of Christ, in order to attain unto Christ's revelation stature or image. Hence Apostle Paul stated concerning the fivefold ministry, in Ephesians Chapter 4, verse 13, that they will build up the universal Bride of Christ, **“Till we all come in the**

**unity of the faith, AND of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, UNTO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULNESS OF CHRIST”:**

(That is, in his divine revelation, as well as in every other attribute which the Father invested in him). And this accounts for the promise of our Saviour in John Chapter 16, verses 12-15, which states: **“I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: AND HE WILL SHEW YOU THINGS TO COME. He shall glorify me: for He shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that He shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”**

The many things or many truths Christ said will come, are not given in one day, and neither are they given in any one junction or dispensation of time, but through many junctions and dispensations of time, in the grace age. And through all time in this age

of grace, these truths have been coming, as the Lord keeps adding to his revelation, bringing about the Continuity of divine revelation. It is on this basis of continuous revelation, that the Lord gave us the Book of Revelation in 96 AD, in the first place, after the death of the star messenger to that first age. And it is also on the basis of this very promise, that we received the revelation of the first six Seals, in 1963, through the prophet to this age, William Branham. And it is on this very basis, we also received the revelation of the Woman of Mystery, recorded in the Book of Revelation Chapter 12, amongst many other truths we have received at this end time. And the Lord will keep adding light onto light, until our revelation is complete, and off we go in the rapture. Hence, it is clearly stated in the Book of Proverbs Chapter 4, verse 18: **“But the path of the just IS AS THE SHINING LIGHT, THAT SHINETH MORE AND MORE UNTO THE PERFECT DAY.”** Consequently, the standard of truth God sets in any particular hour or junction of time, becomes the absolute which every true elect Bride seed in that particular hour or junction of time must conform unto,

for that is the standard which the Lord will require from the Bride of that hour. Therefore, brothers and sisters, it is scripturally undisputable, that if we are to attain unto the revelation image of the Lord Christ, we must walk with him in the Continuity of his divine revelation. Failing that, we must fall short of his revelation image, for there is no other way. And we know that the Bride will attain unto the revelation knowledge of Christ the Son of God, **“... unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”!** Thus saith the Word of God! Therefore, it is imperative that we stay with the revealed Word of God, in its continuing revelation, or we will not make it. Just look at what Jesus Christ said in the Book of Revelation. In closing out the entire record of the written Word, in the Book of Revelation Chapter 22, verses 18 -19, Jesus declared: **“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of THIS BOOK, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of THE BOOK OF THIS PROPHECY, God**

**shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”** Consequently, anyone who denies or rejects ANY revelation, which opens up ANY truth of this book, denies and rejects our Lord Jesus Christ, and he shall not see life, let alone attain the image of Christ. Period! That is certain. It plainly shows that THERE IS NO REVELATION OF TRUTH WHICH ANY MAN CAN REJECT, and still be in the Bride. If you reject any truth, you will not only fall short of his revelation image, you will also run counter to his divine revelation image. Absolutely! Hence, in Revelation Chapter 22, verses 16-17, Jesus Christ in his prophetic revelation to John, on the Isle of Patmos, also declared: **“I Jesus have sent mine Angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star. And the Spirit”** (of Christ our Bridegroom) **“and the Bride say, Come.”** **“And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life**

**freely.”** The Spirit of our Bridegroom and the Bride say the same thing. I said the Spirit and the Bride say the same thing! Because the voice or the revelation of the Bridegroom is in the Bride! Hence, the Spirit of Jesus Christ and the Bride say, **“Come”**, bearing perfect harmony. There is perfect harmony because the Bride stays firmly and solely with the revealed Word of Christ. Hence, she does not say anything unless and until it is inspired by the Spirit of our Bridegroom. She does not say anything unless and until it is rooted in the written inspired Word, which is the Bible. It means in essence, that she does not say anything, unless and except it is Thus saith the Lord! Therefore, when she speaks, she is speaking nothing other than the mind of Christ by his Spirit, because the voice of our Bridegroom is in the Bride. Consequently, her word is as good as Thus saith the Lord, for it is Thus saith the Lord in His Word! Remember that Thus saith the Word of God, is greater than any Thus saith the Lord: Because Any and Every Thus saith the Lord, is absolutely and completely subject to the rulership of the Word, and must be given in perfect

harmony with the Scriptures; otherwise, it is not the Spirit of God speaking. Period! Because the Word of God cannot fail! We must therefore realise, saints of God, for it stands to reason, that since the true revelation of Christ is in the Bride, you will not get this truth, outside of the followership of the light of the Bride. Period! Why? Because THE STANDARD OF TRUTH IS ONE! It is one, whether it is in Canada, or in Mexico, or in Brazil, or in Ghana, or in Australia, or in the Philippines, or in India, or in Norway: The revelation of God is one! Moreover, the voice of the Spirit of our Bridegroom is in the Bride! We must therefore follow her in her continuous light, if we are to attain unto the revelation image of our Bridegroom, Jesus the Christ. And the fountain of the revelation of Christ is flowing tonight. It did not stop flowing when the prophet to this age died. No! It simply flowed on. Halleluiah! Because it is like an artesian well, pushing out new light, new revelation, as time moves on, causing us to walk in progressive light. That is why the Bride is like a tree planted by the rivers of living water. The first

dimensional image of Jesus Christ is his revelation. We will attain unto his full or complete revelation image. That is certain, and incontestable. But this will take us into the hour of the Seven Thunders, which will not only give us further light, it will also give us unwritten prophetic truths, confirming the truth, that the revelation of Jesus is progressive and not static. And it is this ministry that will carry the Concluding light! And that is precisely why you cannot put full stop to the dealership of God, in the unveiling of truth, because the revelation of the Lord is progressive, and hence continuous! It is Continuous! If you put full stop or period, to the unveiling of the Word, take it from me, you will not attain the image and the stature of Jesus Christ, and consequently, you will not be a part of this Bride, and you will not make it in the rapture, for she is *The Beautiful Bride*. I therefore repeat: There is no truth which any man can reject, and still make it as Bride; and neither will he attain the revelation image of Christ, in order to get ready for the rapture. Period! I care less what you think; I care less what you feel; and I care less what you say:

You will not be ready for the rapture! It is as simple as that! Because it is in beholding the continuous revelation of our Bridegroom, that we are changed into his very image, **"FROM FAITH TO FAITH"**; which is from revelation to revelation, by the Spirit of God! This gives us progressive light, and progressive growth! To let you see the seriousness of this issue, and also to help those who have trouble seeing this plain truth, I will simply ask: Just how do you conform to an image you do not see? That is the point! Exactly! How do you behold him when he is not here physically, except in a divine revelation? And how can you therefore attain unto the full image of somebody you only know partially, someone you only see partially? It is impossible! You must, therefore, first behold something, and also continue therein, in order to behold it in full depth, and in order to attain unto his full revealed stature: Because it is not an image we attain unto instantaneously, or in one day! It is little by little, step by step, here a little, and there a little, a revelation at a time, as God sheds light upon light, light upon light, upon His Word, thereby lifting us up in the

light, from revelation to revelation, or from glory to glory, thereby enabling us to see Christ in full view, and in plain view, transforming us correlatively. Hence, Prophet Isaiah, in Chapter 28, verses 9-10, revealed: **"Whom shall He" (God) "teach knowledge? and whom shall He make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; HERE A LITTLE, AND THERE A LITTLE."** I repeat: In order to grow in the perfect image of Christ, truth is the key, for it is the mirror: Because it is strictly by divine revelation that we see Christ in the first place! Therefore, you must stay with Christ, in his continuous divine revelation of the Scriptures of truth. For the first dimensional image of Jesus Christ we must attain unto, is his revelation, to the very extent that he has unveiled it to us today, in Year 2006, and to the extent that he continues to unveil it, as we move on in time, in this age of grace, in this most glorious plan of salvation. That is precisely why we cannot reject ANY continuity light, for we will

fall short of attaining Christ's revelation image, and will thus fall short of attaining unto the beautiful Bride, for the Word of God is the seed. Consequently, as true Bride elects, we will not turn down the truth of the Pre-Historic World, for instance, or the truth of The Two Laws of Eden, or that of The Everlasting Gospel, just to mention a few continuity truths we have received today, from the pages of the Bible, by the Spirit of our Bridegroom, working through the ministry of Raymond Jackson, the chief apostle of this end time. Furthermore, in considering the truth of the Pre-Historic World, for instance, we know it is not a saving truth. We do not need to know about the Pre-Historic World in order to be saved. We know that. Nevertheless, now that the Spirit of God has shed His light on it, in order to let us know what went on in ages past, ever before Adam's race got here, we cannot reject this truth, if we are truly saved! Precisely! That is the point! It is therefore a truth which the Bride of Christ must and will accept, for it is absolutely Bible based. Because if you are truly saved, the end of which is to be filled with the Holy Spirit, who is the

Comforter, which is the Spirit of the Word, it is certain that the Spirit of Christ that saved you, will definitely Guide you into ALL TRUTH! Thus saith the Lord in His Word! I repeat: If you are truly saved, the Spirit of Christ that saved you, will also guide you into all the truths which Jesus is unveiling for his Bride, from the pages of the inspired Word. Because by the revelation of the Pre-Historic World, for instance, God is letting us know the secrets of things that went on in the eras way before our time, that we may know precisely how Lucifer, an Angel who is our adversary, as well as the one who brought about the fall of man, fell! Precisely! And in order to truly appreciate our adversary, and also understand his evil and deceitful workings, we must understand his fall! Yes, we must! So, tell me the basis upon which you will reject the truth of the Pre-Historic World, which the chief apostle to this age, under Jesus Christ our Lord, brought? Similarly, how can you have a complete and perfect understanding of the Original Sin in the Garden of Eden, if you do not also know what The Two Trees in the midst of the Garden of Eden are? Precisely! These truths are

like individual pieces of a giant puzzle, where each piece holds a particular story or answer, and fills a particular vacuum, bearing upon the overall picture! Exactly! Moreover, it is written, that the mysteries or the secret of the kingdom of God, is with God's people. (Matt. 13:11). Furthermore, it is also written that, ***“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by “Every Word that P R O C E E D E T H ”*** ( P r e s e n t l y a n d Continuously), ***“out of the mouth of God”!*** And if God sheds His light upon His Word, how can you turn it down and still have God in you? How can you reject the truth of Christ, ANY truth of Christ, and still be his Bride? You will only end up like Vashti the rejected queen! And just how can we reject the truth of God, and claim to be filled with the Holy Spirit, when Jesus plainly and categorically stated: ***“HOWBEIT WHEN HE, THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, IS COME, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come”***, talking of prophetic truths which touch on future events, and on future dealings of God in

His plan of salvation with His people! How can you turn truth down? Is God revealing it for nothing? Does He not have a better job to do than to waste His time? Why will God find it important to reveal something, and you find it important to reject it? Think of it! Why will you find it necessary to reject something that God finds important enough to reveal? Who knows better? And who is ruling who? Who determines right and wrong? Who is the determiner of what is necessary for the Bride? God alone! You do not know even what is right, until God deals with you on it, for God is the determinant of right and wrong! I said as fallen man, as a mortal, you do not know what is right until God first deals with you, how much more about things divine! Take away God, and man becomes absolutely insane! Yes! Nonetheless, we must ask: What is the good in knowing the truth of the Original Sin in the Garden of Eden, if you will not also receive the truth of the Two Trees in the midst of the Garden of Eden, which Brother Jackson brought under Christ, particularly when the latter truth is what gives us a perfect and balanced and

complete understanding of the Original Sin? Therefore, in order to have a perfect and complete understanding of the Original Sin in the Garden, you must also accept the Continuity light which the chief apostle brought to the Message of Elijah, for the prophet was used of God to unfold this truth only in a measure, or only in a fold. Brother Jackson was used of God to give us the balance of the picture, to give us a complete understanding of the truth, for **THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST IS ONE! The message of the Bible is one!** Saints of God, all these revelations give us a deep insight into what went on in ages gone by, ages when we, as individuals, were not yet in existence, for it all relates to the fall of man. So I ask you: How can we know how to guard against something in the future, when we do not even know what we stumbled upon in times past? That is the point! How can you guard against stumbling on something in the future, when you do not even know what you tripped upon? If you do not know what tripped you yesterday, it will continue tripping you until you recognise and identify it! That is why it is important

that we know these things, for they help us to know the wiles of the enemy, and to guard against it. Regardless of what we believe concerning these things, one thing stands firm: There is no true revelation of Christ which any Bride saint will reject, for they all make up a crucial part of the complete revelation of Jesus Christ. And the revelation of God moves on, even as we speak. Hence, with the passing away of the chief apostle, revelation, being strictly progressive, did not stop. Hence, today, we have received nuggets and nuggets of truth, constituting the current or present tense revelations of the Word. Certainly! Consequently, it is most certain that the Bride of Christ of this end time, will embrace the revelation of Genesis: The Eternal Objective for the Creation of the Universe, The Mark of Cain, The Man That Was Caught Up, the Three Scribes, and that of **THE INPUT OF HAM**, for example, being truths of God's revealed Word, just as she will receive any and every other present tense Continuity light God unveils for His people, through the vessel of truth in this hour, being truths of God's Holy Writ. As such, I must

seriously warn whoever has an ear to hear: Revelation did not stop with Brother Branham, and neither did it stop with Brother Jackson, for we are not serving a dead God, but a living God: The great I AM THAT I AM; the Ever Present Tense Living God! We also serve the risen Christ, and not a dead one, for he is alive, even forever more. Amen. Brothers and sisters, the first dimensional image of Jesus Christ we must attain unto, is a revelatory one. We must therefore follow Christ in his continuous divine revelation, until we come into the completeness of his revelation, a completeness which we will have in the hour of the seven thunders, under whose plural ministry the Bride will be taken up. And until then, we must follow Christ in his progressive light. We must, if we will be Bride. It is the first dimensional image of Jesus. Amen.

Brothers and sisters, for the second dimensional image of Jesus Christ, please come with me to the Book of Philippians Chapter 2, verses 5-11. It records: **“LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of**

***God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*** This Scripture concerning Christ, gives us nothing but the picture of a very humble and obedient Son of God, for he was a man, who was not only totally and unreservedly dedicated to the service of his Father, he was also completely subject and obedient unto the will of the Father, in all things, even unto death. Saint Paul implored us likewise, saying: ***“LET THIS MIND BE IN YOU”!*** Why must it be in us? Because we must conform to his divine image! The

Book of Romans Chapter 8, verse 29, spells it out succinctly, for it lets us know precisely why. It records: ***“For whom He”*** (God) ***“did foreknow, He”*** (God) ***“also did predestinate TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON”*** (Jesus Christ), ***“that he”*** (Jesus) ***“might be the firstborn among many brethren.”*** We are plainly told that the elect Bride church has been predestined to be conformed to Christ's image, because he set the perfect standard of what the body of Christ will be, according to God's ordination, being the firstborn in the new creation, which God is getting for Himself. But we must then ask: What image are we therefore looking at? We are looking at the character of Jesus Christ, which is the second dimensional image we will now consider, for he is our standard. And as stated earlier, conforming to this second dimensional image of Jesus, first demands the new birth experience, for we are looking at growth in the divine nature, or in Christ-likeness. This takes in the divine attributes of God which his character expressed or exemplified.

We are looking at the fruits of the Spirit: The virtues or the attributes or the character of the Spirit, expressed in a Spirit filled life. Come with me to the Book of Galatians Chapter 5. For a background, we will take it from verse 17, straight to verse 21. It declares: ***“For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit”*** (or yoked to the Spirit), ***“ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh”*** (or the works of the fallen nature; or the works of the unregenerate nature; the works of the old man) ***“are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,”*** (which means to be driven by lust), ***“Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance”*** (or inconsistency; or disagreeableness), ***“emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time***

**past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**” In other words, they that are given to such things shall not be part of the Bride, which is his church body: For the kingdom of God is the church of God. Apostle Paul declares that the people that do such things are still in their fallen nature: They have not yet been redeemed or regenerated. Therefore, they cannot conform to Christ's image, because Christ did not have a fallen nature! He was in God's perfect divine image, and as such, he expressed God to humanity, showing us the perfect pattern of Godlikeness. We are looking strictly at the divine attributes exemplified by his character, showing us precisely how to live our lives. Look at verses 22-23: **“But the fruit of the Spirit...”** (Or the evidence of the Spirit...). Brothers and sisters, the fruit of a tree gives us the evidence of what that tree is. Can I hear Amen? Yes! It is just as William Tyndale stated during the Reformation: ***The fruits of a tree do not make a tree good or bad; it only tells us what kind of tree it is, whether good or bad.*** And truly,

the fruits of a tree only give us the evidence of the nature of that tree, seeing that the fruit does not bear itself, but is borne by the tree! As such, the fruit of the Spirit gives us the evidence of the Spirit. Now, in Galatians Chapter 5, verses 22-23, there are many attributes of the Spirit listed here, nine in number, to be specific, but yet Saint Paul called them **“fruit”**, singular. Why did he not call them “fruits”, plural? Because as I just stated, the **“fruit”** here, signifies the Evidence of a Spirit filled life, or of the divine nature. And as such, it is Evidence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit: Because these fruits are all wrapped up together in one Spirit, as attributes of the same Spirit God! Hence the use of the word “fruit”! It is a collective noun, and it stands for evidence; it represents or speaks of the plural fruits of the Spirit, which a person that has been filled with the Spirit of Christ will bear. Verse 22 declares: **“But the fruit”** (or the evidence) **“of the Spirit is LOVE...”** Brothers and sisters, this is not the love that a man has for his wife, or for his parents, or for his children, which is **“Phileo love”**, or natural love;

human love. **“Phileo”** or natural love is also different from what people generally call love today, between a man and a woman, which is nothing other than base love, for it is nothing but mere lust; it is animalistic love. But the love which Saint Paul sets forth in this passage of Scripture, is the highest form of love, which is **Divine love, or Perfect love, or “Agape love”**: It is **Holy love, or God's love**. And how do we possess this divine love, God's kind of love? It is written in the Book of Romans Chapter 5, verse 5: **“... THE LOVE OF GOD is shed abroad in our hearts BY THE HOLY GHOST which is given unto us.** It comes strictly by the infilling of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, to be filled with the Spirit of God is to be filled with divine love, which is sublime love, or perfect love: It is the highest form of love, being holy love, or pure love. It is love that is simply beyond human expression, being divine love: God's own love in the heart of man. It is called **“agape love”**, for it supersedes natural love or human love. It is the highest form of love there is in the universe, and it is most sublime; so sweet,

and so rich. Brothers and sisters, this is perfect love. And may I remind you that nothing goes in the rapture but perfect love, for nothing entitles anyone for the rapture, but divine love or holy love. It is that important! Hence, speaking of divine love, which in olden days was called "**charity**", Apostle Paul declared plainly in 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, saying from verse 1: "**Though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, and have not charity,**" (or divine love), "**I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity,**" (or perfect love), "**I AM NOTHING. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity,**" (or holy love), "**it profiteth me nothing.**" Why? Because divine love must be the exclusive basis for the projection of any and every one of these things! There is absolutely nothing we do in this way, if

our motivation is not pure, we will receive absolutely nothing for it! We will have no reward, even though God will use what we do! Our motivation for doing anything in this revealed way, must be perfect love: Love out of a pure heart, without any selfish or ulterior motive! Exactly! However, notice that perfect love, which should be the motivation for anything and everything we do, now changes in the succeeding verses, into the divine nature or attributes of the Holy Spirit, for as it is written, "**GOD IS LOVE**". Love changes into the divine nature of the Spirit of God, which a person that is truly born of God will have. 1 Corinthians Chapter 13, verses 4-8 now state: "**Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things**" (that is written), "**hopeth all things, endureth all things. CHARITY NEVER FAILETH...**" Saints of God, a Spirit filled man, a

person having the love of God in his heart by the indwelling of the Holy Ghost, cannot but bear these attributes of the Spirit, for it is the evidence of a Spirit filled life! However, I must warn that these virtues or attributes are not produced or expressed in one day, in a Spirit filled man! It takes time, and it also takes the chastening hand of God to express these fruits in their seasons! Nevertheless, the potentials there, are invested in every born again child of God. His ability to express or bear these fruits, will depend upon how yielded he is to God's leadership, and to the chastening hand of God. Verses 8-13 declare: "**CHARITY NEVER FAILETH: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail;**" (if they are conditional prophecies, and if these conditions are not met; although I must also add that prophecies will also eventually cease, when we enter into the eternal age, for then we shall know, even as we are known, having the fullness of God in us); "**whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For**

***we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. AND NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY, THESE THREE; BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS CHARITY.*** Love is very crucial, for it is the greatest of the three attributes. With divine love in our hearts, ruling our lives, we are brought to a point of complete and total yieldedness to God, and in this state, there is absolutely nothing people or even the devil can throw at us, which will make a difference. The hotter the enmity and opposition and persecution or insults you face, the cooler you get deep down in your soul, for it will be peace like a river in your soul, because this love lifts a standard that cannot be contained! It is perfect or divine love, and it does not fail. And as a result, no one can mimic or

imitate it: For you either have it or you do not! You would only be "sticking feathers"! But as I stated earlier, it takes the dealership of the Spirit of God to come to a point of complete and unbroken yieldedness to God, for this love to saturate your whole being, and be magnified in your life. And let me tell you, brothers and sisters, the Bride is coming to that very point. She has to, for she is The Beautiful Bride! You will understand why, as we progress in our appreciation of Christ's second dimensional image. However, let me remind you of a supernatural experience which the Lord gave to His servant, William Branham, when he was taken "*Behind the Curtain of Time*", that is, when he was taken into heaven in a spiritual projection. His spirit was lifted out of his body as he lay in bed beside his wife, and he was taken up into paradise. However, because of the inexplicable and sublime love and joy that filled his soul, and the absolute peace and glorious splendour and beauty of heaven, he did not want to come back to earth. He begged the Angel of the

Lord not to bring him back! But he was told he had to come back, and he was brought back to be united again with his body, for he still had work to do at that time. The point I want to make in relating this scenario is this: He was told that "*nothing but perfect love can enter there.*" That is the point! Therefore, we must realise that nothing but perfect love is going in the rapture, if you understand what I mean. May God fill our hearts with perfect love, for it is divine love; holy love; God's love, for it is the visa to heaven. And it is the first fruit of the Spirit. Amen.

Continuing with the fruits of the Spirit recorded in Galatians Chapter 5, verse 22, the Bible states: "***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, JOY...***" Joy is the second fruit of the Spirit. It is such joy that when your whole world is collapsing, the possessor of it will simply be smiling, for nothing can take this joy away. Nothing! My! No, no, no, we are not there yet! But we will get there; not by power, nor by might, but by the Spirit of God. Remember the Word of our Bridegroom in John Chapter 16, verse 22, which he stated concerning

his imminent death in 33 AD: ***“And ye now therefore have sorrow: but I will see you again, AND YOUR HEART SHALL REJOICE, AND YOUR JOY NO MAN TAKETH FROM YOU.”***

Joy puts so much stimulation in the heart, that it puts its possessor in a happy state of mind. This virtue called joy, brothers and sisters, is related to the next attribute or fruit, because when God puts divine joy into your heart, a joy which the world cannot give or take away, you will have the next fruit, which is the third fruit of the Spirit, for you will have peace, even as it is written: ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, PEACE...”*** Peace that holds in the midst of the storm! Peace that cannot be ruffled, for it is peace like a river in your soul! Therefore, the more stones the devil throws at you, the more your inner peace grows, and the devil goes home utterly defeated and confounded and mad! That is precisely what the Lord Jesus promised us in the Gospel of Saint John Chapters 14, 15, and 16. In Chapter 15, verses 18-25, Jesus warned: ***“If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world***

***would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not Him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But this cometh to pass, that the Word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.”*** Again in Chapter 16, verses 1-4, Jesus warned: ***“These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you***

***will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them.”*** Then in verse 33, he explained why he stated these things, saying: ***“These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”*** Again, in Chapter 14, verse 27, he stated: ***“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”*** Yes, brothers and sisters, the Bride of Christ is going to walk in victory, for the victory which Christ won for us through the Cross of Calvary, will be expressed in her, that she may walk in its reality, living a victorious life. She will have victory over the flesh and its weakness; victory over the world and its allurements; and victory over the devil and all his wiles or devices, for her peace can no man take away. Period! But do not forget, everything will be by the power of the indwelling

Spirit of Jesus Christ. It is he who gives us joy unlimited, and peace divine. ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, LONGSUFFERING...”***

Longsuffering: This fourth virtue or fruit of the Spirit, enables us to bear with one another in our failures and shortcomings. We can be too short with people, and impatient with those who always fall short of the acceptable standard. But when the virtue of longsuffering takes hold in our hearts, it enables us to bear with one another, for we will then have understanding of our human frailty, knowing that it is strictly by the grace and mercy of God, that we have whatever capacity we have. For just as God exercises longsuffering in dealing with us, for He understands our frame as mortals, we will do likewise, if we will only let the Word of God speak to us. And truly, if there is any time we need to bear with one another, it is now, because the body of Christ is not yet in shape. This brings us to the fifth fruit of the Spirit: ***“But the fruit of the Spirit is... GENTLENESS...”***

Gentleness: Just as Christ had a gentle disposition and character, so also will we be gentle in our disposition, for it is a virtue

which is very endearing. Did you hear what I just said? This attribute makes us endearing. And as Bride saints, we should be endearing! We need to be, for the salvation and transformation of the Lord that we have, makes us a sweet people! We need to be endearing, if we are to bring people to Christ by our very lives, otherwise, all we have is only in our heads; just a mere profession! And God wants our lives to be a mirror of what true Godlikeness or Christianity is about, for He wants our lives to shine forth, positively affecting people around us. Hence Apostle Paul declared, that we should be a written epistle, to be seen and read of all men! Otherwise, our spirituality will be only in our minds, bearing no fruits that can endear the world to value what we have! Exactly! That is precisely why Jesus warned, saying: ***I send you into the world as lambs in the midst of wolves, but be ye wise as serpents and GENTLE AS DOVES!*** That is because, when people throw mud and insults and abusive words at you, when they treat you badly, and they speak ill of you, and you still treat them gently and kindly in return, not minding the insults and hurt, bearing

with them in their shortcomings, although they may not say anything to you in a positive way, nevertheless, by your action, they will realise deep down in their heart, that you are different, and that you are a child of God. Yes, they will, even though they may look at you with utter disdain! Absolutely! At any rate, did Saint Paul not warn us that at the end time, they will be haters and despisers of those that are good? Yes, he did! (2 Tim. 3:1-3). But in contrast, any contrary or negative reaction from you, any untoward or bad attitude, will only make them think you have nothing of value, for there is no saltiness in your conduct! Think about it! There is something endearing about God's true people, **FOR WE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH.** That is, we bring sweetness to the people around us. Just think on that for a moment, because in true reality, and just as it is written in Matthew Chapter 5, verses 13-16, ***“YE ARE THE SALT OF THE EARTH: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of***

*the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*" Gentleness is a fruit of the Spirit, and we should cultivate this fruit, for it is crucial in our daily walk. The sixth fruit of the Spirit is goodness, even as it is written: **"But the fruit of the Spirit is... GOODNESS..."** Saints of God, this is not talking of human goodness, but of divine goodness, being strictly one of the fruits of the Spirit of God. Consequently, it is goodness that is exercised or expressed, strictly under or by divine leadership. This enables its possessor to do good, even to those who do him bad! It makes him do good to all persons, irrespective of colour, race or nationality, and regardless of their lowly estate in life. And that is precisely what Jesus implored us to do! He declared in Matthew Chapter 5, verses 43-48: **"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour,**

**and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, DO GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE YOU, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for He maketh His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect."** Goodness is a vital fruit of the Spirit, which sets us apart from the carnal religious world, in our conduct and attitude. This attribute is followed by yet another virtue, which is faith. Faith is the seventh virtue in this Chapter, just as verse 22 states: **"But the fruit of the Spirit is... FAITH..."** This gives us nothing but perfect faith; faith that is unfeigned: It is revealed faith, and as such, it does not fail, for it is immutable and infallible. Remember, it is written in Hebrews Chapter 11, verse

6: **"BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM"** (WHO IS GOD): **"for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."** And according to verse 2, of Hebrews Chapter 2, the Bible states: **"For by it the elders obtained a good report."** Verses 4-10 declare: **"BY FAITH ABEL offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh. BY FAITH ENOCH was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God... BY FAITH NOAH, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. BY FAITH ABRAHAM, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and**

**he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.**" Faith! This is the foundation stone, or the corner stone of our salvation. To be devoid of this kind of faith, which is divine, for it is revealed faith, is to be devoid of everything divine. Verse 23 of Galatians Chapter 5, taken together with verse 22, give us the balance of the fruit of the Spirit, for it records: **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, MEEKNESS..."** Meekness: This eighth fruit of the Spirit, gives us that humble, and patient, and submissive, lowly disposition. One dictionary actually defines it as **"the feeling of patient s u b m i s s i v e humbleness"**. We are therefore looking at a virtue which expresses itself in a humble, timid, submissive, self-abasing attitude. As such, it is a virtue that is very much opposed to pride or arrogance, or to a loud, boisterous, and

assertive, right-claiming attitude, which is the trait of the spirit of this Laodicean age. And God loves a meek and quiet spirit, that patient submissive humbleness. Verse 23 gives us the ninth and final fruit of the Spirit. Also taken with verse 22, it records: **"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, TEMPERANCE..."** Temperance is self control. It is the divine ability to restrain oneself in the face of provocation, and also to do things in moderation, being measured and disciplined, holding a rein on oneself. Oh my! And in this highly materialistic Laodicean age, an age of over production, and overabundance of earthly goods and food, particularly in the western world, where food is wasted every day, yet an age where people never have enough, if there is any virtue we need at this end time, it is temperance. It is self control or self discipline. And as children of God, this is a virtue or fruit of the Spirit, which the Bride will certainly be exercised in, by God's hand of discipline, otherwise, we will not only use the world, we will also abuse or defile ourselves with it. In the

United States of America, for instance, in restaurants, people fill their plates with food, and barely touch it, and then they throw it away, and go for another set of food, all because it is a buffet! My! They are wasters! That country wastes so much food, that God is going to teach them a very hard lesson one of these days, for no nation can sustain such wastage! Yet, the world is faced with food shortages! And in Africa and India, people are rummaging through rubbish bins, scrapping a living, in order to put bare food on the table, because of famine, and corruption, a corrupt state occasioned by the extremely greedy and most selfish leadership, who can never steal enough! What a country of wasters America has become! And here I have to address my brethren: If you are not going to eat it, why take so much? It is better to take little, so you can finish it, before going for more, than to take so much, and then waste it, for God hates wastage. Brothers and sisters, in this highly materialistic age, we certainly need temperance! It is pathetic that today, believers no longer have contentment, because of the daily barrage of new

things, new models, new and better versions, which take away satisfaction and thankfulness from people, for whatsoever they have. It promotes a life devoid of true appreciation of God's goodness and mercy. People no longer appreciate God's blessings, for they only see new things, thereby making them become high minded, and ever discontented. It is not for nothing, when Apostle Paul admonished us in 1 Timothy Chapter 6, verses 3-12, saying: ***"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself. BUT GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT IS GREAT GAIN. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. AND HAVING FOOD AND RAIMENT LET US BE***

***THEREWITH CONTENT.***" (Did you hear that? The Bible says, Godliness with contentment is great gain): ***"But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."*** (Saint Paul now turned his attention to the ministry, and warned): ***"BUT THOU, O MAN OF GOD, FLEE THESE THINGS; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses."*** No matter the attraction or the pull of the world, with temperance, which is self control, you will put a rein on yourself; Otherwise, you will be a slave to your fleshly desires, and to everything the devil throws out there! But as I stated earlier, we must not forget that temperance is a fruit of the Spirit, and not one that is

exercised by men with strong wills, for the latter is carnal temperance. And it is the truth that if our life is ruled by the fruits of the Spirit, nothing can harm us, and nothing can be brought against us, for as Apostle Paul stated in Galatians Chapter 5, verse 23B: ***"...AGAINST SUCH THERE IS NO LAW."*** Precisely! It simply means that against such, there is no condemnation! Nothing can be spoken against such a person! Brother Paul reminds the Bride of Christ in verse 24, saying: ***"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."*** Yes, we crucified the flesh by the operation of the Spirit, as recorded in Romans Chapter 8, verse 13, which declares: ***"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: But if ye THROUGH THE SPIRIT do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."*** Hence in Galatians Chapter 5, verse 25, Apostle Paul implores, saying: ***"If we live in the Spirit"***, (or have been made to drink into the Spirit, being born again), ***"let us also walk in the Spirit"***. In verse 26, we are therefore warned not to be show offs, or to be attention seekers, wanting notice, telling the

world how wonderful we are, for God loves humility, even as it is written: ***“LET US NOT BE DESIROUS OF VAIN GLORY, provoking one another, envying one another.”*** Saints of God, it is God's desire that we be filled with the Spirit. There is nothing that can take the place of a Spirit filled life, one which is totally yielded to the dealing of God. It makes for a highly virtuous life, and is what will make for The Beautiful Bride!

Please come with me to the Epistle of Saint Peter, for he set forth the very same truth, concerning the fruits of the Spirit. Two is a witness. We will open up to the Book of 2 Peter Chapter 1. It records from verse 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.”*** It is God's divine power that gives everything to us, everything pertaining to eternal life and true spirituality, which is true godliness. It is the anointing that gives that to us; but we receive it because of the faith of Jesus Christ we receive, giving us the true

knowledge of God. Revelation therefore remains the key. Take away the true revealed faith of Christ, and you have absolutely nothing. When you turn down the truth of the Word, your so-called spirituality will collapse. It must collapse! I do not care how holy you used to live, and how dedicated and consecrated you seem to be, everything must collapse and corrupt! For when you play with the Word of life, every demon around will knock on the door of your heart, and take over your life, and your spirituality will collapse, for your life will become a football field for the devil. Your refuge is in the revelation of Jesus Christ: Because to know him is life. And to really know him, is to know him in his true divine revelation, which is strictly a Scriptural revelation. Exactly! Otherwise, you are deceived, for there is no other way to know him! Brothers and sisters, the revelation of Jesus is the key to life, and the exclusive basis of receiving God's divine power, which is the Holy Spirit. And without the Holy Spirit's indwelling, it is utterly impossible to live a true and victorious

Christian life. Without the infilling of the Holy Ghost, no man can live a life that is worthy of the Gospel. Simple! Your life will never be worthy of the Gospel! I have to emphasise this fact. Consider the salient facts Saint Paul laid down in the Book of Romans Chapter 8. We will take it from verse 1, and it reads: ***“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are IN Christ Jesus...”*** And how do we get IN Christ Jesus? 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verse 13, spells it out, for it clearly states: ***“FOR BY ONE SPIRIT ARE WE ALL BAPTIZED INTO ONE BODY,”*** (WHICH IS THE BODY OF CHRIST), ***“WHETHER WE BE Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink INTO ONE SPIRIT.”*** That is precisely how we get into Christ Jesus. It therefore means that you cannot join the body of Christ. You have to be born into that body by a spiritual birth, for it is a spiritual body. As such, you can join Bible Faith Tabernacle, and still not be a member of the true body of Christ. Because you cannot join the body of Christ! You have to be born into it, by the infilling of the Holy Ghost. That is why,

brothers and sisters, we will not sit on our oars, but we will continue to plead the Word of promise. And I say this to as many as are yet to receive the Holy Spirit infilling, for inasmuch as Jesus Christ is still on the mercy seat, I must give encouragement to God's people: All you can do is to continue to plead God's Word of promise, and seek His face with fasting and praying, "Lord fill me. And till my change come, I will wait on you oh Lord." Just trust Him, for He is faithful, and does not fail. If you truly believe, He will meet with you, for there is an appointed time of God for everything, for He makes things beautiful in His time. Just believe His Word, knowing assuredly that He does not fail. Remember the promise of God in Luke Chapter 11, verses 9-13, which states: **"And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a**

**fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"** Your place is to believe the Word, stand firmly and sincerely for it, and constantly plead the promise of God, praying earnestly for the infilling of the Holy Ghost. It is the place of God to fill you. But remember, **"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"**. As such, you must believe: Only believe! For the key to the Spirit, or the avenue to receiving the Spirit, is the belief of the Word. Hence the *early church* apostles declared, as it is written in Acts Chapter 5, verse 32: **"And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, WHOM GOD HATH GIVEN TO THEM THAT OBEY HIM."** Therefore I repeat: Stay with the revealed Word, and look to God sincerely for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, and He will fill you. But only believe, for God is faithful. The Pentecost EXPERIENCE is a reality, and is the same today, as it was yesterday. As such, do not try to stick feathers,

or mimic the experience, and do not try to force something, creating sparks for yourself, for it will not work! I hope that helps somebody. But there is nothing that will take the place of a true born again experience in your life, for that is what works true conversion, deep down in your soul, where it really matters, enabling you to live acceptably to God. Let us quickly go back to Romans Chapter 8, starting from verse 1. It reads: **"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are IN Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."** Watch verse 2: **"For THE LAW"**; (There is a law, OR POWER; The law or the power) **"OF THE SPIRIT OF LIFE IN CHRIST JESUS hath made me free"**, (or set me free), **"from the law of sin and death."** In other words, it has set me free from the power of sin and death. There is a law or power in the revelation of Jesus Christ. There is a law or power in the Spirit of the Almighty God, that sets free from the power of sin and death. And indeed, there is redeeming power in divine revelation, for the Spirit of God will energize

it, if only you receive the pure seed of the revealed Word into your soul. And if it be buried in your soul, God will water it to life, for God will cause it to come forth to life! Yes! God will raise it up, for there is power in the Gospel of Jesus Christ! It sets free from the power of sin and death. Verse 3: ***“For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned”*** (or judged) ***“sin in the flesh”*** (of His Son Jesus). Why? What is the purpose? What is the essence? Verse 4 gives it to us. It states that God condemned sin in the flesh of Jesus, ***“THAT THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF THE LAW MIGHT BE FULFILLED IN US, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”*** That simply lets us know, that although we are no longer under the law, however, the righteousness demands of the law remains, nonetheless, because there is an objective for why God gave the law, and that objective still holds! It stands! There is a righteousness God wants from us, but because of the weakness of the flesh,

we could not fulfil the law's objective. But yet, the law was just, and there was a righteousness it was seeking to establish, which righteousness we could not attain on account of our fallen nature. It took Christ to give that righteousness to us, for our divine enabler is Christ Jesus. Note that! That is why it is written, ***“that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us”***, who live under grace! Therefore, we must all realise that the righteousness of the law still stands. Yes, it stands! The law may have been taken out for us Gentiles, but the objective for giving the law still remains. Because God gave the law in order to straighten out Israel to live a holy acceptable life! But that objective could not be accomplished because of the fallen or sinful nature of man. Consequently, God sent His Son, and offered his soul as an offering for sin, and that by receiving his message of life, we may receive the divine enabler, which is the Spirit of the resurrected Christ. This infilling experience is how our hearts are circumcised, and we are transformed, thereby enabling us to live for God,

in the light of the objective of the law: That is, living a righteous life, from the depths of our hearts, our conscience having been sprinkled with the blood of the Lamb, and thoroughly purged from sin. Precisely! Do not forget, that under the law, once you did not commit the sin physically, taking the sin of fornication as an example, you were held guiltless, even though your heart was as filthy as filthy can be. But now under grace, our heart is circumcised, and as such, we no longer have defiled hearts, but a clean conscience, pure hearts, and the holiness we radiate, is coming from way down within, as opposed to a mere outward appearance of holiness, but with defiled hearts, which is nothing but hypocrisy. This is precisely the truth Jesus was setting forth in Matthew Chapter 23, when he chastised the Scribes and Pharisees for their false and empty holiness, and for placing emphasis on a mere outward sanctimonious appearance, rather than on inner purity. He declared in verses 25-28, saying: ***“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the***

*cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."* My! The emphasis of God is first on true conversion of the soul, rather than on mere outward appearances and religious works, because in the latter state, the heart remains defiled and hardened, therefore carnal, not being regenerated! Hence Apostle Paul warned in Galatians Chapter 6, verse 7, saying: "**Be not deceived; God is not mocked...**" That is, God or God-likeness cannot be imitated! Brothers and sisters, holiness is a state of heart, for the state of a man's heart, determines his true spiritual condition. Therefore, AS A MAN

**"THINKETH IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE."** (Prov. 23:7). As I earlier stated, you either have that new nature, or you do not, for the Spirit indwelling is what makes the difference. And that is precisely why the Lord places great premium on the new birth: For God is looking for spiritual worshippers, an elect people who will worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. That is, those who will worship Him in the beauty of holiness, being spiritually minded. This is the utmost desire of the Lord. Therefore, **"YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN!"** Hence, the Bible declares in Romans Chapter 8, continuing from verse 5: **"For they that are after the flesh"**, (or that are born after the flesh), **"do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit"**, (or that are born after the Spirit), **"the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."** (Why?) **"Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, neither indeed can be"!** Did you hear that? The unregenerate

man is not subject to the law of the Spirit of God. Verse 8 seals it, by declaring: **"SO THEN THEY THAT ARE IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD."** Period! That is precisely why we need the renewal of our minds: We need to be born again! And just in case we are confused as to who is in the flesh, and who is in the Spirit, or we are confused as to the application of what it means to be in the flesh, and what it means to be in the Spirit, verse 9 now lays it out plainly and categorically, declaring: **"But ye are not IN the flesh, but IN the Spirit";** (On what condition are we in the Spirit?) **"IF SO BE THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELL IN YOU..."** Halleluia! We are in the Spirit strictly on account of the indwelling of the Holy Ghost! Consequently, verse 9 concludes: **"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."** Period! That is hot! But it is the absolute truth nonetheless, for this is what separates seeds from none seeds; wheat from chaff; clean from unclean; and reality from fiction! Brothers and sisters, the new birth makes the difference! Do not settle for anything

else, or for anything less. Verse 10 therefore declares: **“And if Christ be IN you,”** (by the infilling of the Holy Ghost), **“the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”** Halleluia! Now listen to verse 11: **“But if the Spirit of Him”** (that is, the Spirit of God), **“that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He”** (God) **“that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken”** (or energize, or give life to) **“your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.”** Saints of God, I repeat: The quickening power is what makes the difference. For before his full conversion on the Day of Pentecost, Apostle Peter was a very hot headed brother, very stubborn, very self-willed, very impulsive, and very wild. He was the one that went **“a fishing”**, instead of waiting for the promise of the Father, and the rest of the disciples, precisely six in number, followed him. John Chapter 21, verse 3 records: **“Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also go with thee. They went forth, and entered into a ship immediately; and that night they caught**

**nothing.”** Christ had to come for them by the sea of Tiberias, to bring them back to the upper room, where they were supposed to be waiting in the first place! But look at this scenario for a second. Verses 4-7 paint an amusing picture. It records: **“But when the morning was now come, Jesus stood on the shore: but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. Then Jesus saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the ship, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. Therefore that disciple whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. Now when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his fisher's coat unto him, (FOR HE WAS NAKED,) and did cast himself into the sea.”** That was Peter for you: The man with the keys into the kingdom! That was Peter before his conversion, although God knew the deposit of grace in his life! He was the one that cut off the ear of a Roman soldier, when the Jews sought to arrest

Jesus at the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus told him, **“He that kills by the sword must die by the sword. Put back your sword.”** He was also the one that impulsively wanted to walk on water, only for him later to go into unbelief, when he suddenly realised the seriousness of what he was doing! He began to sink, and he had to call out to the Master, saying in desperation: **“Master, I sink!”** That lets us see that he was very forward. I am not saying these things to knock or belittle the servant of God, for he was faithful. I say it to let you see that the Pentecost experience he had, is what changed everything for him; for before that experience, he even denied the Lord, although he immediately repented. Hence Christ warned him seriously in Luke Chapter 22, verses 31-32: **“And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and WHEN THOU ART CONVERTED, strengthen thy brethren.”** But on the Day of Pentecost, brothers and sisters, in the upper room,

when the Spirit came, Not only was Peter converted that day, the rest of the disciples were also converted, for their lives were changed forever! Their lives were so changed, until even they themselves could not walk straight, being filled with the Spirit! As they were staggering down the staircase from the upper room, I ask you, did anyone of them tumble and break his neck? No, not one! And when your own anointing comes, you have to destroy everything on your way; everything around you has to be destroyed, because you have the anointing on you: That would not be the Spirit of God! I once had a relation who had an expensive spirit. Whenever he gets in the "spirit", if it is your glass table that is near him, God have mercy: He will smash up everything! That is not the Spirit of God! That is why I said he had an expensive spirit, for it was nothing but a contrary spirit. However, the issue is this: Church, they were so filled with the Spirit, like Brother Branham said, "until their languages changed"! They were so drunk with the Spirit, that they could not even walk straight; and yet they did

not fall and break their necks! They were so filled with the Spirit, until their lives changed for good, and they became holiness unto the Lord. Brothers and sisters, there is life transforming power in the Gospel! "... **For it is the power of God unto salvation**"! That is the anointing! Brethren, as it is written, if the Spirit that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He God will energize or quicken your mortal bodies. The hold or the power of the flesh will be broken. The power of sin will be destroyed. The attraction of the world will cease, because the Spirit of Christ in you will exemplify himself in and through you. That is precisely what Apostle Paul stated in Galatians Chapter 2, verse 20, when he declared: "***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***", (not by faith IN Christ, but by the faith OF) "***the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.***" What is he telling us in essence? It is simply that it is Christ in him living his divine life. It is Christ in him expressing

his Word. It is Christ in him bearing his fruits. It is Christ in him fulfilling his Word and expressing his faith. It is Christ in him carrying out his works, and fulfilling his plan. Hence he declared: "***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.***" In other words, by the operation of faith, and by the power of the indwelling of the Spirit of Christ, it is not me living this new life, because Paul is dead; Saul of Tarsus is dead: It is Christ in me! And as it is written: "***Christ in you the hope of glory***"! Halleluia! I have to ask: If it is not that, how else will you give God acceptable service? How else will you worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness? Remember, we are talking about *The Beautiful Bride*, the exclusive Bride clothed with divine glory, and one who is radiating the true and enduring spiritual beauty the world has never seen! Have you forgotten what our Saviour said in John Chapter 15, verse 5? We will take it, beginning from verse 4.

The Bible reads: ***“Abide in me, and I in you.”*** (How? By the infilling of the Holy Ghost)! ***“As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”*** Look at a tree with its branches, and look at the fruits hanging on its branches. Those branches do not bear the fruits we see. It is the life of the vine that is pushing itself through the branches to produce the fruits! Fruits come from the vine, as it pushes its life through the branches! And as Jesus declared in this passage of Scripture, He (Christ) is the vine, and we are the branches. Consequently, without Christ, we can do nothing! There is no fruitfulness anybody can have outside of the indwelling and the leadership of the Spirit of Christ! Halleluiaah! Church, it is that power that makes the difference! It is that indwelling power we receive that makes the difference. Why? Because that power is what God is going to use to energise the seed of the Word that

has been sown into our hearts, to bring forth the produce, or the life of the original seed! And that is precisely what will make us beautiful, as God uses the adverse circumstances of life we face, to work upon us, to bring out that goodly life in us, that godly nature, created in Christ's likeness. That is why Brother Branham declared that character is not a gift, but a victory. However, the divine power which we receive, which empowers or enables us unto true fruitfulness, and Christly virtue, uses discipline to mould us into Christ likeness, thereby enabling the virtues of the Spirit to come forth.

Having set forth these things, we will now go back to consider 2 Peter Chapter 1, and again pick up from verse 3, where Saint Peter also sets forth the character or attributes of the Spirit. It records: ***“According as His divine power hath given unto us...”*** (Did you hear that? According as God's divine power hath given unto us... It is His divine power that does that, for it is God who enables us. But it has a basis. Remember, Apostle Peter was not writing to the drunk on the road, but to

the saints, who are THE SANCTIFIED ONES, people who have been filled with the Spirit of God. And he declared by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, that God's divine power hath, past tense, given unto us), ***“ALL THINGS that pertain unto life and godliness”***, (or all things that pertain unto true spirituality), ***“THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: THAT BY THESE”*** (PROMISES revealed in the Word), ***“ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*** Saints of God, there is no other way to be a part of the beautiful Bride. The Bible, which is the inspired Word of God, is what gives these precious and glorious promises to us, and the just shall live by faith! Therefore, as many as turn down the revelation of truth, only dispossess themselves. Simple! According as God's divine power hath given unto us, all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Jesus Christ... Brothers and sisters, EVERYTHING STILL COMES BACK TO

THE WORD! What can you do without the Word of God? Where will you go that you will not face the revealed Word? And what are you going to do with the revealed Word? Whoever offends the Scriptures, offends his own soul! When you stand for truth, you are not standing for Brother Amos! You are standing for yourself! And likewise, when you turn truth down, you turn truth down for yourself! If you come to church, it is not a favour, and you do not come for the pastor: You come for yourself! And if you do not come, it is for yourself that you do not come! But I will tell you this: Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Precisely! Church, look at what the Apostle Peter says in the Scriptures. Verse 3: ***“According as His divine power hath given unto us ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS”***: Everything you need for true spirituality and life, is in whatever measure of the Spirit you receive from the Lord! He has everything you need for a true Christian walk! Moreover, we receive the Spirit, ***“... through the knowledge of Him...”*** In other words: You receive Him because you believe. You receive

Him because of your firm and faithful stand for the revealed faith of Jesus Christ! Outside of the belief of the true Gospel of Jesus, you have nothing, and receive nothing, for you cannot be saved outside of His Word! And if you have truly received the infilling of the Holy Spirit, which is the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of the Word, you will not turn down ANY truth. If you do, then I assure you, that you have not received the Holy Ghost. You may have received another spirit though, but not the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth, who leads into ALL TRUTH. I do not care how much you speak in tongues, or how much you interpret tongues, or how much you prophesy, or how much dreams and visions you have: If you reject the truth of the Word when it is presented to you, there is another spirit in you keeping you from the truth! That is an absolute fact, most undeniable! For it is written: ***“Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, HE WILL GUIDE YOU INTO ALL TRUTH.”*** The belief of the truth, or the continuous leadership into truth, AND a Christ-like life, give us the evidence, the infallible evidence, of

the infilling of the Holy Ghost. Period! Because we cannot have the Holy Ghost without having the nature and character of Christ! Let us go back to 2 Peter Chapter 1. We will take it again from verse 3. It states: ***“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: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious PROMISES: that by these”*** (PROMISES), ***“ye might be partakers of THE DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*** Brothers and sisters, I repeat: Since it is strictly by these great and precious promises we become partakers of the divine nature, it lets us know without any shadow of doubt, that there is no way we will ever live a godly and an acceptable life unto God, outside of the belief of, and the absolute followership, of the revealed Word! Period! Because it is our belief of the truth which entitles us to the Spirit infilling, by which we are divinely empowered unto life and godliness! Precisely! There is

absolutely no other way! Yes, you may live as a moralist, which is good, and is not condemned; but you will still not have a life that God will accept! Because your morality has no soul saving virtue, and hence, placed against the Word of God by which we are saved, it is a stench in the nostrils of God: Because you were born in sin, and therefore bear a fallen and condemned nature! And consequently, a lot of moralists will end up in hell, for it is not only wicked people that are going to hell: Moralists will end up there as well, unless and except they walk in the saving light of Jesus Christ our Lord. And truly speaking, hell will be full of a lot of good people as well, people who never gambled, never spoke a lie, never smoked a pipe, simply because God is not looking for good people, but for those who will be humble enough to submit to His revealed plan of salvation, accepting salvation strictly on God's terms, for salvation is strictly of God! For the judgment of God remains firm, declaring categorically, that, **"The soul that sinneth, it shall die!"** (Eze. 18:20). **"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is**

**eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord!"** (Rom.6:23). **"FOR ALL HAVE SINNED, AND COME SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD."** (Rom. 3:23). **"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that ALL HAVE SINNED."** (Rom. 5:12). And unless you believe, all are condemned to death in the lake of fire, whether you are good, or whether you are bad, for we were all born with a fallen sinful nature, every last one of us. God has subjected everything to vanity, and consequently, that everything might be redeemed in hope! 2 Peter Chapter 1, verse 4, declares: **"Whereby are given unto us exceeding GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES: that by these...."** Why can you not see these wonderful promises? And why will they not enthuse your soul, and also stir your heart, to want to attain to the glorious spiritual state God has designed for you? Glorious promises are hanging on the Bride at this end time! Consequently, it is certain that glorious times are right ahead of us. Oh my! What on earth can be compared with it? Nothing! **"Whereby are**

**given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these"** (promises) **"ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."** Now watch verse 5, for it admonishes: **"And beside this, GIVING ALL DILIGENCE..."** Now that is something very important for you and me to do, in our walk with God. Even when you believe the Word, and you are filled with the Spirit, you must yield totally to God's will, and diligently work out your salvation, with fear and trembling. It takes diligence and perseverance, for this is not an "easy believe easy" jolly walk! Because God is going to use trying circumstances and adverse situations of life that you face, to deal with your nature, that you may grow in the character of Christ. Are you with me? Because we are facing temptations to sin every single day, and the old man must be kept dead! Therefore, God is going to use various tests and trials and circumstances of life, to mould us into His divine nature, for it takes the chastening or discipline hand of God. Therefore, we must learn to yield to God in all things, and in all

circumstances and situations of life. It takes our yieldedness to God. That is why we cannot take offence at truth, whether sweet or bitter, because truth is truth! And if something is the truth, what will you do with it? You cannot reject it simply because you do not like it, or even because it hurts! Truth sometimes hurts! But though it hurts, it is meant to do you good. It is like a medical doctor who performs surgery on you, and opens you up. Yes, it hurts, even for many months thereafter! But we let him do the job, and we are even thankful to God for the successful operation, even though we hurt from the operation, simply because we look at the bigger picture: The fact that it has saved our mortal lives! Why will we not also allow the great Physician to do His work in our lives? And most times than not, the Lord will use the ministry to touch on the areas of your life that need surgery. But most times, we fight the ministry for it, and get annoyed, and exhibit terrible attitudes. Our attitude is summed up in this statement: *“No, Brother Amos, just preach on revelation, and do not talk about my character. Do not talk about what I did, and do not mention my name... Do*

*not do this, and do not do that... Oh, Brother Amos is talking about me...”* If he does not talk about you, who is he going to talk about: The cat or the dog running the roads out there? And if you are already perfect, what are you doing here? So there is nothing to be ashamed about, even if you have to face public discipline, or scolding before the brethren, for we are family; we are one. As long as everything is done by the Word, AND with a right spirit, it is well. Because nothing is done so as to control your life, or to bring you down! My sincere prayer therefore is this: *“Lord, whatever needs straightening out in my life, please straighten me out, and get me in shape and in tune with Thyself. Even if I have to walk on my head in order to set right, just help me to do so. I only want to be right with you, and be pleasing in thy sight. I just want to make it in the rapture. Therefore, help me to set things right, whilst I still have the chance, for once I cross Jordan, there is nothing I can set right thereafter. It would be too late.”*

Please take special note of the divine instruction in 2 Peter Chapter 1, verse 5. It

admonishes: ***“And beside this, giving all diligence, ADD to your faith VIRTUE.”*** Brothers and sisters, you must understand that you cannot add what has not yet been invested in you, what you do not yet have of God! Exactly! You can squeeze an orange as much as you like, but blood will never come out of it. Do you know why? It is simply because blood is not in it to start with! In order for blood to ooze out of an orange when it is squeezed, there must be blood in it to begin with. That is why the infilling of the Holy Ghost, which gives us the new birth, is the basis for this injunction, for Saint Peter wrote this strictly to the saints, who are the sanctified ones! You cannot give or add what you do not have! But with the infilling of the Spirit of Christ, you are invested with all the potentials of God. All God needs to do, seeing you are now a new creature, is to make you grow in the divine nature, by squeezing you, using tests and trials to bring forth these virtues. Hence it is written in the Book of Hebrews Chapter 12, verses 1-11: ***“Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay***

*aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, 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. For consider him that endured such contradiction” (or false accusations) “of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin. And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected*

*us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; BUT HE FOR OUR PROFIT, THAT WE MIGHT BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: n e v e r t h e l e s s A F T E R W A R D I T Y I E L D E T H T H E P E A C E A B L E F R U I T O F R I G H T E O U S N E S S U N T O T H E M W H I C H A R E E X E R C I S E D T H E R E B Y .” I am simply showing you the way, the good old way, which has been restored to us at this evening time. Period! Brothers and sisters, having been filled with the Spirit, you are now enjoined to “add to YOUR FAITH ...” That lets us see, for it confirms the fact, that FAITH is the first gem stone, or the first building block, the first foundation stone, in our entire spiritual structure or makeup! Exactly! Because by faith we are saved! Therefore, it is the foundation attribute, and the bedrock for every other attribute of the Spirit. Consequently, without it, we have nothing, and can bear nothing, spiritually*

speaking. FAITH IS THE FOUNDATION. For to be devoid of it, is to be devoid of true divine spirituality. And this faith is nothing other than the revealed faith of Jesus Christ our Saviour, the foundation and source of life and godliness. Faith is the first divine attribute or fruit of the Spirit. It is the key, the foundation for everything. And once this attribute is in place, for it has been established, then, “Add to your faith VIRTUE.” Virtue simply means power, spiritual power. Remember the woman with the issue of blood in Luke Chapter 8, who secretly touched the hem of the garment of Jesus Christ, and was made whole. Jesus immediately knew someone had touched him, because virtue or divine power went out of him! That is virtue. And by it, supernatural things are done. Brothers and sisters, this should make us realise that no one can add these things, unless he already has them as a potential deposit, in his or her soul. Absolutely! Because you cannot add what you do not have! You have to have virtue invested in you, to start with, in order to add it! Period! All these attributes are fruits of the Spirit. So you must have the Spirit in

order to have these attributes, as a potential deposit in your soul. God will then have to work upon your life, using various tests and trials, and the various circumstances and situations we face every day, to cultivate these divine attributes in us, that we may grow in Christ's likeness. Therefore, the m e a s u r e o f o u r yieldedness to God, in all the things which He allows the devil to throw at us, determines the rate of our growth. However, if our attitude in all these tests and trials is still not good, and we do not want to learn, that we may grow, but rather, we murmur and complain, and develop a negative attitude, then, as God's elect seeds, if He has to break our legs, or put us on an operating table in an emergency Hospital ward somewhere, He will do so. As a seed, you will do His bidding, or he will simply call you home, if you will bring reproach. Simple! Verse 5: ***“And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue KNOWLEDGE;*** (true knowledge; divine knowledge; the perfect light of Christ, which we have by the Continuity light); ***“And to know ledge TEMPERANCE;*** (which is self-control). Saints of God,

as I stated earlier, we live in an age where people lack temperance, particularly when it comes to food and acquiring material things. They have a lust for food, especially when they see everything displayed on the table. It is like they will eat till they drop! Yet, the western world is struggling with obesity and diabetes! They cannot control their appetite for food; and they eat too many sweet things, food that is overly garnished, and overly processed, and this only kills the human body! And they want diabetes to go! They come every day on the prayer line for healing, and go back to eating things that are not good for them, and they wonder why their diabetes is not abating! Why will you kill yourself? If you know you are diabetic, then stop eating sweet and starchy things! Period! But no, it is the very things that will kill them that they keep on eating, and on a voracious scale, and yet they ask, *“Brother, please pray for me, for I have diabetes.”* There is no need to pray for you! You just need to exercise temperance! That is all the situation requires, because you do not have to eat everything you see on the table, simply because it is free, or simply because it

is a buffet, particularly when you know it is not good for you! Where is your self control? A man should be able to control his appetite at the table, for he should be able to put his body under subjection. But let me also warn that temperance is not applicable to food alone. It also applies to acquiring of the things of this world, like clothes, shoes, bags, cars, electronics, and all carnal things of this world, amongst other things. That is precisely why Apostle Paul admonished us in 1 Corinthians Chapter 7, verses 29-31, saying: ***“But this I say, brethren, the time is short: it remaineth, that both they that have wives be as though they had none; And they that weep, as though they wept not; and they that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and they that buy, as though they possessed not; And they that use this world, AS NOT ABUSING IT: for the fashion of this world passeth away.”*** Apostle John also warned in 1 John Chapter 2, verses 15-17, saying: ***“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is***

*in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and THE PRIDE OF LIFE, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*" We should have self control. It is not everything we see that we must have, until we cannot have enough. It would constitute an abuse of God's provision. We will learn temperance, whether we like it or not, by the dealing of the Spirit of Almighty God, if we are true seeds. However, I must also warn, just as I warned earlier: The temperance we are dealing with here, is not a fleshly one, but a holy one, being a fruit of the Spirit. In his sermon titled, *The Stature of A Perfect Man*, page 33, from paragraph 6, Brother Branham stated: ***"But we're talking about Holy Spirit temperance. That means how to control your tongue not be a tattler"*** (or busy-body); ***"how to control your temper, not fly off anytime anybody speaks cross to you. Oh, my, Lord, a lot of us, are going to fall off before we get started. Aren't we? Then we wonder why God's not in His Church***

***doing miracles and things that He used to do. Add these things. Add temperance to it. Temperance how to answer in kindness when wrath is spoke to you. Somebody say, "You bunch of holy rollers down there." Don't jump out and roll up your sleeves, now not that, but talk with godly love. Temperance kindness. Is that the way you want to be? When you're riled upon, rile not back. Let Him be your example. When they said, "If Thou be the Son of God, turn these stones into bread." He could have done it, and shown He was God, but He had temperance. When they called Him "Beelzebub", He said, "I forgive you for it." That's right? They pulled hands full of beard out of His face, and spit in His face, and said, "Come down off the Cross." He said, "Father forgive them; they don't even know what they're doing... He had temperance." It is to be provoked and not respond.*** A fleshly person responds to insults and provocation, for he burns with self, but temperance shows restraint, for he can contain all the dirt the enemy throws. Temperance is a holy

virtue, and it goes to the root of our character. 2 Peter Chapter 1, verses 5-6, also implores: ***"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance PATIENCE...."*** People generally do not like to exercise patience for anything. They are impatient for everything. Yet, it is a very essential virtue or attribute, an attribute which forms a gateway to spiritual development or growth, for nothing happens overnight. And it is one fruit of the Spirit which we all, in the body of Christ, will have. And there is only one exclusive way for patience to come. It comes through trials, as revealed in James Chapter 1, verses 2-4, which states: ***"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations"*** (or trials); ***"Knowing this, that THE TRYING OF YOUR FAITH WORKETH PATIENCE. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."*** Hence in Romans Chapter 5, verses 1-5, Apostle Paul also stated: ***"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God***

**through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, BUT WE G L O R Y I N TRIBULATIONS ALSO: KNOWING THAT TRIBULATION” (OR TRIALS) “WORKETH PATIENCE; AND PATIENCE, EXPERIENCE; AND EXPERIENCE, HOPE: AND HOPE MAKETH NOT ASHAMED; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.”** Jesus the Christ was a very patient man, and he showed us the way to go. For through his patient acceptance of God's will, and by his perfect obedience to God in all that he suffered, his patience was made manifest to us. Therefore, as the Bride of Christ, we must be assured of this one thing: In attaining the Beautiful Bride state, patience is an attribute we will all have, whether we like it or not, and whether we pray for it or not; it will come. And knowing that there is no other way for us to have patience, other than by trials, then, we must realise that trials will come our way, regardless

of our feelings. We do not need to pray for trials; they will come, for God alone determines what we are to face, and to what extent, knowing precisely what we can take, and what we cannot take. And the earlier we yield to God, and let Him have His way, having a positive attitude in these trials, and not a negative one, we will pass the test, and we can move on to another virtue. Otherwise, our trials will only mount up, for God will not let off the pressure, for he is not your grandfather! This is very material, if there is to be The Beautiful Bride! Precisely! This is how God will get rid of a lot of ugly things of our flesh. And most times, you do not know your real state, until trouble comes. Because if those troubles do not come, you will think you are calm, when you really are not. God will have to stir up adverse conditions to make you react as only you can, that you may realise you are not yet there. You are not! A lot of trouble will come, for there is no other way for you to lose that impatience, but through a truck load of trouble, until you are sick and tired of yourself, and you say, Lord I am tired, please help me, for I am undone. But remember, impatience is

not anger, for I must differentiate the two, even though they are like twins. Impatience and anger are two different things. As for anger, God has to take out the root of it from your heart, in order for anger to go: For what you face outside, cannot calm the “serpent” of anger biting from within! Take away the root of anger, and you will be as cool as a cucumber. But aside of true conversion, nothing else will work to take away anger. It is a “serpent” within. We must cultivate the attribute of patience, knowing that things happen according to God's will or permission, and further, we must also realise that things happen only at God's own time, and as such, and as it is written, **He that believeth doth not make haste!** It is humble submission to the will of God in all things, and in all situations, without getting ruffled and flustered. 2 Peter Chapter 1, verse 6 also states: **“And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience GODLINESS.”** We are also to bear the fruit of godliness, for we are to add this attribute. And what is godliness? Godliness is coined from the word God. It is a derivative of God. (In

other words, it is derived from the word God). As such, it simply means to be godly in character and conduct. It is to be like God. And that is exactly what God says in 1 Peter Chapter 1, verses 15-16: **“But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation”** (or conduct); **“Because it is written, BE YE HOLY; FOR I AM HOLY.”** Again in Matthew Chapter 5, verse 48, Jesus Christ enjoined us, saying: **“BE YE THEREFORE PERFECT, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.”** It is a divine ability, which allows us to know how we are to behave or conduct ourselves acceptably at all times, particularly in public, exemplifying (or characterising) godliness, not drawing any negative attention to ourselves. 2 Peter Chapter 1, verse 7, adds: **“And to godliness BROTHERLY KINDNESS...”** And if we are truly and divinely kind to one another, we will have respect for one another, love one another sincerely, that is without hypocrisy or backbiting, and we will also be mindful of one another's feelings, showing mercy and help, anyway we can, in order to lighten the

burden of God's weary pilgrims. It is having an overview of the plight of God's people, and doing something to put a smile upon their faces, knowing that out there, all we face is adversity and persecution. This attribute takes away selfishness and self centredness, and it makes for thoughtfulness. Kindness therefore, is not just in terms of giving food and clothing and money, but also in kind words and actions, by which others are edified or lifted up. Finally, what are we also to add? **“... and to brotherly kindness CHARITY.”** Charity is love, divine love, which is the fulfilment of all laws, even as it is written in Romans Chapter 13, verses 8-10, which states: **“OWE NO MAN ANY THING, BUT TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. LOVE WORKETH NO ILL TO HIS NEIGHBOUR: THEREFORE LOVE IS**

**THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW.”** In Romans Chapter 12, verses 9-21, Saint Paul also admonished us, saying: **“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. BLESS THEM WHICH PERSECUTE YOU: BLESS, AND CURSE NOT. Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. RECOMPENSE TO NO MAN EVIL FOR EVIL. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written,**

**Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. B E N O T O V E R C O M E O F E V I L, B U T O V E R C O M E E V I L W I T H G O O D.** Charity is the fulfilling of all things, for everything is wrapped up in love, for God is love.

Brothers and sisters, if we allow the Spirit of God to mould our lives, that we cultivate the fruits of the Spirit invested in us by the infilling of the Holy Ghost, we will be most fruitful in our Christian walk, for we shall be just as Apostle Peter declared, in 2 Peter Chapter 1, verses 8-11: ***“For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: FOR IF YE DO THESE THINGS, YE SHALL NEVER FALL: For so an entrance shall be***

***ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.”*** And that is so true. Hence, it is written in the Book of Psalm 1: ***“Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night. AND HE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER, THAT BRINGETH FORTH HIS FRUIT IN HIS SEASON; HIS LEAF ALSO SHALL NOT WITHER; AND WHATSOEVER HE DOETH SHALL PROSPER. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.”*** Brothers and sisters, as I have been emphasising, this should let us see that we cannot do without the Holy Ghost indwelling, for all that pertain to life and

godliness, is in the Spirit, and so are all these divine attributes. However, I want you to also remember, just as I stated earlier, that the measure of the Spirit we receive, is God in us, and this measure of the Spirit in us, has all the potentials of God invested in us, and as such, it is enough to do the job; although it does not mean that we will be able to live up to all those potentials. The state or the rate of our growth, is not determined by the potentials of the Spirit of God we have, but by the measure of the Spirit of God we receive, or the measure of the Spirit that is invested in us, for we receive the Spirit in measure, even though whatever measure of the Spirit we have, has all the potentials of God! Note that! Only Jesus had the Spirit without measure, even as John Chapter 3, verse 34, declares: ***“For he”*** (Jesus) ***“whom God hath sent speaketh the Words of God: FOR GOD GIVETH NOT THE SPIRIT BY MEASURE UNTO HIM.”*** Therefore, ***“... in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily”!*** (Col. 2:9). In our case, we all receive the Spirit in different measures, which measure is determined strictly by God.

But the measure we receive is also what determines the fold of Christians we are, according to the parable of the Sower: Whether a Hundred Fold Christian, a Sixty Fold Christian, or a Thirty Fold Christian! Matthew Chapter 13, verses 1-9 record: ***“The same day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And great multitudes were gathered together unto him, so that he went into a ship, and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an HUNDREDFOLD, some***

***SIXTYFOLD, some THIRTYFOLD. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.***” The measure of the Spirit we receive, shows the capacity we have, for God will not give a measure to any man, above the capacity God sees in him, the capacity that he has by the grace of God! Everything is determined by God, and it speaks of our individual talents or abilities. This is precisely what determines the state of our growth, even though whatever measure of the Spirit we receive, has all the potentials of God in it. Consequently, you can expect a faster growth rate, as well as a higher production capacity, from a hundredfold Christian, more than that of a sixtyfold Christian, or that of a thirtyfold. And this in itself lets us realise, that when it comes to men in the ministry of the Bride, and like the chief apostle of this end time sometimes stated, God will not use a thirtyfold Christian in the ministry. The reason should be obvious: For if the Bride is to attain all what God has ordained for her to attain, and within the time structure God has set in His Sovereign Omniscient mind, and also knowing the limitations saints with lesser capacity will face, if

they are to lead a universal body of saints, common sense therefore dictates, that we see God's wisdom in using only high capacity saints, or men with many talents, in the ministry of the Bride, being the original super builders of God's kingdom! Matthew Chapter 25, verses 14-30 records: ***“For the kingdom of heaven is as a man”*** (typifying Jesus the Christ), ***“travelling into a far country, who called HIS OWN SERVANTS, and delivered unto them his goods. And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one”***; (Now watch what the next clause in verse 15 states, for it plainly declares): ***“TO EVERY MAN ACCORDING TO HIS SEVERAL ABILITY; and straightway took his journey.”*** (God knows precisely the ability of every man, and also invests in him the very measure of talent he needs for the job, based strictly upon his ability: for God in His divine economy, does not allow for wastage, or for fruitless investments). Verse 16: ***“Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. And likewise he that had received two, he also***

**gained other two. But he that had received one”** (talent) **“went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money. After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. His lord said unto him, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things”** (in the Millennium): **“ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THYLORD.”** (That is, enter into the Millennial glory). **“He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them. His lord said unto him, WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.”** (This reward we will have when we go in the rapture, and appear before the

Judgment seat of Christ for our reward). **“Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. His lord answered and said unto him, THOU WICKED AND SLOTHFUL SERVANT, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed: Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.”** (Now note the next verse). Verse 28: **“TAKE THEREFORE THE TALENT FROM HIM, AND GIVE IT UNTO HIM WHICH HATH TEN TALENTS. For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath. AND CAST YE THE UNPROFITABLE SERVANT INTO OUTER DARKNESS: THERE SHALL BE WEeping AND GNASHING OF TEETH.”** Brothers and

sisters, this unprofitable servant is a tare preacher, or a tare Christian, who will be left here to face the antichrist in the 70th Week of Daniel! He is a tare, just like Judas Iscariot, and consequently, there is no fruitfulness into the kingdom he will have! Period! But the five talent servant, and the two talent servant, the two fruitful servants in this parable, set a perfect type of the various folds of Christians, Christians with different abilities within the body of Christ: Some are one hundredfold; some are sixtyfold, whilst others are thirtyfold. But all are fruitful, regardless of the fold, as children of the kingdom, for they make up the body of Christ; and in Christ, there is no fruitlessness! Consequently, we must understand that our God given ability, determines the measure of Spirit we receive. But regardless of the measure, the body of Christ, being a living body, or a living organism, the body of Christ, certainly being dynamic, will be fruitful. Period! Hence Jesus Christ declared in John Chapter 15, verses 1-8, saying: **“I AM THE TRUE VINE, and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in me that beareth not fruit He taketh away:**

**and every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: HE THAT ABIDETH IN ME, AND I IN HIM, THE SAME BRINGETH FORTH MUCH FRUIT: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. HEREIN IS MY FATHER GLORIFIED, THAT YE BEAR MUCH FRUIT; SO SHALL YE BE MY DISCIPLES.** It is certain, that the Bride of Christ will be most fruitful, for this is the harvest time, and God will have a bumper harvest. As such, brothers and sisters, the Chief Husbandman, who is God, is expecting a bumper harvest. And that being so, and we know it is infallibly and scripturally so, God is

going to invest the Bride with all attributes of the Spirit of Christ, in its fullness, in order to enable her constitute *The Beautiful Bride*. It is to make her a perfect reflection of the nature of Jesus Christ our Bridegroom, for she will be like him. This is the second dimensional image of the Lord Jesus.

Truly, brothers and sisters, when we consider the second dimensional image of Jesus Christ, when we consider his nature, his godliness or godlikeness, his character, or the strength of character he had, we will see that all the nine fruits of the Spirit were fully invested in him, and were also fully expressed by him, making him the perfect man, our perfect role model. And that is what made him so beautiful: His gentleness, his unwavering faith, his patience, his love, his goodness, his humility, his longsuffering, his meekness, and self control, all made him to stand out, heads and shoulders above any and every other man that ever lived. No one could touch his life with any negative thing, for he was perfectly blameless, showing us a pattern of how we are to live our lives; how we are to conduct ourselves. And that divine

nature is exactly what the Bride of Christ will exemplify. She will be an embodiment of the Spirit of Christ, and hence, she will be a living organism; not a dead or a lifeless body, but a living body. Hence, there will be no stagnation to the revelation of the Bride, and neither will there be any stagnation to the life she will live, she being a living body. She will constantly be evolving, until Christ is fully formed in her, and is also fully expressed in her. That is why we say that the church is not an organization, but an organism, a living organism, or a living body. Hence we grow each day in true spirituality. The Bride of Christ will therefore be a living organism, exemplifying Christ in all of his attributes. Whatever Christ is in divine nature, she will become. Saints of God, it is important that we understand that I am not laying before us something that cannot be attained, or something that is unattainable, because we are not dealing with flesh and blood, but strictly with what the eternal Spirit God can do, and will do, in the light of His unfailing Word of promise, having predestinated us unto eternal glory. This is a most crucial and unchanging

desire of God for the Bride. But let me first reinforce what I just stated, that attaining the stature of Christ is attainable, and will be attained, **“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”** (Zec. 4:6). Again it is written: **“And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, AND THE YOKE SHALL BE DESTROYED BECAUSE OF THE ANOINTING.”** (Isaiah 10:27). If we can only submit totally to the rulership of truth, which is the revealed Word, and keep our eyes transfixed on Jesus in his continuous divine revelation, we will see God do marvellous things in our lives, and with our lives, for the power of transformation is God's, for salvation is of the Lord. And because I do not want the devil to use the things I am setting forth as a rod, with which to whack the “weak in the faith” on their head, let me re-affirm this: In considering attaining unto the divine nature which Jesus had, let no Bride saint say, *“No, no, no, how can I attain unto that? I am too this, and I am too that...”* Yes, I agree with you, you are too this and too that,

and you will never be different. You are what you are, and you will always be what you are. But the good news is that, what you are, is not what counts, but what he (Jesus) is: That is what counts! He is the one that counts! Remember, what took place on the Cross of Calvary, is a great exchange, for he took your place, that you may take his place, as it is written, **“THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH”!** You have just got to believe it: Believe what God says you are, God will ensure you are just that, for He makes things beautiful in His own time! God never fails, and He always performs that which He has promised. Only God can bring out something clean from something that is unclean, and only He can cleanse the leopard's spots! He alone can bring out water from the rock, for He is the miracle working God! Only believe the Word, and do not doubt! You can promise and not be able to deliver, and I can promise and not be able to deliver; but God has never promised anything yet that He has not delivered, for He can do all things. For as it is written: **“FOR WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE”!** Just believe, for as we all know, transformation is of God,

for as Jesus declared, you cannot by taking thought, add one cubit to your stature! God, who could transform an angry, and impatient, faithless, and very forward Peter, can also transform your life. Only believe! Do not judge God by your feeble frame, because these are things which God's divine power will do in the lives of those who make up the Bride of Christ. However, regardless of our present spiritual state, as believers, we should be able to see God's perfect will, as revealed in the Word, and accept it as the truth, rather than to deny and reject and fight something, simply because we fall short. Because the mind or the desire of God concerning the end time Bride, will not change! It cannot change! God will accept nothing but The Beautiful Bride. Brothers and sisters, let us even go back in time to reinforce this matter, for it is not a new demand of God. Come with me to the Book of 1 Chronicles Chapter 16, starting from verse 27. It records: **“Glory and honour are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place. Give unto the Lord, ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.”** Watch, for I

am going to verse 29, and it states: ***“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him...”*** (Now watch the next clause, for it commands us, saying categorically): ***“WORSHIP THE LORD IN THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS.”*** That is the desire of God. That is the precise kind of worship which God wants, and that is precisely what the Bride is going to offer unto God: Worship that is perfect; perfect worship; worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness! And is that not what Jesus also stated in his encounter with the woman at the well of Jacob? Absolutely! The Gospel of Saint John Chapter 4, verses 19-24, records: ***“The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 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. GOD IS A SPIRIT: AND THEY THAT WORSHIP HIM MUST WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH.*** Brothers and sisters, to worship God in Spirit and in truth, is to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Certainly! This is God's perfect and unchanging will for the end time Bride. Therefore, look away to Jesus, and believe, for it is certain that the Bride will offer unto God perfect worship. She will worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; for it will be worship in the purity of the true revelation of God, expressing a divine life that cannot be touched, being blameless. Oh my! You have heard testimonies of the saints of God in eras gone by, and the incredible grace of God manifested in their lives. And that was not even yet the age of perfection! I am talking of believers, brothers and sisters, whose consecrated lives brought conviction to people, just by walking through the crowd! They radiated holiness! There was purity about their lives, a consecration, which made unbelievers feel very

uneasy by their presence, making them fall down under conviction of sin. That is why we are still coming to deal with issues devolving on Christian appearance, somewhere along the line, in this message. Because you must realise that you cannot ooze consecration with a worldly appearance! You cannot! Your loud and worldly appearance will douse your spirituality! Hence why we do not believe in power dressing: We believe in modest dressing! We believe in conservative dressing, being simply dressed; dressing that confers upon us an air of humility, and an air of simplicity and modesty! If it is worldly, it is not godly. And if it is loud, it is not modest. That is precisely where we will wrap us this message series, for we will close it by considering the outer appearance of a Bride saint, having first dealt with inner beauty, which is the root or offspring of true spirituality.

Remember, we are talking about *The Beautiful Bride*. And God has ordained that the Bride of Christ will be conformed to the image of Christ, because in conforming to it, is precisely how we can offer

to God, worship in the beauty of holiness, as opposed to carnal worship, or one that is by the will of the flesh. This enables the glory of God to shine and radiate in and around our lives, and our lives will be so pure, so clean, so consecrated, so dedicated, so sold out to God, that even demons will tremble: Because there is virtue in true righteousness! I said there is virtue in a holy and a dedicated life, a life separated totally unto God. Even demons will recognize it! Consider this, even though we are still way off the mark God has set for the end time Bride: When one of our brothers in this assembly stepped out of line, thereby enabling the enemy to consequently take over his mind, I saw that demon look at a man and say, "You drunk!" Church, I saw it! The demon looked at the man, his neighbour, who was trying to explain his condition to him, and said: "Who are you? How dare you talk to me, you drunk!" And he gave him a terrible backhanded slap in the face! Now this brother's action and behaviour, was not his own that day, as he is an extremely quiet and gentle brother, who would not harm a fly. Yet, to the three of us believing

brothers who were also standing with him that day, he showed utmost respect and awe! The demon looked at me and said: "Amos, the man whom the Lord has made." It happened also in the days of Jesus Christ, when demons screamed out just at the very sight of the Lord, as it is written in Mark Chapter 5, verses 6-7: **"But when he saw Jesus AFAR OFF, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not."** In the days of Apostle Paul, it was the same thing. Let us consider a material scenario recorded in Acts Chapter 19, verses 13-16. It reads: **"Then certain of the v a g a b o n d Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, JESUS I KNOW, AND PAUL I KNOW; BUT WHO ARE YE? And the man in**

**whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded."** Saints of God, there is divine virtue or divine power in living a holy and consecrated life unto the Lord, living for the Lord in the light of God's revealed Word. Yes! What a glory God sheds on a consecrated life! That is the portion of the Bride, for wonderful things are in store for her. Holiness will be radiating in and around her life. Her life will speak of total separation and consecration: Not a worldly life that has no ounce of spirituality that anyone can tap! You know that there are many message people you meet... There are many message preachers you also meet, and when you meet them, all you meet is only a mass of flesh: For all you meet is a fleshly man standing before you! Because there is no spiritual virtue of any sorts that you can tap from them! Yet, there are others you meet, and it is as if you are in the very presence of Jesus Christ himself! My! People whom grace has wrought! Brothers and sisters, it is good to live a consecrated life to God. Let us therefore be a people

given to the study of the Word, AND to fasting and prayer, just as it was in the early church, as revealed in the Book of Acts. It is the will of God that we live sanctified lives to the Lord, just as it is written in 2 Thessalonians Chapter 2, verse 13, which states: ***“But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation*** ***T H R O U G H SANCTIFICATION OF THE SPIRIT AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH.***” Again in 1 John Chapter 3, verse 3, it is written: ***“And every man that hath this hope in him PURIFIETH HIMSELF, even as He is pure.*** Church, what am I saying in essence? It is simply that the Bride will be a people set apart from the world unto Christ, by the revealed Word, through the operation of the Spirit of God. And as such, there will be no hypocrisy or guile in the Bride, by the time God finishes with her. There will be no backbiting or ill speaking, but love and understanding, with the strong bearing the burden of the weak. There will be no envy or jealousy, but a holy appreciation of the grace of God in the lives of fellow believers, making

them what they are, and giving them whatever ability they have. And we will also be most grateful to God for our own individual portion in the Lord, which makes us precisely what we are. As such, there will be total contentment, without complaining and m u r m u r i n g , b u t thankfulness to God, for His goodness in our lives, for we have a lot to thank God for. And we shall give Him the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. There will be no pride, arrogance, or conceit, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Worldliness will also go, for our consecration will be total, by the time the Lord is done with the Bride. She will radiate the glory of Jesus Christ, just as Jesus Christ radiated the glory of Almighty God the Father. For all that was in God, was poured into Christ, and all that was in Christ, will also be poured into the church at this end time, that the church as a whole unit, might be a full or complete embodiment of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. That is what will make her worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! It is that divine enablement, for everything is by the Spirit of Christ: ***“For it is God which worketh in you BOTH TO***

***WILL AND TO DO of His good pleasure.***” Hence the Word admonished: ***“Do all things without murmurings and disputings: 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.”*** (Philip. 2:13-15). Brothers and sisters, this is strictly a faith walk. It is therefore a holy walk, for the second dimensional image of Jesus Christ, teaches us true spirituality and godliness, that we may live a holy and fruitful life unto God; for he is God's masterpiece, and our perfect model, he being our Bridegroom. Do not forget, ***w e h a v e b e e n predestinated to be conformed to his divine image. And to this image we will conform, for the zeal of God will perform it. The Bride will make herself ready, and The Beautiful Bride will emerge, to the wonderment of the whole wide world, “... Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”***

For the third and final dimensional image of Jesus Christ, we will now turn to the Book of Acts. In

Acts Chapter 1, verse 1, it is written: ***“The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, until the day in which he was taken up...”***

Did you hear that? Doctor Luke, a man who was also an apostle, stated that he laid out things that Jesus began both to ***“DO and TEACH.”*** Jesus began to do something first, before he started to teach. In other words, the Lord started a ministry of works, ever before he began his teaching ministry; ever before he began to carry his divine message. And what precisely were those works? These works give us the third dimensional image of Jesus the Christ, for in it we see Jesus in his divine works, his miraculous works. Consequently, the things he did, give us the healings and miracles he performed, the signs and wonders of God he displayed, for he was invested with the wonder working power of the Most High God, a power he held over nature, over the devil, and over all circumstances of life. He was a man filled to overflowing with God's divine virtue or power, for that divine authority was fully invested in him over this planet, for redemption

purposes. That gives us the power by which he was able to raise the dead, heal the sick, cast out devils, open the eyes of the blind, cause the dumb to speak, and the deaf to hear; a power by which he was able to make the lame and the cripples to walk, the lepers to be cleansed; the power and authority by which he was able to calm the storm, and multiply a few loaves of bread and fish, in order to feed thousands, leaving remnants of food which filled many baskets! And when the ear of one of the soldiers who came to arrest him at the Garden of Gethsemane was cut off, it was by that same authority or power that, he picked up the bloody ear piece on the ground, and stuck it back, and the soldier was immediately made perfectly whole in his ear, as if nothing had happened! Think about it! We are looking at the authority by which he was able to walk on water, and not sink, and they thought he was a ghost! He spoke to the tempest, the mad wind, and to the raging billows of the sea, and brothers and sisters, there was immediate quiet! Everything calmed down by his authority, his divine authority! He was a wonder

working Christ! That miracle working power he manifested, was what introduced him to Israel. It was not even his divine nature that introduced him to the nation of Israel, because holiness was not written on his forehead for anyone to see, as he walked up and down in the land. Remember, as it is written in the Book of Isaiah Chapter 53, verse 2, ***“... he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no”*** (physical) ***“beauty that we should desire him.”*** But when at the grave side of Lazarus, in Bethany, (a man who had been dead for four whole days, a man whose body had begun to decompose and stink, for decomposition sets in after seventy two hours), and he commanded Lazarus to come forth, and he that was dead, and had been bound hand and foot with grave clothes, came out live, they had to take notice that God was on the scene! Yes! They had to take notice of Jesus! His introduction was by the open demonstration of the power of the Holy Spirit, the awesome power of the only living God! Remember, the first miracle he performed was at a wedding. He had time to attend a wedding. No, he

was not given to attending weddings, but he attended this wedding, if you get my point. And when he got to that wedding, and they ran out of wine, under a divine unction, his mama, knowing who he was, said to him, "My son, their wine has run out. Give them wine." No, no, she did not mean for him to give them money so they could buy wine! Definitely not! She was simply saying, "My son, use your divine authority! Speak the Word!" Halleluiah! "Speak the Word!" Brothers and sisters, the Bride is coming to something... That is the attraction on the mountain for an unbelieving world; that is what attracts the unbelieving world: God's move in great signs and wonders, is the introduction we will also have to the outside world. However, that is not what introduces us to one another, as Bride saints. Truth is what introduces us to one another, because, for the elect Bride seeds of God around the globe, the drawing cord, and the binding cord, is the revealed Word of God: It is the still small voice, which is the walking voice. **"For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."** Only the true eagles of God will

hear the voice of truth. This is so, because the world knows nothing of truth: They do not hear truth, and cannot hear truth, for they cannot hear the still small voice, which is nothing other than the Holy Spirit's quiet revelation of the Word. Therefore, they never see God move in the divine unveiling of His Word. They are always blind to that move. What the world recognizes is God's raw divine power in open (visible) display. Church, look at what happened at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, in Saint John Chapter 2. After Mary impliedly or implicitly told Jesus to give them wine, what was Jesus' response to her? He simply stated in verse 4, **"Woman... mine hour is not yet come."** That is: "My time for performing miracles has not yet come, that I might be introduced to Israel in the open miraculous. Why do you want to expose me before the time?" Because that, and not his teaching, was what was going to make him known! This lets us see the depth of the revelation Mary held of her son. Saints, the power side of God is what attracts the world in general! And Jesus, in Saint John Chapter 14, verse 12, stated categorically and

infallibly, **"Verily, verily, I say unto you, HE THAT BELIEVETH ON ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO SHALL HE DO ALSO; and greater works"** (or more works) **"than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."** However, we must understand that God will not cause the miraculous power display to be fully operative in the Bride, until she comes to a position where she is in perfect unity, and in spiritual shape, image wise, so as not to bring shame and reproach to Almighty God, before the unbelieving world, who will be attracted by miracles, signs and wonders, that they may go back with a testimony, to the glory of God. He has to wash us first with the washing of water by the Word, in order to straighten out our lives, and put us in shape. Hence the reason why God puts a cap on the anointing at this evening time, thereby placing emphasis first on the revealed Word. This is in order to call out a Bride by the Word, truth being her attraction. It is also ordained this way, in order to bring about **UNITY OF THE FAITH and PERFECTION**, the Lord having first brought us out of the world of organised religion, by the message of

truth. Consequently today, in "writing" the Last Chapter of the Book of Acts, it will be, **"All that Jesus began both to teach AND do."** It gives us first the revelation of Jesus Christ, which are his teachings, before the explosion of the visible miraculous, which are his works. Thus we know that, the power which produced the works of Christ, the end time Bride will certainly also have, on the full authority of John Chapter 14, verse 12, even though God has put a cap on this, temporarily, in the meantime, until the time is right, a time when God wants to introduce the Bride to the world, by putting her on display before the whole wide world, through the incredible and unparalleled explosion of the open miraculous. Let us look at the wedding scenario for a second, for it is very instructive in this respect. John Chapter 2, verses 1-11 records: **"And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with**

**thee? mine hour is not yet come. His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, AND MANIFESTED FORTH HIS GLORY; and his disciples believed on him."** You must know that the servants of the bridegroom in this particular wedding, must have testified to the world, stating what Jesus did that

day, for it was a miracle, and they must have been most astonished! Oh my! That supernatural move of God is coming for the Bride, for it is Christ is his third dimensional image.

It is written: **"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."** Greater works simply means more works, and not that the miracles will be greater in reality. Why? Because he turned water into wine; he cursed the fig tree, thereby making it to wilt; he multiplied bread and fish to feed thousands; he stilled the storm, walked on water; he raised the dead, made the blind to see, and the cripples to walk; even a man that was born blind was given his sight; he healed the sick, and cast out devils; and he also stuck back the ear of a soldier that was cut off; and you cannot do any greater! We can only do more of these works! Precisely! And why did he say that we will do greater works? Because we will have a great plurality of men in the ministry, and a great plurality of believers, all anointed with the Spirit of God, to carry out the same works! So, in essence, it is

not that the works will be greater, it is that it will be much more, for it speaks of a greater volume. Period! Halleluiah! Oh my! This gives us the works of Christ. And as I stated before, I state again: It is certain that the things Jesus did when he was here on earth, we are going to do today, by his Spirit invested in us. This takes us straight to the Book of Mark Chapter 16, verses 15-20, which states plainly and categorically: **“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”,** (even if he is baptised). **“AND THESE SIGNS SHALL FOLLOW THEM THAT BELIEVE; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, **THE LORD WORKING**

**WITH THEM, AND CONFIRMING THE WORD WITH SIGNS FOLLOWING. Amen.”**

Hence it is written in the Books of Acts Chapter 3, verses 1-16, thus: ***“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; Who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. 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. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God: And they***

***knew that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him. And as the lame man which was healed held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon's, greatly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness we had made this man to walk? The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go. But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. And 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.”** Again in Acts Chapter 8, verses 5-13, it is written: **“Then Philip”** (the evangelist) **“went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard, because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then**

**Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.”** Brothers and sisters, what a move of God in power! The early church ministry packed the greater works of Christ. And so shall it also be today, for **“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever”**. (Heb. 13:8). It is for this very reason that the Body of Christ is invested with the gifts of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 4-11, declare: **“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; 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: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.”** All these give us the power side of Christ, which is the third dimensional image of Jesus the Christ. It gives us spiritual virtue, or spiritual power.

Remember the time Jesus was walking with much crowds milling around him, with so many people pressing hard on him, and yet nothing happened to them, for their touch was not one of faith. But when a woman, who had a flow of blood for many years, touched him, and she was instantly made whole, for her touch was a pull of faith, Jesus immediately knew someone had touched him, because virtue or spiritual power had gone out of him. The Gospel of Saint Mark Chapter 5, verses 24-34, records: **“... and much people followed him, and thronged him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing**

*bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that VIRTUE HAD GONE OUT OF HIM, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.”*

Church, in Christ Jesus dwells mega divine power. Even the dead could not stand before him! You know why? Because he is the resurrection and the life! That was why, in the

Gospel of Saint Luke, when the dead body of a young man who was a widow's son, met Jesus on the way, he had to come alive! He who is the Resurrection and the Life was coming, and Death was also coming... You know one had to give way for the other! When Christ touched the bier, which is a stand supporting or bearing a corpse, the dead man came back to life, because life prevails over death. Halleluiah! Saint Luke Chapter 7, verses 11-17, records: *“And it came to pass the day after, that he went into a city called Nain; and many of his disciples went with him, and much people. Now when he came nigh to the gate of the city, behold, there was a dead man carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came and touched the bier: and they that bare him stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he delivered him to his mother. And there came*

*a fear on all: and they glorified God, saying, That a great prophet is risen up among us; and, That God hath visited his people. And this rumour of him went forth throughout all Judaea, and throughout all the region round about.”*

That is why Jesus declared in his resurrection glory, saying: *“FEAR NOT; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”* (Rev.1:17-18). That is Jesus. He is our resurrection. That anointing that was upon him, is precisely what we will have today, for that is what the Lord poured out upon the church, and that is what God is going to activate on an incredible level, for God will remove the cap, when the time is right. Hence there is a rain coming. I can see a rain coming. When I look through the mirror of the Word of God, I see a rain coming. Oh no, it is not light showers: It is a downpour, a heavy downpour! It is a torrential downpour, a great flood coming. It is coming for the eagles of God. It is as David said: *“I can hear the*

*rustle in the mulberry trees.*" Oh my! Saints of God, this last move will be very short. It will be a very quick and decisive supernatural move of God, such as the world has never seen before. It will be power packed! This will openly manifest the third dimensional image of Christ in the Bride. For the third dimensional image of Christ, is the power of Almighty God; that divine authority over sickness, over nature, and over the devil. Remember the time Jesus met the Gadarenes demoniacs, two men living among the tombs. Demons had taken over those men's lives, and had made a great mess of it. They were so fierce, that no man dared pass by that way. They had been bound many times with chains, and they broke it, like it was just a spider's web! If you met them, Lord have mercy on you; for they often cried and cut themselves with stones! They lived in the tombs. But when Jesus was coming their way that day, all the demons were running helter-skelter, breaking out in shivers! When the men came out of their barracks, (for they made the tombs their barracks), with their ferocious eyes, demon-

possessed, turbo charged, most fierce, with a countenance that would make your blood congeal... When they saw Jesus, those evil spirits began to bow! We will take the passage in Saint Matthew, Chapter 8. However, we will take it from verses 23-34, in order to pick up an earlier scenario. It reads: ***"And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him. And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep. And his disciples came to him, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish. And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. But the men marvelled, saying, What manner of man is this, that EVEN THE WINDS AND THE SEA OBEY HIM! And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. And, behold, they cried***

***out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. And he said unto them, Go. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that kept them fled, and went their ways into the city, and told every thing, and what was befallen to the possessed of the devils. And, behold, the whole city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him, they besought him that he would depart out of their coasts."*** No, it was not the men possessed of demons that were talking. It was the devils, using the vocal cords of the men to speak! Oh no, it was not a soft tone. You could hear a most horrible growling voice saying, "We are Legion, for we are many." How many of you have seen or heard that before?

A lot of strange and evil things happen at deliverance sessions. There are some voices you will hear, that goose pimples will be breaking out all over you, for they are hideous voices! Demon voices! But this scenario just lets us see the mega power and authority Jesus possessed. Halleluiah! I will make boast of Jesus! Church, when those demons left the two men to possess a herd of swine (a herd of pigs), the pigs ran mad, and committed suicide. Pigs committed suicide! Brothers and sisters, it is in the Scriptures that I see pigs committing suicide, under the anointing of the devil. I have never seen any pig do that before. It was in that day that it happened. They all rushed into the water to perish, and they died in it. Brothers and sisters, when the event was noised around, everybody quaked! What an introduction! No wonder they brought forth the sick, and were looking for Jesus everywhere. And let me say this to the glory of God. When the time of the Bride comes, for her to be put on open display before the world, saints of God, the man in the Synagogue of All Nations

will pack up his load, for every anointing will dry out, that the glory of the Bride may shine forth for all to see. The showdown is coming, just as Brother Jackson, the chief apostle to this last age, also declared in a message titled, *Showdown At Sundown*. Brothers and sisters, the showdown is coming. And is it not strange that for the past many years in the religious world, when it comes to the demonstration of miracles and such things, Nigeria has been in prime focus? From all over the world they have been coming. With all shades of skin colour, and with different languages, particularly from Eastern Europe, they have been flocking to this country. It is either they are in The Synagogue of All Nations, under the ministry of so-called Prophet T.B. Joshua, or they come to Pastor Chris Oyakhilome, of Atmosphere for Miracles, or to that of Pastor E. A. Adeboye, the General Overseer of The Redeemed Christian Church of God. Yet, all that put together is really nothing, compared with what the Lord will do for the Bride of this last church age. The world has not seen anything yet.

Remember, at harvest time, any part, and every part, of the wheat tree (or Bride tree), which still has evidence of life, being green in colour, will begin to dry out and die, turning brown, for brown is the evidence of death. Why? Because all life is needed in the seed, in order to mature the seed! So will it be today in the religious world. Whatever anointing of God remains out there, God will call for it, for He will withdraw it, and every contrary anointing, every sorcery anointing, that is in the way of the Bride, will also be famished or stifled, in order to bring maturity to seeds. It is the day of the glorification of the Bride: It is showdown time! For it is written in Saint Matthew Chapter 13, verse 41, taken together with verse 43, thus: ***“The Son of man shall send forth his Angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom”*** (which is his church), ***“all things that offend, and them which do iniquity... THEN SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS SHINE FORTH AS THE SUN IN THE KINGDOM OF THEIR FATHER. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.”*** Again it is written in the Book of Daniel Chapter 12, verse 3: ***“And they that be wise shall***

**SHINE as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.**

It is further written in the Book of Haggai, Chapter 2, verses 6-9, thus: **“For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations”** (which is Jesus Christ), **“shall come: AND I WILL FILL THIS HOUSE”** (which sets a perfect type of the Body of Christ, and which spiritually speaking, therefore also speaks of his Church, which is the Bride, God will fill it), **“WITH GLORY, saith the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the Lord of hosts. THE GLORY OF THIS LATTER HOUSE SHALL BE GREATER THAN OF THE FORMER, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the Lord of hosts.”** In essence, it is scripturally certain that, the last chapter of the Book of Acts, will outclass the entire first Book of Acts, because the end time Bride of Jesus Christ, will

exemplify Christ, in every dimension, and in every attribute of the Spirit, on a scale never before seen. In other words: She will be in his very image, not only in the dimension of the visible miraculous, she will be in his very image, in every respect of his spiritual stature: By the revelation of truth; by the nature; and by the power of God, we will be in Christ likeness to the very “T”! Remember, we are talking of *The Beautiful Bride*.

However, there is an important aspect of Christ we must also consider, when dealing with the realm of the miraculous, and that is his complete yoking to the will, and to the leadership of the Spirit of God, the Father. We must consider it before we bring this message to a close. Jesus was yoked to the leadership of God. As such, he did not take it upon himself to perform miracles at will. He waited solely for the leadership of the Father, and performed miracles only as led of God, and according to the will of God, for he sought not to make a name for himself, but to please the Father, in all things. In the Gospel of Saint John, Chapter 5, verses 19-20, it is written: **“Then**

**answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, BUT WHAT HE SEETH THE FATHER DO: FOR WHAT THINGS SOEVER HE DOETH, THESE ALSO DOETH THE SON LIKEWISE. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that Himself doeth: and He will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.”** That lets us see that he waits for God to reveal His will concerning these matters, before going for it, for he performs only the works he sees the Father reveal in the Spirit. Again in Saint John Chapter 8, verses 26-28, Jesus declared: **“I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent me is true; AND I SPEAK TO THE WORLD THOSE THINGS WHICH I HAVE HEARD OF HIM. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I DO NOTHING OF MYSELF; BUT AS MY FATHER HATH TAUGHT ME, I SPEAK THESE THINGS.”** Even the revelation of truths he

brought, he received of the Father. Furthermore, in John Chapter 14, verse 10, he also declared: ***“Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU I SPEAK NOT OF MYSELF: BUT THE FATHER THAT DWELLETH IN ME, HE DOETH THE WORKS.”***

Church of the living God, in everything Jesus said and did, he was led of the Father, and he did all these things to the glory of God, and not to his personal glory. No place better demonstrates this fact, than the scenario recorded in the Gospel of Saint John Chapter 5. We will take it from verse 1, up to verse 9. It states: ***“After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an Angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of***

***the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole? The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk. And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath.”***

Here we see God's leadership exemplified in the ministry of Jesus Christ. Knowing he was invested with divine mega power, he could have sought to heal everyone he met by the pool that day, but no! Even when the Angel stirred the pool, only one man was healed, for the first man to plunge himself in, was the only man that was made whole! And it was God's election that ordained who that person was! Jesus Christ our Lord also did not take it

upon himself to heal a whole lot of them that day, simply because he had the power, except one lone man, as he was led of the Father, and he went his way thereafter. Period! And he did not put up a show either! I said: In performing his healings and miracles, he did not put on a show, carrying on like these modern day preachers! He was humble with it. It was done in simplicity and with humility. He knew everything had to be done according to the will of the Father, and it was the Spirit of the Father doing the miracles. Hence, in Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus set forth a very serious principle of God, a principle of faith, concerning the utmost importance of God's leadership, and God's will, when it comes to the realm of healings and miracles, when he declared in Chapter 4, verses 25-27, thus: ***“But I tell you of a truth, MANY WIDOWS WERE IN ISRAEL IN THE DAYS OF ELIAS, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when great famine was throughout all the land; But unto none of them was Elias sent, save unto Sarepta, a city of Sidon, unto a***

**woman that was a widow. AND MANY LEPERS WERE IN ISRAEL IN THE TIME OF ELISEUS the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, saving Naaman the Syrian.** We must therefore realise, that when it comes to the realm of the miraculous, the realm of healings, signs, and wonders, the will of God is supreme, and it governs the operation of the Spirit in this realm. Absolutely! We therefore cannot use the power of God, or the gifts of the Spirit, as we like, as though God is in our pocket, for He is not! Therefore, we must know that the end time Bride, in operating these things, will also be sold out to the leadership and will of the Spirit of God, just as it was in the first church age. Brothers and sisters, there is a will of God in all these things, even though healing has been purchased by the stripes of Christ, just as salvation has been purchased, and yet, not everybody will be saved. And just as the early church ministry was yoked to God's leadership and will in these things, so will the Bride ministry of today. It is written: EVERY SEED BRINGS FORTH AFTER ITS KIND. Just

look at a typical example recorded in Acts Chapter 8. We will take verses 3-40. It reads: ***“As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the Word. Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them. And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spake, hearing and seeing the miracles which he did. For unclean spirits, crying with loud voice, came out of many that were possessed with them: and many taken with palsies, and that were lame, were healed. And there was great joy in that city. But there was a certain man, called S i m o n , w h i c h beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: To whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is the great power of God. And to him they had regard,***

***because that of long time he had bewitched them with sorceries. But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Then Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done.”*** (Simon was utterly mesmerised by the power of God, which outclassed anything he had ever done with his sorcery). ***“Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the Word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost. And when Simon saw that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money, Saying, Give me also***

***this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy money perish with thee, because thou hast thought that the gift of God may be purchased with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee. For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity. Then answered Simon, and said, Pray ye to the Lord for me, that none of these things which ye have spoken come upon me. And they, when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the Gospel in many villages of the Samaritans.***” (But watch the next verse, for whilst this great revival was going on, and the city of Samaria was set on fire with the power of the Gospel, God suddenly led Philip away to a lonely road in a desert, that he may preach to one lone man, rather than to

continue with the great crowd, and he gladly obeyed, subjecting himself unreservedly to the will of the Lord. The Bible now records): ***“And the Angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, WHICH IS DESERT. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the Scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he***

***not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.”*** (Saints of God, Philip was so yielded to the leadership of God in the things of the Spirit, not minding the acclaim and the popularity the revival in Samaria would give him, but he chose rather to follow the will of God to preach to a lone eunuch, that God decided to

reward him. Philip was not going to walk all the way back by himself! The Bible now records): **“And when they were come up out of the water, THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAUGHT AWAY PHILIP, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. BUT PHILIP WAS FOUND AT AZOTUS: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.”** If a visa would have been required for Philip on that day, God just nullified his need for one! Glory be to God! Amen! And if God did it that day to reward faithfulness, who knows what the Spirit of the Lord will do today in rewarding faithfulness to divine leadership? Brothers and sisters, God alone determines these things, for the kingdom is His, and as such, He alone rules the kingdom. There is the leadership and the will of God to be sought in all these things. These are very crucial principles of faith, which the present day Pentecostal organisational preachers do not understand. Everything for them is for show! Everything for them is to make a name, and for money, and to build an empire here on earth. My!

Yet, in spite of all their claims, these present day men do not have the reality which the first age original ministry had, when it comes to the open miraculous! They do not, for painted fire does not heal anyone! Precisely! Just wait for the hour of the Bride, *The Beautiful Bride*, for she will shine like never before, and every other ministry will be confounded, and every mouth will be stopped. Amen. Just wait and see. It will not be long, and we will see these things. Is it not the Scriptures, that in the days of Apostles Peter and Paul, men carried the sick and the oppressed into the streets, and looked at the sun to determine where the shadow would fall, and placed their sick folks along that pathway, that at least the shadow of Peter and Paul may fall upon them, and when it did, they were healed? Yes! It is thus saith the written Word of God! ***“JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TO DAY, AND FOR EVER.”*** If that happened in the first church age, and we know that at harvest time, every seed brings forth after its own kind, we must realise that it will also happen today, for God does not change. And if the lead apostolic

ministries of Peter and Paul were conferred with such great glory in that day, what about the lead apostolic ministry of this end time? Will it not likewise be crowned with a greater glory? Remember, it is written: ***The glory of the latter shall be greater than that of the former.*** Jesus declared in John Chapter 14, giving us a sure word of promise, in verses 12-14, saying: ***“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. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.”*** All the promises of God are Yea and Amen. Moreover, we should not forget that, the Bride will of divine necessity also attain unto this third dimensional image of Jesus Christ, for it is written in Ephesians Chapter 4, verses 7-10: ***“But unto every one of us is given grace ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE”*** (OR ACCORDING TO THE FULNESS) ***“OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST. Wherefore He”*** (God)

**“saith, When he” (Christ) “ascended up on high, he” (Christ) “led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens”, (for what purpose?) “THAT HE MIGHT FILL ALL THINGS.” That is, that Christ might fill the church with the fullness of himself! For all that is in God was poured into Christ, for as it is written: **“For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”!** And all that is in Christ was poured into the church, that the Bride may also be a full or complete embodiment of the Spirit of Jesus Christ! And as such, it is indisputable that, the Bride of Christ will be fully invested with the full virtues of Jesus Christ, that she may fully exemplify Christ in his three dimensional image, revelation wise, character wise, and also power wise, just as it is written in the Book of Romans, Chapter 8, verses 29-30: **“For whom He” (God) “did foreknow”,** (which is the Bride), **“HE” (GOD) “ A L S O D I D****

**PREDESTINATE TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON, that he” (Christ) “might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover w h o m h e d i d predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”**

The end time Bride will certainly conform unto three dimensional image of Jesus Christ, for without it, she will not be ready for the return of Christ; for he is coming for a glorious church. Period! This is the revealed plan of God. I show you God's Blueprint. And the Bride will make herself ready, because Apostle John saw her in heaven for the marriage, stating plainly that she attained unto God's required spiritual shape. It is written: **“Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, AND HIS WIFE HATH MADE HERSELF READY.”** Church, I show you what constitutes her readiness: She will bear wholesome truth, to the measure that Christ has revealed it to her. That is, to the fullness or to the completeness of the

revelation of Christ for the Bride. Her life will also speak of Christ's divine nature, for she will exemplify the character of Jesus, showing that a complete and perfect work of salvation has been wrought in her life. This enables her to bear the attributes of Jesus: Gentleness, meekness, love, faith, patience, goodness, longsuffering, temperance, etc. And on top of that, she will be filled with divine mega power, mega super power. She is going to be a super church, with a super anointing. Brothers and sisters, the best is yet to come. It will produce what we have been looking for; what we have been longing for; what the sages of old have been longing for; a Bride we have been reading about, but have never seen. Brothers and sisters, it is a privilege to be able to see these things. It is a great privilege to be able to see the plan of God fully unveiled, giving us the complete picture; not merely having a piece of the puzzle here, and another piece there, being blind to a greater portion of the great plan. We are blessed, for God has been good to us. Saints, look at another flood that struck

Indonesia. Many people died, and many more were wounded. Brothers and sisters, it is very evident that God is dealing with all these holiday resort centres around the globe in a big way. Because we live in a world of entertainment! They love entertainment rather than God. Is that not what Apostle Paul said way back there concerning this end time? Yes, it is! In 2 Timothy Chapter 3, verses 1-5, he records as inspired by the Spirit of God: **"This know also, that in the last days perilous times"** (or dangerous times) **"shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, LOVERS OF PLEASURES MORE THAN LOVERS OF GOD; HAVING A FORM OF GODLINESS, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away."** Did you hear that? **"... Lovers of PLEASURES"** (plural)

**"more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness."** My! How perfect that revelation is! That is precisely the state of the world we live in. Pleasures; entertainment galore; that is all they love. Global tourists, rather than holy pilgrims! And may I say this: Sometimes, God's children also get caught in that worldly web; a worldly rot. They forget that we are pilgrims and strangers here, a people seeking a city to come, and as such, we are expected to keep focus. They have more time for pleasures or entertainment, than for God. Instead of spending more of their time on spiritual pursuits, they are touring the globe! Instead of spending their money on things that will edify them spiritually, things that will build them up spiritually, it is a truckload of Hollywood movies they use their money to buy, wasting precious and meagre resources on things that do not profit their soul. Brothers and sisters, what you feed your soul with, shows precisely the craving of your heart. May God deliver His people. I remember when my wife and I used to visit Faith Assembly in Jeffersonville, Indiana,

USA. That was in the days when the chief apostle was still on the ground. I told them many times, even in my sermons at Faith Assembly, that I did not come to America to shake hands, or be a tourist. I came strictly for the unveiling of the Word! I cared less for anything else! And God helped me to keep focus, knowing what was coming down the road. Yes, we used the opportunity to buy things we also needed personally, but our focus and attitude remained the same: We were there, not to sight see, but for spiritual meetings, and we kept it as that, as much as was necessary! I am not saying you cannot visit a sight of personal interest. But there is a limit to carnal adventures. That is what I am saying. Brothers and sisters, the day is far spent, for it is later than you think. **"... Lovers of pleasures MORE THAN lovers of God; having a form of godliness."** I repeat: What you feed your soul with, shows exactly the craving of your heart. But regardless of what we do as individuals, it is most certain that the Bride of Christ will be in the very image of Jesus Christ, a full and visible expression of Jesus Christ

on earth. If Jesus is the Word, so is the Bride, for she is the Word Bride. If Jesus is the life of God, so is the Bride, for she is joint heirs. And if Christ is the power of God, so is the Bride, for she is the full embodiment of the power of Christ. Simply put: She will be beautiful, extremely beautiful, and unequalled. Amen.

***“And He saith unto me, Write, BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED UNTO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB. And He saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”*** (Rev. 19:9). It is a great privilege to be called into the Bride. What a glorious day lies ahead of her, over there in the corridors of heaven. God Himself has prepared a banquet up there for the Bridegroom and his Bride. And on that day, you will hear an orchestra sing like you

have never heard before; a heavenly orchestra. We are talking of an Angelic Orchestra, Angelic Voices! Put together the best voices on this earth, and it is still a trillion miles away from what you will hear up there in glory. Yet, there are a few people whom God has blessed with voices of Angels; Angelic voices. But if we could put all such people together to sing, it would be as nothing in comparison. For there is a mega anointing upon those Angels! Think about it! When that day comes, the day when the Bride, having been made ready, is caught up to heaven for the wedding; the majesty, and the splendour, and the glory of heaven she will see, will be way beyond any human comprehension: With all the Angels in their glorious array, and in their various folds and order. Just think about it! And all of heaven

will be at a standstill, just for you and me! What a day! And what a wedding! A wedding where the Almighty God Himself is the one that is officiating, in His awesome majesty and power; God, ***“from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away”!*** My! What a day! That is where I want to be. Brothers and sisters, even if I have to walk on my head, and I have to eat dry bread and ordinary water, God helping me, I just want to measure up to the image of Christ. Lord, may I not fall short. That is all I want in this world, and that is all I care for. May the thirst for Christ take over our souls; may we long for holiness. *The Beautiful Bride.* We will continue the message when next we meet.

May God bless you all. Amen.

# THE BEAUTIFUL BRIDE

The Word Bride  
hath made  
Herself  
Ready.

Revelation 19: 7



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