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Introduction

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-Pastor Chris Oyakhilome

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SUNDAY 1

YOU'RE HIS WITNESS TO YOUR GENERATION



O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called (1 Timothy 6:20).

Do you realize you're a witness to your generation? The Lord Jesus said in Acts 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.”*** You're His witness to all those who are connected to you: your co-workers, family members, and those in your neighbourhood or estate where you live. The Gospel has been committed to you for their salvation.

The Bible says in 1 Timothy 1:11, ***“According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.”*** Paul said the Gospel was committed to his trust. It's the same with you. You've been entrusted with the Gospel. The same message that saved your life has been committed to your trust. Now, you ought to use that same Gospel to bring salvation to others. That's what success is. You become a fruit-producing branch. Jesus said, ***“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”*** (John 15:5).

Paul said to Timothy, ***“...keep that which is committed***

to thy trust...” (1 Timothy 6:20). That term committed is from an interesting Greek word, "parakatathéké" which means “a deposit.” This means a deposit has been made; something has been given to your trust. Now you’re going to use that investment of your personality.

You’re like a bag of seeds; the deposits in you are seeds of the Kingdom that you plant in other people. That’s your number one job. If you give utmost attention to it, everything else will fall into place. Remember the words of Jesus: ***“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you”*** (Matthew 6:33).

The things that the Gentiles seek after will be added to you if you seek the expansion of God’s Kingdom first. Remember, you’re representing the Kingdom, and now, the Kingdom is working in your behalf. Be sure to witness to someone about Jesus Christ. We’re having ReachOut World Day tomorrow; give at least one person in your sphere of contact a copy of Rhapsody of Realities, and see the Kingdom of God expand through you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for entrusting me with the precious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. I recognize the responsibility and honour it is to be a witness to my generation. My life is a testament to your love and grace, producing lasting fruit for your Kingdom. Thank you for the privilege to serve and represent this glorious Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 16:15; Acts 26:14-18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 2:15-3:1-10 & Ezekiel 45-46

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 5:1-14 & Joel 1



MONDAY 2

JESUS WANTS THE BEST FOR YOU



You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! (Psalm 139:16-17 NLT).

Some people are afraid to allow the Lord Jesus have His way in their lives. They think He'll change their dream; that dream they've so nursed all their lives; that picture they've painted for themselves. They feel He might lead them to become something they don't want, so they become apprehensive.

Well, the only people that think this way are those who don't know who Jesus is. And because they don't know Him, they can't trust Him. If you ever get to know who He is, you'd learn to trust Him. Think about it: all He ever wants is the best for you. Therefore, you can trust Him with your life. He's interested in everything about you. He loves you more than you love yourself. He has a plan for you, and that plan is to make you successful and joyful all the time.

He said in Jeremiah 29:11 NIV, ***“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*** No one else has this kind of plan for you. It also brings to mind His endearing words in 3 John 1:2, ***“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”*** Think about that!

It’s the reason He gave you His life, His righteousness, His glory, and His Name; so you can live transcendentally above Satan, sin, sickness, disease, infirmities and death. Glory to His Name forever!

PRAYER

Righteous Father, thank you for your unwavering love and perfect plans for my life. I trust you completely, knowing that your plans are to prosper me, give me hope, and secure my future. I choose to follow your guidance, confident that I’ll always live a life of joy and fulfilment, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Jeremiah 29:11; 3 John 1:2; Isaiah 1:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 3:11-24 & Ezekiel 47-48

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 6:1-10 & Joel 2



TUESDAY 3

DECLARE WHAT YOU WANT IN HIS NAME



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

There's a difference between calling on the Name of Jesus and making a demand in His Name. It's crucial to understand this distinction. Consider Romans 10:13; it says, **"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."** Sinners can call upon His Name for salvation, but as Christians, we use His Name; we exercise dominion in His Name.

Using His Name isn't about calling out to Him as if you're still a sinner seeking salvation. Now that you're born again, you belong to the household of God. The Name of Jesus is now named upon you and given to you to live by. You don't need to call upon Him anymore for anything; rather, you use His Name with authority to create anything or effect the changes you desire.

Notice in our opening verse that He didn't say, "Call upon my name and I'll cast the devils out and heal the sick"; no! Rather, you're to use His Name to cast out devils, heal the sick, cleanse lepers, and raise the dead. His Name is an instrument; use it! In John 14:13-14 He said, **"And**

whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do...If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it."

What a bold statement! That means you can demand anything in His Name and it'll happen. For example, if you were in a distressing situation, instead of calling "Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!" out of desperation or panic, declare what you want in His Name. Speak with the authority He's given you. You say, "In the Name of Jesus, I demand healing," or "In the Name of Jesus, you devil of darkness, I command you to lose your grip and get out!"

Always remember that you're in charge and in control because you function in the Name of Jesus. Everything in life, physical and spiritual, including governments, thrones, the galaxies, principalities and powers, are all subject to the Name of Jesus. Declare what you want in His Name with confidence, and you'll have a testimony. Glory be to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the power and authority you've granted us to use the Name of Jesus. I walk in this authority and exercise dominion over circumstances and situations. I speak healing, peace and prosperity in His Name, and I thank you for the confidence and assurance that come with using the Name of Jesus to effect a change and bring your will to pass. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Philippians 2:9-11; Acts 3:16; John 16:23

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 4 & Daniel 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 6:11-17 & Joel 3



WEDNESDAY 4

HE DRAWS THEM IN THROUGH HIS MESSAGE



No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him... (John 6:44).

The Lord Jesus explained that God draws individuals through His Word and His message: ***“It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me”*** (John 6:45). When people hear the message and respond in faith, they’re drawn to Jesus because ***“...faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”*** (Romans 10:17).

This means for someone to come to Christ, they first need to hear the message of the Gospel (Romans 10:14). This underscores the importance of our individual responsibility in preaching and sharing the Gospel because it is through this proclamation that God draws people to Himself. So, more than ever before, preach the Gospel with conviction.

In Romans 1:16-17, Paul's conviction is palpable as he asserts that the Gospel is the definitive power of God for salvation. No wonder he preached it boldly, covering whole regions and territories with the Gospel, even at the peril of his life. He said in Romans 15:19, ***“...from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.”***

His valedictory remarks to the Christians at Ephesus, just before he rounded off his ministry, will provoke your faith for the Gospel and literally make you weep in intercession for souls. Read the entire portion in Acts 20:18-27. Paul knew that there are no alternatives; the Gospel is the singular pathway to salvation for all who believe.

Therefore, like Paul, be resolute and absolute in your commitment to proclaiming the Gospel. Refuse to stay silent in your workplace, in the marketplace, and in your community. Consider the divine connections and opportunities God orchestrates in your life—the people you meet, the places you go—they're not just for your personal gain but opportunities to share the message of salvation. Proclaim Christ to everyone you meet, recognizing that God networks us primarily to fulfil His eternal purpose of drawing people to Himself through us. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I recognize that it is through the proclamation of your Word that you draw people unto yourself. I walk in boldness and clarity as I share the message of salvation with those in my sphere. I see every encounter as an opportunity orchestrated by you to bring others into the Kingdom. By your Spirit, I'm empowered to be an effective witness of your grace and love to a hurting world, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 16:15-16; Acts 1:8; Matthew 28:19-20;
Romans 1:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

1 John 5 & Daniel 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 7:1-10 & Amos 1-2



THURSDAY 5

YOUR PRESENT AND PERMANENT PLACE OF DOMICILE



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

Our opening scripture says God has transferred us from the domain of darkness into the Kingdom of His Love-Son. That's where you are now. The transfer wasn't a process; it's not something that happens from time to time; it's already been effectuated, and it was a permanent transfer. Your present and permanent place of domicile is the Kingdom of God's Love-Son.

The question is: do you realize you're in His Kingdom? It's important to know this because it means you're not under the dominion of Satan. You're seated together with Christ, ***“Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come”*** (Ephesians 1:21).

Recall what the Bible says about our Lord Jesus Christ in 1 Timothy 6:15-16: He's the ***“...blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto...”*** In other words, He only has immortality (life, “deathlessness”) and dwells in unapproachable light. He is light, and in Him is no darkness at all (1 John 1:5), and you're in Him.

That means in you, there's no darkness, no sickness,

disease or infirmity, nothing of Satan because you were born into God's Kingdom of light—His marvellous light: ***“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”*** (1 Peter 2:9).

If this is true, and thank God it is, how can you have cancer? Where will diabetes, hypertension, heart condition, migraine headache, etc., come from since you presently and permanently dwell in the Kingdom of God's Love-Son where there's no darkness but light; where life and immortality reign? How can the devil oppress you when you're not under his jurisdiction?

In Luke 10:19, the Lord said, ***“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”*** It's the reason you can say, “In the Name of Jesus, I refuse to accommodate Satan and anything from him; I belong in the Kingdom of God's Love-Son, Jesus Christ, with dominion over Satan, sickness, disease, death and the demons of darkness.” Hallelujah!

CONFESSION

I'm in the Kingdom of God's Love-Son, where there's no darkness, disease, failure or death. I'm seated with Christ, far above all principality, power, might, dominion and everything that's named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 2:4-6; 1 John 5:4; Colossians 1:12-13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

2 John & Daniel 5-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 7:11-17 & Amos 3-4



FRIDAY 6

HE GAVE US KINGDOM AUTHORITY



Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven (Matthew 18:18).

In our previous study, we learnt that we've been transferred from the jurisdiction or domain of darkness into the Kingdom of God's Love-Son. So, we're currently in the Kingdom of God's Love-Son. But what happens here? How are we supposed to live now that we're in the Kingdom? Are we supposed to cry to God for the solution to one problem or the other? No! Having brought us into the Kingdom, we have Kingdom authority!

The Lord Jesus said, ***“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy...”*** (Luke 10:19). Then recall what He said in our opening scripture: ***“Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven”*** (Matthew 18:18).

He's given you the authority to determine the course and circumstances of your life. What you say is what obtains because you're standing in the authority of Jesus Christ. If you observe that things around you or the circumstances of your life aren't aligning with God's perfect will, give the word and He'll endorse it. He allows what you allow and

disallows what you disallow. He's given you the authority to effect changes when things aren't happening right.

Now you can understand why some people have remained in certain precarious conditions for a long time; it's because they allowed it to continue. As a Christian, the day you decide you don't want any particular issue to continue is the day it will stop. Maybe it's sickness—perhaps a tumour or growth in your body—decide and declare, “I can't have this in my body; my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit; therefore, I curse this growth and cut out this tumour in the Name of Jesus.” That'll be it!

Don't say, “Oh God, please take this sickness away”; that won't change anything. He's not responsible for it; rather, He's given you the authority to do something about it. It doesn't matter what challenges you may be facing today. Don't cry. Don't beg. Don't cower or complain. Exercise your authority in Christ! What does it take to exercise that authority? We'll learn more about that in our next study.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me the authority to effect changes and determine the course and circumstances of my life in line with your perfect will. Even now, your blessings—health, peace and prosperity—are evident in my life. I walk in righteousness, propelled by your wisdom as I fulfil my destiny in Christ, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Mark 11:23; Matthew 16:19; Mark 16:17-18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

3 John & Daniel 7-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 8:1-13 & Amos 5-6



SATURDAY 7

IT'S ALL IN HIS NAME



And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils...(Mark 16:17).

When it comes to exercising your authority in Christ, it's important to understand that you're not doing it in your name but in the Name of Jesus. The focus is on Jesus. He didn't say, "These signs shall follow them that believe they can do it"; no! Rather, He said it will "follow them that believe"; believe what? The Gospel!

As a christian, you're qualified, empowered, authorized and accredited to cast out devils, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead. So, it's not about your ability but the authority of the one who designated you to do it. His Name is Jesus, and He has all power in heaven and in the earth. He said in Matthew 28:18, "**...All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.**" Hallelujah!

On the basis of that authority, He said to us in the ensuing verse 19, "**Go ye therefore, and teach all nations....**" You represent Him. He's given you the legal authority, the power of attorney, to act in His stead. When you speak, when you make demands or issue decrees to demons and circumstances in the Name of Jesus, they hear and obey you as though Jesus Himself were speaking.

Because you're the "believing" one, and Jesus Christ is Lord of your life and you've received eternal life into your spirit, you don't need to exercise any more believing

or faith to cast out devils. Just exercise the authority Christ has given you. Don't try to believe; you already believe.

It often helps to use the traffic police officer at the road junction to explain this. All he does is motion to oncoming vehicles to stop and they grind to a halt. If they don't, they'd face the wrath of the law. That officer doesn't have to first "believe" he can get the vehicles to stop. By his physical ability or personal power, he can't. But as long as he's in that uniform, he has the authority of the state that he represents.

You sit on Jesus' seat; that means you act in and by His authority. All creation—animate and inanimate—according to God's sovereign decree have been commanded to hear and obey Jesus: ***"...and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him"*** (Matthew 17:5). This applies to you because the Bible says, ***"...as he is, so are we in this world"*** (1 John 4:17), and we do all things in His Name. Blessed be God!

CONFESSION

I've been qualified, empowered, authorized and accredited to cast out devils, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers and raise the dead. My dominion over Satan and the principalities of darkness is absolute because I live in and by the authority of the Name of Jesus. I'm a victor now and always. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 10:19; John 14:13-14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Jude & Daniel 9-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 9:1-10 & Amos 7

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SUNDAY 8

GOD'S TESTIMONY: YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE



And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son (1 John 5:11).

The term “record” in our opening verse also means testimony. The New International Version and a few other versions put it more clearly: ***“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son”*** (1 John 5:11 NIV). To get a better understanding of what John was discussing here, you’ll have to read the ninth and tenth verses as well. Let’s read: ***“We accept human testimony, but God’s testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God accepts this testimony. Whoever does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because they have not believed the testimony God has given about his Son”*** (1 John 5:9-10 NIV).

God’s testimony is that you have eternal life because you have Jesus Christ. You don’t have to feel it to know you have it. All you need is God’s testimony that you already

have it. If you don't accept His testimony, then you make Him a liar, and God cannot lie. That testimony also says anyone who doesn't have the Son of God doesn't have life.

The 13th verse in the New International Version is so beautiful. There, the apostle John says, ***“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.”*** Glory to God! If you believe in the Name of the Son of God, this was written to you so you can accept God's testimony, and that testimony is that you have eternal life. Therefore, even now, say with confidence, “I have eternal life because I have the Son of God!” Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I rejoice in your testimony that I have life because I have Jesus Christ. I walk in this consciousness today as I manifest your divine nature and power. I'm full of life, health and strength, and I live victoriously because eternal life is at work in me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 5:24; John 3:36; 1 John 5:11-13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 1 & Daniel 11-12

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 9:11-21 & Amos 8-9



MONDAY 9

HE CLEANSSES YOU FROM ALL SINS



In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:14).

Our opening verse says in Christ Jesus we have redemption (riddance) through His blood, and then in the concluding part, it says, “...**even the forgiveness of sins.**” That word “even” is in parenthesis, which means it wasn’t in the original text. The translators inserted it by their own prerogative, but it was wrongly applied.

The correct conjunction is the word “and”: “In whom we have redemption through his blood, and the forgiveness of sins.” To say “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” suggests that “we have redemption of sins through His blood, meaning the forgiveness of sins.” But that’s not true, because they are two different things: first, in Christ Jesus, we have our riddance or redemption, and secondly, we have our freedom from sins (forgiveness). We’re free from sins.

That means you don’t have to sin. You don’t have to keep watching to be sure that you don’t sin; rather, just keep walking in righteousness; keep walking in the light—in His Word—His Word is light (Psalm 119:105). 1 John 1:7 says, “**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.**” This happens automatically.

As you walk in the light of God’s Word, and in fellowship with other Christians, He automatically cleanses you from all sins. Sin is everywhere because man’s world has been polluted. But the Lord cleanses you from all sins, including sins you didn’t necessarily commit but rubbed off on you.

This was the reason they had all kinds of ceremonial “washings” in the Old Testament. If they wanted to go into the presence of God, they’d wash their hands and their feet; they had to wash all the time. But it’s not so today: the blood of Jesus Christ Himself cleanses us from all sin automatically. He takes care of any sin, whether from someone else, from the environment, etc., so that you can keep walking your way through life in victory, from glory to glory. Hallelujah!

Then in John 15:3, He says, ***“Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.”*** It’s the ministry of the Word to cleanse you of sin, guilt, and all unrighteousness so you can walk in perfection and excellence, producing works and fruits of righteousness.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for my new life in Christ, a life of righteousness with freedom from sin. Thank you for the continuous cleansing that comes from walking in the light of your Word. I walk in perfection and excellence, producing works and fruits of righteousness, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 1:9; Romans 3:24-26 NIV; Acts 13:38-39

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 2:1-17 & Hosea 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 10:1-11 & Obadiah 1



TUESDAY 10

LIFE THROUGH HIS NAME



And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name (John 20:30-31).

When Jesus declared that He was the Christ, the Jews accused Him of blasphemy because they understood what the term “Christ” meant. Christ means “Son of God,” and that expression means “God in human flesh.” Recall that in John 10 the Jews asked Him, if He was the Christ? and Jesus said, “Yes.” Then they cried, “... **blasphemy; you, a mere man, have declared yourself to be God**” (John 10:33 TLB).

They understood the implication of Jesus saying He was the Christ and they vehemently opposed Him for making such a claim. But He was right; He is the Christ, the Son of God, and anyone who believes in Him has life. Hallelujah! Many years ago, as I took the Gospel to different places, I often would announce to the people that our purpose for coming to them was so they might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing,

they might have life through His Name.

Then, I'd give an altar call. Many believed in Him and the moment they did, they received eternal life for He has said, ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life”*** (John 6:47). In Romans 6:11, Paul tells us how to respond to this: ***“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.”***

So, today, if you believe in Jesus, it means you're dead to sin but alive to God. You have eternal life. The Bible says through the Gospel, He brought life and immortality to light (2 Timothy 1:10). You've passed from death to life: ***“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”*** (John 5:24).

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for giving me eternal life! I walk in the full blessings and consciousness of this divine life, filled with your glory, power and love. I impact my world and those around me with your divine nature, as I live triumphantly each day, manifesting fruits of righteousness in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 6:47; 1 John 5:11-12; John 20:30-31 NKJV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 2:18-3:1-6 & Hosea 3-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 11:1-10 & Jonah 1-2



WEDNESDAY 11

NOW THAT JESUS IS LORD OF YOUR LIFE



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

When you confessed the Lordship of Jesus, believing that God raised Him from the dead, you received eternal life; you were born into Christ and Christ came into you. You now have His life, His nature, and His spirit. This also means you'll never go to hell because Jesus Christ, the light of the world, lives in you. He already went to hell in your place and defeated Satan and his cohorts of darkness in hell (Colossians 2:15).

When He obtained the victory in hell, you were in Him. Accordingly, you have victory over hell, sin and death. No wonder the Bible says, ***“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world”*** (1 John 4:17). In the Day of Judgment, you'll boldly face the Master because as He is so are you. How is He? He's righteous and holy; and so are you.

Colossians 1:21-22 says, ***“And you...hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight.”*** 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, ***“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”*** It's

His doing; we didn't ask for any of these: It pleased Him to make us partakers of the divine nature—associates of the God-kind (2 Peter 1:4).

1 John 5:11-12 says, ***“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life...”*** (NIV). When you made Jesus the Lord of your life, His divine life supplanted your human life. Like Him, you possess the organic and existential attributes of deity. You're a God-carrying vessel; you're one in whom all of divinity dwells. The Bible says concerning Jesus: ***“For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily”*** (Colossians 2:9). Then the very next verse says, ***“And ye are complete in him...”*** (Colossians 2:10).

This means you have what He has, for you're a joint-heir with Him (Romans 8:17). You're where He is; you're seated with Him in the place of dominion, great glory, power and authority (Ephesians 2:6). You can do all things (Philippians 4:13), for you function in His Name and in His sufficiency (2 Corinthians 3:5). These and more are the realities now that Jesus is Lord of your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for my new life in Christ Jesus; I rejoice that I am now in Christ and He is in me. His life, nature and Spirit are at work within me. I have what He has, for I'm a joint-heir with Him. I'm where He is because I'm seated with Him in the place of dominion, great glory, power and authority. I can do all things because I act in His Name and in His sufficiency. Blessed be God!

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:3-4; James 1:18

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 3:7-22 & Hosea 7-10

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 11:11-19 & Jonah 3-4



THURSDAY 12

LIFE AND IMMORTALITY UNVEILED



But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Timothy 1:10).

What we just read in our opening scripture is extraordinary. There's no better way to explain it than how it's already stated. The message is very clear: Christ has abolished death and has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. The Church has to come to the knowledge and profundity of this truth.

Now that you're born again, you've passed from death to life; you're in the place of immortality—deathlessness: ***“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”*** (John 5:24). You have the transcendent life—the overcoming life that makes you superior to Satan, darkness, disease, sickness, failure, defeat, and death.

Now, if this is true, and thank God it is, why are there still so many in the Church today struggling with their health and being buffeted by the elements of this world? The reason is their lack of understanding, consciousness and knowledge of this truth. God said in Hosea 4:6, “My people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge.”

It brings to mind the lamentation of the psalmist, Asaph in Psalm 82:5-7, ***“They know not, neither will***

they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High. But ye shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes.” How sad! Being born again, you’re a god because you’re born of God; therefore, you have the God-life! That life isn’t subject to sickness; it’s death-proof and disease-proof! This is the truth, and unless you accept this reality, you’ll never live it.

This is what Jesus came to accomplish for us, and He fulfilled it. He “finished” the work. On the Cross, before He died, He said, “It is finished”; in other words, mission accomplished; death is abolished; life and immortality are now unveiled! The Bible says, ***“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God”*** (Hebrews 10:12). Glory to God!

He made life and immortality available through the Gospel and sat down at the right hand of God. Now the Bible says whosoever believes in Him has everlasting life (John 3:16). Having believed, you have life and immortality. Blessed be God!

CONFESSIO

I was born into the realm of life and immortality; I have passed from death to life. I have the transcendent life—the overcoming life—that makes me superior to Satan, darkness, disease, sickness, failure, defeat and death: a life that’s beyond this world! I reign gloriously over circumstances and live triumphantly every day, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 11:25-26; Romans 8:10-11; 1 Corinthians 15:53-57

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 4 & Hosea 11-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 12:1-10 & Micah 1-2



FRIDAY 13

USE HIS AUTHORITY, PRAYING IN HIS NAME



Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind (Colossians 2:18).

In Christianity, we don't worship angels, neither do we ask angels to pray for us. No matter how much you call on them to pray for you, they won't pray for you because they can't pray for you. Jesus told us how to pray; He said, **"...*Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you*"** (John 16:23). We pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus.

We're the only ones with the right, privilege and blessing to use His Name in prayer. We don't even ask Jesus to pray to the Father for us. Jesus said, **"*At that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will pray the Father for you: for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came out from God*"** (John 16:26-27). So, we don't say, "Lord Jesus, please talk to the Father for me." No; the Father Himself loves us, so we talk to Him directly.

I've always pointed out the difference between praying to God through Jesus Christ and praying to God in the Name of Jesus. They're not the same. Praying to God in the Name of Jesus is what Jesus told us to do. Praying to God through Jesus Christ is making Jesus a medium, and after you're born again, He's not a medium to you. He's a

medium to God only for the sinner.

Remember what He said: ***“...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me”*** (John 14:6). But when you come by Him to the Father, you don't need a medium anymore because you're now in the presence of the Father. Praying in the Name of Jesus is a matter of authority. It means you're using His authority.

Why do you use His authority? Because He saved you, and He owns everything. His Name is on all creation; everything was created in His Name. Everything belongs to Him. The Father put the Name of Jesus as the stamp on all of His creation: ***“Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him”*** (Colossians 1:15-16). Therefore, everything listens to Jesus (Matthew 17:5). Everything! So, use His Name today with boldness.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the authority you've given me to use the Name of Jesus in prayer. I exercise this authority with boldness, knowing that I have direct access to you and that all creation listens to me as they listen to Jesus. I walk in health, dominion, strength, victory, peace and the abundant life, because I live in the Name of Jesus. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:13-14; Philippians 2:9-11; Colossians 2:18 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 5 & Joel 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 12:11-17 & Micah 3-4



SATURDAY 14

ONLY JESUS CHRIST GIVES ETERNAL LIFE



...Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him (John 17:1-2).

What confidence Jesus had, to state that God had given Him power over all flesh to give them eternal life. This means Jesus is the One who gives eternal life. If He's the Lord of your life, you have eternal life in you because He gives eternal life to all those over whom He's Lord.

You can only know and understand life when you know the source of life, and that's Jesus Christ. The next verse says, ***“And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent”*** (John 17:3). Notice how Jesus classifies Himself here with God because He is Himself God. He didn't say, “that they might know thee, the only true God,” and stop there. He said “and Jesus Christ”; meaning you've got to know God and you've got to know Jesus Christ. You can't have one without the other.

Jesus is eternal life; that's the reason He can give it.

So, if you don't know Him, you can't know life. The Bible says, ***“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”*** (Romans 6:23). Again, we see that God gives eternal life through Jesus Christ.

This truth gets even clearer in 1 John 5:11-12, which says, ***“And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.”*** He says, “...this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life....” Observe the tenses. It doesn't say if you have the Son, God will give you life. Rather, it says, “If you have the Son, you have life.” That's the same thing Jesus said in John 6:47: ***“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.”*** Glory to His Name forever!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the eternal life that I have received through Jesus Christ. I rejoice that I have your life and nature in me, making me more than a conqueror. I walk in the consciousness of this divine life, and I manifest your glory, love and power as I share this truth with others, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 3:36; John 10:26-27; 1 John 5:11-13 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 6 & Amos 1-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 13:1-10 & Micah 5-6



SUNDAY 15

WE LIVE TO PRAISE



Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright (Psalm 33:1).

The Bible says, “Praise is comely for the upright.” This is wonderful. It means that praise is consistent with, or befitting to, the custom of our Kingdom. We live to praise. No wonder the Bible says, ***“In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you”*** (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Now, “Praise is comely” also means that praise is beautiful. The New King James Version says, ***“Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.”*** In fact, The Passion Translation says, ***“... Praise him with all you have, for praise looks lovely on the lips of God’s lovers.”***

This means that God loves to receive our praise. When we praise Him, we actually position ourselves where we ought to be as a people of praise: ***“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light”*** (1 Peter 2:9). We’re called to show forth His praise.

The meaning of praise according to the Scriptures is the offering of thanks through our lips: ***“By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name”*** (Hebrews 13:15). That means we see His goodness in the things that happen in and around us, and in our world, and for that we praise Him lavishly.

God intended that our whole life would be full of praise. You were created for His praise. When we express our praise to Him, sometimes it's with deep emotions, and at other times it's with an effulgence of joy that others may not see. But God sees it all; we do these in the light of the Spirit and in the place of His holiness. In such an atmosphere of praise, you're conscious of His love because in His presence is fullness of joy, and at His right hand are pleasures evermore (Psalm 16:11). Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I worship and adore you for your great love, your faithfulness, kindness and tender mercies. How gracious you are, for you've filled the earth with your goodness; you've blessed the nations and their peoples, causing your grace for salvation to appear unto all. Unto you be honour and everlasting power and dominion, forever, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Hebrews 13:15; Psalm 33:1-4 TPT

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 7 & Amos 5-9

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 13:11-18 & Micah 7



MONDAY 16

THE WORD IN FLESH



And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth (John 1:14).

In one of our previous studies, I explained to you that Jesus is the Son of God—God in human flesh! The Bible shows us something more about who He is in John 1:1. It says, ***“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*** The 14th verse says, ***“...the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...”*** But a more accurate rendering is “the Word became flesh”; Jesus Christ is the Word of God become flesh.

It’s easy to accept that Jesus is the living Word, the Word become flesh, but do you know that the same is true about you? The Bible says: ***“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever”*** (1 Peter 1:23). You were born again by the Word of God, which lives and abides forever.

Think about it: Jesus Christ is the Logos of God, the Word of God, become flesh. Now, that same Word that

became flesh gave birth to you. That makes you God's Word in flesh. Paul understood this and called us the epistles of Christ—the words of Christ: ***“Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart”*** (2 Corinthians 3:3).

Then he points out something extraordinary in the 18th verse: ***“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”*** (2 Corinthians 3:18). He says as you reflect on God's Word, as you ponder and meditate on it, you see yourself—as the reflection of God's glory, for you're the offspring of the Word. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word that has given birth to me; now I have and live the life of the Word. I'm influenced and transformed by your Word to live the glory-life. I walk in the consciousness of this truth as I manifest your righteousness, wisdom, grace and truth in my daily life. Thank you for this divine life that I have in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

2 Corinthians 3:2-3; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23-25

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 8 & Obadiah

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 14:1-10 & Nahum 1-3



TUESDAY 17

ONENESS WITH HIM



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

When the Bible says “Christ in you,” what does it mean? “Christ in you” means Christ literally dwells in you. You’re His house; He lives in you, walks in you, and talks through you through the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says, **“For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones”** (Ephesians 5:30). You’re His feet, and you’re His hands. You’re the limbs of Christ: **“Know ye not that your bodies are the members of Christ...”** (1 Corinthians 6:15). As a Christian, you’re inseparably one with Christ; you’re fused as one with Him. Remember His words in John 14:20, **“...I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.”** Hallelujah!

In 2 Corinthians 3:5, Paul wrote about his experience of the Gospel as inspired by the Holy Spirit. He said, **“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.”** Here was a man writing about his life, and he says, “My sufficiency is of God.” The same is true about you.

In his letter to the Philippians, he said, **“I can do**

all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13). How could he have such a mentality? It's because he understood the meaning of “Christ in you.” He knew he was no longer ordinary; he had become one with Christ, which means oneness with deity. The Word declares in 1 Corinthians 6:17, ***“But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.”***

You're one with the Lord; therefore, every so often, boldly declare: “My sufficiency is of God!” That means the ability of God is working in and through you; that's the reason you're invincible, ever prosperous, fruitful and productive. Glory to God!

CONFESSION

Christ dwells in me, and I in Him. I'm inseparably one with Him, a member of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. I'm the vessel through which He manifests His glory and reveals His multifaceted wisdom without limits. My sufficiency is of Him and through Him, I can do all things. I walk in the consciousness of this divine reality today and always in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:15; Philippians 4:13

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 9 & Jonah 1-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 14:11-20 & Habakkuk 1-2



WEDNESDAY 18

DEMONS ARE REAL—CAST THEM OUT



And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils...(Mark 16:17).

There're people who say they don't believe in the existence of demons, saying that devils or demons only exist in the imagination of certain people. Such folks are ignorant because the Bible tells us that Satan and demons are real. 1 Peter 5:8 says, ***"...your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."***

Jesus taught about demons and how they operate, and He cast out demons on several occasions. In fact, the very first sign He said would follow those who believe in Him is what we read in our opening scripture: the ability to cast out demons.

Once, He was teaching in the synagogue and the Bible tells us that a certain woman who was bent double and couldn't straighten up herself came into the synagogue. The Bible says, ***"And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said unto her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity"*** (Luke 13:12). In the 11th and 16th verses, it's clearly stated that the woman's condition was caused by the devil, and Jesus proved it when He touched her and commanded her to straighten up, and she was restored instantly.

There were also instances where He commanded deaf

spirits to come out of people who were deaf and dumb, and they instantly began to hear and speak. Many of us have done the same thing over the years in His Name. We've cast out deaf and dumb spirits, and instantly, the people who were afflicted started to hear and to speak. We did exactly what Jesus said to do and what He did. Glory to God!

He told us to cast out demons because they are real and are responsible for many of the troubles and infirmities that people suffer with and that we see around us. So, don't be deceived by Satan's incognito; if he can get you to believe he doesn't exist, then he can mess up your life and mess up things around you. The Bible says we're not ignorant of his devices (2 Corinthians 2:11). Ephesians 4:27 tells us to give him no place, no foothold.

Satan and his demons may be real, but they're powerless, defenceless and paralyzed before us. Whenever they show up, cast them out; truncate their activities, manoeuvres and manipulations. You have absolute dominion over them; exercise it.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for the authority I have in the Name of Jesus to cast out demons and to destroy their works and schemes. Thank you for the victory and dominion I have over all the power of the enemy. I walk in this authority today and always, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 10:17-19; Luke 13:10-13 NKJV; Mark 3:14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 10 & Micah 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 15:1-8 & Habakkuk 3



THURSDAY 19

THE MESSAGE OF CHRIST



Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart (2 Corinthians 3:2-3).

What's an epistle? It's a letter or written message. So, when Paul said, "Ye are our epistle..." he was saying, "You're our message, known and read of all men." Jesus Christ was the message of God. He was the Word of God—God's message—sent to the world to be read of all men. He was manifested in the flesh.

When men encountered Jesus in Bible days, they encountered the Word of God. When He spoke, it was the Word speaking. When He acted, it was God's Word in action. When He healed, it was God's Word performing the miracles. Everything He did was the manifestation of the Word of God in flesh. Therefore, He was manifestly declared to be the Word of God in the flesh.

Now, referring to us, Paul says exactly the same thing: ***"Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the***

epistle of Christ ministered by us...” (2 Corinthians 3:3). Did you see that? You are manifestly declared to be the epistle of Christ the same way Jesus was manifestly declared to be the Word of God in the flesh. This means you’re the message of Christ, and being the message of Christ means you’re the message of God.

If you are the epistle of Christ, then you’re the epistle of God. If you are the word of Christ, then you’re the Word of God. Knowing this amazing truth, how are you going to live your life? That’s why God has given us His written Word so we can learn His language and talk His language. The necessary result of that is an outflow of the God-life through you. That’ll be your experience every day. There’ll be no defeat in your life. Irrespective of who your adversaries are or the circumstances in which you find yourself, you’ll be an absolute victor. Glory to God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for making me the epistle of Christ, your living message to the world. I acknowledge that I'm your Word in the flesh, manifesting your glory, grace and truth. As I study the Word meditatively and speak it forth, I experience an outflow of the God-life, living in absolute victory and dominion in Christ Jesus. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 1:14; 1 John 4:17; 2 Corinthians 3:2-3 NKJV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 11 & Micah 4-5

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 16:1-10 & Zephaniah 1-2



FRIDAY 20

YOU KNOW HIM



You know the way to the place where I am going. Thomas said to him, Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way? (John 14:4-5 NIV).

The Lord Jesus, just before His crucifixion, had a meeting with His disciples where He told them He would be going away to Heaven. They were saddened by the news, but Jesus comforted them, saying, “**...I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going**” (John 14:3-4 NIV).

Notice His language: always succinct, always positive. It shows you the Master's mentality. He said, “You know the way to the place where I am going.” But Thomas, who was thinking in the flesh, said, “Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus' response to him was profound. He said, “**...I am the way, the truth, and the life...**” (John 14:6). What an answer!

Jesus was speaking by the Spirit, and His answer probably made Thomas more confused because Thomas was reasoning in the flesh. Then Jesus said in the next verse, “**If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and**

have seen him” (John 14:7). Remarkable!

Notice that Jesus didn't say, “Okay, Thomas, from henceforth, I'm going to try to introduce the Father to you”; no! Rather, He said, “You know Him.” This is the way He wants you to think. He doesn't want you arguing and declaring your lack of knowledge. Respond in the spirit. The Bible says you have an unction from the Holy One and you know all things (1 John 2:20). Hallelujah!

The Lord has said you know the Father; therefore say, “Yes sir! I know Him.” Blessed be God! When you agree and affirm the Word like that, suddenly, the knowledge of God will well up in your spirit, and you'll discover the truth. Remember, He is the way, the truth, and the life. What He tells you is truth. If He says you know Him, that's the truth. Moreover, He also said it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom (Matthew 13:11, Luke 8:10), and that includes knowing the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

I thank you Father, for you've revealed yourself to me in the Lord Jesus and by your Spirit. I declare with confidence that I know you, and I walk in that truth always. This knowledge transforms my life, my language and interactions. I walk as a victor, and your grace in my life is multiplied as a result of my knowledge of you, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 14:16-17; John 17:3; 1 John 2:13; Jeremiah 9:24

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 12 & Micah 6-7

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 16:11-21 & Zephaniah 3



SATURDAY 21

ETERNAL LIFE DEFINED



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

Imagine preaching the Gospel to someone and the person asks you, “What is eternal life?” What will you say? I’ll give you two simple statements that’ll help you understand what it is. The first one is that eternal life is the life and nature of God. This in itself isn’t a definition but an expression that describes what kind of life it is. Eternal life is a life that’s different from other kinds of life; it’s the life and nature of God.

As a definition, eternal life is the organic and existential attributes of deity. Why is this important? It’s because all over the world, people talk about different gods. There’re so many deities in different cultures represented in so many ways. But none of them has eternal life.

Eternal life is the life that Jesus, in Scripture, declared the Father has, which essentially distinguishes Him from all others that may be called gods: ***“For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life***

in himself" (John 5:26). The Bible declares, "... ***And now we are in God because we are in Jesus Christ his Son, who is the only true God; and he is eternal Life***" (1 John 5:20 TLB). Jesus Christ is God! In Him, we find and can relate with the organic and existential attributes of deity.

When He walked the earth, He was life encapsulated in a human body and manifested to us: "***For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us***" (1 John 1:2).

This eternal life is what He brought to the world (John 10:10). This is the message of the Kingdom of God: that Jesus Christ offers eternal life freely. That's why it's called Gospel; you don't have to pay anything for it.

CONFESSION

I rejoice in knowing that I have the life and nature of God in me—the organic and existential attributes of deity. This divine life sets me apart and empowers me to live victoriously. I walk in the consciousness of this incorruptible, impregnable and invincible life in me, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

John 17:3; 1 John 5:11-13; 1 John 5:20

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 13:1-10 & Nahum 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 17:1-10 & Haggai 1



SUNDAY 22

UNDERSTAND LOVE FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE



And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God (Ephesians 3:19).

I like the fact that at Christmas time many profess love; they say it's a season to love one another. But most only assume to know what love is, whereas they really don't. What most have experienced and understood is tolerance, not love. Tolerance is your ability to bear with others; it's a good thing, but it shouldn't be confused as love. That you tolerate people doesn't mean you love them.

Even the Jews had difficulty understanding love. The Jewish mind was complex, and one of the ways God could get their attention was to give them the golden rule: ***"Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD"*** (Leviticus 19:18). He said to them, "Love your neighbour as yourself." But how could a man love his neighbour as himself when even he isn't conscious of loving himself?

This wasn't God's best delineation of love, but He had to work with them from the "outside." So, He said to them, "Do unto others as you want them to do to you" (Matthew 7:12, Luke 6:31). After a while, they began to abuse this.

A man could take another's wife and say, "I don't mind if you do the same to me. Take my rude wife."

But when Jesus came, He manifested God's love in a way that was different. He said, "**Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends**" (John 15:13). He showed them love from God's perspective, and not only did He preach this love, He proved it. You can't show or manifest true love if you don't know Jesus.

When you hear someone say, "I can't please you and displease myself," such a person is quoting from the Old Testament. But Jesus says no; it's not about pleasing yourself; it's about laying down your life for others. It's about making others happy even at the expense of your own feelings. There's no greater love than this. Your understanding of this will completely change your life and your commitment to Jesus Christ, and to those for whom He died.

CONFESSION

By the Spirit, I have an understanding of the dimensions of God's love. I'm filled with the love of Christ, which surpasses all knowledge. I love others as Christ has loved me; my actions are motivated by genuine love, and I serve others with joy and compassion, following the example of the Lord Jesus. Hallelujah!

FURTHER STUDY:

1 John 4:7-10; Romans 12:10; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 13:11-14:1-20 & Habakkuk 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 17:11-18 & Haggai 2



MONDAY 23

PROGENIES OF THE KINGDOM



The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it (Luke 16:16 NKJV).

The Kingdom of God is a real Kingdom, howbeit, a spiritual one, and being born again, we're progenies of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God includes everything under God's dominion, both on earth and in Heaven. But there's also the Kingdom of Heaven, which is the earthly manifestation of the Kingdom of God, set up by Jesus.

So, when Jesus came and said, "The Kingdom of God is at hand" (Matthew 3:2, Mark 1:15), He was referring to the Kingdom of Heaven that He had come to establish or set up in the earth. This is the Kingdom that Jesus began to preach and to make known, something others couldn't do because they hadn't entered it themselves—it was promised to them.

But Jesus preached it and then brought us into it through the New Birth. Hallelujah! Colossians 1:12-13 says, "***Giving thanks unto the Father... Who hath... translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.***"

So, today, the same Kingdom that Jesus Himself preached is what He's commissioned us to preach to the

ends of the earth: ***“And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God...”*** (Luke 9:2). But one day, very soon, this Kingdom, which is in the spirit realm right now, will manifest in this world and take over this world.

Intensify your efforts and stop at nothing in ensuring the good news of the Kingdom spreads to the ends of the earth; win more souls into the Kingdom. The Lord Jesus, referring to being born again, said in John 3:5, ***“...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.”***

It's our responsibility to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom so that every man, woman, boy and girl on the face of the earth might hear, believe and be brought into the Kingdom. Remember the words of the Master in Matthew 24:14, ***“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.”*** Blessed be God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you, because now that I'm born again, your Kingdom is in my heart. I proclaim the glorious news of your saving power to those who're held bound by the shackles of the adversary, bringing them out of damnation into the glorious liberty of your Kingdom, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:12-13; Luke 12:32; 1 Corinthians 15:24;
Luke 16:16

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 15 & Zephaniah 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 18:1-12 & Zechariah 1-2



TUESDAY 24

SING THE WORD AT CHRISTMAS



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord...And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men (Luke 2:11-14).

Often at Christmas time, there's a lot of singing; it's that time of the year when people gleefully sing "Christmas Carols." Many of these songs, even though popular and have existed for centuries, lack spiritual substance; a lot of them don't make spiritual sense or have any spiritual meaning.

Take for example songs like "Jingle Bells" or "Dashing Through The Snow"; they're very popular Christmas songs sung around the world, but they have no spiritual meaning. The fact that they make you happy and lighten your mood doesn't mean they bless you.

Christmas is about Jesus, and He is the living Word. So, on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or whenever, know the Word, think the Word, and sing the Word. Sing songs that bear consistency with the Scriptures. Whether you're

making merry about Christmas or singing in praise to God, let your worship be consistent with God's Word and truth, and you'll be amazed at the transformation this would bring to your life.

You can join us tonight from 8pm GMT+1 for another beautiful opportunity to experience God's love and the true meaning of Christmas at the "Christmas Eve Service with Pastor Chris." The colourful and life-changing service will hold in various churches and will be transmitted LIVE on satellite and terrestrial TV stations, and across all the Loveworld networks. It promises to be an exclusive time of fellowship with God's Word as we sing to His praise and unveil deeper truths about Christmas. For more information, visit www.christembassy.org.

PRAYER

Dear Father, my heart is filled with joy and gratitude as I celebrate the birth of Christ with a deeper understanding of who Jesus is and what He came to do. Even now, I receive divine revelations, counsel, direction and guidance from your Spirit as I fellowship with you in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Your purpose is fulfilled in my life, and your glory is revealed in and through me, in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Luke 2:11-14 NIV; John 1:14; Psalm 95:1-2;
John 4:23-24

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 16 & Haggai 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 18:13-24 & Zechariah 3-4



WEDNESDAY 25

CHRISTMAS: THE CELEBRATION OF CHRIST IN YOU



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

For some people, Christmas is all about food and family. So, on Christmas day, they make sure to get around family, eat, feast and be merry. But beyond the merry-making, Christmas is about Christ: who He is, what He came to do, and the fact that He actually accomplished His purpose. Had He not accomplished His purpose, life would have been empty.

He came, lived, died, and came back to life that you might live. He said in John 10:10 (AMPC), ***“...I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).”*** 1 John 3:8 says, ***“...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”*** This same Jesus is coming again, and it's time to serve Him truly; it's time to know Him for sure.

Titus 2:13 tells us something beautiful about who He is—He's the great God and our Saviour: ***“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.”*** Did you see that? Jesus is God. When He was born among us, He was

called “Emmanuel,” God with us.

In Colossians 1:19, the Bible says, the fullness of Deity resides in Him. The totality of divinity dwells in Jesus Christ: **“For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily”** (Colossians 2:9). Jesus Christ is the body of God; everything that God is, is in Jesus.

But here’s the most inspiring part: this Jesus, the great God and our Saviour, isn’t just with you today but in you. That’s what we read in our opening scripture: Christ in you the hope of glory. This is the actual meaning of Christmas. Christmas is the celebration of Christ in you. You haven’t known what Christmas is and how to celebrate Christmas until you have the understanding that Christ literally dwells in the quarters of your heart.

The real celebration begins when you arrive at God’s revelation for Christmas, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. This was God’s plan from the beginning; this was what He always wanted—that we be filled or replete with all the fullness of God, just as Jesus was.

CONFESSION

I rejoice in the divine truth that Jesus is the great God and our Saviour who has extricated humanity from death, hell and shame and brought life and immortality to light. I celebrate my oneness with Christ and His divine life in me, which means victory, strength, triumph, glory and dominion over sin, and the powers of darkness. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 1:26-27; Titus 2:13-14; Colossians 1:19;
Colossians 2:9; Ephesians 3:19

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 17 & Zechariah 1-3

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 19:1-10 & Zechariah 5-6



THURSDAY 26

TREAT PEOPLE WELL



Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another (Romans 12:10).

Did you know that what you give to others—the treatment you mete out to them—is actually unto God? That’s what the Bible says: ***“If you help the poor, you are lending to the LORD—and he will repay you!”*** (Proverbs 19:17 NLT). So, when you do good things for others, never complain about it; instead, be glad.

Once you complain about the good you’re doing, you destroy the effectiveness of it. Remember what the Bible says: do all things without complaining, and by so doing, you show yourself to be a true child of God without fault, manifesting His light in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation (Philippians 2:14-15).

When you’re kind and affectionate to others, you don’t have to expect anything from them in return, for the Bible says, “of the Lord you shall receive your reward:” ***“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ”*** (Colossians 3:23-24).

Everyone who treats people well, turns out to be a success in just a matter of time. Why? Because God treats people well and He’s always on the lookout for those who

manifest His character. Remember, He so loved us that He sent His Son, Jesus, to die in our place for our salvation (John 3:16). He looks out for those who identify with Him in saving, blessing and loving others so He can manifest His grace and power in and through them.

Therefore, let His love flow out of you effortlessly. Be genuinely interested in people and be willing to help them. Whenever the opportunity presents itself, offer your assistance. Ask, “May I help you?” and when you’re through, still ask, “Is there anything else I could do for you?” What if they don’t treat you nicely in return? It doesn’t matter!

The Bible says, **“Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing”** (1 Peter 3:9 NIV). Spread love. Spread life. Spread joy! That’s what Christmas is about. Let others testify that their lives changed for the better because they met you.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your love that’s shed abroad in my heart by the Holy Spirit and which I dispense effortlessly. I spread joy, peace and love everywhere because you’ve made me a vessel of blessing to my world. Those I meet testify of your goodness, love, grace and blessings they enjoy because of me, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 4:32; Luke 6:27-36; Galatians 6:10;
Matthew 5:44-45

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 18 & Zechariah 4-6

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 19:11-21 & Zechariah 7-8



FRIDAY 27

JESUS—THE FULLNESS OF DEITY IN BODILY FORM



*For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell
(Colossians 1:19).*

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are eternally existent and manifested in Jesus. Each person of the Trinity has a distinct personality. Yet, Jesus is the bodily manifestation of the Godhead; He encompasses the fullness of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Colossians 1:19 says, ***"For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell."*** Colossians 2:9 further emphasizes this; it says, ***"For in him (Jesus Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."***

This means the fullness of deity, the fullness of the Godhead, resides in Jesus in bodily form. If you want to find the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in one body, it's in Jesus. Hebrews 1:1-3 lends further credence to this; it says, ***"God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person...."***

In other words, Jesus is the exact replica or

representation of God the Father. Jesus Himself said in John 14:10, "The Father is in me, and I am in the Father." This reinforces the idea that Jesus is the manifestation of the Father. When you see Jesus, you see the Father; He embodies the character and essence of the Father: **"...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..."** (John 14:9).

1 Timothy 3:16 encapsulates it beautifully: **"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory."** Observe that it says "seen of angels." The angels, who had never seen God the Father's form, saw Him for the first time when Jesus came. He made the invisible God visible even to the heavenly beings, demonstrating the profound mystery and majesty of the Trinity. Praise God!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the revelation of Jesus, who He is—the bodily manifestation of the Godhead. In Him dwells all the fullness of the divine perfection, powers and attributes of deity, the outward expression of the invisible God. He's the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and great God, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Colossians 2:9 AMPC; Hebrews 1:3 NIV; John 14:5-11

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 19:1-10 & Zechariah 7-8

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 20:1-15 & Zechariah 9-10

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SATURDAY 28

ACCEPT WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE



Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God] (Romans 4:25 AMPC).

When we say “Jesus died for the whole world,” it’s a generic expression indicating that He died for all humanity. So, in that generic sense, Jesus was condemned in our place. He was judged for all of us. But when you believe in Him, two significant things happen. First, your acceptance and acknowledgement that His vicarious sacrifice was in your behalf makes it possible for you to receive eternal life.

Receiving eternal life means you’re born again; you’re now a brand new person, without a past: “**...if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new**” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Then, now that you’re a new creature in Christ Jesus, it’s essential to understand that in the actual sense, Jesus didn’t die for the sins of this new man in Christ because the new life you received upon the New Birth is the God-life;

it's not tainted with sin.

The new man in Christ was created in righteousness and true holiness (Ephesians 4:24). Colossians 3:10 says you ***“...have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.”*** This realization leads to the understanding of why you're justified. The Bible says, “Jesus Christ was delivered up on account of our transgressions but He was raised for our justification” (Romans 4:25).

Now, being justified, you're at peace with God and have become the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. Those who don't understand this truth struggle daily, “trying” to be righteous and to please God. But the key is to simply accept the truth of what Jesus Christ has done and live by it.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the gift of my brand-new life in Christ. I celebrate the truth that I am a new creation in Him, with old things completely passed away. I fully embrace my new identity and live in the fullness of eternal life that you have imparted to me. I declare that I am justified and empowered to live righteously, free from any past struggles, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

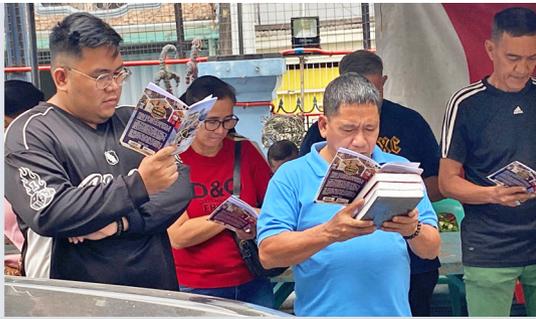
Galatians 2:20-21; Romans 5:12-17; 2 Corinthians 5:17;
John 10:10

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 19:11-21 & Zechariah 9-11

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 21:1-12 & Zechariah 11-12



SUNDAY 29

IGNITE THE “FIRE” BY MEDITATING ON THE WORD



My heart was hot within me, while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue (Psalm 39:3).

The psalmist in the verse above said, “While I was musing, the fire burned”; that tells us something powerful about meditation: it causes the spiritual fire to burn; it fuels your inspiration. What are your expectations, plans, targets, goals and aims for the incoming year? You can put yourself on the right track and fuel your inspiration by taking time to meditate on the Word.

Jeremiah, like the psalmist, in Jeremiah 20:9, decided not to speak any more about God, but the fire within him—God's Word in his heart—burned so intensely that he couldn't hold back: ***“Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.”*** Jeremiah 5:14 says, ***“Wherefore thus saith the LORD God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them.”*** Also, in Jeremiah 23:29, the Bible says, ***“Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh***

the rock in pieces?”

God’s Word is described as fire and a hammer that breaks rocks into pieces. You’re already filled with the Holy Spirit; therefore, the fire of God is in your spirit. But to ignite the fire, you must meditate on the Word. When the Word is in your heart as a burning fire, you cannot keep quiet; you’ll always maintain inspiration.

We just read from two prophets, David and Jeremiah, who knew how to burn for God, and they shared their secret: meditating on God’s Word. It emboldens you to speak the Word with passion and conviction. So, as you pray and fast in preparation for the coming year, make sure you consciously meditate on God’s Word.

Pray fervently in tongues, and meditate on the Word until you get to the point where you release this “fire” from within you and enforce the victory the Lord Jesus Christ has wrought in your behalf.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for your Word, which burns in my heart, inspiring me to boldly declare your truth and purpose for my life, and to enforce your will in the earth and in the lives of men, all over the world, as I manifest and express your glory in every area of my life, in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

1 Timothy 4:15; Joshua 1:8 AMPC;
Jeremiah 20:9 NIV

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 20 & Zechariah 12-14

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 21:13-27 & Zechariah 13-14



MONDAY 30

FREEDOM FROM SIN



If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

The word confess in the verse above is translated from the Greek “Homologeō.” It’s a verb, which means to make declaration. But in the context of our opening verse, it means to acknowledge. If we acknowledge our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let’s also read Romans 3:24-26; it talks about God’s righteousness and the forgiveness of sin: ***“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness, for the remission of sins that are past...that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”*** God is righteous, and in His righteousness, He puts away man’s sins and justifies him.

Can you imagine that? It doesn’t say God justifies the one who confesses his sins and asks for forgiveness. He’s not so much after you getting forgiveness as He is after the real reason for forgiveness. Forgiveness is from the Greek word “Aphiemi” and it means freedom. The Father’s focus is freedom from sin.

Already, you’re the righteousness of God in Christ

Jesus. You're the expression of His righteousness. Acts 13:38-39 tells us something remarkable; it says, "***Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (Jesus) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins. And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.***" Justified means to declare not guilty, acquitted, free—freedom from sin.

When we say freedom from sin, we're not talking about freedom from the bondage of sin but freedom from sinning. Freedom from the bondage of sin refers to Satan's dominion, which has been broken. But freedom from sin means the ability and possibility to live righteously and not to do wrong. Is that possible?

Emphatically yes! It's what Jesus came to do; otherwise, it means His purpose wasn't accomplished. But thanks be unto God; He fulfilled His purpose. He was made sin so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). Now sin shall not have dominion over you (Romans 6:14). We'll learn more in our next study.

PRAYER

Dear Father, I thank you for the freedom from sin that I have through Jesus Christ. I acknowledge that through His sacrifice, I am justified, cleansed, and sin-free. I walk in righteousness and manifest your glory in all that I do, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Romans 6:12-14; 2 Corinthians 5:21;
Colossians 1:13-14

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 21 & Malachi 1-2

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 22:1-10 & Malachi 1-2



TUESDAY 31

FORGIVENESS IS IN THE PACKAGE



The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree. Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins (Acts 5:30-31).

What we just read brings to mind the words of the Lord Jesus when He appeared to Saul of Tarsus. He told him He was sending him to the Gentiles, ***“To open their eyes...that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me”*** (Acts 26:18).

Notice the emphasis in the latter part on receiving forgiveness of sins, not asking for it. You’re to “take” forgiveness of sins. Read that latter part again and see the connection between receiving forgiveness of sins and our inheritance; they’re both under the same Greek word “Lambano.”

The same way you receive an inheritance is how you receive forgiveness. Just as it’s pointless to ask for your inheritance again and again, for the Bible says in Him (Christ Jesus) we have obtained an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11), it’s superfluous to keep asking God for forgiveness. That’s because in the Gospel of Jesus Christ, forgiveness is in the package; you receive it and make it yours.

Read 1 John 1:9 and notice that it doesn’t say, “ask for forgiveness”; rather, it says to acknowledge your sins. Why? It’s because He’s already provided for

your forgiveness. What He wants you to do is to obtain forgiveness; receive it.

It's important that we teach people the accurate Word of God. If Satan can keep you asking for forgiveness again and again and you aren't sure whether or not you're being forgiven, he will make you ineffective in your Christian life and unable to do the things that God has called you to do. Your faith will be weak. The Father knows this, and that's the reason He provided for your forgiveness.

If you did something wrong in your life and you are thinking about what to do, stop asking and trying to wait to know whether or not God has forgiven you; receive ("Iambano"—Greek) forgiveness; take it! You say, "Father, I acknowledge that this thing I did is wrong, and I receive forgiveness in the Name of Jesus." That puts the responsibility on you not on God. It's no longer a question of whether or not God has forgiven you; rather, it's about whether you have received what He already made available to you. Forgiveness is part of that Gospel package. Hallelujah!

PRAYER

Dear Father, I rejoice in the inheritance I have obtained in Christ, knowing that forgiveness is part of the Gospel package. I walk in the freedom and victory you've provided, empowered to live a life that glorifies you. I live an effective Christian life, knowing that I've been justified by faith. Now, I walk in righteousness and produce fruits of righteousness, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

FURTHER STUDY:

Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14; Romans 3:24-25;
1 John 1:9

1-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 22 & Malachi 3-4

2-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN

Revelation 22:11-21 & Malachi 3-4

PRAYER OF SALVATION

We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying thus:

“O Lord God, I believe with all my heart in Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. I believe He died for me and God raised Him from the dead. I believe He’s alive today. I confess with my mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of my life from this day. Through Him and in His Name, I have eternal life; I’m born again. Thank you Lord for saving my soul! I’m now a child of God. Hallelujah!”

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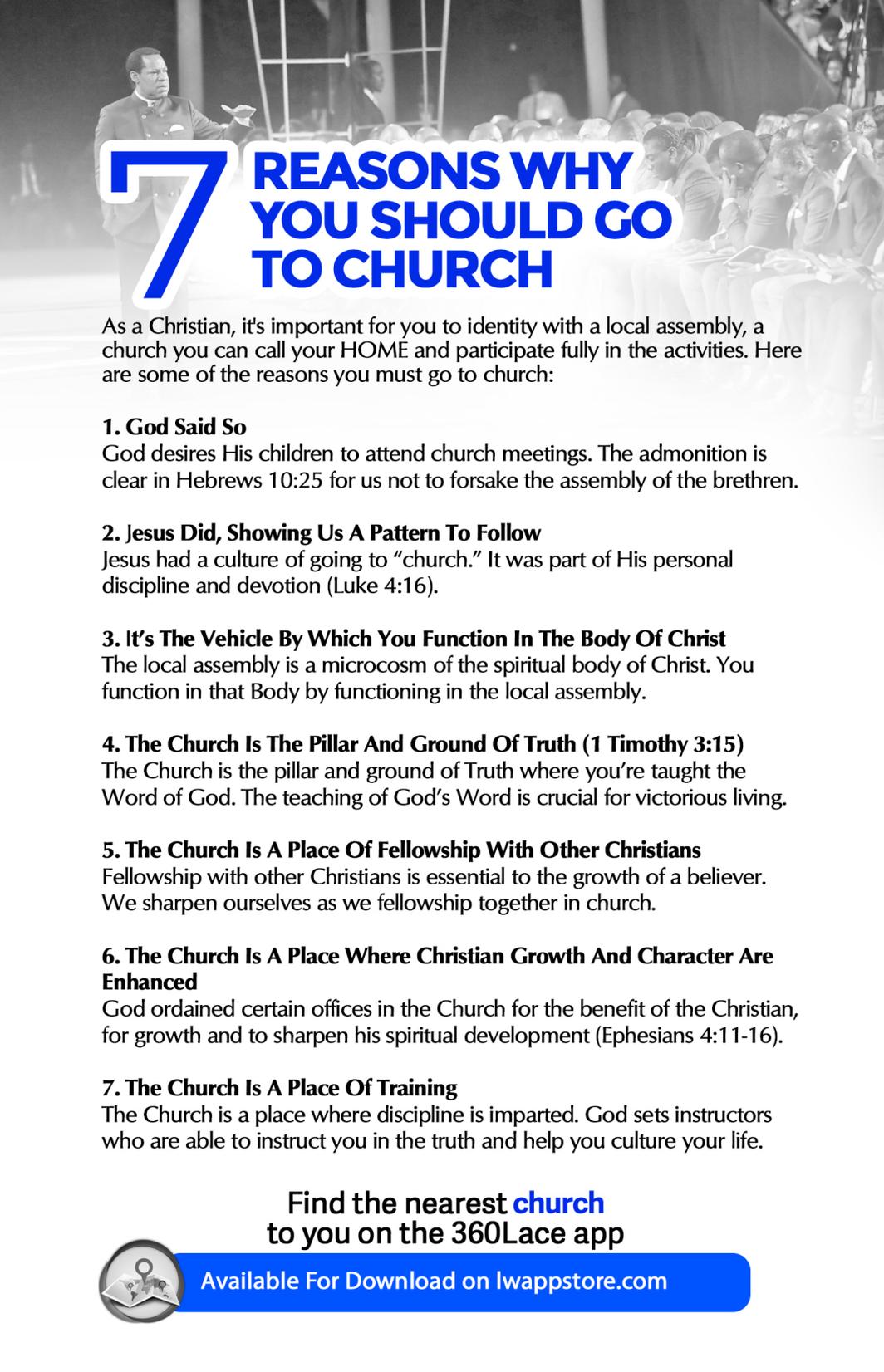


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7 REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD GO TO CHURCH

As a Christian, it's important for you to identify with a local assembly, a church you can call your HOME and participate fully in the activities. Here are some of the reasons you must go to church:

1. God Said So

God desires His children to attend church meetings. The admonition is clear in Hebrews 10:25 for us not to forsake the assembly of the brethren.

2. Jesus Did, Showing Us A Pattern To Follow

Jesus had a culture of going to "church." It was part of His personal discipline and devotion (Luke 4:16).

3. It's The Vehicle By Which You Function In The Body Of Christ

The local assembly is a microcosm of the spiritual body of Christ. You function in that Body by functioning in the local assembly.

4. The Church Is The Pillar And Ground Of Truth (1 Timothy 3:15)

The Church is the pillar and ground of Truth where you're taught the Word of God. The teaching of God's Word is crucial for victorious living.

5. The Church Is A Place Of Fellowship With Other Christians

Fellowship with other Christians is essential to the growth of a believer. We sharpen ourselves as we fellowship together in church.

6. The Church Is A Place Where Christian Growth And Character Are Enhanced

God ordained certain offices in the Church for the benefit of the Christian, for growth and to sharpen his spiritual development (Ephesians 4:11-16).

7. The Church Is A Place Of Training

The Church is a place where discipline is imparted. God sets instructors who are able to instruct you in the truth and help you culture your life.

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-Z. O; United Kingdom

“The Blood Flow Stopped!”

I received a diagnosis of a blood condition that plunged me into despair. For five years, I experienced continuous bleeding, reminiscent of the woman with the issue of blood mentioned in the Bible. However, upon receiving my first copy of Rhapsody of Realities, I committed myself to diligent study and affirmation. Miraculously, the bleeding ceased. The teachings from Rhapsody of Realities restored my health. All praise be to God!

-B.B; Nepal

“Miraculously Released From Prison”

My brother faced an unjust arrest and subsequent imprisonment, yet I remained steadfast in my prayers for his well-being. On the day of his court hearing, I opened my Rhapsody and found that the day's article recounted the miraculous release of Paul and Silas from prison. Inspired by this, I began to declare that my brother would be freed that very day. Upon my arrival at the courthouse, the judge decided to grant my brother bail under his own conditions. Praise the Lord!

-B.W; Cape Town

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