THE SCHOOL OF THE Holy spirit



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Chapter 1: Divine Life

Ministering in the Holy Spirit

In 2018, I was on the big island of Borneo, Indonesia. They invited me to minister in an Evangelical church.

In that Church, they didn't do altar calls and believers were not filled or baptised in the Holy Spirit. During worship, I received a vision. In this vision, God showed me that He wanted to touch and fill the believers with the Holy Spirit.

When I was finished preaching, I did an altar call. The interpreter became nervous, yet the spirit of boldness and breakthrough came upon me and I obeyed the voice of the Holy Spirit.

All the believers came to the altar and many were baptised with the Holy Spirit.

The pastor's wife fell under the power of the Holy Spirit and then stood up praying in new tongues. She then took the microphone and, with boldness, she started to loudly speak in tongues and called the believers to receive more of the Holy Spirit.

Now, in this school of the Holy Spirit, we want to equip you to learn to minister. So God's gifting can work through you.

Moving of the Holy Spirit with Boldness

There are different moves and manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Apostle Paul said that our preaching should be with the Holy Spirit and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Christ said you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit shall come upon you.

So what Apostle Paul said was the same as what Jesus Christ said.

Therefore, Apostle Paul said that our faith and preaching of the cross of Christ should be with spirit and power.

1Co 2:4-7 And my speech and my preaching *was* not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: (5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God. (6) Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: (7) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

We see these different moves and manifestations of the Holy Spirit functioning in the book of Acts. In Acts 2, the fire and the gifts of the Holy Spirit were poured out upon the 120 believers. On that day 3000 believers were saved and the first church was born, it started to function. In the 4th chapter of Acts, Apostle Peter and John were arrested and threatened. When they were released, they called the believers together and they cried out in prayer to God. God then poured out the Holy Spirit in a manifestation of boldness on the believers.

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

Today, we need to learn to rise up as soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ in the power and boldness of the Holy Spirit.

We need to do this by learning how to live and walk in the spirit so we can boldly preach, proclaim and share the evangelistic message.

A Vision of a Banner



In 1997, God gave me a vision while in Indonesia.

We made this vision into a banner for the church we started in the Netherlands. Then we took the banner with us to Australia.

The banner shows the different dimensions of the glory of God.

We see the Alpha and Omega which represents the throne of God and the ruling and reigning of Jesus Christ.

The 7 colours of the rainbow is a picture of the fullness of God.

The river is the river of God coming from the throne, with the Hebrew names of God which have the blessings of God in them.

This vision is to explain to you what the school of the Holy Spirit is all about.

The river of God and the fullness of the Holy Spirit is all about the End Time move of the Holy Spirit. In this book, School of the Holy Spirit, we teach you about how to open yourself up for the rivers of the Holy Spirit and how to grow in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The New Testament or New Covenant

This school is here to help you learn to break through and live like a New Testament believer. On the last night, Jesus Christ was with His disciples, He celebrated the feast of Passover, which was The Old Covenant. He then said that from this night, the New Covenant would be introduced.

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

The New Testament

Jesus Christ gave us the New Testament.

Therefore we have:

1. A New Covenant

A new covenant which is based upon the blood sacrifices of Jesus Christ

Mat 26:26-28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. (27) And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

2. A new priesthood

The new priesthood is the Melchizedek priesthood

Heb 5:9-10 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (10) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

The old covenant was the Levitical priesthood.

The new covenant priesthood is the priesthood of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek was a priest and a king.

3. A new spiritual Law

Through grace and faith, we live by the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

4. A new dispensation

The dispensation of the Holy Spirit.

This dispensation is the ministry of the gospel of grace and the Holy Spirit.

2 Co 3:8 (AMP) Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit (this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be goverened by the Holy Spirit) be attended with much greater and more splendid glory?

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

Born of the Spirit in God's Kingdom

When Jesus talked with Nicodemus, He was teaching about the things of God's kingdom. <u>He said, 'For you to be part of God's kingdom, you must be born of the Spirit'.</u>

The school of the Spirit starts when you are born of the Spirit.

Joh 3:5-7 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. (6) That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. (7) Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Through the sin of Adam and Eve, mankind had lost their relationship with God and was, therefore, spiritually dead.

Christ came to restore us back into a relationship with Father God. For this to happen, we need to be born again of the Spirit.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

When we are born again, through faith in Christ's redeeming blood, our spirit receives God's divine nature and therefore become alive.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Being born again of the Spirit is the foundational start for the school of the Holy Spirit.

When we are born again of the Spirit of God, then we are seated in those heavenly kingdom places in Christ Jesus.

Sadhu Sundar Singh becomes Born Again

Sundar grew up in Punjab, a state in India. Punjab is the place of the Sheik religion. They celebrate in the golden temple.

Sundar was very hungry for spiritual reality. He wanted to become a devoted priest. So he prayed and prayed and then, one day, Jesus Christ appeared to him.

Jesus Christ told Sundar that He is the way and the truth. To have a true relationship with God the Father, Sundar had to count the cost.

To follow Jesus Christ meant that he would become an outcast to his people and loose his big financial inheritance.

He chooses to follow Jesus Christ, for only Christ could fill the deep empty spiritual hole in his heart. He surrendered his life to Jesus Christ and was born-again and baptised in water by immersion. He became a very powerful evangelist. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and was used to win many lost souls of the Sheikh and the Hindus. He was used to doing great signs and wonders and miracles. He also had a very deep walk of intimacy with the Holy Spirit whereby we can learn a lot of wisdom.

A New Covenant

Our Lord Jesus came to bring the new covenant.

This new covenant is based upon a new priesthood which is the priesthood order of Melchizedek.

Heb 5:9-10 And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him; (10) Called of God an high priest after the order of Melchisedec.

Just before Jesus Christ went to the cross to be our redeeming sacrifice, He taught the disciples about the new covenant.

This was the inauguration of the holy sacrament of Communion.

Jesus took the bread and blessed it, broke it and said, 'this is My body so you can be made clean'.

Mat 26:26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed *it*, and brake *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body.

He then took the cup and said, 'This is for the forgiveness of your sin'.

Mat 26:27-28 And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; (28) For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

He then said, 'this is the new covenant or new testament'.

<u>Therefore, the old covenant became obsolete.</u>
 <u>Melchizedek gave Abraham, as king and priest, wine and bread. In</u>
 <u>this way, Christ showed that He was the High priest of the New</u>
 <u>Testament order of Melchizedek.</u>

The Spirit Within

There is a great difference between the outworking of the old covenant and the new covenant.

- In the old covenant, the Spirit came upon God's servants, like the prophet.
- In the new covenant, everyone who is a believer and is born again receives God's Spirit on the inside.

Heb 8:10 For this *is* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

By the order of Melchizedek, on which the New Covenant is based upon, we receive God's heavenly life and divine nature.

This is seen in the book of Hebrews, that Melchizedek order is the heavenly priesthood order:

Heb 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb 7:3 Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually.

Heb 8:1-2 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; (2) A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Spiritual People

- Through faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, we become born again of the Spirit.
- Therefore, we become spiritual people.

Joh 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Are you born-again of the Spirit? If not and you want to, then pray this prayer.

Sinner's prayer:

Father God, I come to you and repent of my sin and sinful lifestyle. Wash me of my sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. I surrender my life to you, come and live in my heart in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

A New Priesthood

When Jesus our Messiah was speaking to Nicodemus, who was a teacher of the old priesthood, He said to him, that He had come from above.

In other words, Jesus was born out of heaven here on earth.

Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

Yet while He was on earth, He said He was also in heaven.

What did Jesus mean with this and the saying that the Father and I are one? What was He trying to say?

He was saying, "I want you to be part of this heavenly Kingdom".

For this to happen, we still needed a new priesthood.

A heavenly priesthood that would raise us up in a new life so we could fellowship with our Father who is in heaven.

This new priesthood is called the Melchizedek priesthood.

Heb 5:6 As he saith also in another *place*, Thou *art* a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

This new priesthood has opened the door for us to live, as a believer, in heavenly Sion, yes in the city of the living God.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

The Heavenly Realm

Our Lord Jesus Christ is the King and the High priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

His heavenly kingdom now operates here on earth by and through the Holy Spirit in believer's lives.

Now, out of these heavenly places and the throne of God, the Holy Spirit is poured out here on earth.

Heb 6:20 Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest forever after the order of Melchisedec.

Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

In this new order, His redeeming blood has opened up God's heavenly realm for us. Now we are seated with Christ in heavenly places.

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

The Heavenly Priesthood

The Melchizedek priesthood order is the priesthood order from heaven.

Heb 6:19-20 Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; (20) Whither the forerunner is for us entered, *even* Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec.

The priesthood life comes to us through grace by the blood of Jesus Christ.

- The Holy Spirit is poured out because the blood of Jesus Christ which is based upon the Melchizedek's heavenly priesthood order from the throne of God.
- This priesthood is not built on the Law but on the blood of Jesus Christ, where, through faith, we can be saved.

Therefore there is no condemnation, as we learn to walk in the Holy Spirit, for Jesus Christ fulfilled the Law.

Rom 8:1,4 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. (4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.

Step into the Melchizedek Priesthood and its Heavenly Places

The book of Hebrews shows us where and what these heavenly places are.

1. <u>The Melchizedek priesthood is the priesthood of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ</u> which opens up God's throne for us.

It says that we are called to come with boldness to the throne of grace.

Heb 8:1 Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens;

2. <u>Boldly before the throne of grace and of the Majesty of God in Heaven</u> Here Christ is our intercessor in heaven.

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

3. <u>The Melchizedek priesthood brings order to the tabernacle (hut) of King David and to</u> worship before the throne of God in heaven

4. Mount Sion

This is the heavenly place of worship which we can join as we worship in the spirit.

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

- 5. The Melchizedek priesthood brings us into the kingdom of God Age
- 6. The City of Our Heavenly Father

We are called to be in fellowship with our heavenly Father.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

7. The Holy Angels

We are to worship God as we are seated in heavenly Jerusalem and angels will be released to do God's work here on earth.

Walking in the Spirit

In this school of the Spirit, we want you to grow in the Spirit, your spiritual life and your spiritual understanding.

This will bring a shift in your worldview.

For you will learn that in all things, the spiritual life in God comes first and is of most importance. God (Elohim), who is a Spirit, spoke and all was created.

Therefore we are called to worship God in spirit and truth.

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and truth.

Therefore, learning to live in the Spirit is our calling. When we learn to live in the Spirit, we start to walk in the spirit.

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Functions and Attributes of the Holy Spirit

Ruach Elohim

In the beginning, was God (Elohim) and He created all things as the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Gen 1:1,2 (Names of God Bible) In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God (Ruach Elohim) moved upon the face of the waters.

Then it says about God the Creator, which is Elohim, let us make a man.

Gen 1:26 (Names of God Bible) And God (Elohim) said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Here, we see that God the Father, God the Son and the Holy Spirit (Ruach Elohim) together, created the earth and man.

Therefore, the Holy Spirit is fully God.

When Jesus Christ talks about the Holy Spirit Christ calls Him, 'He'. <u>Therefore, the attributes of the Holy Spirit are one with the Father and the Son of God.</u> This will teach you how great the Holy Spirit is.

<u>Life</u>

The first function of the Holy Spirit that we look at is the function of giving us life. In Genesis 1, the Holy Spirit is called Ruach Elohim.

Gen 1:2 (Names of God Bible) And the Spirit of God (Ruach Elohim) moved upon the face of the waters.

<u>The Hebrew word for Spirit here is Ruach</u>. This can be translated as wind, breath or mind. <u>Ruach Elohim is closely associated with life since there is no life without breath.</u>

When God created Adam, Ruach Elohim blew the life of God into Adam and Adam, who was created from dust, became alive.

The Holy Spirit gave Adam his life.

When Adam and Eve fell in sin, their divine life was corrupted and their relationship with God died.

Born of the Spirit

Today the Holy Spirit wants to impart God's divine life and God's divine nature in our spirit man again.

This is why we need to be born of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 3:5 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.

The Holy Spirit wants to give you rivers of life. Yes, He wants to squirt a fountain of life from your innermost, which is from your spirit.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

The Holy Spirit has a whole lot to do with your spiritual growth and abundant life.

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

Therefore, let us be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Chapter 2: The Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit and Fire in my Life

I was born again into God's kingdom in the state of New Mexico, USA when I was 21 years old. After a few months being in the Baptist church, I backslid because I didn't have enough spiritual strength to fight my bondages.

When I was 23 years old, I lived in Hawaii and was baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire.

This Holy Spirit baptism gave me the love and spiritual strength I needed to become a strong bornagain believer.

As I was baptised in the Holy Spirit, many demonic spirits of darkness, depression and occult power left me.

One of the keys to this baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire is that as I prayed, I totally surrendered my whole life to God.

Now for 35 years, I am on fire, haven't backslidden and I am daily being changed from glory to glory.

A New Spiritual Law

In the first chapter, we saw that Jesus Christ gave us a New Testament and therefore a New Covenant.

By this New Covenant, we can have faith in Christ and be born of the Holy Spirit.

He also gave us a new priesthood according to the priesthood of Melchizedek.

- This New Covenant also gives us a new spiritual law.
- This law is called the Law of the Spirit of Life.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

This law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus releases the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives so we can be born again of the Holy Spirit and receive the authority and power of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we are baptised with the Holy Spirit.

I am Living in the Love of the Holy Spirit

As a young believer, I learnt the importance of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I learnt to daily open my life up for the Holy Spirit.

For the last 35 years, the Holy Spirit has poured out His presence and love in my life daily. This glorious love and peace have transformed and healed my spirit, heart and soul. I love to come daily in worship before the Lord God and have fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

The Holy Spirit wants to have communion or fellowship with every believer.

The Love of God is in the Spirit of God

The Bible says that God is love and that God is a Spirit, He is holy and He is light.

1Jn 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

<u>Through the Holy Spirit, Father God's love is poured out in our heart.</u> It is by the function and the unction of the Holy Spirit that we get to know this love.

Rom 5:5 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.

The Holy Spirit ministry is to make known unto us the love, goodness and mercy of Jesus Christ and Father God.

Here, the function of the Holy Spirit is to help us grow in the spirit where the love of God is found and known.

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Adoption

Jesus said that He would not leave us as orphans or comfortless for He would come to us.

Joh 14:18 (AMP) I will not leave you as orphans (comfortless, desolate, bereaved, forlorn, helpless); I will come (back) to you

When we are born of the Spirit, we are no longer orphans, but receive the spirit of adoption from God the Father.

As the Holy Spirit and the Father are one, we are adopted by God the Father.

- Now we are His children
- Therefore, we become a son of God

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

As we have become children of God the Father, therefore, we are called to grow up into sonship. The whole creation is waiting for the manifestation of God. The sons of God are called to walk and manifest the presence of God and the glory of the Holy Spirit.

The Comforter

The Holy Spirit is also called the comforter.

Our Lord said that the Holy Spirit would comfort us and help us in times of trouble, or our needs.

Joh 14:16 (AMP) And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener and Standby), that He may remain with you forever.

The Holy Spirit will strengthen us and stand by us when we go through troubles and when we are feeling lonely or hurt.

He is also called the Helper for He helps when we are weak and gives us wisdom and understanding on our path of life.

The Holy Spirit is the Teacher of Truth

The Holy Spirit is also called the teacher who teaches the truth, for the truth will set us free.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jesus said that the Holy Spirit will teach you what Jesus had taught and spoken, which we find in the scripture.

He will give us revelation, understanding and wisdom about the words Jesus Christ spoke to us while Christ was on earth.

The Holy Spirit is third in rank and Jesus Christ is second in rank, therefore, He says what Jesus says.

Joh 16:13-15 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. (14) He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. (15) All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Therefore, to become a good minister, we need to learn to be taught by the Holy Spirit. <u>A mindset of reasons stops the faith of God, however, it is the unction of the Holy Spirit flow that</u> <u>teaches us.</u>

1Jn 2:20 But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

Therefore we are to be taught in the Holy Spirit, by the anointing, to minister and preach under the anointing.

For it is the anointing whereby the yoke or burden is destroyed.

Isa 10:27 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.

<u>Reasoning against faith and God's word also stops the flow of the Holy Spirit.</u> Faith in God's word and its anointing releases the flow of the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of Life

We must understand that without the Holy Spirit, we can do nothing. We also must understand that without the Holy Spirit in our lives, we are not a Christian. The Bible without the Holy Spirit in our lives is spiritual death. 2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

It is the Holy Spirit that makes the Bible come alive, it is His anointing that teaches us the living word.

1Jn 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

The Spirit of truth gives us revelations of how the word of God works.

The Holy Spirit in the Azusa Street Revival

The Azusa street revival occurred from 1906 to 1910.

This took place in the area of Los Angeles, California in the United States of America.

It was the birthing place of the modern-day Pentecostal movement which is now the greatest Christian movement worldwide.

Great signs, wonders and miracles happened in that place and its rumours went worldwide. In those days, people from around the world visited the revival and these visitors took the revival back home to start Pentecostal churches.

The fire of the Holy Spirit was seen on top of the building where they met. When this happened, great miracles where performed under the leading of William Seymour and the saints.

The Holy Mist and Jean Darnell

The Shekinah glory was seen in those meetings.

The cloud of glory was seen in that place as a thick mist.

One day, the cloud would be 33 cm high (1 foot) or the next day 99 cm high (3 feet).

At times, the children of Azusa Street would play hide and seek in it.

Many of these children became mighty preachers and led big churches where the power and presence of the Holy Spirit were present.

One of these people, Jean Darnell, was <u>a toddler who became comfortable with the thick mist that</u> <u>filled the room.</u>

Being in a playful mood, when she woke from a nap, she would try to gather the mist in her arms.

It would be a few years before Jean was old enough to understand that she was trying to capture the Shekinah glory of God. (Morris, 2006)

Sonship and the Spirit of Glory

As soon as we become born again of the Spirit of God in the kingdom of God, we are a child and a son of God.

We see this in the book of Galatians, where Apostle Paul shows the difference between the Old Covenant of the Law and the New Covenant of grace and faith.

He says we are in the New Covenant by grace through faith, born again of the Holy Spirit and adopted as sons of God.

Gal 4:5-7 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. (6) And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. (7) Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Today, we have become sons and have an inheritance in the Shekinah glory of God.

The Holy Spirit is also the Spirit of Glory

As a toddler, Jean Darnell was basking daily in the misty cloud of the Shekinah glory of God. <u>This glory is the love, mercy, goodness, joy and peace of God.</u> This was the glory of God's Holy Spirit and the spirit of adoption at work.

A toddler needs the tender loving kindness of a mother and father.

She received the Heavenly Father's loving kind supernatural embrace.

Daily, she breathed this pure heavenly air and because of this, became a powerful woman of God.

The Holy Spirit brings forth Fruit

In John 15, our Lord Jesus gives us a lot of meat of the word. <u>He said that we have to abide in Him to bring forth much fruit.</u>

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus also knew that, without His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, we would not bear any fruit. For without Christ we can do nothing.

Also, without the Holy Spirit, we can do nothing.

In John 15, Jesus talks about the parable of the vine in between the teaching on the Holy Spirit of John 14 and 16.

Why? So that we would understand that without the Holy Spirit, we can't bring forth fruit.

The Parable of the Vine and the Holy Spirit

In the parable of the vine, Jesus Christ said that the Father is the vinedresser. Jesus said that He is the true vine and we are the branches.

Joh 15:1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Where is the Holy Spirit in this story? He is the living water.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Without water entering the plant to produce the sap, the vine would die.

The Holy Spirit is the living water whereby we come to life.

The Holy Spirit is the life stream and helps us to abide in the deep presence of Father God through Jesus Christ.

As we abide in Christ and live in the spirit, we will bring forth much fruit.

Joh 15:7-8 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be **done** unto you. (8) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

<u>Therefore, we need to cultivate a relationship with the Holy Spirit and learn to</u> have communion with the Holy Spirit.

2Co 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, *be* with you all. Amen.

The Holy Spirit Convicts of Sin

The greatest mission of the Holy Spirit is to convict the world and believers of sin. Without the conviction of sin, there will be no true or lasting repentance. Therefore, the conviction of sin is a great blessing. Jesus Christ said that the Holy Spirit would convict the world, and us, of sin.

Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

The Holy Spirit's conviction goes so far as to convict of sin, righteousness and judgement. The bible says we are to judge ourselves to see if we are still in the faith and walking on the narrow way, being changed from glory to glory.

To do this, we need the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

If we do so, we will stay on fire all the days of our lives.

Don't Quench the Holy Spirit

If we want to grow in fellowship with Father God and bring forth much fruit, we need to learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit.

The more, greater or deeper our lives are open to the Holy Spirit, the deeper the communion and intimacy with God will be.

Then we will see a greater manifestation of God's miracles and glory work through us.

This is why the Bible says, 'Don't quench the Holy Spirit'.

1Th 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is very gentle, sensitive and kind, He is easily quenched. Fall in love with the Holy Spirit and you will love Jesus and the Father more. Quenching the Holy Spirit in your life stops the fire of the Holy Spirit. Then you will become lukewarm. Deal with your sins or bad attitudes and you will be on fire.

Don't Grieve the Holy Spirit

The Bible says to not grieve the Holy Spirit. We grieve the Holy Spirit by going back to old sins. Eph 4:30 And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

We also grieve the Holy Spirit if we live in our soul, or let the fleshly lifestyle takeover in anger, covetousness and other bad attitudes.

This is why, as believers, we need to let the Holy Spirit convict us of our daily sins so we won't grieve the Holy Spirit.

The Spirit of Adoption and Glory

My mother could not lovingly nurture me as a baby and toddler for she was conceived and born outside of marriage.

When my daughter, Elisabeth, was born, I loved her but there where walls of reservation in my heart.

When she was 2 years old, there was a fresh move of the glory of God in the body of Christ, especially in Toronto, Canada. The Holy Spirit sent me there for 2 weeks.

The spirit of adoption, the tenderness, mercy, kindness, love and goodness of the glory of God's Spirit descended upon me.

I received a lot of love, healing and transformation.

From then on, the walls between Elisabeth and I were gone. From then on, I could love her as her loving father.

This led to her having a good self-image and self-esteem. She can give love to hurting children as a Primary teacher, as they feel her love for them.

Chapter 3: More Than Once

Power to be a Witness

On the day of ascension, The Lord Jesus Christ said that the apostles would receive power to be a witness as the Holy Spirit would come upon them or be baptised in the Holy Spirit.

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

- When you are born again of the Spirit, into the kingdom of God, you receive the Holy Spirit on the inside of you to be a believer.
- When you are baptised with the Holy Spirit, you receive the Holy Spirit upon you for service.

Now the words, authority and power, come from the same Greek word 'Dunamis'. When you receive the dunamis or power of God, you receive authority to move with power. Jesus also said, 'On that day, the believers would speak with new tongues'.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

The new tongues would be the way to stir up the power of the Holy Spirit to do the work of the ministry.

VOLCANO FIRE!

In 1983 I came to live on the Big Island of Hawaii, which is called Hawaii. One morning, while I lay in my bed, the whole house started to shake.

There was a rumbling sound.

It was an earthquake, 6.7 on the Richter scale. I quickly went out of the room. All the palm trees were waving! Something had started on the earth.

Half a year later, 1984 smoke started to come out of the volcano; a sign of the things to come. Then the big volcano called Mauna Loa erupted. The fire was spewing up into the sky. Burning lava was running down the slopes.

Small towns near the volcano were in danger of fire.

Anything in the way of this erupting volcano was going to be consumed by the blaze. At night when the darkness had set in; it was an awesome sight. You could see the yellow fire go up and the orange collar of the burning lava running down the hills.

THE TREMORS

There can be tremors and shaking in our lives. This can be happening so we will look for true purposes in life. God wants us to be witnesses for Him. He also wants us to be closer to Him in a personal experiential relationship.

This will start to happen in a greater way for us as we are baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit and fire.

A volcano is asleep when it is not spewing fire. It is a tourist attraction when it is spewing fire. People come to the Hawaiian volcano from all over the world to see it burn. That is its purpose. The purpose of a Christian is also to burn for God. We need to be baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire.

This is my testimony:

I had given my life to God when I was 21 years of age in a Baptist meeting where the stepbrother of Elvis Presley spoke. His name is Rick Stanley, I was even baptised in a Baptist Church in the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico, USA. After three months I fell back into the world. I had never learnt about true repentance and 100% surrender and so lack of power in my Christian life was a big part of slipping away.

THE VOLCANO ON FIRE

I went to live in Hawaii in my twenty-third year. I met people from Youth with a Mission. I was invited to the mission base and heard different people speak. One night it was different. The founder, Loren Cunningham spoke on one hundred per cent surrender.

He explained how God had spoken to him in his crises. I had never heard that God could speak to you. In the course of my Dutch Reformed upbringing, I had never heard anything like that. The next day I took YWAM friends around the Island to show them the Volcano's eruptions. The volcano was on fire! This was also God's plan for me.

It was an awesome sight to see, the pillar of fire going into the sky.

At the same time, they told me about the baptism with the Holy Spirit and fire. They showed me the scriptures that speak about it. They were reading me stories from the miraculous revival in Timor, Indonesia.

The next day I was at home alone. I read the scriptures about the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Faith came into my heart. I saw it was the truth. I repented of my selfishness and I said with my whole heart – "I surrender 100%".

Then I received this baptism with the Holy Spirit.

THE RESULT

Power fell on me. It was a God moment. I felt spiritual chains break. The freedom that true love brings came in me and it overwhelmed me.

I felt clean, I felt washed. I felt I had power over sin.

Joy came into my heart.

Then I started to speak in a heavenly language.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit in Our Day

John the Baptist proclaimed that the Lord Jesus Christ would baptise us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

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

In our day, there are great moves of the outpourings of the baptism with the Holy Spirit. There was a great outpouring in Timor, Indonesia during the 1960s which I talked about earlier. On a Sunday night, the Presbyterian believers were together in worship.

At that moment, a mighty wind came and a great flame of fire came upon their church building. At once, the believers were baptised with the Holy Spirit, as He came upon them, they spoke with new tongues.

They received the Holy Spirit upon them and in them to give them the power to do the ministry. Then the gift of the Holy Spirit started to work through them as they started to prophesy and do miracles.

After a few weeks, God's Holy Spirit said that they had to go and preach the gospel to the unbelievers. As they did, great miracles happened through them and many believed.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit

The word Pentecost means 50.

The Lord was with them for 40 days after He was resurrected and then He told them to wait for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

They remained in the Upper Room for 10 days. Then the day of Pentecost arrived.

In Israel, 50 days after the feast of Passover, they celebrated the day of Pentecost, which was a remembrance that they received the law on Mt Sinai.

So on that day, many Jews were gathered from many different nations to celebrate Pentecost. On that 50th day, the Holy Spirit was poured out.

It says that on that day, suddenly a sound and a mighty wind came. Cloven tongues like fire came upon the 120 disciples.

Act 2:2-3 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. (3) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

Then it says that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and started to speak with other tongues.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

So we can say the holy fire came as flames upon them. Then we can also say that they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and overflowing.

Holy Spirit is Holy

Apostle Peter, who was filled with the Holy Spirit and fire, then preached and said, 'This is what was prophesied by the prophet Joel'.

Act 2:15-16 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. (16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;

Through Apostle Peter, who was filled with this holy fire, God released light into the heart of the listening Jews.

The effect was that God's holy light, through the Holy Spirit, cut them to the heart with conviction power.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard *this,* they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men *and* brethren, what shall we do?

Due to the movement of the holy presence of the Holy Spirit, when they were called to repentance, many repented.

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

That day, 3000 were saved and baptised because they holy presence of the Holy Spirit moved to bring them to repentance.

They didn't fall away but the church grew from that day onward for they were cut to the heart by God's holy presence.

They were touched More than Once

Many Believers think that God wants to touch or baptise them once with the Holy Spirit.

The good news is that the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit more than once.

In Acts 2 they were filled with power and so they started to speak in tongues and to preach salvation and heal the sick.

In Acts 4 we see the second time they were filled.

After apostles Peter and John were released from being before the High Priest as they were being persecuted for their faith, they had a strong prayer meeting.

As they prayed, the building was shaken.

It says that they were all filled with boldness.

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

More Lord

In the Toronto Blessing, they coined the phrase, 'more Lord'.

Believers were receiving more and more of the Holy Spirit.

I was baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire in 1984 while in Hawaii, America.

This totally changed me.

The day after I was filled, the Holy Spirit said to throw my rock music away, I obeyed.

The next day He said to throw away my pornography magazines, so I did.

After this, I received the baptism in the Holy Spirit of love and also of glory.

I learnt to stay ages in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

I went to different places of outpourings in different places in the world, each time I received different emphases of the Holy Spirit like boldness, the holy presence or the manifestations of the Holy Spirit.

Be Ye Continuously Filled

In this school of the Holy Spirit, we want to emphasize that God is a spirit and that you need to seek, pray and worship in the spirit.

In this way, I learnt to be filled with the Holy Spirit continuously. The Bible says that we are called to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:18-19 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (19) Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

When we struggle and are burnt out we need to wait upon God and again be filled with the Holy Spirit.

We are called to overflow, then sing and make new songs.

Tongues of Fire

When I was baptised in the Holy Spirit, I spoke in new tongues.

After three years of my real surrender, being filled with the Holy Spirit, I became a missionary with YWAM in Ghana, Africa.

There were young believers there who prayed for hours in tongues.

There was a strong spiritual battle going on in that place against witchcraft.

I was staying in a tribal village, missionaries usually only stayed a short time in that area.

I learnt there, the importance of praying strongly in new tongues.

I learnt that we need to pray with tongues of fire.

Tongues of fire came upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost in Jerusalem.

Witchcraft and false religious spirits can't stand the Holy Spirit tongues of fire. They will flee or sometimes repent and get saved.

The Power of Praying in Tongues

Corey Russell was a missionary in Bolivia.

While he was there, he attended a small house church where members were encouraged to pray in tongues all the time.

That small congregation witnessed many powerful miracles regularly because of their lifestyle of fellowshipping with the Holy Spirit.

One of the members went to a fellow worker who hadn't shown up at work.

He went to the man's house and saw that the man had hung himself.

As he was praying in tongues, he cut the man loose.

After a little while, this phrase came to him, 'Jesus, I praise you, because You're alive'.

He began to declare that phrase and continued to pray in the spirit.

Suddenly the man came back to life. (Russell, 2012. p 89)

The Importance of Praying and Singing in Tongues

Apostle Paul said that he prayed more than anyone in tongues.

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

Why?

- 1. It is a power line to heaven
- 2. It spiritually fortifies you
- 3. It builds your faith (Jude 20)
- 4. It releases God's love in your life (Jude 21)
- 5. It releases God's mysteries in your spirit and by this, you receive spiritual insight.
- 6. You get released into the realms of visions and dreams
- 7. It is your breakthrough channel
- 8. It releases angels to do spiritual battle for you

These are a few of the benefits of praying in tongues which releases you to pray in the Holy Spirit.

Eph 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

God is spirit

Praying and singing in the Holy Spirit or tongues is your most spiritual way of prayer. In this type of prayer, the Lord will help you to find His will.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

The Holy Spirit will pray through you with groanings. This gift is for all believers at all times. At times, oaths to idols, curses and freemasonry can block the receiving of this gift. Others are stopped by wrong teaching or religious spirits. Jesus said that believers would speak with new tongues.

Mar 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

A prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit:

Are you a believer, then this is for you.

Just ask the Lord to fill you right now!

Pray:

Father God, please baptise me now with the Holy Spirit and as I surrender 100%, also baptise me with Holy Spirit and fire.

The Function of the Fire of the Holy Spirit

Now we will look to the function of the fire fo the Holy Spirit.

Holy Fire

Why did the Holy Spirit come with fire on the day of Pentecost? The answer is that our God is holy. In Hebrew, the word for holy means morally pure, sacred and complete.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about *him;* and *they were* full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

Fire consumes, fire sets ablaze.

<u>God's holy fire consumes all filth and sin and sets ablaze His divine nature in our lives.</u> In chapter one, we learnt that Ruach Elohim blew life into Adam so he became a living soul. On the day of Pentecost, they first heard the sound of a mighty rushing wind that filled the whole house.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

Wind, Fire and Life

The mighty wind of Ruach Elohim was blowing again.

This mighty wind of the Holy Spirit comes forth out of the divine nature of our Holy God who is a consuming fire.

At the same time, the outworking was cloven tongues of fire on the heads of the apostles.

The outworking of the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit was that they were immersed or filled with the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Therefore, the first work of the fire of the Holy Spirit is to fill us and baptise us so we can be a true witness.

As the fire, which is released by Ruach Elohim's breath, consumes our lives, rivers of living water will result.

<u>As I said before about Ruach Elohim's breath is closely associated with life,</u> since there is no life without breath.

Fire burns out all that is in the way of God's divine life and the breath of God through the fire releases rivers of living water.

Now we feel alive and on fire.

Chapter 4: The Spirit of Life

Jesus Christ gave us the New Testament or New Covenant. The new testament has a new paradigm.

It is:

- 1. New Covenant
- 2. New Priesthood
- 3. New Spiritual Law
- 4. New Dispensation

Heaven's Worship

Robin Harfouche was once taken by the Lord to see worship in heaven.

Today, God wants to teach us that we are citizens of heaven and how to function from heaven to earth.

One day, the Lord took her to heaven where she saw how the saints worshipped and danced before the Lord in heaven.

The heavenly saints were praising the Lord in heaven with all their spirit, soul and body out of passion and love.

Then the Lord showed her the Last Day ministry on earth. The Lord said that when the worship of earth becomes one with heaven, then the greatest miracles will happen.

She saw big fields with people praising the Lord.

On stage, the worship leaders were in tune with the worship of heaven and worshipped the Lord in great unity.

The worship on earth was one with heaven's worship. The result was the greatest miracles the world had ever seen were happening.

 <u>Therefore, we need a shift of being natural-minded believers into</u> <u>spiritual believers.</u>

Why a School of the Spirit?

The reason is that the New Testament is based on the law of the Spirit of life in Christ.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

This is because we have a new covenant and a new priesthood and therefore a new law. This law says you must be born of the spirit.

Our Lord Jesus the Messiah was very passionate and excited about the spiritual side of His ministry. This spiritual side of His ministry is the working of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 4:24 God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

Through faith, Jesus said, the Holy Spirit would become rivers of living water inside a believer. He introduced this at the Feast of Tabernacles.

On the seventh day of this feast, the Jews had a water libation ceremony in the temple.

On the eighth and great day, they prayed for rain.

The Great Day of the Feast of Tabernacles

In the Bible, it says that on the great day, or the climax, of the festival Jesus stood and shouted a great truth to the crowds.

This truth was about the life of the Holy Spirit that would flow out of the believer's lives as they believed.

Joh 7:37-38 In the last day, that great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

In Israel, they celebrated three seasons of festivals.

This was the fall festival, called the Feast of Tabernacles.

In this eight-day festival, they put up booths like a hut with palm leaves to remember the journey out of Egypt and living in the desert.

It is also the festival for the coming harvest.

They needed rain so the fall crops can grow and be harvested.

The eighth day of the Feast of Tabernacles was a high Sabbath.

On this day in the temple, they prayed for rain.

Therefore, it says that on the great day, which is the eighth day, Jesus Christ proclaimed that the Holy Spirit would be poured out to bring in a harvest.

He proclaimed that these believers of that harvest would have rivers of living water flowing from within.

<u>Here, our Lord taught that we would go from the dispensation or ministry of the Law of</u> Moses to the dispensation of grace and the Spirit.

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Change of Law

When our Lord was baptised by John the Baptist, the Spirit of the Lord God came upon Him without limitation.

Joh 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

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

John the Baptist said, 'Behold the Lamb of God who takes away our sin'.

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist's father has been the high priest in the order of the Levitical priesthood. John the Baptist would have been the next in line to be the high priest. He knew that he was the transition for the New Testament priesthood that was about to start.

<u>Therefore</u>, John the Baptist proclaimed that a new priesthood had arrived and then Father God said, <u>'This is my beloved Son in whom I am well pleased'</u>.

The new priesthood is the priesthood according to the order of Melchizedek.

Heb 7:21 (For those priests were made without an oath; but this with an oath by him that said unto him, The Lord sware and will not repent, Thou *art* a priest forever after the order of Melchisedec:)

- When you study the book of Hebrews deeply you will understand that this whole book is an explanation about the New Testament Priesthood.
- The book of Hebrews says that if we receive a new priesthood, then we also receive <u>a new law.</u>

Heb 7:11-12 If therefore perfection were by the Levitical priesthood, (for under it the people received the law,) what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Melchisedec, and not be called after the order of Aaron? (12) For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also of the law.

The new law is the law of faith of the Spirit and love!

The law of the spirit of life releases the Holy Spirit rivers of life in us. Through grace, by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, we are saved.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

The bible calls the law of faith-based on grace, <u>for Jesus Christ brought grace and truth</u> which is based upon the New Covenant and the law of the spirit of life.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

The law of the Spirit of life in Christ has also imparted eternal life to us through faith in Christ.

We were dead in our sin, yet now, through the Holy Spirit, we are alive in Christ.

This school is here to teach you about the change of this law so you can learn to live life more abundantly and to minister out of the fullness.

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

The Holy Spirit

As the essence of God the Father and God the Son lies in eternal life, therefore, the depth of the Holy Spirit is the life of God. Therefore the essence of the Holy Spirit is LIFE.

This is true for God is one.

Joh 6:63 The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

In this chapter, we want to get light and revelation on these truths For as the depth of God's life is in us, we need to learn to receive this life, through the Holy Spirit. This will allow us to grow in the abundant life that has come to us through the Holy Spirit. This is a major key for us to learn to live in the presence of God.

As we learn this, we will also be able to minister the presence and life of God to others. The presence of the Holy Spirit will help us to love our neighbour whereby we will fulfil the law of love.

Rom 13:8,10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

The presence of the Holy Spirit will help us to love our neighbour whereby we will fulfil the law of love.

Rom 13:8-10 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (9) 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. (10) Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The Law of the Spirit of Life

Now through faith in Jesus Christ, we have received the Spirit of life and freedom.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

It is important to understand that Moses brought the law but Jesus Christ brought grace and truth, which come forth out of the fullness of the Spirit of God.

The Last Day saints are to learn to live and minister out of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

The story about Robin Harfouche, that we started this chapter with, challenges us to learn to come up to these levels of the fullness in the Holy Spirit.

The law of Moses is here to show us that we are sinners, yet the law cannot save us.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Therefore we need a saviour.

Christ Jesus is that Saviour who gave His blood as a price for our sin. By grace, we receive salvation and the Spirit of life.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Grace releases us into the law of the Spirit of life.

The new covenant Christ brought is not a covenant of the written laws but of the Spirit of God who pours out the Father's love into our heart.

The Old Testament law was here to bring death and condemnation, for all have sinned. Yet the New Covenant brings us life through the Holy Spirit.

2Co 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

This new New Covenant opens us up to access the glory of God in our lives today.

2 Co 3:9 (NLT) If the old way, which brings condemnation, was glorious, how much more glorious is the new way, which makes us right with God!

When Moses saw the glory and received the law, his face shone, yet it all disappeared because the law could not give life, it led to death.

Therefore, we needed a new priesthood with a New Covenant and the law of the Spirit of life.

2 Co 3:7,8 (NLT) The old way, with laws etched in stone, led to death, though it began with such glory that the people of Israel could not bear to look at Moses' face. For his face shone with the glory of God, even though the brightness was already fading away. ⁸ Shouldn't we expect far greater glory under the new way, now that the Holy Spirit is giving life?

The Holy Spirit gives Eternal Life

<u>The Holy Spirit is the person of the godhead on earth today who is the channel of eternal life.</u> Jesus Christ opened the way for us so we can receive eternal life today. He is also the person whereby we receive it on earth.

We see this as a picture in the book of Revelations, where the river of God flows out of the throne of God.

This river brings life, healing and fruit in our lives. This river is the Holy Spirit.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Jesus said that only the Holy Spirit would give us eternal life as we believe in Jesus Christ.

Joh 6:63 (NLT) The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

He said the words He spoke are spirit and life. If we only stay with the letter of the Word, we will not grow. We need the Word and the Holy Spirit to grow.

A Saying

If you only focus on the Word, you dry up. If you only go with the Spirit, you blow up. If you put the Word and the Spirit together, you will grow up.

So Jesus said, put the Word and the Spirit together.

Joh 6:63 (NLT) The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

Therefore, He warned us not to harden our hearts or put our heart on riches and earthly things. Therefore, we are called to be heavenly-minded.

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

The Eternal Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is eternal and gives eternal life.

Therefore, our source of spiritual life here on earth is the Holy Spirit.

That is why the Holy Spirit can help us to grow in life more abundantly.

The Holy Spirit can teach us what this divine nature is all about, this is the abundant life.

This abundant life breaks through in us when we are baptised in the Holy Spirit and we learn to live and walk in the spirit.

Jesus Christ said to the woman at the well that He would give her water to drink that will spring up into eternal life.

He spoke here of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 4:14 But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

If we don't learn to depend upon the Word and the Holy Spirit, we will stop our spiritual growth. <u>A religious mindset will stop the moving of the Holy Spirit in our lives.</u> <u>Therefore we are not to grieve or quench the Holy Spirit.</u>

Revival Life and Light

One day, the Lord showed me how to walk in personal revival fire daily. Light comes forth out of the life of the Holy Spirit

Light also has fire in it or comes forth from the fire.

It says in the scripture if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with Him and in this fellowship in and with the light of God is where revival fire is.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Therefore, let the Holy Spirit convict you daily of your sin and let the blood of Jesus Christ cleanse you daily.

Then walk in the fellowship with God and God the Holy Spirit daily and you will walk in personal revival fire.

The Function of the Holy Spirit as Water

Let us talk about the function of the Holy Spirit as water. Our Lord Jesus said that the Holy Spirit would flow out of a believer's life as rivers of water.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Water is a CONDUCTOR. This means that electricity can travel through water very fast.

Water is also a great ABSORBER.

The blessing of this absorptive capacity is that many blessings, like nutrients, can be released through the water.

The Living Water of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit brings the living water to us for Jesus came to give us eternal life.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

This eternal life comes to us by the conductor of the water of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Holy Spirit releases rivers of living water inside our born-again spirit. The deeper we go in our relationship with God

The Voice of God

Water is a great absorber and gives nutrients to plants. The Holy Spirit's river of life has many great blessings in it.

It carries the life of God, the voice of the Lord and also the glory of the Lord.

Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD is upon many waters.

The voice of the Lord is upon the many waters. The more the river of life breaks through in our lives, the easier it is to hear the voice of God.

Your sons shall prophesy

In the book of Joel, the promise was given about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. When we are baptised with the Holy Spirit's river of living water, the breakthrough will be in our lives.

These abundant life rivers of living water, release the prophetic voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives, also visions and dreams.

Act 2:15-18 For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. (16) But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; (17) And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

It was water that had been into turned into spiritual wine that made it look like these men where drunk.

It was the river of life that gave them great joy, for, in the presence of God, there is fullness of joy.

Out of this joy, the abundance of the Holy Spirit lives, the apostles heard the voice of God's Spirit and learnt to move according to function.

Visions and dreams were received as the Holy Spirit spoke like that to the apostles in the book of Acts and guided them. This helped them to do and to accomplish the work of these ministers.

Chapter 5: Governed by the Holy Spirit

A New Dispensation

The presence of God comes to us through the river of the Holy Spirit.

We learnt in the last chapter to be open for the river of the Holy Spirit for it carries the voice of God. We will learn in this chapter that we are in a new dispensation.

When the Lord Jesus Christ gave us the New Covenant, which comes to us through faith in His blood, a new dispensation or ministry started.

1Co 9:17 For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

It is called the dispensation of the Spirit

2 Co 3:8 (AMP) Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit (this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit) be attended with much greater and more splendid glory?

What is a dispensation?

It is a divinely ordained system prevailing at a particular period in history, or an act of providence. The Old Covenant or Old Testament is the old dispensation.

The New Testament with the ministry of the Holy Spirit is the new dispensation.

The dispensation or ministry of the Spirit is here, at the same time the dispensation or the ministry of grace is at work.

Christ came to bring grace.

Eph 3:2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

<u>Through grace, we can receive forgiveness, as we receive the dispensation of</u> the Spirit, be born of the Spirit and be baptised with the Holy Spirit.

Governed by the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ has received the government of God on His shoulders as He has been obedient to God the Father to come to save us.

Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. (7) Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Now He has poured out the Holy Spirit so we can be governed by the Holy Spirit. Real Christianity is to learn to live in the Spirit. Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Therefore, we need to learn to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit. To do this is to surrender ourselves deeper and deeper into the Holy Spirit. The Bible says that we are called to be governed by the Holy Spirit.

2 Co 3:8 (AMP) Why should not the dispensation of the Spirit (this spiritual ministry whose task it is to cause men to obtain and be governed by the Holy Spirit) be attended with much greater and more splendid glory?

First, it starts with the surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Jesus doesn't only want to be our Saviour, but also our bridegroom and King. He is our Lord and King and the government is upon His shoulders. He leads us into the work of the Holy Spirit and the Spirit of the Lord. It says: Now the Lord is that Spirit.

2 Co 3:17(AMP) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (emancipation from bondage, freedom)

As we are governed by the Holy Spirit more and more, the outcome will be that we will walk in greater realms of freedom.

Our true identity as sons is found in the love of God the Father for us.

It is the Holy Spirit who pours out that love of the Father in our hearts.

Rom 5:5 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.

Spiritual Sonship

We are called to spiritual sonship.

Our true identity as a son of God is found in the love of God the Father has for us.

It is the Holy Spirit who pours out that love of the Father in our heart.

Rom 5:5 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.

<u>Growing in sonship is learning how to be led and governed by the Holy Spirit.</u> This is why we are called to be spiritual sons.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Many preachers, pastors and believers are rational believers. They think that by being a scholar of the natural mind, they will be good Christians and be successful.

The Bible calls these believers to repent and change their ways.

For they are living a soulish Christian lifestyle.

We are called to be in the school of spiritual growth and spiritual sonship.

Why?

For we are called to worship the Father in spirit and truth and to be led and governed by the Holy Spirit.

Joh 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

To worship the Father in the spirit and to be led by the Spirit, we need to be learners in the school of the spirit.

Therefore, we are to learn to live from the Rhema of the Bible which comes to us through the Holy Spirit.

The Lord makes the Bible come alive as we learn to listen to the voice and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

The Children in the Azusa Street Revival

In the years 1906 to 1919, the Azusa Street revival was running in Los Angeles.

Many children saw the glory of the Spirit of the Lord in the meeting.

The move that happened there was one of the greater moves of the Holy Spirit on earth which needed to be approached spiritually, not mentally.

There were great miracles there, e.g. people with twisted bones were restored.

You could hear bones popping, everyone on cots or wheelchairs were healed.

Some of the greatest miracles were happening when the flames of the Holy Spirit were above the building.

They said that the Holy Spirit fire was coming down from heaven into the building and Holy Spirit fire was going up from the building. The two fires met in the middle.

Only if we get desperate in our prayer life, will we see things happen again.

We who are filled with the Holy Spirit need to press in to get more fire of the Holy Spirit. (Bartleman, 1982)

Heavenly Jerusalem is Free

<u>As believers, we learn to live in the spirit of life in Christ Jesus, for Jesus fulfilled the Law.</u> We are set free from the condemnation of the Law.

When we learn to live in the Spirit, we will experience great freedom, joy and peace for Jesus. He has set us free from the Law of sin and death.

As we believe we are living in a higher life, the life in the freedom of heavenly Jerusalem.

Gal 4:26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

Now we are seated in heavenly places in the Spirit, where Heavenly Jerusalem or Sion and the throne of grace are.

We are called to spiritual life and spiritual freedom.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

To stay free of condemnation and guilt, we need to learn to live in the Spirit.

This freedom grows as we learn to live and then walk in the Spirit.

Christ came from above to make us one with Him and the Father, so we can live in the freedom of our divine life.

Christ's blood sacrifices fulfilled the Law and now, through the new birth of the Holy Spirit, we receive Christ's righteousness.

As we learn to walk in the Spirit, we are walking in righteousness, free from condemnation and guilt.

Rom 8:3-4 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 sin in the flesh: (4) That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Therefore, we can now live in the spirit and under an open heaven and live in the freedom of heavenly Jerusalem.

Only Faith and the Holy Spirit

Apostle Paul wrote the book of Galatians to show the Jews that true freedom only comes by faith; walking by faith and by the Holy Spirit.

The Jews said to be a believer, you also need to be circumcised. Apostle Paul went against these teachings of legalism.

Gal 6:12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

Apostle Paul said, 'No, salvation only comes through grace and faith in the sacrifices of Christ's cross and the Holy Spirit'.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

These false Jews wanted to take the freedom away from the believers in Galatia again. Yes, they wanted to put them back into legalism and tried to stop them from living and walking in the Holy Spirit.

Gal 2:4 (NLT) Even that question came up only because of some so-called Christians there – false ones, really – who were secretly brought in. They sneaked in to spy on us and take away the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. They wanted to enslave us and force us to follow their Jewish regulation.

Apostle Paul rebukes the believers not to be bewitched and lose the freedom from living in the Holy Spirit.

Gal 3:1-3 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (2) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (3) Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

Being Led by the Spirit

The important thing in this school of the spirit is to learn to be led by the Holy Spirit.

For we are to learn to be governed by the Holy Spirit.

We have talked about living in the Spirit and walking in the Spirit.

Learning to be led by the Holy Spirit is learning to walk in the Spirit and to be governed by the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Faith is the key to living and walking in the Spirit and to be governed by the Holy Spirit. To grow up as a spiritual son is to learn to be led by the Holy Spirit.

One of the greatest blessings comes when you follow this path, you will experience the outpouring of the great love of God the Father.

Your heart will learn to accept the Father's embrace.

Rom 8:14-16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. (15) For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Being led and governed by the Holy Spirit is being set free of the spirit of fear, it's bondage and it's rejection.

Through the Spirit of the Lord, the orphan spirit and the spirit of abandonment are also broken so that you can become a son.

The book of Romans and Galatians calls us to be led by the Holy Spirit to walk and to live by the Spirit.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Apostle Paul tells us that we should be guided by the Holy Spirit. This will keep us free from witchcraft, the flesh and legalism.

Gal 5:16 (NLT) So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

The Holy Spirit was the Key to Success in Acts

I studied the book of Acts to find out the keys to success that the first church worked with.

Therefore, they were governed by the Holy Spirit.

One of the most important keys was that the first-century church was guided and led by the Holy Spirit.

We also see this same key of being led by the Holy Spirit in the life of Apostle Paul.

Apostle Paul was first in the church of Antioch. Here the Holy Spirit spoke and said that Paul and Barnabas had to be set apart for the mission.

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

Then they were guided and sent out to Cyprus by the Holy Spirit.

• <u>Listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit and being led and guided and governed by</u> the Holy Spirit became the pattern of the first-century church.

It was one of the keys to their missionary success.

• When they were at Galatia, they wanted to preach in Asia; yet the Holy Spirit said no.

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

In the night, Paul received a vision of a man from Macedonia who said come.

Act 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There stood a man of Macedonia, and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

So they obeyed the vision of the Holy Spirit and went to preach the gospel in Macedonia.

This now opened up Europe and the gospel went west.

Many came to faith and powerful churches were started, such as Philippi, Thessalonica, Berea and Ephesus.

A. Living in the Spirit

We are called to be led by the Holy Spirit and we are called to live in the Spirit.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Learning to live in the spirit is learning to live in the presence and river of God.

We need to have a deep longing to daily experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Yes, it is all about a living relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A lifestyle of worship and prayer is the basic foundation of life in the spirit.

Reading and meditating on the Bible scriptures deepen our life in the spirit.

We need to do all by and through faith, for faith is the way into the kingdom of God.

<u>There was a prophetic word released that said, "The price for this generation is – will we live in the spirit?"</u>

Living in the spirit takes us beyond the veil.

Life in the spirit beyond the veil is living, seeing and experiencing the kingdom of heaven and God.

B. Walking in the Spirit

We are not only called to live in the spirit but also to walk in the spirit.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

The true way to live a Christian life of joy and its freedom is to learn to walk in the Holy Spirit. To walk away from death, religion, condemnation and legalism of the soul realm and to learn to live in the spirit of life.

Learning to walk in the spirit is learning to manifest the life of the Holy Spirit through your life. The whole creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God, which is the full outworking of walking in the spirit.

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

The life of Jesus Christ and the New Testament apostles show us how to walk in the spirit. They obeyed the voice of the Holy Spirit by faith and did what God asked of them, therefore, they were governed by the Holy Spirit.

Walking in the spirit also incorporates the not following the works of the flesh but to keep it under our feet, and where we struggle, to crucify it.

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

The Spirit against the Flesh 1

In this school of the Spirit, you have to learn about the power of the Spirit over the flesh and a soulish life.

> The day we are born again, we receive the divine nature of God within our spirit.

2Pe 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

The day that we were baptised in the Holy Spirit, the divine nature in our spirit receives the power to break free of the bondage of the flesh.

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Now, through the freedom of the divine Spirit of life in Christ Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit, we are called to grow up in Christ-likeness.

We are called to grow from glory to glory in the freedom of the Holy Spirit.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Spirit against the Flesh 2 and My Testimony of Ruling and Reigning

My testimony:

The Bible teaches us how to get victory over the works of the flesh and the old nature. The answer lies in learning to live in the Spirit, to learn to walk in the Spirit, to be governed by the spirit and to war in the spirit! Gal 5:16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

As a young boy, I was sexually abused by a few members of my family.

This brought sexual confusion in my life and some strong generational spirits of sexual perversion entered my life.

I was driven by these spirits to do sinful things.

When I was saved and baptised with the Holy Spirit, I received much deliverance and power over sin. One big problem I still had was that my mind was full of unclean pictures.

I then prayed to the Lord and He showed me the way out.

The way out was to learn to live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit and fight in the Spirit.

- <u>I would then pray in tongues and the Holy Spirit and little by little, my whole mind became clean.</u>
- The strongholds in my mindsets were slowly losing ground.

2Co 10:4-5 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

- <u>I learnt to use God's mighty spiritual weapons to dethrone the strongholds in my mind. This</u> is ruling and reigning through the spirit.
- Then, I later learnt to do prayer walks and speak aloud in tongues.
- <u>I also learnt that in times of hardest warfare, victory came by playing on my guitar and singing in the spirit.</u>
- <u>They are all weapons of victory in the spiritual world.</u>

To start to live in the Spirit is to learn to pray and sing in tongues.

We can also call this praying and singing in the Spirit. Apostle Paul said that he prayed in tongues more than all others.

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

To be governed by the Holy Spirit is to rule and reign from Jesus Christ domain of victory. Out of this victory, we bind the demons and loosen the angels to fight.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

The Spirit against the Flesh 3 and the Word of God

Romans 8

Romans 8 is a chapter that specifically shows us how the Spirit against the flesh works. This is a good chapter to spend time studying.

<u>Scriptural reference</u> We are a school of the Spirit, yet the foundation is all found in the Bible. Therefore we are a school of the Word and the Spirit.

Romans 8:1 Joy and Peace

Romans 8 verse 1 says that as we walk after the Spirit, then there is no condemnation but joy and peace in the Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

What does this mean?

- 1. God loves us and gives us joy and peace as we follow Him.
- 2. <u>When you walk in the Spirit, you are doing the good things a born-again believer of the Spirit</u><u>does.</u>
- 3. <u>This also means, that you do what the Holy Spirit likes and your born-again spirit is in</u> <u>communion with the Holy Spirit.</u>

Romans 8:2 Law of Spirit of life

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

The law of life in the spirit is the outworking of the new dispensation where we are called to be governed by the Holy Spirit.

It gives us power over sin, condemnation, guilt and weaknesses.

This dispensation of grace releases the power and moving of the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Romans 8:3 We can Overcome Lawlessness

Rom 8:3 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 sin in the flesh:

Our Lord Jesus came to bring us back into relationship to God and to take away our sin.

As Christ's sacrifice on the cross, we now can be born again of the Spirit and live in the Spirit. We were not able to live a perfect life under the Law and need a Saviour who fulfilled the Law for us. Now, through His forgiveness of our sin and lawlessness, we received His divine life in our spirit, so we can overcome our sin and lawlessness.

Romans 8:4 Life in the Spirit releases Righteous Light

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

The Law is good and righteous.

Now, through faith in Jesus Christ, we received His righteousness.

We now live out His righteousness as we live in the Spirit.

Through our life in the Spirit, we bring forth the salt and light of Jesus Christ into the world.

Romans 8:5 Word and Spirit

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

True believers want to learn what pleases God. The Word of God shows us what pleases God, therefore, we need to study the Bible. True spiritually-minded people go deep into the scriptures and learn to meditate on them. Then they know how to learn to walk in the Spirit. For learning to walk in the Spirit starts with faith. Faith in Christ and faith in the Word of God.

Romans 8:6 Rivers of Peace and Life

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Great peace and rivers of life are your blessings as you press into life in the Spirit. The more you breakthrough, the more you will experience the presence of God in your life. Life more abundantly is for the ones who live in the Spirit.

Romans 8:7,8 Don't Quench the Holy Spirit

Rom 8:7-8 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (8) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

The carnal mind, which is part of the flesh and the unrestored should, fights God and the things of the Holy Spirit.

If we live in the flesh, we are quenching the Holy Spirit and stopping our spiritual life. Therefore, we need to repent of living in the flesh and grow in living in the Spirit.

Romans 8:9,10 A Righteous Walk

Rom 8:9-10 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. (10) And if Christ *be* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin; but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

We, who are now in Christ, are in the Spirit. Our spirit is now righteous because of Christ. Therefore, we who are in the Spirit because of faith, now need to learn to live and walk in the Spirit.

Romans 8:11 Resurrection Life and Power

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

The same power, that raised Jesus from the grave, lives in us.

Therefore, we have resurrection power to overcome our problems, sin and darkness.

Romans 8: 12,13 Fight in the Spirit

Rom 8:12-13 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. (13) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

We are called to live in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit and, through faith, fight in the Spirit.

With our born-again infused resurrection life, we have to fight the works of the flesh so we will live. Praying in tongues will release mighty power to do this.

Romans 8:14 Sonship in the Spirit

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

As believers, we are called to live in the Spirit. As we grow up, we will learn to be led and governed by the Holy Spirit. To learn to be led and governed by the Holy Spirit is the way to grow up into sonship. In these Last Days, God is raising many sons of God to demonstrate His power and glory so many shall be saved.

Romans 8:15 Sonship and Abba Father

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

The Father heart of God is revealed in our heart or spirit through the Holy Spirit. Life in the Spirit is the way to grow up in the Father heart of God. The love of the Father is poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:16,17 Children and Heirs

Rom 8:16-17 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: (17) And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

We are children of God, therefore we are also heirs of God.

Life in the Spirit teaches us about our inheritance and how to appropriate it, then how to demonstrate it.

Jesus Christ has given us authority and power, now we are called to use it and demonstrate it as we reach out.

Chapter 6: Open Heavens and the Presence of God's Spirit

The Heavens opened

When Jesus Christ was baptised by John the Baptist, in the river Jordan, the heavens were opened.

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

When this happened, the voice of the Father God said about His Son, 'in Thee, I am well pleased". Father God was well pleased with His Son, with whom He is one. When we learn to live and walk in the spirit, the heavens open up above our lives.

Mat 3:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

Here we see the kingdom of Heaven is all about relationships and the presence of God.

The presence of God in:

- A. Father God
- B. Jesus Christ radiating the glory of God as John saw Him in heaven.
- C. The Holy Spirit
- D. The fullness as the 7 Spirits of God burning before the throne of God

A New Way of Repentance and Water Baptism

When Jesus Christ was baptised by John the Baptist, in the Jordan River, He did what righteousness required of Him and Jesus Christ was obedient to it.

John the Baptist was the son of the former high priest, Zachariah, and was in line to be the next high priest.

Jews sent priests to him to ask him who he was.

He said he was the voice in the wilderness to prepare the way of the Lord.

Joh 1:23 He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said the prophet Esaias.

They asked him why he baptised. He said that he did this because the one who will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire is among you.

- John the Baptist knew that Jesus Christ was going to be the priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- Therefore, he had to prepare the way for this new priesthood order and the Messiah, by baptising people as a sign of repentance.
- Baptism of repentance, death and resurrection were part of the new kingdom of heaven order of the priesthood of Melchizedek.

A Priesthood Order of the New

The whole New Testament is built upon the new priesthood order of Melchizedek.

This priesthood opens us up to have a relationship with God the Father, Jesus

Christ and the Holy Spirit.

This is why the heavens opened.

The veil of the temple was going to be removed by the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Under the old Levitical priesthood, only the prophet and priests who were close to God. The citizens of Israel stood far from the presence of God.

In the Melchizedek priesthood, every believer is called to have a relationship with God and learn to live in God's presence.

Melchizedek's Priesthood works by:

1. Grace and truth

Joh 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, *but* grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

- 2. <u>A new birth</u> through the blood and flesh of Jesus Christ
- 3. Repentance and water baptism to release the resurrection life
- 4. Being filled and baptised with the Holy Spirit we go from death to life, the baptisms are the sign of these transactions
- 5. To worship the Father in Spirit and truth
- 6. Boldly come before the throne of grace in heaven
- 7. Being part of the firstborn in heaven
- 8. Entering heavenly Zion and heaven's worship at the throne

The Abiding Presence of the Holy Spirit

When Jesus Christ was baptised, the heavens were opened, the voice of the Father spoke and the Spirit of God descended upon Jesus Christ as a great shining dove. For it says that the Holy Spirit was lighting or shining upon Him.

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

When William Branham was baptised, a great light shone upon him and after this, was used in great signs, wonders and miracles.

So at says that the Holy Spirit was shining upon Jesus Christ as light, yes the light of God's glory.

An important note that John gives us is that the Holy Spirit stayed on Jesus or remained upon Jesus Christ. Joh 1:33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on him, the same is he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.

When the Holy Spirit remains, we call this the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 1:32 And John bare record, saying, I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it abode upon him.

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ who came as the High priest according to the order of Melchizedek was after a relationship with Father God in the spirit and to walk in the presence of God.

The presence of God that came to Jesus Christ is the fullness of the Spirit of the Lord God. John says that Jesus Christ received the Holy Spirit without measure.

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

Jesus Christ ministered out of the fullness or presence of the person of the Spirit of the Lord God. The presence of fullness released the gift through Jesus Christ.

Today, we are called to come up higher.

Therefore, we are called to live in the presence of God.

Therefore, in today's school of the spirit, we are called to minister out of the fullness and the

presence of the Spirit of God which comes through true relationship.

By learning to live in the Spirit, we will be able to do this.

Jesus Christ is our example as He ministered out of the fullness of God.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

This is why, in the synagogue of Nazareth, Jesus Christ said that the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Him.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Out of His Fullness

- Out of the fullness of the Spirit of God, we are baptised with the Holy Spirit.
- Through this, we have received the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 1:16 (AMP) For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favour upon favour and gift (heaped) upon gift.

Out of the fullness, we received:

- 1. One grace upon another grace
- 2. Spiritual blessings
- 3. Favour upon favour
- 4. Spiritual gifts

Wherever Jesus Christ went, He said that the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Him.

He went throughout all the region of the Sea of Galilee and its synagogues, preaching the kingdom of heaven and healing the sick and delivering those possessed of the devils.

Mat 4:23-25 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them. (25) And there followed him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judaea, and from beyond Jordan.

When Jesus Christ said that the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Him, He was saying that He came to preach the evangelistic message of salvation, its deliverance, healing, signs, wonders and miracles. He proclaimed it in Nazareth and manifested it all over because He had the Spirit of the Lord God in fullness on His life and didn't quench Him.

It was the Father doing His works through the Holy Spirit as Jesus Christ was the vessel. We are also called to minister out of the presence and the gifts of the Holy Spirit to set people free. Out of the presence of the Holy Spirit, the voice of God also comes forth.

The River of the Presence of God

➢ In this school of the Spirit, we are called to learn to live out of the presence of God. The Bible says: out of the throne of God comes a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal. This river of life out of the throne of God is the very presence of the Spirit of the Lord God.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

The River of the Holy Spirit

Out of the river of the fullness of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Holy Spirit come forth. The Holy Spirit gives the 9 gifts. The river of life starts with Father God and Jesus Christ on the throne.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

This is why Jesus said that He would give you living water and it shall become rivers from your inner man which is your born-again spirit.

Joh 7:36-38 What manner of saying is this that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come? (37) In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. (38) He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

So when He said rivers of living water, Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit.

Once He had risen and ascended to the throne, Father God gave it to Christ to release these rivers of the Holy Spirit from the throne of the kingdom of heaven.

Therefore, John says that out of His fullness, yes the fullness of the Holy Spirit, we received gift upon gifts.

The Rivers of the Holy Spirit and the Voice of God

When Jesus was baptised, the voice of the father spoke out His approval and love over Him. Here we see that God the Father and Jesus had an intimate relationship and the presence of Father God came to Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

The highest plan God has for us is to walk in an intimate relationship with Him in the abiding presence of the Lord.

Water is a picture of death to self and to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

In the book of Psalms, it says that the voice of God is upon the many waters and the God of glory thunders.

Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

- ✤ This is a spiritual principle.
- Where the river of the Holy Spirit is, is the voice of God and where the voice of God is there is breakthrough.

When Jesus was baptised, it was a sign of His death, burial and resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on our lives.

There, on the water, the sound of the voice of Father God was heard, and at some places, it said that the people heard it thunder.

At the Jordan River, the Spirit of the Lord came as a dove and the voice of God was heard.

Jesus was then driven into the desert for 40 days and came out of it

with breakthrough power.

He preached the evangelic message with signs, wonders and miracles.

The Gift of Prophesy in the River

Our Lord gave us a promise.

He said that His sheep would hear or know His voice.

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

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the gift of prophecy.

1Co 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

It also says that all shall prophesy.

Well, we are not all called to be prophets or all move strongly in the gift of the prophetic but we are all called to hear the voice of God for we are His sheep.

Therefore, in this school of the Holy Spirit, reach out to learn to hear the prophetic voice in your life.

The Smoke that Thunders (MOSI-OA-TUNYA)

In the year 2019, we went to minister in a city called Livingstone, Zambia.

This is by the Victoria waterfalls, an amazing place.

When you walk above the falls, there is a place called MOSI-OA-TUNYA in the Zambian language, this means "the smoke that thunders".

The Zambezi River turns into a waterfall which produces smoke of water mist and the sound is like thunder.

This is just like the voice of God on the waters.

Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

The smoke of the mist is like the glory cloud of God's presence that brings forth the voice at Mt Sinai.

We prayed with prayer warriors at the Zambezi River and bound the satanic powers.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Then we preached and saw the Holy Spirit save people and set them free in churches and on the streets.

Even as we prophesied and spoke out the prophetic word through the Holy Spirit, healings and deliverance happened.

The Voice of Many Waters

One the day of Pentecost, the 120 were all filled with tongues of fire and spoke in new tongues. When believers come together, the Lord wants them to learn to sing in tongues, which we call singing in the spirit.

When all believers sing like this, it is as the sound of the voice of many waters.

Rev 14:2-3 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps: (3) And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred *and* forty *and* four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

When we sing in tongues like this, God's presence comes down like a waterfall and His voice will be released.

An atmosphere for evangelism and signs, wonders and miracles will build.

I saw this happening in Singapore, in the 1980s when the Charismatic movement hit the earth. Hundreds of believers were singing aloud in the spirit or tongues, and it was like waves of the Holy Spirit flowed through the building. Then healings and miracles happened.

Sing in the Spirit

Apostle Paul said that he prayed more in tongues than any other believer.

1Co 14:18 I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all:

He said that we should pray in tongues and sing in tongues.

1Co 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

Why do we do this? God wants to bring forth the song of the Lord, called a new song.

We start by singing in the spirit and can end up with a new song in the native language.

This new song can unleash the thunder of God in the spirit realm.

In Psalm 149:6-9 it talks about this song and that it will destroy and bind evil powers and evil kings. Now don't confuse this with a message in tongues for that is a different operation of the Holy Spirit gifts.

This song of the Lord is for worship, battle and breakthrough.

When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we are called to be governed by the Holy Spirit so we will rule and reign.

As we rule, reign and sing in the spirit, bind and loose, we will see the victory and a harvest of souls. Signs, wonders and miracles will flow freely.

Psa 149:6,8 Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand;(8) To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron;

The Holy Spirit Brings Freedom

When the voice of the Holy Spirit is heard and the moving of the Holy Spirit is amongst us, as we pray and sing in the Spirit, freedom breaks through.

When the Holy Spirit breaks through, the kingdom of God comes and people are set free of evil spirits.

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

When Jesus ministered through the Holy Spirit, people were delivered from demons and healed.

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

We are called to live and minister out of the presence of the Lord and in His presence is fullness of joy and thereby freedom.

This presence of God's Holy Spirit will also come as the heavens open up about our life, bringing us into a deeper relationship with God.

It is an outpouring of glory and, in it, is the heart of God's love.

Chapter 7: Faith and the Spirit of God

Hearing of Faith and the Spirit of God

Apostle Paul asked the Galatians a very foundational question. He asked, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit through the Law or by hearing of faith?'

Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

The answer to this question is: we received the Holy Spirit by the hearing of faith.

Many traditional believers have to still let these truths sink from their head to their hearts. Many try to live the Christian faith by being good and make the Law as their standard on how to be good.

Yet, the Law cannot save you and the Holy Spirit doesn't come through being obedient to the Law, it comes through the law of grace, faith and the Spirit.

<u>The Holy Spirit comes to us by the hearing of faith in what the Lord Jesus Christ</u> has done for us.

Jesus said that by believing in Him as the Saviour of the world, the promises of the Holy Spirit would come to you as you are born of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 3:5 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.

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

<u>Therefore, we can say that the Holy Spirit life comes to us by the hearing of</u> faith!

The Promise of the Spirit to Abraham

The receiving of the Spirit of God in a believer's life is biblically called the promises to Abraham.

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

We can also call these promises the blessings of Abraham. <u>In the Bible, it says that the promises of the Holy Spirit come to us through faith.</u> Here in the New Testament, it clearly states that the way of eternal salvation would come through the promises given through Abraham.

Rom 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, *was* not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

The Law of Moses was given after the promises or blessings of Abraham. Therefore, righteousness comes to us by faith in the promises of Christ, the seed of Abraham and not through the Law of Moses.

The Promise of a Son to Abraham

The New Testament calls Abraham the father of faith.

Abraham was born in Ur in the land of Chaldea, he left this city, with his father, to go to live in Haran.

God called Abraham when he was in Ur to leave and go to this new place, Haran, and the land surrounding it.

God said, "I will make you into a great nation and you shall be a blessing".

Gen 12:1-2 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: (2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Then God said that through Abraham, all the families of the Earth would be blessed.

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Abraham believed God and he went on his way, left Ur and went to the land that God had promised him.

Faith is the Way to the Promised Holy Spirit

Our Lord said that whoever believes in Him has eternal life.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Faith in the redeeming blood sacrifices of Christ gives us eternal life and releases the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Therefore, Jesus Christ said that if you believe in Him, rivers of living water will flow from your belly.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

<u>Therefore, faith releases the Holy Spirit in our lives because we believe that we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of the promises.</u>

Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,

The Holy Spirit is the earnest or down payment of our inheritance.

This means that through the Holy Spirit we can go beyond the veil and taste of the glory and power of the Age to come.

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

Faith is the Key

In the last chapter, we talked about being led by the Holy Spirit, living in the spirit and walking in the spirit and being governed by the Holy Spirit

Faith is the key for all.

We need faith to believe that the Holy Spirit wants to lead us and be the governor of our life. We need faith to break through in living and walking in the spirit.

The Bible says that without faith, it is impossible to please God and so, to live and move with the Holy Spirit, we need faith.

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

Hearing of faith of the Word

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Our lives need to be built upon the rock. Jesus Christ is this rock and is the Word of God.

Mat 7:24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:

He said that if we build on the sand in the days to come, our houses won't stand. Only building on the spirit is building on the rock for you can truly discern and stand. The Word of God shows us who God is.

Standing on the promises of the Word of God as we grow in the image of Jesus Christ releases the Holy Spirit to move in our lives.

Word and Spirit

The Word needs to be preached by faithful preachers. This is ordered by God to preach the gospel so people can be saved and to perfect the saints.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? Rom 10:8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;

For us to learn to live in the spirit, we have to learn, through faith, to be strong in the Word. Our faith that comes by hearing the Word and meditating on the Word, will open the spirit realm of God and will help us to live in the spirit.

The Voice of the Holy Spirit

In an earlier chapter, we saw that the river of God, which is the presence of God, releases the voice of God upon many waters.

Rev 22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

Psa 29:3 The voice of the LORD *is* upon the waters: the God of glory thundereth: the LORD *is* upon many waters.

Now, we are called to have faith, to hear the voice of God in our lives.

If we don't believe and have faith in the promises of the Word of God that His sheep hear His voice, we won't hear it.

Therefore, we are to come out of our unbelief and believe that our heavenly Father wants to speak to us through the Holy Spirit.

The voice and being led by the Holy Spirit

God wants to raise us as sons of God.

Son's of God are led by the Holy Spirit and their character is like the character of Jesus Christ.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

The way the sons of God are led by the Spirit of God is as to how Jesus was led by hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.

This is why the Holy Spirit was poured out on the day of Pentecost, so we could hear the voice of the Holy Spirit, receive visions, dreams and prophecies.

Act 2:17-18 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: (18) And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy:

It takes faith to access and live in the realms of the glory of the Holy Spirit, being led of the Holy Spirit and seeing the Holy Spirit gifts in operation.

We hear God's voice and instructions through the Holy Spirit, we obey and do it and use faith to see the outcome of the voice of God.

The outcome may be a provision, healing or miracle, etc.

Working Holy Spirit Miracles

Apostle Paul asked them another question: Does the working of the Holy Spirit and His miracles happen through the Law or faith?

Gal 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

You see that he made a point here, that the working of the Holy Spirit and His miracles come by walking by faith. In 1 Corinthians 12, Apostle Paul teaches about the gift of the Holy Spirit.

One of the gifts is the gift of faith.

Through faith, we will see the miracles of the Holy Spirit function.

1Co 12:9 To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

So the answer is simple, the Holy Spirit miracles work through faith.

Brother Shambach

When I was just born-again of the Spirit, I went to a tent revival meeting.

That night, the Holy Spirit moved strongly as many American Indian people were delivered of occult evil spirits by the moving of the Holy Spirit.

5 years later, I saw Brother Shamback again in a church meeting where he prayed, by faith, for a deaf girl and she was healed.

Many miracles happened that day as this man believed in the Word of God and the gift of miracles of the Holy Spirit did the works.

Jesus led by the Holy Spirit

Jesus Christ was led by the Spirit of the Lord God.

In Jesus Christ's ministry, He did what He saw the Father do because He believed.

After Jesus was baptised by John and filled with the Spirit of the Lord, He was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

This is proof that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit.

Luk 4:1 And Jesus being full of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,

He was led by the Spirit to the wilderness to fast and pray for 40 days, He overcame the temptations of Satan, the soul and the flesh.

After that time, He came forth out of the wilderness in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Luk 4:14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and there went out a fame of him through all the region roundabout.

Jesus set an example for us on how to learn, by faith, to be led by the Holy Spirit and overcome weakness.

The result was that from then on, the great revival, healing and miracle meetings of Jesus Christ started.

Reinhard Bonnke and Team Fasting

When Reinhard Bonnke and his team started to do big evangelistic outreaches, they first fasted 40 days.

After the fast, God moved with great miracles and millions were saved. Jesus Christ then moved with great authority and power. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, many were delivered of demons and healed from their sicknesses.

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

Many of those that were sick were under the power of the devil and bound. The power of the Holy Spirit upon his life delivered and healed them.

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

The week I was with Reinhard Bonnke and seated on the stage in the city of Tema, Ghana, he preached a lot about faith and the Holy Spirit moved with great miracles. Later, I went with the DTS team of YWAm on outreach, we fasted and prayed. The Holy Spirit spoke to me which signs and miracles He was going to do and, so by faith, on the outreach I spoke out these words and God did those miracles.

Chapter 8: The Cross and the Miracle Power of the Holy Spirit

The Power of the Cross and the Holy Spirit's Miracles

I have a saying:

As deep as the cross goes, that is how deep the Holy Spirit will flow!

One of the important foundations of the Bible and the School of the Holy Spirit is Christ's redeeming blood sacrifice at the cross of Calvary.

Let me tell you, there is power in the cross of Christ and, today, there is power in the blood Christ shed for us.

Apostle Paul said that the preaching of the cross is the power of God for those that are saved.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

<u>Therefore the redeeming blood sacrifices of Jesus Christ is the foundation where through the power</u> of the Holy Spirit comes to us and works through us.

The Cross and Spirit and Power

This is a key of the kingdom: to see the Holy Spirit ministry released in your life. Faith in the blood sacrifice of the cross releases Spirit and power in our lives.

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

Apostle Paul said he was determined not to know anything else than Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <u>He also said that he boasted in the cross of Christ.</u>

He understood, lived out and ministered out of the redeeming sacrifices of our Lord and Christ's resurrection power.

He worshipped and loved our Lord deeply for His redeeming work.

In and through his ministry, he demonstrated the power of the Holy Spirit by signs, wonders and miracles that were released because of Christ's redemption.

1Co 2:3,5 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. (5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

<u>He said the Spirit and power that was revealed through his ministry came through God's wisdom</u> which is Christ crucified.

For the redeeming work of the cross releases resurrection, power and the move of the Holy Spirit. When Apostle Paul was ministering in Ephesus, special miracles happened.

Act 19:11-12 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: (12) So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

God's power was on Apostle Paul in a special way, the anointing would be so strong that his handkerchiefs or aprons were sent to the demonically bound. The result was that they were set free of the demon because of the anointing.

Healing Testimony in Burma

In 2009, I went to minister the gospel in Burma, for a week we had the glory of God in our meetings in a big way.

Many sick were healed and many lives transformed.

The day I had to leave, the pastor asked if I would go to visit the worship leader who was dying of cancer.

I said no, as we had to go to the airport. Then I said, I will pray over a handkerchief and the anointing will heal her. She should sleep on this handkerchief.

When I was back in Australia, the pastor told me that the woman was totally healed and she was leading the worship again.

Holy Spirit Power through the Cross

Paul did not only preach, but He was also used by God to demonstrate the power of God. He wanted people's faith to be built upon the power of God, not upon the words of wisdom of worldly knowledge.

Therefore, wherever he came, there was a demonstration of the Holy Spirit and power.

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

This power was released through the preaching of God's wisdom which is the cross of Jesus Christ. The preaching of the cross of Jesus was for Jews, a stumbling block and Greeks, foolishness. For the people who came to believe, through the signs and wonders and for the believers, it was the power of God.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Satan Defeated at the Cross

On the cross, Jesus Christ defeated pride and the fallen nature of men.

Paul teaches us that the cross is the wisdom of God.

Why is this the true wisdom?

This is because it is based on humility.

Satan fell because of pride and didn't understand humility.

1Co 2:7-8 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: (8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

As the cross was God's wisdom and humility for us, Satan did not understand it.

It says that Satan had to know.

He didn't know or understand that Christ's redemption plan of the cross would destroy him. When we speak about the cross, we talk about the time between Gethsemane and the resurrection. Col 2:14-15 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; (15) And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Satan was defeated by the blood of Calvary and Christ took his keys on the day of resurrection.

Rev 1:18 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.

The purpose for which Christ came to the earth was to destroy the power of Satan and Satan's power over man, to give us eternal life.

The Cross and the Kingdom of Power

- Our Lord Jesus Christ came to preach the gospel of the kingdom of God.
- <u>He also instructed the disciples to preach the gospel of the kingdom and to do the signs,</u> wonders and miracles of the kingdom.

Mat 10:7-8 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. (8) Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Therefore Apostle Paul says that the kingdom of God consists of power.

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

It is good to read and study 1 Corinthians 1 through to 4. For Apostle Paul explains the message of the cross and its power.

In Chapter 4, he again talks about power and the kingdom of God.

By putting these chapters together:

- <u>We can say that the power of God's kingdom comes to us and works</u> <u>through us because we believe in the redemption of blood sacrifices of</u> Christ Jesus.
- <u>Therefore, the blood of Jesus Christ is our foundation whereby the Holy</u> <u>Spirit and power works through the believers.</u>

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved, it is the power of God.

True Spiritual Wisdom and the Cross takes away Deception

Apostle Paul then goes on to say that true spiritual things are foolish for the natural man. True spiritual things are spiritually discerned.

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

The old natural man and its mindset are based on pride, the work of the flesh and worldly wisdom.

• The true wisdom comes to us through the message of the cross of Christ.

• <u>Therefore, true spiritual discernment is also based upon God's divine</u> <u>nature given to us because of the redemption.</u>

In the Last Days, many false miracle workers and false prophets will arise, even in churches.

The way to truly know what is going on is to ask the question, <u>'Is their life and lifestyle centred on the cross of Christ?'</u>

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

Growing Up Spiritually

The deep things of God are revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so, the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

The Holy Spirit seeks out the deeps thing of God and wants to teach us these things so we can grow spiritually.

These spiritual insights and wisdom come only to us as we let the message of the cross work deep in our lives.

1Co 2:12-13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. (13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

The job of the Holy Spirit is to teach you the things Jesus Christ has done for you on the cross.

Yes, the Holy Spirit lifts Jesus Christ, who is God and who is the Logos and Rhema word of God.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, *which is* the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

If we follow these foundations, doctrines and patterns, we won't be deceived.

A Fallen Preacher

There was a big-time preacher in Europe in the 1980s and 1990s. He had a big following. He preached about faith and victory.

There was no preaching on the cross of Christ and true repentance and brokenness. Now he is a Roman Catholic priest.

Mary doesn't save and we are condemned to hell if we bow before idols and statues.

Holy Spirit moves through Faith in Christ and the Cross

Apostle Paul teaches that the true power of God is released for repentance, salvation and miracles when we preach the cross and Christ crucified.

1Co 2:2,5 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. (5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Apostle Paul also warns us what will stop the moving of the Spirit. He says by believing in the Law for salvation will stop the move of the Holy Spirit. The Law is here to convict the sinner of sin and only faith in Christ can save us.

Rom 3:20,28 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin. (28) Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Don't Stop God's Grace

Another thing that is happening today is that pastors are going back to live under the law of Judaism. If we do this, we trust the law for salvation.

Then we stop God's grace and therefore, the movement of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Only faith in the blood of Jesus Christ saves.

The law condemns us to death, Jesus Christ gives life.

From the Old Testament, we can learn the shadow types of the New Testament.

Only grace and faith in Jesus Christ saves.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Who hath bewitched you?

Apostle Paul asked a question to the church at Galatia.

Who hath bewitched you?

Witchcraft works through the flesh, through using God's laws in a wrong way and through satanic spirits who oppose the blood of Jesus Christ.

Gal 3:1-3 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? (2) This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (3) Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

The working of the Holy Spirit comes to us through having faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.

This is God's power whereby the power of witchcraft, spells, magic and the works of the flesh are broken.

Many pastors and 5-fold ministers have never been delivered of spells, magic powers or divination, therefore, they can't move in the Holy Spirit's power with ease.

It is like the well in their heart is blocked by a wall or rock.

They need deliverance.

Then other ministers use these counterfeit demonic powers to do ministry and thereby deceive the believers.

Therefore, they all need to be delivered by the blood of the cross of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

A Crucified Life Releases Spiritual Victory

Apostle Paul confronts the Galatian church and calls them to live a crucified life.

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

We, as believers, now are called to daily die to self and confess our sins at the cross of Calvary.

If we say we don't sin, we are deceived and already under deception.

1Jn 1:8,10 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (10) If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

If we daily confess our sin, we will receive daily forgiveness of our sins, shortcomings and faults.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Benefits of a Crucified Lifestyle

- 1. <u>The Holy Spirit will be poured out in our lives more and more.</u>
- 2. The crucified life makes way for us to live and walk in the spirit.

Gal 5:24-25 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

3. It breaks the veils over us and sets us free from legalism

2Co 3:16-17 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. (17) Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

- 4. <u>It releases the hearing of faith whereby the Holy Spirit is free to move in</u> our lives.
- 5. Signs, wonders and miracles will start to happen through our ministry.

The Resurrection Life of the Holy Spirit

Apostles John and Peter understood the power of the resurrection and preached the name

of Jesus Christ and the resurrections. They saw great miracles because of it.

Act 3:14-15 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just, and desired a murderer to be granted unto you; (15) And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.

- Apostle Paul deeply understood that living the crucified life and seeing the power of Christ's resurrection being displayed as signs and wonders happened as he preached Christ's death and resurrection.
- Therefore, he wanted to have full victory over his failures and sins.
- He was fighting to be dead to self, yet said he wasn't there totally.

Php 3:10,12 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death (12) Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

His vision was the prize of the high calling.

Php 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Chapter 9: Spirit Versus the Soul

Learning to live in the Spirit

As believers, we are called to live in the grace, love, and peace (or shalom) of God's Spirit. In this place, there is no condemnation.

To stay in that place is to learn to live in the Spirit.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

- ✤ We are called to live in the Spirit.
- Living in the Spirit is to live in that place of love, peace and joy.
- We can also call this, living in the secret place.

Psa 91:1 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

The Law of the Spirit of Life

The law of the Spirit of life has set us free from the works of the flesh, condemnation and dead works. So we can learn to live and walk in the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Being baptised in the Holy Spirit gives you the power to live and walk in the Spirit. Most Christian believers don't live in the Spirit but live their life in the flesh or soulish realm.

What we have learnt so far:

- 1. First that we need to be born again of the Spirit for there is a New Covenant and a New Priesthood.
- 2. Then that we need to receive the power of the Holy Spirit by the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- 3. That we have entered into the abundant life through the Spirit of life by the new priesthood of Melchizedek.
- 4. That we, as spiritual people, need to overcome the work of the flesh.
- 5. That the deeper the cross works, the greater the Holy Spirit will flow.
- 6. That faith is the way to grow in the freedom of the Spirit.
- 7. That we need dependence on the Holy Spirit to grow in the spirit.

Nicodemus

Nicodemus was a different kind of Pharisee. One who was open to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

He understood that God was doing miracles through Jesus Christ.

Joh 3:1-2 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: (2) 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.

He wanted to understand how Jesus Christ ministered.

So Jesus Christ showed him that we need to be born again of the Spirit and need to learn to live and walk in the spirit.

Joh 3:8 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.

By doing so, we will be a channel in the Spirit whereby God does His kingdom miracles. Nicodemus learnt from Christ how to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit. He was being made ready as a miracle worker.

Two Realms of Conflict

We have talked about the battle between the flesh and the spirit. The scripture clearly shows this battle in Romans 8.

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Now we want to take that to the next level.

The deeper battle is between the soul and the spirit.

The word teaches us to learn to discern between the spirit, soul and flesh (or body).

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The bible says that our mind needs to be renewed. The mind is part of our soul.

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

Transformation

Many believers don't experience God in their lives daily. Some believers only experience God sometimes, why is this so?

This is because they have not set their heart on transformation.

We are called to be transformed from glory to glory.

When we do so, we will start to experience God's presence more frequently daily.

Transformations lay in the spirit realm.

We need to cultivate a hunger to live in the spirit to be transformed by the Holy Spirit.

2Co 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord *is*, there *is* liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

It is the Spirit of the Lord who does this transformation from the inside out. To get there and to live there, we need to hunger to be in the presence of the Lord God. For it is not by might, nor by power but by the Spirit of the lord that the troubles and the mountains in our lives will be removed.

Restoration of the Soul

What is stopping us from walking with God's Spirit and experiencing His love, goodness, mercy and kindness is the soul realm.

As little children and as we grew up, we were wounded in our souls. This causes the soul to become wounded and therefore very active, especially in a soulish way.

For us to live and walk in the Spirit, our soul needs to be healed and restored.

Psa 23:3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

The soul is the place where strongholds and demonic spirits can hide, which need to be removed for our mind is part of our soul.

2Co 10:4-5 (For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Deliverance of Ex-gang Members

In a ministry in Brisbane, they reach out to gang members, many have come to Christ, get baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Yet many have fallen away.

I help with the discipleship program there, and since I have started to take people through deliverance ministry, things have improved.

A Christian can't be possessed of a devil, yet can be oppressed by a devil in their soul.

This can be because of occult involvement, traumas, sins or generational curses in their life.

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

Jesus healed all those that were oppressed. Mental sickness can also be caused by a demonic spirit.

Three Parts

The bible says that we are made up of three parts.

Body, soul and spirit.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The bible teaches a holistic approach, which means that God wants to touch all three parts. All three parts are beautifully made in God's image.

God wants to restore the whole being.

Our body, soul and spirit are not evil in itself, but because of the fall of man in sin, we need to be born again.

Born again is of the spirit.

Joh 3:5 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.

Our spirit becomes new and from within our spirit, our soul is being transformed into the likeness of Christ.

The Holy Spirit grows the fruit of the spirit in our spirit through union and abiding in Christ.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Our body can also be healed from sickness as Christ took our infirmities and by His stripes, we are healed.

Isa 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

<u>The Soul</u>

The soul of man is also made up of three parts.

- 1. The mind
- 2. The emotions
- 3. Our will

Mind vs Spirit

In today's church, many don't live in the spirit because their mind stops them.

The mind is part of the soul and many have a rational approach to life. Reason is a major idol in the lives of believers and this stops our faith. We are called to be transformed by the renewal of our mind by living by faith and in the spirit.

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not

conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

The bible teaches us that we are called to be led by the spirit, which comes into our life through faith in Christ.

Therefore, every stronghold in our mind, which is part of our soul, needs to come down.

Emotions and Sensuality

We are not to live by our emotions, which is led by our feelings, for we have been instructed to live by faith.

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

Our emotions are part of our senses, which can lead us to live a sensual Christian life.

Sensual, in this context, involves the gratification of the senses and physical pleasure, often sexual but not only sexual.

Harlots came to Jesus Christ. They knew that living a sensual, sexual lifestyle was not good but sinful, and they repented.

Many Scribes and Pharisees lived a mental and religious lifestyle of sensuality, yet they did not repent.

They wanted to stay with the old Levitical priesthood which felt familiar.

Jesus Christ called for repentance for the New Priesthood had come.

Mat 21:28-32 But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard. (29) He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went. (30) And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. (31) Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. (32) For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

This sensual lifestyle that many follow, stops them from living in the spirit.

This sensual emotional Christian lifestyle is part of living in the flesh.

We are called to crucify this fleshly, sensual emotional lifestyle.

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

<u>Will</u>

At Gethsemane, our Lord showed us what to do with our will. He said, not my will but thy will be done.

Mat 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

He fought with His will to the place of surrender to the will of the Father. Yes, He fought so hard that He sweated blood. Therefore the Hebrew writer challenges us to fight and surrender our will to overcome sin as Jesus did.

Heb 12:1-2 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, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Therefore our will needs to obey our spirit.

If we are not surrendered, we can't walk in the spirit.

We need brokenness to stay surrendered, which is what I teach about in my book on the cross. (The Gospel of the Cross and the Resurrection Power)

A lifestyle of surrendering to the word and Spirit of God will set us free to a lifestyle of living in the Spirit.

Gal 5:16 (AMP) But I say, walk and live (habitually) in the (Holy) Spirit (responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit); then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).

<u>The Flesh</u>

There are two sides to the sin of the flesh.

- 1. <u>The fleshly body sins</u>: they are like stealing, murdering, adultery, fornication, idolatry etc.
- 2. <u>The soulish or sensual sins</u>: they are pride, hate, anger, sexually perverted lust, jealousy, sensuality etc.

The soulish sensual lifestyle versus life in the Spirit

About 90% of the Christians today live a Christian sensual lifestyle and are, therefore, living in the permissive will of God.

Rom 8:6 (AMP) Now the mind of the flesh (which is the sense and reason without the Holy Spirit) is death (death that comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter). But the mind of the (Holy) Spirit is life and (soul) peace (both now and forever).

A sensual Christian lifestyle is mostly built upon the emotional and rational Christian lifestyle.

> Then they also live for I, myself and me.

The right way is to learn to live and walk in the spirit.

Gal 6:8 (AMP) For he who sows to his own flesh (lower nature, sensuality) will from the flesh reap decay and ruin and destruction, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Therefore only 10% are doing the perfect will of God by living in the Spirit. Most Christians fall back into a comfortable lifestyle on earth. God's plan, however, is to learn to live through faith in the Holy Spirit, in the presence of God. We enter this place by surrendering to His will and entering the rest of God.

Heb 4:1 Let us, therefore, fear, lest, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

Heb 4:9 There remaineth, therefore, a rest to the people of God.

To learn more about this rest, read my book on faith.

- Now, the emotions and soul in itself is a good thing and a person who lives in the spirit will also enjoy their emotions.
- Yet when we live in the spirit, our emotions will follow our spirit and God's healing love will cleanse and heal our emotions.

A Heart Set on Transformation

The Bible says that our heart is deceitful above all.

Jer 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Our heart is connected with the soul and it's emotions, feelings and our spirit. Our spirit is born again, our soul needs to be transformed. Many times we say that we have given our heart to the Lord. Why is this so, because Jesus Christ said that the heart is the seat of sin.

Mat 15:18-19 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. (19) For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

We are called to live and walk in the spirit.

There where the sensual lifestyle of the heart or soul is still alive, we won't be able to live and walk in the spirit effectively.

Therefore, we need to crucify the sin of the old heart or old man and let our heart or soul be transformed.

Learning to live in the glory of God and a life of true discipleship will transform our heart and soul.

Loren Cunningham's Discipleship Schools

When Loren was a young boy, he had an open vision of waves of young people evangelising the world.

Later in life, he started schools of discipleship.

These young disciples go through the school and then travel around to different parts of the world to do evangelism.

In these schools, the main topic they teach is to learn to hear the voice of God.

Yes, you have to discipline yourself so your spirit learns to hear the voice of God.

Jesus said that His sheep hear His voice.

Joh 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

In this school of the Holy Spirit, you are to become a disciple who disciplines his senses, so you can learn to hear the voice of God. The Holy Spirit speaks to our spirit, for the spirit of man is the candlestick of God.

On the Lord's Day

John the Apostle was in the spirit on the Lord's Day.

Rev 1:10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet,

On that day, he received mighty revelations of God. As John was in the spirit, he could see the visions of God. He was in one realm of the spirit and then moved to a higher place in the spirit. The angel said to him to come up higher even though he was already in heaven.

Rev 4:1 After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.

In this time, God says to you to come up higher. <u>He says, "don't walk in a sensual Christian walk but learn to live in the spirit".</u>

Faith is the Way

We are called to live and walk in the spirit. How do we start to walk in the spirit? We start through faith. We are called to learn to walk by faith.

2Co 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

One of the senses of the soul is seeing, which psychic occultist use.

Therefore, we need to learn to put that kind of seeing to the cross of Christ as we learn to believe and walk by faith.

We need deliverance of these false occultic seeing powers.

The spirit of man needs to learn, through faith in the word of God, to rule over the soul's emotions, mindsets and senses.

The Soul and the 5 Senses

The soul of man has 5 senses.

If we live our Christian lives through these senses, it will stop us from living in the Spirit and the abiding presence of the Lord.

The 5 soulish senses are:

- a. <u>Seeing</u>
- b. <u>Hearing</u>
- c. <u>Feeling or touch</u>
- d. <u>Tasting</u>
- e. Smelling

Many believers live like this.

- If it doesn't look good, sound good, feel good, smell or taste good, I don't want it.
- Today, many believers are feel good believers who go to motivational preachers that give pep talks.

They think they don't need to live the crucified lifestyle, nor walk by faith and live in the spirit. As the shaking that has started with the Covid19 virus, these Christians are sinking away.

Heb 12:27-29 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain. (28) Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: (29) For our God is a consuming fire.

Yes, the bible teaches the message of the cross, faith and living and walking in the spirit, so we will be true followers or disciples of Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

When we walk this walk of faith, the power of the Holy Spirit will be released in our lives. For the message of the cross is the power of God for those who believe.

Miracles in Malawi

In 2019, I was preaching from a truck in the market grounds in Malawi, Africa. We worshipped, sang and preached the message of the cross. The Holy Spirit moved. Through the Holy Spirit, He gave me words of knowledge and sick were healed. The Holy Spirit touched many with power for deliverance and salvation. Seeing that, being used like that gives us joy in the Holy Spirit and a fulfilled life. You can learn to do the same as you learn to live in the Spirit.

Blind Faith

When it comes to the things of the Spirit, you can't use our soulish senses.
Walking in the spirit comes by walking by faith.
When you walk by faith, you don't see it, yet you can declare it.
You never heard it before, yet you believe it.
You haven't seen Jesus, yet you believe that He is real.
Apostle Thomas said, 'Unless I see Him and touch His wounded side, I won't believe'.
Therefore, through faith, we are to live and walk in the spirit.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Train our Spiritual Senses

We are to surrender our soulish senses as we learn to walk by faith in the Spirit. The next step is to train our spiritual senses.

When we start to walk in the spirit, we start to develop and mature our spiritual senses. These spiritual senses help us when we start to minister out of the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Five Spiritual Senses

To show that this is the biblical road to spiritual growth, we give you an insight. Apostle Paul wanted us to grow in close fellowship with Father God, who he called the Father of Glory, and therefore says, that the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened.

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Therefore our spirit has 5 spiritual senses.

These 5 spiritual senses help us to grow in the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The 5 spiritual senses are:

1. Spiritual eyes. With our spiritual eyes we:

- a. See
- b. Perceive
- c. Understand
- d. Know

Mar 4:12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. The spiritual eyes are in our heart that is within our spirit man, where the rivers of life God's Holy Spirit flow.

The occult talks about the third eye in your forehead, but that is demonic and gives false gifts.

2. Spiritual ears.

Our spiritual ears hear so we hear and understand.

Mar 4:12 That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them. We are called to hear and know the voice of God with our spirit.

Joh 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

3. Spiritual knower.

In the spirit, we don't feel, but through faith, we know.

We know that we are children of God and want to know God more intimately as a loving Father.

Joh 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

We hear God's voice and we know God's voice.

4. Spiritual taste.

A taste for spiritual things.

When you grow in God, you know His goodness is so beautiful and how nice it tasted.

The bible says to taste and see for the Lord is good.

Psa 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. This tasting will give us true discernment.

5. <u>Sensing or spiritual smelling.</u>

A nose is used if something is good or rotten. This sensing or smelling gift works with the gift of discernment.

1Co 12:10 To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

Chapter 10: Going Deeper Within

As A Deer

When God had turned my life around and I was baptised with the Holy Spirit, I learnt a very beautiful song.

The song was called, 'As a deer pants for the water, so my soul longs for you'. This song was written to the words of Psalm 42:1,8

Psa 42:1 **To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.** As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

Psa 42:8 Yet the LORD will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

The deer is longing for the water just like we, as believers, are longing for the living waters of the Holy Spirit.

Then it says, 'deep calls to deep'.

Why does it say that?

It says that because the Holy Spirit wants to teach us the deep things of the Lord.

1Co 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

As we learn these deep things, then we position ourselves for the moves of God's Spirit in our lives as His waves of glory flow through our lives.

Going Deeper Within

We are called to go deeper within.

Deep within the spirit.

As New Covenant believers, we are born of the Spirit.

If you are a born again believer of the Spirit, your spirit instructs your soul.

It says that no eye hath seen, nor ear heard, the glorious things that the Lord hath prepared for those who love them.

Yet the good news is that God hath revealed them to us by His Spirit.

Then the Holy Spirit reveals these glorious secrets and blessings to our spirit. Our spirit reveals these great blessings to our soul

Our spirit reveals these great blessings to our soul

1Co 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so, the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

- Therefore, we are to go deeper within ourselves for our spirit has to instruct our soul.
- For the Holy Spirit speaks the things of God to our spirit within us.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

The Deep Things of God

Our God is a Spirit and He is holy.

Rev 4:8 And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.

The Holy Spirit is God's manifest presence here on earth.

Jesus Christ ministered out of the fullness of the Holy Spirit without measure here on earth. At the same time, in heaven, the fullness of the Holy Spirit is like the 7 spirits of God burning before the throne.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

Above all of this, the Holy Spirit is searching within the godhead, the deep

<u>things of God</u>. Why is this so? <u>In the Godhead, Jesus is the head of the church.</u> <u>The Holy Spirit teaches what Jesus wants to say, teach and do.</u> <u>Jesus Christ, therefore, gives counsel to the Holy Spirit as to what to do.</u>

1 Co 2:10 (AMP) Yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the (Holy) Spirit searches diligently, exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God (the divine counsels and things hidden beyond man's scrutiny

<u>Therefore we are to learn from God's Spirit to search for the deep things of God with our spirit.</u> <u>Therefore, as the deer pants for the water, so our spirit needs to learn to receive the deeper rivers of the living waters of the Spirit of God.</u>

Intellectualism can stop the flow of the Holy Spirit

One of the great hindrances to the work of the Holy Spirit can be intellectualism. If we only go by our intellect and our reason, we kill our faith and stop the move of the Holy Spirit. Madame Guyon, who influenced many mighty preachers such as John Wesley, Count Zinzendorf, and others, says something about being intellectually-minded.

<u>'If you turn toward God merely by your intelligence, you may enjoy some spiritual contemplation but</u> you will never into an intimate union with God.

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

All working is in the Spirit. On the other hand, if you are led by a Lord who is deep within your spirit, you will be conducted by a blind abandonment and not by intelligence.' **(Guyon, 1999 p.6)**

The Bible says that mature sonship lies by being led by the Holy Spirit as we hear Him speak to our spirit.

Rom 8:14,16 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God (16) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

God is a Spirit

One of the ways to grow in the deep things of the Spirit of God is true worship. Our God is a Spirit and wants to be worshipped in spirit and truth.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

- In this and through this true worship, the deeper rivers of the living waters are released in our lives.
- When Jesus spoke to the woman at the well, He said that He would give her living water and there He also said that God is Spirit.
- The connection here is living water and spirit.
- The living water comes through the Holy Spirit in our lives and as we worship the Father in Spirit, these rivers will be released in greater streams and will start to overflow us.
- Therefore the great release of the Holy Spirit will come in our lives as we worship the Father in spirit and truth.
- These rivers of the Holy Spirit will also release the deeper revelations, understanding and wisdom in our lives.
- Through these rivers of the Holy Spirit, the manifest glory and its power, signs, wonders and miracles will be released.
- A harvest of souls will also be harvested for we are rebuilding the fallen hut of David, whereby the nations shall be saved.

The Spirit of Man is the Candle

When I was a young spirit-filled believer, a friend of mine thought he had a word of prophecy for someone.

The effect of the word brought a bad result and therefore, it was a word of divination and not prophesy.

It shocked me and therefore, I needed to understand the deeper things of the Spirit of God and discernment so that I could understand how it all worked.

I then studied a book of a Bible teacher and learnt that our spirit is the candle (or candlestick) of the Lord.

Pro 20:27 The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

God's Spirit speaks to our spirit and gives us peace.

Therefore, our spirit is God's candle which He can light or speak to.

As we learn to hear His voice in our spirit and not in our soul, we will get true discernment. The devil speaks to our soul and gives unrest. When we seek the counsel of the Lord and worship, it is easier to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit for we are already worshipping with our spirit.

The presence and voice of God are also released in worship.

Brother Schneider

There is a powerful saying, 'God is found in the Spirit'.

This is also true in the story of Brother Schneider, who wan an evangelist.
I heard him give his testimony.
In the testimony, he said that one day he came to a low place in his life and ministry as he was burnt out and he wants to pursue God in a new way.
He then learnt how to pray long prayers which he learnt from known ministers.
It didn't help him.
<u>One day, the Holy Spirit told him to learn to live from within his spirit man.</u>
He said that Jesus was living within us for the kingdom of God is within.
From that day on, his prayer life and ministry came alive.

Madam Guyon also talks about this, she says:

'Turning from sin to grace is certainly essential in salvation but is not all that salvation involves. For it to be completed, we need to turn to the innermost portions of our being, to the place where the Lord has come to reside.' **(Guyon, 1999 p.2)**

God's presence lives within.

Here we can learn to live in His presence continuously for God is Spirit and lives in our born-again spirit.

We Seek God with our spirit

We know, as we taught earlier in the chapter, that we are to worship God with our spirit. The harder thing is to learn to see God with our spirit.

Our emotions, intellect and the busyness of life make it hard to become still and quiet in prayer. Yet the Bible says that we are to seek God with our spirit within.

Isa 26:9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me, will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments *are* in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

When the world around us shakes, the Bible says, 'Be still and know that I am God'. Knowing is of the Spirit.

With our spirit, we know or have an inner witness, that we are children of God.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Therefore, we need to quiet our emotions in internal worship and prayer as we seek God. Then God's Spirit is enthroned in our worship and His presence and glory will fill the atmosphere.

Quieting my Soul

Naturally, I am a very enthusiastic person and God can move on our emotions by the anointing, yet God is found within our spirit.

It was, therefore, a hard road for me to learn to seek God with my spirit.

I first learnt to pray aloud in tongues, which is praying in the Spirit and this is very important. Then, in Africa, there was an American preacher at the discipleship school, and he taught about seeking God in prayer within your spirit.

She taught about Teresa of Avilla who practised the presence of God by seeking God in quiet prayer with our spirit.

After that time, I was on a YWAM base in Togo, I was between a rock and a hard place, this brought more brokenness in my heart.

From then on, I learnt to practice the presence of God in soft worship in the Spirit and seeking God in prayer with my spirit.

This brought about many transformations in my life, as I sought the Lord within, which is also in His kingdom.

I grew in a much deeper intimate fellowship with God.

Now I see the move of the Holy Spirit constantly as I minister from the river of God from within.

This is the glory within.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Listening Spirit Prayer

As we have learnt to quiet our souls and seek God with our spirit, we are ready to hear the voice of God more clearly.

As sheep, we are called to learn to hear the voice of God. Jesus said, 'My sheep know my voice'.

Joh 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

Therefore, we are called to practice hearing the voice of God and learning to live in His presence. Today, God wants us to learn to pray from heaven and bring Christ's victory down to earth.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

We are to position ourselves with boldness at the throne of God in heaven

Then we are to be a channel in the spirit, to let it flow through our spirit to others.

Jesus Christ said that we can receive the same love from the Father that He received.

At first, I couldn't understand and grasp that concept.

Mike Bickle taught on this.

Finally, I could understand that truth and I was being touched in my spirit with the same love that the Father has for Jesus Christ.

Joh 15:9 As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

I had an encounter in the spirit realm as I went deeper into the Father heart of God.

The Lord then gave me a song about this scripture.

We receive His love to give it away.

Now God wants us to learn to come before Him at His throne in worship in heavenly places.

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

There, in the spirit in the heavenly realm, we are called to see and hear what God wants us to pray in worship or worship in prayer.

This is the harp and bowl worship and prayer model which we find in Revelations 5:8.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

Chapter 11: The Knowledge of the Glory

The Knowledge of the Glory

Know that in this school of the Holy Spirit, we want to talk about the glory and the Holy presence of the Holy Spirit and to bring forth fruit.

In these Last Days, the earth is going to be filled with the knowledge of the glory of God. The glory of the latter-day houses will be greater than the former houses.

Hab 2:14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

God's plan of fruit-bearing and a parable

<u>God's plan for our lives as believers who live and walk in the Spirit, is to bear fruit.</u> <u>The Lord gave us a parable about bearing fruit and it's importance.</u>

Luk 13:6-9 He spake also this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. (7) Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground? (8) And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: (9) And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down.

God is looking for the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our lives and ministry as we abide in Him.

The fruits of the Spirit come forth out of the attributes of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A big part of the glory is the attributes of God.

In the Greek, the word for glory is doxa which means all that God is and all that He has.

Therefore, the glory of God reveals the heart of God.

In Hebrew, the word Kabod is used. This means the heavy presence of God.

The Glorious Attributes

The greatest encounter of the glory of God in the Old Testament is when this was revealed to Moses. Moses was hungry to know God's glory which reveals God's heart.

Moses saw God's glory when God revealed His attributes to Moses.

God said that He was:

- a. Merciful
- b. Gracious
- c. Patient or slow to anger
- d. Compassionate
- e. Abundant in goodness
- f. Loving-kindness
- g. Truth

<u>All through the scriptures, we can learn about God's attributes and these attributes bring forth the fruit of the spirit in our lives.</u>

Therefore, if we learn to live in the glory of God, it is easier to bring forth the fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The Attributes of Jesus Christ

Of late, I was challenged to search the scriptures about the attributes of Jesus Christ. Jesus and the Father are one in nature and, therefore, we see the same attributes of God the Father in the life of Jesus Christ.

Joh 14:9-10 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou *then*, Shew us the Father? (10) 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.

Jesus said of Himself that He was:

- 1. Gentle
- 2. Humble
- 3. Gives rest or shalom

Mat 11:29 (AMP) take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle (meek) and humble (lowly) in heart, and you will find rest (relief and ease and refreshment and recreation and blessed quiet) for your souls

He is the Prince of Peace (Shalom) and therefore, His nature is peaceful.

His kingdom brings peace and brings forth peacemakers.

Wherever His disciples go, they were to bring with them the Shalom (peace) of the kingdom of God.

Mat 10:13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you.

In shalom, there is healing, blessings and rest for the weary soul.

The other attributes we see in Jesus Christ life are love, mercy, compassion, grace, truth and slow to anger.

Attributes of the Holy Spirit

As God is one God, the bible shows that the Holy Spirit has the same nature and the same attributes as Father God and Jesus Christ.

One of the great attributes that we see in the Holy Spirit is that He is called the comforter.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

The Holy Spirit ministers to us the attributes we see in the Father and Jesus Christ. He pours out the love of God in our heart and therefore the Holy Spirit is also love.

Rom 5:5 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.

Therefore, we are called to have fellowship with the Holy Spirit to experience and become one with all the attributes of God's glorious nature.

2Co 13:11-14 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you. (12) Greet one another with an holy kiss. (13) All the saints salute you. (14) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

It says that the love, grace and shalom (peace) shall be with you.

How will it be with you? Through the fellowship with the Holy Spirit. For the Holy Spirit's attributes are grace, love and shalom (peace). I encourage you to study the Bible about God's attributes. This will enrich you very much, and you will grow very much spiritually.

The Spirit of Glory and the fruits of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Glory.

1Pe 4:13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.

When we learn to walk in the Spirit, we are also called to encounter the glory realm of the Holy Spirit.

You can learn more about this in my book, "The Glory Realm".

Out of the heart of God and His glory, we are called to bring forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

The first attribute of the fruits is love.

Apostle Paul says that love is patient, love is kind, it is not jealous nor lifts itself up, nor seeks itself but is here to build others up.

Paul says that those who are in Christ, have crucified the flesh, therefore, this is the way to see the fruit of the Spirit grow in our lives.

<u>Therefore, we are to crucify the flesh and live and walk in the spirit to bring</u> forth the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

The Glory Cloud

The Holy Spirit is the spirit of glory and in His fullness can come down as a glory cloud.

In these last 2 chapters, we are going to learn about the fullness, yet the glory cloud is a manifestation of the fullness.

God is Spirit and when we worship Him in spirit and truth, the glory cloud of the Spirit can manifest in our midst.

When King Solomon had built the temple and the Ark of God's presence was there, the priests praised and worshipped before God's presence. The glory cloud came down.

2Ch 5:13-14 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and

cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD; (14) So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

They were praising God for His attributes.

They praised Him for His goodness and mercy.

Our God wants to be praised and worshipped for who He is.

His heart is sensitive.

If we fulfil what He receives and what He loves, He comes down with His glory cloud to bless us.

- In Hebrew, the word for glory is Kabod, which means heaviness or heavy presence.
- Due to this heavy presence, the priests could not stand up anymore.

The Holy Spirit is Holy

- The first name of the Holy Spirit is HOLY.
- The Holy Spirit is holy for God is holy.
- The Holy Spirit is God's governor on Earth to make the born-again believers of the spirit holy.

He gives them God's holiness when they are born again and makes us grow up on the pathway of sanctification to become holy in the things we say or do.

This is why the Holy Spirit convicts us on sin for He is holy.

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

The bible says that without being holy in our lifestyle, we will not see God.

Heb 12:14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Therefore, in the school of the Holy Spirit, it is of great importance to grow up in a lifestyle of being holy in our conduct.

We can also call this:

- a. Discipleship
- b. Character building
- c. Integrity

2Pe 1:4-10 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (5) And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; (6) And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; (7) And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. (8) For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (9) But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. (10) Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Walking in the Light

One way of growing in a lifestyle of holy conduct or a pure character is learning to walk in the light.

1Jn 1:5-7 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. (6) If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

God is light and therefore, the Holy Spirit is pure light.

When we pray, worship or seek God, we can open our heart to the Holy Spirit to shine into our heart with His holy light.

He will then bring His convicting light on us and can point out where He wants us to change. He can also convict us of sin.

His purposes are to make us grow in fellowship with Him, the Father and Jesus.

1Jn 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Today, as the world is growing darker, we need more of God's light.

- God's Holy Spirit's light is much needed in these Last Days to convict unrepentant sinners of their sin.
- Therefore, we are to become broken before God's holy presence so that we can be filled with great light.
- Then sinners will come powerfully to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

Charles Finney and Conviction Power

Wherever Charles Finney went to preach, God's Holy Spirit moved with great conviction power. He was also a man of deep prayer.

The Holy Spirit would bring a deep burden upon his heart whereby he would be groaning and weeping for lost souls for hours.

Rom 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

It is said that 80% of the souls saved under his ministry stayed saved. Many who were saved became preachers.

Power from on High

One day, Charles was invited to an area where people did not believe.

The people around called it the town of Sodom because of the hardness of heart. The man who invited him to come was called Lot.

Charles didn't know that the town's name was Sodom. The Lord showed him to preach about Sodom and Gomorrah and that the Lord was going to destroy the place.

He said you have never had a religious meeting in your neighbourhood.

"I then applied that fact", he said, "as I thrust at them with the sword of the spirit with all my might". In a few moments there seemed to fall upon the congregation an instantaneous shock. The power from on high came down upon them in such a torrent that they fell from their seats in every direction.

Everyone was crying or groaning for mercy upon his soul.

Salvation

Charles then said," They paid no further attention to me or my preaching. I tried to get their attention but I could not".

Charles then changed his strategy and preached the way of salvation one by one in their ear. He said, in a few moments, he seized Jesus by faith and then broke in prayer out loud for those around him.

"I then turned to another with the same result, and then another and another."

The conviction of the Holy Spirit stayed in the place so Charles had to pray with others there the next day. (Finney, 2005)

Our God is Holy

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell.

That day, 3000 repented and were converted to Christ for they were convicted of sin as they were cut to the heart.

The Holy Spirit, who is holy, came that day with holy conviction power.

The word holy means:

- ✤ Morally pure
- Complete
- Sacred

In this school of the Holy Spirit, we need to let the holy conviction fire of the Holy Spirit burn in us. This will transform us.

Once we are changed by this holy fire, we are called to go out and be a witness to the lost. We are called to win the lost by praying out of God's burden for them and are called to go and preach the gospel to them.

Chapter 12A: The Holy Spirit's Ministry

The Holy Spirit's Ministry

Today, in this school of the Holy Spirit, we want you to go into the deeper ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Three Realms of the Holy Spirit's Ministry

We talked about the ministry of spirit and power

- Then we talked about ministering through the spirit of glory
- Now we want to take you into the deeper ministry of growing and learning to walk in and minister out of the fullness of the Holy Spirit.

The Fullness

Our Lord Jesus Christ's ministry came forth out of the fullness.

Joh 1:16(AMP) For out of His fullness (abundance) we have all received (all had a share and we were all supplied with) one grace after another and spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing and even favour upon favour and gift (heaped) upon gift.

He walked and ministered out of the fullness.

Due to the fullness, there was:

- 1. Great conviction of sin
- 2. Demons could not stay because of the holy presence of God
- 3. Great deliverance and healing of demonic sicknesses
- 4. Great healing, signs, wonders and miracles
- 5. Disciples were trained and transformed to start the New Testament church in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

What is the Fullness

What is fullness?

Fullness is:

- 1. The holy, majestic presence of God
- Majesty is the authority of sovereign power.
- 2. The richest measure of His divine presence
- 3. The 7 Spirits of God is the fullness of the Holy Spirit

Eph 3:19(AMP) (that you may really come) to know (practically, through experience for yourselves) the love of Christ, which far surpasses mere knowledge (without experience) that you may be filled (through all your being) unto all the fullness of God (may have the richest measure of the divine Presence, and become a body wholly filled and flooded with God Himself).

Fullness at Sinai

In the Sinai desert, we see the holy, majestic presence of God, or fullness, in manifestation. For God came down on Mount Sinai with holy fire.

As God (Yahweh Elohim) came down in the fire, the mountain was shaking and the top of the mountain was burning and a dark cloud around it because of the smoke.

Exo 19:17-18 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. (18) And mount Sinai was altogether on a smoke, because the LORD descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.

The people were trembling and fearful, yet, later on, Moses went into the holy fire for 40 days. As Moses was making the righteous law or 10 Commandments (God's covenant was the 10 Commandments) in the holy fiery presence of God, he started to shine. When Moses had come out, his face was radiating and shining so that the people couldn't handle that holy light.

Exo 34:28-29 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. (29) And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face shone while he talked with him.

Fullness in the Spirit of the Lord can make us shine for we are called to be transformed from glory to glory for we are redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ which is the New Covenant.

2Co 3:17-18 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. (18) But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

We are called to be the light of the world, so let the fullness of the Holy Spirit take over in your life, then you will shine more radiantly.

The Fullness of the Holy Spirit

In the book of Acts, we see the fullness of the Holy Spirit working through Apostle Peter powerfully.

Act 5:14-15 And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.) (15) Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

The overshadowing glory of God was upon Peter so that the sick were healed and cripples started to walk, the lame were able to rise.

This was like when the Shekinah glory descended during the dedication of the temple of Solomon when they said, 'Your goodness endures forever'.

This was the same fullness Jesus Christ ministered from under the majestic authority and power of the Holy Spirit.

In the bible, it often talks about His ministry through the fullness of the Holy Spirit resulting in all being healed.

Mat 4:23-24 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (24) And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatick, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

Fullness of the Holy Spirit in Amiee Semple McPherson's meetings

The people were moved by the presence of God in Aimee's meetings.

Before the service got underway, people were convicted by God's presence and cried out for mercy.

The altars would fill up with sinners wanting to get saved because the holy

presence of God was calling them to come.

They were not just saying a sinners prayer but they were cut to their heart by the presence of God leading them to repentance of their sin.

Tears were running down their faces because of the glorious love of God's presence that was upon them as they surrendered their lives to Christ.

Out of this holy presence, or fullness, in Aimee's meetings, the blind were seeing, the cripples were walking and the sick were healed.

The Fullness is 7 Spirits Burning

What is the manifestation of the fullness? It is the full manifestation of the Holy Spirit as 7 Spirits of God burning.

Rev 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

In heaven, we see Jesus Christ at the right hand of God the Father, who is seated upon the throne.

So where is the Holy Spirit seen in heaven?

The fullness of the Holy Spirit in heaven is seen as 7 Spirits of God burning

before the throne.

On earth, the Holy Spirit is now looking for people who want to surrender themselves to God in a deep way so they can start to learn in more fullness of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Seated in Heavenly Places and the 7 Spirits

The Lord is calling us to learn to live in the spirit before His throne in worship, intimacy and prayer where the 7 Spirits are burning.

The scripture teaches us that we are seated in heavenly places.

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

The End Time bride is called to enter into this union with the 7 Spirits of God in heaven as they are seated with Christ in heaven, which we call heavenly places.

We are called to be the kingdom of heaven saints who are seated in heavenly places to bring the fullness of the 7 Spirits of God down to earth.

Mat 6:10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.

Jesus taught us He was in heaven and on earth at the same time.

Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, *even* the Son of man which is in heaven.

The 7 Spirits

Earlier, we taught that we have eyes in our spirit by which we can spiritually perceive and see. The teaching of the fullness and the 7 Spirits of God is throughout the Bible. However, only the Holy Spirit can teach our spirit to perceive or see these scriptures about the 7

Spirits fo God in the Bible.

Eph 1:17-18 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: (18) The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Now let us look at the names of the 7 Spirits of God.

The next scriptures are about the names of the 7 Spirits of God and that they were on the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

The 7 Names of the 7 Spirits of God

- 1. Spirit of the Lord
- 2. Spirit of Wisdom
- 3. Spirit of Understanding (revelation)
- 4. Spirit of Counsel
- 5. Spirit of Might
- 6. Spirit of the Fear of the Lord
- 7. Spirit of Knowledge

When we read in Ephesians 1:17 about the spirit of wisdom and revelation, we are talking about 2 of the 7 Spirits of God.

Apostle Paul prays that the Father of glory, out of His glory, gives you these spirits of wisdom and revelation.

Therefore, we go from the glory and the holy presence of God into the fullness or 7 Spirits of God.

Like a Mighty Wind

In 1960 on the Island of Timor, there was a very powerful revival.

In this revival and outpouring, the fullness of God was visibly seen and experienced in different dramatic ways.

On the Sunday night, when about 200 believers of a Presbyterian church were gathered, a mighty wind filled the building and the church building was on fire.

Hundreds of unbelieving people came to the church as they saw the flames and repented as the Holy Spirit came upon them.

Then, at night, God went like a light before the believers in the jungle so that they could preach the evangelic message of the cross of Christ. **(Tari, 2011)**

Many were saved as dead people were raised back to life and many miracles happened.

Baptised with the Holy Spirit and Fire

When I was 23 years old, parts of the book "Like a Mighty Wind" were read to me.

Johan told me about the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

The next day, while I was alone, I prayed to God to baptise me with the Holy Spirit, I was filled with the Holy Spirit and fire and I spoke in tongues.

Through this revival of fullness in Timor.

I believed that the fullness is for today and that God wanted to do great miracles and healings in these days.

I have also learnt a lot about the fullness of the Holy Spirit through other ministers and also teach about it in my books, 'The Glory Realm', 'Glorious Holy Doing Wonders' and 'Daystar End Time Army'.

You can download these for free from our website daystarendtimearmy.com.au

The Spirit of the Lord God

This is the school of the Holy Spirit where we teach you about the Holy Spirit, His power and His work.

However, now we also want to take you further into the fullness and work of the Spirit of the Lord God.

Jesus Christ

When Jesus Christ started His ministry, He started it off in the fullness. He said, 'The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me'.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

He said, today, this scripture from Isaiah 61 is fulfilled.

He was explaining that the miracles that were happening.

Jesus Christ's ministry happened because the main spirit of the 7 Spirits of God was working through Him.

On the day He was baptised in water, the heavens opened and the Spirit of the Lord God came upon Jesus Christ like a dove.

Jesus had the Spirit without measure.

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

The Spirit of the Lord God is the Father's love of God working through the Spirit of God.

Through the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, set the captives free and healed the oppressed.

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

He was and is the Messiah and therefore, preached the evangelic message of salvation to the lost and poor.

It is Our Time

Now the mandate of the preaching of the evangelic message to the lost is upon us.

Isa 61:1-3 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; (2) To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; (3) To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified.

Now we are called to open our lives up to the deep rivers of the Spirit of the Lord God. To do this, we need to learn to daily open our hearts for the Love of God.

Rom 5:5 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.

This ministry goes far beyond the anointing itself.

This is so our hearts will open for God's divine nature, yes his attributes.

He wants us to become one with His glorious attributes and then out of this, dwelling or abiding in the Spirit of the Lord God which will heal, deliver and people will come to salvation.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus Christ said it is the Father who abides in Him to do the works. Jesus Christ was in the Father and the Spirit of the Lord God did the Father's miracles through Him.

Joh 14:10 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.

Now we can learn from the Lord Jesus Christ how to minister by learning to dwell and abide in the Father heart of God.

So let the Spirit of the Lord God which is the fullness of the Holy Spirit work through you.

Governed by the Holy Glory

Jesus Christ said that the Spirit of the Lord God was upon Him.

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

This is how He ministered in the fullness and power of God.

Now Jesus Christ had risen from the dead, He is Lord.

Every knee in the spirit world has to bow down for the name of Jesus Christ.

Php 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: (10) That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; (11) And *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

It says here that every knee has to bow down for the name of Jesus Christ.

- 1. In heaven
- 2. On earth
- 3. Under the earth

Now the Bible goes on to say that in this new dispensation of being governed by the Holy Spirit that; Now that Lord is that Spirit.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

In the Old Testament, when it speaks about the Spirit of the Lord, it talks about either (A) Adonai or (B) Jahweh.

A. Adonai means:

- I. Lord
- II. God is the total authority
- III. God is Master and majestic Lord

<u>Therefore, Jesus Christ who is Lord is total authority, Master and majestic Lord.</u> <u>Then we can also say that in the ruling and reigning of the Lord who, now is that Spirit, we</u> <u>find that same total authority of the master and majestic Lord.</u> <u>Majestic means authority of sovereign power.</u>

2 Pet 1:16(AMP) For we are not following cleverly devised stories when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah), but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty (grandeur, authority of sovereign power).

For us to be transformed and used out of that authority and power from glory to glory by the Lord who is that Spirit, we need to:

- 1. Surrender to Jesus Christ's Lordship
- 2. Daily come to the cross with our daily sin, faults and hurts
- 3. Be broken of self
- 4. Surrender to the holy, glory fire of the Spirit of the Lord God to burn you clean

B. Yahweh means:

- I. Lord
- II. I am
- III. The Self-Existent One

In Yahweh, we have victory, healing, shalom, provision etc. Therefore, in the Lord, now who is that Spirit, all these provisions are ready to be supplied.

Being Changed from Glory to Glory

In these Last Days, we are called to live in glory. God's plan for us is to be changed from glory to glory. Tomorrow, we are called to live in a deeper place of glory then yesterday.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Therefore, we need to learn to experience His glorious manifestation daily.

Ministering, Ruling and Governing from the Holy Glory

Today, we are in a new season of ministry. <u>We are called to minister out of the holy glory of God which we can also call the fullness.</u> Jesus Christ ministered out of the fullness.

Joh 1:16 And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Now the Spirit of the Lord God wants us to minister victory and breakthrough. Where the Spirit of the Lord moves, there is freedom or breakthrough and liberty.

2Co 3:17 Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

Praying the Will of God

Out of the glorious, holy heart of God, through the Spirit of the Lord God, we are called to pray the will of God.

We are to do this from a place of worship.

We can call this harp and bowls worship.

Rev 5:8 And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four *and* twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

As we hear His voice and move upon it in prayer, worship, declaration, proclamation, breakthrough and answered prayer will happen.

1Jn 5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: (15) And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Binding and Loosing from the Holy Glory

Out of this place of intimacy, worship and prayer, we are also called to bind and loose. When Apostle John saw Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, in glory, Christ said that He had the keys.

He had the keys of death and hell.

Rev 1:18 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.

<u>Why did He say that?</u> He said that because He had taught the apostles to bind and loose. Now He showed John that He had all authority.

Mat 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

We are now to bind the demons when we go to do ministry and evangelic outreach. We are to lose God's holy angels to bring in lost souls and to lose the power of the age to come.

Heb 1:14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?

The Harvest

Today, as the holy glory is moving and we learn to grow and move in the Holy Spirit, we are called to bring in the harvest of lost souls.

This school has equipped you to step into minister.

All believers are called to take part in the harvest.

Mar 16:15-18 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. (17) And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; (18) They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Chapter 12B: The Harvest

School of Evangelism

As we have learnt about the Holy Spirit and are trained to move in the Holy Spirit, it all needs application.

According to the Bible, one of the main reasons we need to gain this spiritual knowledge and to be filled with the Holy Spirit and power is to prepare us to do evangelism.

Jesus Christ said that you shall be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit so you can be His witnesses here in Jerusalem and to the ends of the earth.

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

Therefore, we need to do here a little school of evangelism so that we can apply it.

School of Evangelism in Lausanne Switzerland

I wanted to go to Bible school but God said no, you need to go to Switzerland to the school of evangelism there.

We had many speakers in the YWAM School, one was Vic Jacobson.

He had a little book called – From prison to the pulpit.

I was educated to do evangelism and then did evangelism. Lastly, I trained people on how to do evangelism.

This road of obedience led me to Africa and gave me the opportunity, in 1987, to sit with Reinhard Bonnke on the platform of the Evangelism Crusade in Tema, Ghana.

Right now, I took a team of 10 evangelists, some who also came out of crime, off the streets here in Brisbane.

How to Win Souls

There are many different ways to win souls.

We have friendship evangelism, door knocking, handing out of tracts, street preaching evangelism, worship evangelism, drama evangelism, church crusade evangelism and stadium evangelism to name some.

So get inspired.

In the first place, we are called to be a witness, so don't walk away from your mission in life. One of the most effective ways is friendship evangelism and statistics demonstrate that this method allows many of the converts to continue on their journey.

The Process and Evangelistic Message

When you go to meet a king or president, there is a protocol.

Many churches have gone away from the Biblical protocol and therefore some are even preaching Universalism.

What we need to know first, is that God is holy and therefore, as He said, a consuming fire.

Heb 12:28-29 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: (29) For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Therefore, we need to evangelise from the fear of God.

The Right Protocol to the Holy Father of the Kingdom of Heaven

- 1. Repentance
- 2. Faith
- 3. Born-again
- 4. Water baptism
- 5. Baptism with the Holy Spirit

The Right Evangelistic Protocol - Repentance

The right way is to start with that all men have to repent. All have sinned.

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

John the Baptist and Jesus Christ both preached Repentance

When John the Baptist came, he came preaching the kingdom because Jesus Christ was going to be priest and king according to the priesthood of Melchizedek.

Therefore, he preached repentance and baptised the believer in a new way.

When Jesus Christ came, He preached repentance and the kingdom of God.

He taught the disciples how to baptise.

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

Then He also healed the sick so they would repent and be saved.

Therefore, we are called to have the right protocol and first call people to repentance.

Apostle Peter had the same protocol on the day of Pentecost, he called them to repentance, faith and baptism.

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

The Holy Spirit's conviction of sin

In true evangelism, we need the working of the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ said that when the Holy Spirit comes, He will convict of sin, righteousness and judgement. Joh 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

We are not called to be seeker-friendly but God-friendly.

We need God to convict sinners to receive lasting fruit.

The most important work of the Holy Spirit is to bring conviction of sin to a lost world.

In the ministry of Charles Finney, the Holy Spirit conviction was so strong that sinners would be overtaken by sorrow before He would even arrive in a place to preach.

As this conviction of the Holy Spirit happened, they were repenting and then were saved as Charles preached.

The Cross of Christ

Jesus Christ specifically meant that the Holy Spirit would convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgement after He ascended into heaven.

Joh 16:8-10 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: (9) Of sin, because they believe not on me; (10) Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

He said, because of sin because they believed not in Christ.

For in Jesus Christ's day, many stopped following Him when He said you have to eat My flesh and drink My blood. He was talking about His death, resurrection and holy communion.

Yet the Jews took offence.

The true way of evangelism is the preaching of the cross of Christ.

When the Holy Spirit was to be poured out, the preaching of the cross and faith in Jesus Christ would be the main message.

1Co 1:17-18 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. (18) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Today, in evangelism, we have to preach faith in the finished redeeming work of Christ on the cross.

On the Day of Pentecost

Apostle Peter had learnt the right protocol on how to meet the king and God of glory.

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came with the signs of a mighty wind and flames of fire on the heads of the apostles as they spoke with other tongues.

After a great crowd had gathered, Apostle Peter taught on how the Holy Spirit was moving on that important day.

Apostle Peter preaches the Cross

After explaining to them the significance of the work of the Holy Spirit, Apostle Peter preached to them the message of the cross of Christ.

He told them how Christ was crucified and died for our sin so we can be forgiven.

Act 2:23-24 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: (24) Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

He also told them that Christ was risen from the dead and was now seated on His throne at the right hand of God the Father, who was on His throne in heaven.

The Holy Spirit's conviction of sin at Pentecost

When Apostle Peter preached Christ crucified, the Holy Spirit moved with conviction power. The Holy Spirit convicted the Jews and pricked, or cut, their hearts.

Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

As they were convicted of sin, they asked Apostle Peter what they should do. Peter said to believe and be baptised in water.

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

That day, 3000 Jews were saved and baptised. This was a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's conviction of sin. This is how we need to evangelise today.

The Protocol of Faith in Christ

Jesus Christ said it is all about believing in Him and then you will have eternal life.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Martin Luther preached this, he said that the righteous shall live by faith.

Europe went from the Dark Ages into the light of the protestant and Baptist (Anna) movement. The Baptists also followed the last part of the protocol, to be baptised by immersion and therefore restored the biblical way.

Being Born Again

When we have faith in Christ, we can step into the kingdom of heaven and be born of the spirit. As we do evangelism, we can sense if people are ready to commit their life to Christ. If so, we can lead them into a sinner's prayer.

A sinner's prayer to be born-again

Pray with them like this: Dear Father God, I repent of my sin and I ask you to wash me of all my sin. I surrender to You. I ask you now, Lord Jesus Christ, to come into my heart. Amen.

The Protocol of Water Baptism

When people repent, have faith in Christ, are born again, then they also need to be water baptised. Jesus clearly says that new believers need to be baptised as He sent the apostles out on the day of Ascension.

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

The Protocol of Baptism of the Holy Spirit

On that same day and sending commissioning, Jesus Christ said that the believers also need to receive the power of the Holy Spirit so they can be witnesses moving in the power of God. We call this the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Protocol of Discipleship

Once a person is a new believer, he also needs to grow up as a disciple.

We can do this one on one or in a house fellowship or church.

We need to help them to read the Bible.

I have many books they can read to grow up as a disciple.

They are all available for free download from my website daystarendtimearmy.com.au

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