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# THE APOCALYPSE

## PART 3:

### UNVEILING OF JESUS CHRIST

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*"Let there be Light" – Gen 1:3*

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The word Apocalypse is the Greek for  
**“the lifting of the veil”**

## Part 3: The Unveiling of Jesus Christ

When the veil is lifted from the bride’s face, a much clearer picture of the person’s face is revealed. A similar situation exists when we study the Bible. The more we study the scriptures the more we mature in the image and likeness of Christ, I discovered the unveiling of, initially two, but now three very important and prominent aspects, namely;

- The unveiling of our **“full salvation”**
- The unveiling of **“the blockage to your Promised Land”**
- The unveiling of **“Jesus Christ”**

In Part 1 I laid down the fundamental principles of our full salvation and Part 2 unveils the salvation of our spirit, soul and bodies. It also unveils the mystery that blocks man’s way to enter his Promised Land (full salvation).

Full salvation can only fully be manifest when man comes to the point and cries out (Romans 7:24);

**“O wretched man that I am!”**



It is at that point when man comes to the end of himself and realizes that he needs a deliverer. That deliverer can only be our Lord, Jesus Christ – He is the only saviour, deliverer, our Messiahs – the Anointed One! Romans 7 describes the man who struggles and wrestles in his own power to try and obey the holy law of God, and failed. In his wrestling he finds the answer (Romans 7:25);

***"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"***

Therefore, no man can discover the fullness of Jesus Christ on his own, that is just not possible. ***God is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent, meaning;***

- He is ***All-Powerful***, a supreme power which is infinite or limitless;
- He ***Knows everything***. He is aware of the past, the present and the future. Nothing takes him by surprise. His knowledge is total. He knows all that there is to know and all that can be known;
- He is ***All-Present***. He is therefore capable of being everywhere at the same time. His divine presence encompasses the whole of the universe. There is no location that he does not inhabit. This should not be confused with pantheism, which suggests that God is synonymous with the universe itself; instead, omnipresence indicates that God is distinct from the universe, but inhabits the entirety of it. He is everywhere at once.

Man cannot comprehend the fullness of God, I believe not now, not in future and not ever. That is why the Angels, the Seraphim and the Cherubim in heaven are crying out, day and night without rest;



*“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.” Revelation 4:8 KJV*

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***Each time they discover something new of God, they fall down and cry out – Wow, how holy, holy, holy thou are, or Lord Almighty!***

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The writer does not claim at all that the veil of Jesus Christ has been unveiled to him, but rather shares to with reader some important and relevant points related to this topic, namely the “**unveiling of our full salvation**”. In writing this down, the writer thought it might only take a few pages, but in the end realised there is just no end to this message. There is nowhere a final “*point*” after the last sentence – the message is an ongoing message, a never ending message for the reader, for man to discover as we all yearn, long and grow in maturity in Christ.

## **APOCALYPSE OF JESUS CHRIST**

Revelation 1 verse 1 opens with: “***This is the unveiling of Jesus Christ***”

O, how so many scholars tried in the past to use the Book of Revelation to unlock future events on the planet earth. When we discover the true meanings of all the symbols, figures and colours in the Old Testament, the Book of Revelation unveils itself. So many pastors use the message of the Apocalypse to put fear into people in order to lead them to salvation.



The opening statement of John's message is very clear;

***“it is the apocalypse of Jesus Christ.”***

That is our blessed hope. The message is a message of hope and encouragement. The Apostle, Paul, Peter and John all received this revelation – and as Peter says it: *“For when Jesus Christ is **unveiled**, a greater measure of grace will be released to you.” (1 Peter 1:13). And that is when we will receive our full salvation and / or deliverance.*

- **Action;**

Roll up your sleeves or Fasten your seatbelts

- **Unveiled;**

Stay alert and share the news about the joy that came to you with the revelation of Jesus the Messiah

- **Holy;**

Everything about God is holy. True holiness includes justice, mercy, truth and righteousness. To be holy is to be absolutely devoted to God in all that we do, demonstrating who he is to the world. Holiness surrounds God's throne and we are seated with him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6).

Hebraic concept of holiness is **SET APART** - we are a people set apart for God, even as God is "**set apart**" from all gods.



- **Grace has imbedded holiness** into our lives, yet we are to make right choices and to yield to Christ and God's Word as the Holy Spirit lives in us.
- **Holiness** is not merely actions we perform but is what we absorb and manifest as we live our lives in God's presence.
- Christ is our holiness (1 Corinthians 1:30).

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30).

“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a results of works, so that non one may boast.”

*Ephesians 2:8-9*



## ***RIDES FORTH TO CONQUER***

Chapter 6 of the Book of Revelation starts with the Lamb that broke open the first of the seven seals! And John heard the voices of four living creatures call out with a powerful voice; **“Come forth”**

This **“come forth”** reflect the groaning of creation to see the unveiling of the sons of God.

***“For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”***

***Romans 8:19***

***“So I looked, and behold, there was a bright white horse. Its rider had a bow and was given crown of victory. He rode out as a conqueror ready to conquer”***

***Revelation 6:2 TPT***

### ***Horse: Emblem of overcoming, invincible power in battle***

- Color white is found throughout Revelation and is always associated with Christ or spiritual victory.
- White horses are associated with armies of heaven and holiness - Revelation 19:11, 14
- Bow without arrows shows that he is coming to conquer, not militarily but spiritually. He holds a bow to shoot the arrows of truth into our hearts!



Christ is coming forth as King in authority and power, riding out to **conquer** everything within us that hinders the life of Christ emerging in our transformation (Ps 45:3-5). This is the calling forth of Christ by the power of his Spirit to conquer us fully. All the universe will one day be conquered by the one riding this white horse - Here he rides alone, but in Revelation 19 he does not come alone but with those whom he has conquered. Jesus confirmed to the Father that every soul that the Father showed Jesus, have not been lost, but every single one have been raise up in the last day!

*“All that the Father **giveth me shall come to me**; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which **he hath given me I should lose nothing**, but should raise it up again at the last day. 40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: **and I will raise him up at the last day.**”*

**John 6:37**

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***Is this not something to hope for***

***Our blessed hope!***

***“This is profound and very good news”***

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***“When he broke open the second seal, I heard the second living creature call out: “Come forth!” And there appeared another horse, red like fiery flames, and its rider was given a great sword and the power to take peace from earth, causing one to put to death another.***

***Revelation 6:3-4 TPT***

***Fiery flames: Comes from the word for PURE or to PURIFY***

- Christ rides this fiery red horse as one robed in the flames of GOD to bring purity to his priestly people (Ps 12:6)
- Matthews 10:34; Hebrews 4:12; Ephesians 6:17; Colossians 3:5

The **earth** currently is in realm of **religion**.

- If we are truly born again from above, the heavenly Jerusalem is our mother and our spiritual citizenship is not of this earth.
- Those who use the things of God for personal gain & obtain the things of this world are those who dwell in the earth.
- They will face serious trouble as the “*Day of the Lord*” progresses

When the Lord commissions a ministry directly from his throne and sends the "horses" forth to apply the two-edged sword of his truth, the peace of the earth will vanish.



*“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.”*

**Hebrews 4:12**

Jesus warned the congregation of Pergamos that those who are holding the doctrine of Balaam and Nicolaitans and do not repent, he would come and fight against them with the sword of his mouth (Revelation 2:16). This is what happened when Jesus arrived 2000 years ago with the TRUTH and entered the religious land of the Jews

***“Think not that I have come to introduce peace into the land - I came not to introduce peace, but a sword”***

**Matthew 10:34**

This conflict will continue on a worldwide scale prior to His second coming.

***Then he broke open the third seal, and I heard the third living creature call out, “Come forth!” And behold, I saw a black horse right in front of me, and its rider was holding measuring scales.***

**Revelation 6:5 TPT**

***Black is symbolic of the ways of God;***

- It looks black to natural man!



- This is the way of the cross
- Zechariah describes a chariot with black horses went forth to the north country (God lives on the sides of the north - Zechariah 6:6; Ps 48:2).

***And I heard what seemed to be a voice from among the living creatures saying, "A small measure of wheat for a day pay, and three measures of barley for a day's pay, but don't harm the olive trees producing oil and the vines producing wine."***

***Revelation 6:6 TPT***

Four commodities point us to the promised land of God's blessings:

- Wheat & Barley - Passover Feast
- 2'nd Day of the Feast - Unleavened Bread - Wheat
- 3'rd Day of the Feast - Sheaf of Barley - First grain harvested in the land was waved before the Lord (Leviticus 23:9-11)
- Jesus was crucified on Passover - the 3'rd day - JESUS, God's firstfruit (three measures of barley) was raised up from the dead and waved before the Father (1 Corinthians 15:20, 23)

***TO TRULY FEED UPON HIM WILL COST US ALL WE HAVE EACH DAY***

*(Proverbs 23:23; Revelation 3:18)*

The Feast of Passover is the winter wheat harvest, and Jesus is typed as the first of the firstfruits which are offered to God;



- If we enter at the narrow gate (*Jesus is the narrow gate*) - He will apply his blood to us - we will enter into his service.
- A denarius is a day's wage - we receive one measure of "**wheat**" (the bread provided by God for us)
- Jesus is our Passover Lamb - we shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God (Matthews 4:4)
- The Feast of Pentecost is next - Barley Harvest. At Pentecost we are given three measures of barley for the same denarius (**wage**) –
- ***AS GOD is bringing us in fruitfulness and blessing, he will give us more than we need to see what we will do with the excess!***
- Feast of Tabernacles is at the time when the grapes and olives are harvested - It is unlimited but comes with a stern warning;
  - ***Do not hurt the oil*** - the anointing!! and the wine (***the life of Christ that is flows through the Spirit***).
  - ***Those hurting the oil and the wine will be disqualified from the fullness of the inheritance.***

***“When he broke open the fourth seal, I heard the fourth living creature call out, “Come forth!” And behold, I saw a green horse, and its rider's name was Death, and Death's Domain followed him. They were given authority over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, famine, death and by the wild beasts.”***

***Revelation 6:7-8***



### **The Greek word “kloros” is green**

- It refers to grass (green grass) or green living things. The color of the horse speaks of **life**, but the rider's name is DEATH.
- Death rides on life - Life comes through death.
- **Jesus is riding on a green horse to us to put to death all of Adam through the life poured out by Jesus' death**

When Cain offered the work of his hand in the form of grain to God, God rejected it (Genesis 4:5)

- The only way that the works of our hands can be accepted, are if we are under a covenant with God that involves a **blood sacrifice**
- Abel knew it and also under the law of Moses: "A daily sacrifice of a lamb was to be offered evening and morning. (Exodus 29:36)

Each lamb had to be offered with;

- One-tenth of an ephah of flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil and the fourth part of a hin of wine
- Flour (**grain**) = represents work of hands - to be mingled with oil (**anointing**) and a drink offering of wine (**new life**) was also made.
- The amount of oil and wine depended on the type and circumstances of the sacrifice.
- Term fourth - symbolizes the part of the harvest of oil and wine of all Israel that belongs to the Lord.
- He was the lamb that was sacrificed for the sins of the entire world



- In the case of the earth (***Israel and Church***) as we enter the great feast of Tabernacles at the end of the age of the church and the beginning of the age of the kingdom, Jesus will also harvest his special part.

### ***Killed by the Sword***

- It is the Word of God that kills and makes alive.
- To kill with hunger is the Lord's method of starving to death our old ways, desires, and lusts!
- His resurrection life emerging in us overcomes (starves to death) what we cannot overcome by ourselves.
- To hunger and thirst for righteousness is the key to being filled (Matthews 5:6; Colossians 3:1-10)

***When the Lamb broke open the fifth seal, I saw gathered under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the Word of God and because they had the testimony of the Lamb.***

***Revelation 6:9***

***The vision shifts back to heaven - to the heavenly altar of the Holy of Holies.***

- The souls of those slain for the Word of God are no longer being held in Hades (as was the case prior to the death and resurrection of Jesus)
- They are under the heavenly altar; under the Blood of Christ



- Protected by his life they are not happy with the religious people who dwell on earth - those who are misrepresenting the Lord and dastardly doing deeds in his name.

Because of their testimony these souls are gathered under the altar (emblem of sacrifice unto death), dead to every soulish way, and are offered as love sacrifices to God.

***They cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Sovereign Lord, holy and dependable, how long before you judge those who live on the earth and vindicate our blood on them?"***

***Revelation 6:10***

***Primary meaning of vindicate (free from blame) = validate***

- We are like the souls under the altar.
- We are under the shelter of the altar where Christ has been sacrificed on our behalf.
- We are those who cry out for a powerful move of God that will deal with the nature of man and bring the glory of God
- This is not simply a cry for revenge but a cry for REVIVAL among the nations to break loose

***Each one was given a glistening white robe. And they were told to rest a little longer, until the full number was fulfilled of both their fellow servants and brothers and sisters who were going to be killed just as they had been.***



**Revelation 6:11**

These symbolize the robes of the priesthood - the clothing of Christ upon our souls!

***And behold! I saw the Lamb break open the sixth seal, which released a powerful earthquake. I saw the sun become pitch black and the full moon become bloodred.***

**Revelation 6:12**

***Earthquake indicates a huge shakeup in Israel & Church!***

- God is busy harvesting those who are willing to lay down their own lives for him and for the cause of the gospel
- Sun is a symbol of the system of this world!
- Black as sackcloth made of goat hair - may represent our outward reasoning. What once gave us light is now turned into blackness!
- Moon - the symbol of the light or the witness of the church and Israel - become as blood due to the consequences of the previous seals.
- This moon has been reflecting the light and the glory of the sun of this world - as the sun goes black, the moon turns to blood - 2 Thessalonians 2:3; Matthew 24:12





***The stars fell from heaven to the earth, as a fig tree shaken by a stormy wind sheds its unripe figs. The sky receded with a snap - as a scroll rolls itself up. And every mountain and island was moved from its place. Revelation 6:13-14***

Scroll rolls itself up - it is like saying the book is closed!

- The old heavens must be removed to make room for a new heaven.
- When Jesus was baptized - the new heavens were opened up to him like a scroll, inaugurating this era of an open heaven through Christ!

Sixth seal opened the scene moved to the earth;

- The power of God is released.
- Which shakes every continent and every Island.
- Yet is this destruction meant to be taken literally?

***Mountains and island represent religious strongholds and private kingdoms that are about to be severely shaken as the day of the Lord commences***

- Earthquakes in the Bible refers to divine visitations
- Methods, movements, governments, and structures will all be shaken by God in this wonderful visitation
- Stars do not literally fall to the earth. Some of them are so huge they are larger than our solar system. If they were to fall - it would destroy all that we know. Yet reading further we see that earth still exists.



- The symbolized that the OLD ORDER of the natural realm is passing away and a new order is being established.
- A superior light of the Kingdom of God will make dim the light of the old covenant.

***Then the kings of the earth and its great princes and general, the rich and powerful, and everyone , whether they were slave or free, ran for cover and hid in the caves and among the mountain boulders.***

***Revelation 6:15***

The heart of each person is being laid bare by the light and glory of Christ rising upon his people.

- It was Adam who first wanted to hide from the face of God - but for the believer we hide only in the Father's love

***They called out to the mountains and the boulders, saying, "Fall on us at once! Hide us quickly from the glorious face of the one seated on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb,***

***Revelation 6:16***

***Notice the wrath of the Lamb and not anger of the LION***

- This is corrective and redemptive - not beastly rage but fiery passion to judge whatever gets in the way between the Lamb and his bride.
- Greek refers to reach out with passionate desire and take hold of (Fiery Passion)



***For the great day of their wrath has come, and who is able to stand?"***

***Revelation 6:17***

Dwellers of this earth will encounter much trouble when they find themselves exposed to the direct presence of God and the Lamb - Jesus!

***Anyone born from above - who is a citizen in good standing of the heavenly Jerusalem that is the MOTHER of us all will be in no danger at all***

***For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. Galatians 4:25-26***

**We are told to rejoice  
(Rev 12:12 TPT)**

***"So rejoice, you heavens,  
and every heavenly being!  
But woe to the earth and the sea,  
for the devil has come down to you  
with great fury, because he knows  
his time is short."***



## **HOLDING BACK**

***Saying "Do not damage the earth, the sea, or the trees until we have marked the loving servants of our God with a seal on their foreheads?"***

***Revelation 7:3 TPT***

Judgement is temporarily held back by these four angels of Mercy!

***How wonderful is the apocalypse of Jesus Christ to us in these days!***

Yes, through His mercy and longsuffering is for us, He is not willing that any should perish.

***The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.***

***2 Peter 3:9 KJV***

***After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, and they were restraining the four winds so that no wind would blow on the land, on the sea, or on any tree.***

***Revelation 7:1 TPT***

The four corners represent universality – the four corners of earth

### ***Winds***

- Speak of divine agents that bring either blessing or judgment



## **Trees**

- May point to what is deeply rooted within our souls!

## **The heavens are open**

- Those on earth are scrambling for cover and judgement is about to fall
- When the angel makes an important announcement:
  - Those who belong to God are to be sealed in their foreheads

***Then I saw another angels ascending from the east, who had the seal of the living God. He shouted out with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to damage earth and sea,***

***Revelation 7:2 TPT***

## **The east is often associated with blessings**

- And the place from where God appears - Genesis 2:8; Ezekiel 43:1-4; Matthews 2:1
- ***Ascended*** - not descended: The star of Jesus was rising in the east.
- ***This sealing messenger represents the living God and was rising in the east***
- Who is rising in his people, bringing the light of a new day
- It is a company of messengers arising out of the light of the sunrise to bring the seal of God upon his people!



Judgements are about to hurt

- The **Land** - Symbolic of **Israel and the church**
- The **Sea** - **Lost humanity**
- The **Trees** - For the tree of the field is **man's life** (Deuteronomy 20:19-20)

***“Hurt not the land neither the sea nor the trees until we have sealed the slaves of our God in their foreheads. Revelation 7:3 JUB***

NOTICE THAT THE JUBILEE BIBLE IS SPEAKING OF;

SEAL IN THEIR FOREHEAD

IT SPEAKS OF OUR **THOUGHTS**

God has never destroyed the righteous along with the wicked!

- In every previous example of judgment, God has sealed and protected the righteous!!

### **The SEAL**

- Is the mind of CHRIST ("For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:16)
- We are incapable of discerning properly
- Partaking of Christ's mind empowers us to be righteous judges,
  - righteous kings and
  - righteous priests



**"Therefore 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**

***This SEAL is more than a seal of protection from the coming judgments, but***

- A seal that qualifies them to bring the righteous judgments of God to the earth.
- This is the nature of God being written upon the foreheads and minds of his holy ones (***in the right hand speaks of actions and in minds speaks of thought***)

*"And because of him, when you who are not Jews heard the revelation of truth, you believed in the wonderful news of salvation. **Now we have been stamped with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. 14 He is given to us like an engagement ring is given to a bride, as the first installment of what's coming!** He is our hope—promise of a future inheritance which **seals us until we have all of redemption's** promises and experience complete freedom—all for the supreme glory and honor of God!"*

*Ephesians 1:13-14*



We are the seven-sealed scroll

- That is broken open so that the all-conquering life of Christ will subdue all things - Philippians 3:21
- We are living letters, - written not with ink but by the Spirit of God written truth upon our hearts (Hebrews 10:16)
- In the volume of the book - scroll - it is written about Christ - Ps 40:7-8

*15 The Holy Spirit confirms this to us by this Scripture, for the Lord says,*

*16 “Afterwards, I will give them this covenant: **I will embed my laws into their hearts and fasten my Word to their thoughts.**” 17 And then he says, “I will not ever again remember their sins and lawless deeds!” 18 So if our sins have been forgiven and forgotten, why would we ever need to offer another sacrifice for sin?*

Hebrews 10:15-18 TPT

***We are predestined for this:***

*“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will”*

*Ephesians 1:5*

*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*

*Romans 8:15*





He is Longsuffering and He does not want that any should perish.

*"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."*

*2 Peter 3:9*

***And I discovered the number of those who were sealed. It was one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of Israel's people***

***Revelation 7:4 TPT***

God began the nation of Israel with 12 Tribes and Jesus began the church with 12 Apostles.

- 1000 – Perfection.
- 144 000 = Perfect number of those who are sons of God.
- No division between Jews and Gentile - Romans 10:12.
- No salvation outside of Christ.

It speaks of completeness and represents God raising up sons and daughter

- Who carry fully his image and likeness.
- Not a literal head count.
- It is the number of Christ -
  - multiplied in his sons and daughters coming into the likeness of the Son.



***In the fullness of time: Ephesians 1:10***

***KJV***

*"That in the dispensation of the fullness of the time He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth in Him*

***TPT***

*And because of God's unfailing purpose, this detailed plan will reign supreme through every period of time until the fulfillment of all the ages finally reaches its climax—when God makes all things new in all of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ.*

Israel's people

- Are those who have wrestled with their nature
- Have been given a new name
- A new nature
- Have become princes with God (Genesis 28:24-28; Galatians 3:29)

The Lord promised us a NEW NAME (Revelation 2:17)

- White Stone and hidden manna
- Sign of complete change in nature

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***"A promise for the overcomers"***

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## **PERSONAL TESTIMONY**

It was 3 p.m. the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2009 that the Lord woke me up pointing me to read from the Book of Revelation. While I was meditating on Psalm 139 and 142, I was quite reluctant to read Revelation. After about a half an hour later, I turned to Revelation and asked the Lord what the meaning of the scriptures are. As I read through the message to the seven churches, His voice came through very clearly;

### ***“THIS MESSAGE IS FOR YOU, ANTON”***

*“I know everything about you, everything that you are doing. I know that you hate the Nicolaitans and that you cannot withstand them, which I also hate. You know that the people hold the doctrine of Balaam who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before my children to commit fornication. Stop tolerating the Jezebel spirit.*

***I see all these things, but do you still love Me? Repent, and overcome and keep my works unto the end and I will give you power over the nations.”***

To tell the truth, I was so surprised to hear from the Lord that I needed to repent and that I do not love Him. My soul was in pain for three months and when I tried to explain what the Lord had told me, I just started to cry.

*I did not understand His message at all at that time?*



I did not know what the Jezebel spirit was, yet I was under the influence of such a spirit. Now I understand why Elijah fled into the wilderness when Jezebel just spread the message to kill him. That spirit is currently very active and is out to destroy whoever gets in her way. Looking back, I now understand my 911 Call to the Lord. It was November 2011, on horseback I told the Lord;

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*“Lord, I am not sure if you do know this, but here on earth we do have a phone number, 911. When somebody is in trouble, we dial the number, and somebody comes to your rescue”*

***There was silence, no reply from the Lord.***

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***But, when I arrived at home, the Lord spoke;***

*“Before any of this happens, they'll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone is at your throat because you carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters. (Luke 21:12 MSG)*

*When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way! (Luke 21:27 MSG)”*

*Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (**deliverance**) is drawing near. (Luke 21:28 AMP)*



I did not realize that the “*bad-to-worse*”, the “*dog-eat-dog*” part would have been that bad. Dragging me to court and jail was after all only an expression, not realizing that that would happen physical to me!

Then came 2012, the 4<sup>th</sup> November when the Lord appeared in a dream to my wife. The next morning, she told me about her dream;

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***“We were on holiday in a beautiful small town – all the houses are painted white and the roofs are blue. When I asked you where we are, what the name of the town is? I answered, SION”.***

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It was only when I heard the word Sion, that I really paid attention. It took me a five-year journey to discover the fullness of the meaning of this dream and what the Lord really want to achieve with me (and my household). In short, the Lord is saying to us;

***Walls:*** My promise and place of protection, safety – the new Jerusalem or salvation.

***White:*** Symbol of holiness and purity, praise and worship, glory, victory and happiness

***Roof:*** My protection and oversight. This is a promise on the one hand and a responsibility on the other hand

Maybe to the reader, it might not sound like much, but when you realize and can imagine the situation I was in, you might have a better feeling of what



God was saying here. It was the lowest point my life and also for my second wife as both of us come from a divorce. According to the world standards one can say that I was a very successful business man (*and I say it in meekness and not to brag at all*) but I lost it all. My three children were living with their Mom and I could see how my kids were falling away deeper and deeper into depression. Putting these three messages all together it took eight years to fully grasp the message the Lord had given me.

*One thing the Lord showed me – unfortunately at that time I did not realize it – was that I tolerate the Jezebel spirit in my life! And that it was one of the reasons for my suffering!*

*“Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.” Revelation 2:20*

***With this background, you might have a better understanding for the Lords message to us;***

*“I want you to make time to get to a place of rest and restoration where the Holy Spirit can start with emotional and spiritual healing. The white walls symbolise my sanctification and purification with you to overcome in victory and in happiness. The blue roofs are my protection and oversight with you – this is my promise, but you also have a responsibility to repent from all your hidden sin – if you do*



so – then my promise is valid for you. It also points to spiritual revelations – be aware and sensitive of the Holy Spirit for divine revelations.

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***What an amazing journey it was under the leading of the Holy Spirit.***

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It was not until this revelation the Lord gave me, that His words of the past almost ten years ago deeply penetrated my heart.

***To learn the truth you must long to be teachable, or you can despise correction and remain ignorant. Proverbs 12:1 TPT***

### ***My Battle***

But then the Lord reminded me: ***It was more than 30 years ago that I had cried out to him!***

*From childhood, I loved the Lord but lived a life of many frustrations. Deep inside of me, I had a desire to do the right things, but instead, I always ended up doing wrong. I messed up so many times in my life. Deep inside of me, I had the desire to just give love, but instead, I destroyed relationships and people around me. The more I tried to overcome my shortfalls, the worse it seemed to get.*



***“I don’t understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can’t. I do what I don’t want to—what I hate. 16 I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong, and my bad conscience proves that I agree with these laws I am breaking. 17 But, I can’t help myself because I’m no longer doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things” (Rom 7:15 TLB).***

*It was during a weekend (30 years ago, when I was a student) at a church camp at University that I asked a theology Professor the question of what Paul was describing in his life in this scripture: “For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I (Rom. 7:15).*

*Only today, with all that I have dealt so far with the reader, it has become truly alive – the truth set me free and I now live the life of freedom, peace, and joy in Jesus Name. Amen!*

## **IMPOSSIBLE WITH MAN**

What seems impossible for man, is possible for God!

***And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.***

***Luke 18:27***





*“These two thoughts mark the two great lessons that man has to learn in the Christian life. It often **takes a long time to learn the first lesson**—that in the Christian life man can do nothing, that salvation is impossible to man. And often a man learns that, and yet he does not learn the **second lesson**—what has been impossible to him is possible with God. **Blessed is the man who learns both lessons!** The learning of them marks stages in the Christian’s life.”*

*Murray, Andrew. Absolute Surrender (Kindle Locations 577-580)*

These are the words of Andrew Murray, stated in his book “Absolute Surrender”. When I read it, it was as if the Spirit of the Lord reminded me about my search for answers 30 years ago. Now, I can only fall down to my knees and thank God for how blessed I am to have learnt both lessons. It took me more than 30 years – but at least I learned the lessons well.

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***Oh, how great my desire is now for you, dear reader, also to learn these lessons.***

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### ***Man’s Work***

Peter spent three years in Christ’s school and he never learned, it was impossible, until he had denied his Lord! He went out and wept bitterly and then he learned it!



At man's early stage of conversion, man soon finds himself very disappointed in his own failures, but he thinks; "I was not cautious enough - I did not make my resolutions strong enough". And again, he vows, and again he prays, and yet he fails. He thinks: "Am I not, a redeemed man? Have I not the life of God within me?"

***"Yes, and I have Christ to help me. I can live the holy life."***

O, how many Christians are living a life of failure and of sin - instead of rest and victory because they begin to say; "I cannot, it is impossible" It is in our own lack of understanding, that so many give way to despair. We all give our best, but we never expect to get on very far.

Thank God that He leads us to a third stage; a stage where man expects; ***"It is impossible"***. This is when man cries out: ***"Lord, what is the meaning of this? How am I to be freed from the power of sin?"***

***This is the state of the regenerate man in Romans 7***

The man who tries to live the holy life.

***"I delight in the law of God after the inward man. To will what is good is present with me. My heart loves the law of God, and my will has chosen that law."***



***Oh, if only I known this very good news back then?***

Not only do we need the to delight in the law of God after the inward man and will what God wills, but we need a divine omnipotence to work it in me.

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***“It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure.”***

***Philippians 2:13***

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My dear friend, it is GOD that does the work, both to **WILL** and also to **DO**. God will give us the power to accomplish that which He desires. Let us receive this as the first great lesson in the spiritual life:

- “It is impossible for me, my God.
- Let there be an end of the flesh and all its powers, an end of self, and let it be my glory to be helpless.

It takes absolute surrendering to God to let Him do the work and if you feel you can't - then you are on the right road.

***“My heart’s desire and delight, O God, is absolute surrender, but I cannot perform it. It is impossible for me to live that life it is beyond me.”***

Fall down and learn that when you are utterly helpless, God will come to work in you not only to will, but also to do.



## **God's Work**

The second lesson; "These things which are impossible with man are possible with God. How many of us gives up in helpless despair, because we do not humble ourselves to learn that other lesson; "**With God all things are possible**". Our Christian life is to be a continuous proof that God works impossibilities. Your Christian life is to be a series of impossibilities made possible and actual by God's almighty power. The whole of Christianity is a work of God's omnipotence.

## **Just look at the birth of Christ Jesus**

*"With God nothing shall be impossible" - Luke 1:37*

## **Look at Christ's resurrection**

It was according to the exceeding greatness of His mighty power that God raised Christ from the dead.

Christianity had its beginning in the omnipotence of God. In every soul, Christianity must have its continuance in that omnipotence. You know that it was God's omnipotence that created the world, and created light out of darkness, and created man.

- But have you studied God's omnipotence in the works of redemption?

## **God demonstrated this omnipotence throughout Scriptures, e.g.**

- Abraham - to trust in Him
- Moses to lead the people out of Egypt



- Joshua brought them into the promise land
- All the Old Testament Saints counted on the omnipotence of God doing impossibilities.

Have you said: “In worship, in work, in sanctification, in obedience to God, I can do nothing of myself, and so my place is to worship God, and to believe that He will work in me every moment”?

### ***Remember Peter;***

His self-confidence, self-power, self-will and how he came to deny his Lord and now, do you believe that there is deliverance from that? Do you believe that Almighty God is able to reveal Christ in your heart, to let the Holy Spirit rule in you so that the self-life will not have power or dominion over you? Have you coupled the two together—and, with tears of penitence and with deep humiliation and feebleness, cried out: “O God, it is impossible for me; man cannot do it, but glory to Your name, it is possible with God”?

### ***Have you claimed deliverance?***

Do it now. Put yourself afresh in absolute surrender into the hands of a God of infinite love. As infinite as His love is His power to do it.

### **Absolute Surrender**

It is however the lack of absolute surrender that the Holy Spirit cannot fill us, and why we cannot live as people entirely separated unto the Holy Spirit. That is why the flesh and the self-life cannot be conquered. We have never understood what it is to absolutely surrender ourselves to God and Jesus.



Many claim to absolute surrender to God, but very few experience that it would be ever theirs?

- What is impossible for man, is possible for God
- And God is able to maintain that
- I am in God's charge - and He is working out my life for me.

How we all are longing for sanctification and yet it appears so far off. The one doctrine of sanctification that is scriptural and real and effectual is: "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God". It is an omnipotent God working by His omnipotence in the heart of His believing children, so that Christ can become an indwelling Savior!

*"That he would grant you according to riches of his glory, to be strength—ened with might by his Spirit in the inner man"*

*Ephesians 3:16*

Our heart must be filled with life from above - from the Fountain of everlasting love, then it will be just as natural for us to love our fellow-men as it is natural for the lamb to be gentle and the wolf to be cruel. We must be brought to such a state that the more a man hates and speaks evil of me - the more unlikable and unlovable a man is the more I will love him. When I am brought to such a state that the more obstacles, hatred, and ingratitude surrounds me, the more the power of love can triumph in me.

Then we know - what is impossible with man is possible with God



**Paul said, “that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, unto him be glory” (Ephesians 3:20,21)**

Adore and trust Him as the omnipotent One, not only for your own life, but for all the souls that are entrusted to you. Never pray without adoring His omnipotence, saying: “Mighty God, I claim Your almightiness.”

**O WRETCHED MAN THAT I AM**

**“O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord”**

Romans 7:24,25

This scripture stands at the end of Chapter 7 as the gateway into the Eighth Chapter of the Book of Romans. In the first 16 verses of the eighth chapter, the name Holy Spirit is found 16 times. This is the promise of the life that a child of God can live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**“The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death” (Romans 8:2).**

From that, Paul goes on to speak of the great privileges of the child of God who is to be led by the Spirit of God. The gateway into all this is found at the end of chapter seven:

**“O wretched man that I am!”**



Romans 7 describes the man who struggled and wrestled in his own power to obey the holy law of God, and had failed. In his wrestling he finds the answer;

***"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"***

We are continually warned that this is the great danger of the Christian life, to go again into bondage.

***"Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear"***

***Romans 8:15***

First, these words are the language of a ***regenerate*** man; second, of a ***weak*** man; third, of a ***wretched*** man; and fourth, of a man on the border of ***complete liberty***.

### ***Regenerate Man***

The language of a regenerated man - a man who knows that his heart and nature have been renewed and that sin is now a power in him that is not himself!

***"It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me"***

***Romans 7:17***

He dares to say when he does evil: ***"It is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me"*** Paul deals with ***justification*** and ***sanctification***.





- In dealing with justification, he lays the foundation of the doctrine in the teaching about **SIN**
- First Paul deal with the actual transgressions - plural sins.
- Then in Romans 5 the second part he deals with sin as a power

The regenerate man is one *in whom the will has been renewed*, who can say:

***"I delight in the law of God after the inward man"***

***Romans 7:22***

### ***The Weak Man***

How many are mistaken thinking that when there is a renewed will, it is enough.

- The regenerate man tells us: "I will to do what is good, but the power to perform I find not."
- This man was determined as any man can be, and yet he made the confession: "To will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good, I find not (Romans 7:18)

We can see that it is God that even brings man to the will to do right:

***"A right will, with a heart that longs to do good, and longs to do its very utmost to love God"***



In Romans Chapter 7 the name Holy Spirit nor Christ appears. The man is wrestling and struggling to fulfill God's law. Instead of the Holy Spirit and of Christ, the law is mentioned nearly 20 times. It shows a believer doing his very best to obey the law of God with his regenerate will. The words ***I, me, my occur more than 40 times.*** It is the regenerate I in its weakness seeking to obey the law without being filled with the Spirit.

This is the experience of every saint;

- After conversion - a man begins to do his best and he fails.
- But if we are brought into the full light, we no longer need to fail.
- Nor need we fail at all if we have received the Spirit in His fullness at conversion.

God allows that failure so that the regenerate man should be taught his own utter inability. It is in the course of this struggle that the sense of our utter sinfulness comes to us. It is God's way of dealing with us. In our strives and wrestles, he may be brought to this:

***"I am a regenerate child of God, but I am utterly helpless to obey His law"***

***"I am carnal, sold under sin"***

***Romans 7:14***

***"I see another law in my members bringing me into captivity"***

***(Romans 7:23); and last of all,***

***"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24)***



### ***The Wretched Man***

Not only is the regenerate a weak man, but he is also a wretched man. He is utterly unhappy and miserable! It is because God has given him a nature that loves Himself. He is deeply wretched because he feels he is not obeying his God. He says with a brokenness of heart: "It is not I that does it, but I am under the awful power of sin, which is holding me down. Blessed is the man who can say: "***O wretched man that I am***" from the depth of his heart. That man is on his way to the eighth chapter of Romans.

***NB! It is when a man is brought to this confession that deliverance is at hand***

- It is the thought of continually grieving God that becomes utterly unbearable
- Who shall deliver us?
- I thank God through Jesus Christ my Lord

### ***The Almost Delivered Man***

The man has tried to obey the beautiful law of God.

- He has loved it; he has wept over his sin; and he has tried to conquer.
- He has tried to overcome fault after fault, but every time he has ended in failure.
- What did he mean by "the body of this death"?
- Did he mean, my body when I die?



Romans 8:13 gives us the answer:

***“If ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live”***

*That is the body of death from which he is seeking deliverance*

***“I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.”***

***Roman 7:23***

It is a captive that cries: “O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body I of this death?” He is a man who feels himself bound.

But look to the contrast in the second verse of the eighth chapter:

***“The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”***

***Romans 8:2***

That is deliverance through Jesus Christ our Lord. Previously the man did not know what the Holy Spirit could do for him. When the Lord wants to give us that Holy Spirit whom He has promised, He first brings us to the end of self. Brings us to the conviction that though we have been striving to obey the law, we have failed.



When we have come to the end of that, then He shows us that **in the Holy Spirit we have**

- the power of obedience,
- the power of victory and
- the power of real holiness.

It is by the Holy Spirit that we can live a holy life. Where are you living?

- *"O wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me?"*
- *"I thank God through Jesus Christ"*

The Law of the Spirit hath set me free from the law of sin and of death. It is the Holy Spirit that does this - third Person of the Godhead. It is He who, when the heart is opened wide to receive Him, comes in and reigns there and mortifies the deeds of the body day by day - hour by hour and moment by moment. So many Christians still yielding to the flesh. The Spirit is within them, but the flesh rules the life, To be led by the Spirit of God is what they need.

The Holy Spirit is necessary for every believer, every moment of the day. Praise God you have Him, and that He gives you the full experience of the deliverance in Christ as He makes you free from the power of SIN. What good is there in going to church, study our Bibles, praying unless our lives are filled with the Holy Spirit.



***There is deliverance; there is the liberty of the Holy Spirit.***

***The Kingdom of God is “Joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).***

## **MY REVELATION**

***So, what can we say of all of these?***

From my own experience and many hours of studying scriptures, the Lord revealed to me;

- The unveiling of our “**full salvation**”
- The unveiling of “**the blockage to your Promised Land**”
- The unveiling of “**Jesus Christ**”

How mistaken we are of thinking that when we confess with our mouth and believe in our heart that Jesus Christ is our savior we have reached the milestone! Oh no, there is so much more that Christ wants to do in our lives. Once we are born again and became a new creature, there are still many things to overcome.

- The message to the seven churches clearly indicates many things to believers, members of the Body of Christ to overcome.
- It is only for the overcomers that we will receive crowns of victory and the tree of life.
- One might wonder what will happen to the non-overcomers – such a thought is unthinkable.



On 9<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 God personally gave me this message, that it is His heart for all believers to overcome.

As a regenerated man, there were still many things standing between me and my first love, between the Bride of Christ and the Bridegroom. Oh, had I known that God would use my failures to bring me unto full salvation. In my case, God was so gentle to me, that He personally told me that things would get very bad; yes it would go from bad to worse.

*"Before any of this happens, they'll arrest you, hunt you down, and drag you to court and jail. It will go from bad to worse, dog-eat-dog, everyone at your throat because you carry my name. You'll end up on the witness stand, called to testify. Make up your mind right now not to worry about it. I'll give you the words and wisdom that will reduce all your accusers to stammers and stutters. (Luke 21:12 MSG)*

That would be the sign and when you see these signs, stand up straight with your head high, your deliverance is near.

*When all this starts to happen, up on your feet. Stand tall with your heads high. Help is on the way! (Luke 21:27 MSG)"*

*Now when these things begin to occur, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption (**deliverance**) is drawing near. (Luke 21:28 AMP)*



Hence, I had learned that deliverance is a prerequisite to make it unto full salvation. But as Jesus is perfectly holy and separated from all evil, He cannot marry an unclean Bride. Therefore, God takes us through the process of sanctification to purifies us so that we can be a spotless Bride for him

***“You are to be holy, because I am holy”***

**1 Peter 1:16**

***That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.***

**Ephesians 5:27**

It is however the lack of absolute **surrender** that the Holy Spirit cannot fill us, and why we cannot live as people entirely separated unto the Holy Spirit. That is why the flesh and the self-life cannot be conquered. We have never understood what it is to be absolutely surrendered to God and Jesus was. I had asked myself many times since then what would it take?

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***What would it take before you will surrender – totally surrender every aspect of your life to your First Love?***

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For Peter, it took three denials, confessing that He do not know the Lord, Jesus Christ. He wept bitterly, surrendered and was delivered. In my case, I lost everything, I wept and surrendered. What about you?





We can only deny self (Matthew 16:24) or if not, we deny our Lord (Matthew 26:34). Then I realized that it is just impossible for men, but everything is possible for God! Will you trust Him?

***And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God.***

*Luke 18:27*

### **READY TO CONQUER**

We need the unveiling of Jesus Christ, who He really is to bring us unto full salvation. Wow, this is profound. Christ Jesus, the Messiahs will do everything to conquer what stands in the way of His Bride!

***“So I looked, and behold, there was a bright white horse. Its rider had a bow and was given crown of victory. He rode out as a conqueror ready to conquer”***

***Revelation 6:2 TPT***

Notice that the rider had a bow without arrows, meaning this is not military, but rather spiritual battle, shooting arrows of truth into our hearts! As horses are the emblem of overcoming, invincible power in battle, the color white is found throughout Revelation and always associated with Christ or spiritual victory. It symbolized armies of heaven and holiness (Revelation 19:11, 14).



Christ is coming forth as King in authority and power, riding out to **conquer** everything within us that hinders the life of Christ emerging in our transformation (Ps 45:3-5). This is the calling forth of Christ by the power of his Spirit to conquer us fully. All the universe will one day be conquered by the one riding this white horse - Here he rides alone, but in Revelation 19 he does not come alone but with those whom he has conquered.

***“My Lord, O king, according to thy saying,  
I am thine, and all that I have”***

1 Kings 20:4 KJV

***God is looking for a mature Bride.***

Maturity comes from faith in the sufficiency of God's redemptive work that establishes us as sons and daughters of the Most High.

***“As He is, so are we in this world” 1 John 4:17***

This is profound – God the Father sent His Son, Jesus Christ as the perfect man to demonstrate how He wants us to walk on earth. He now requires from us to be like Him. Actually, He puts it in much stronger words, He is says as ***I am, so are you***. Not one day, but in this world today while you are living in the mortal bodies. Oh, how the Body of Christ lacks understanding of this very deep truth. The very same thing God spoke in the beginning; “Let us make man in our image and likeness”, is what the god of this world took from us!

***And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our  
likeness (Genesis 1:26)***



*But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom **the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.***

2 Corinthians 4:2-4

It is the matured Christian that victoriously overcame the beast, his image, his mark and his number.

*And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the **victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name**, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.*

*And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

Revelation 15:2-3

Oh, how man is relying on his own understanding of this.

*And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive **a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:** 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is*



*wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.*

*Revelation 13:16-18 KJV*

Notice a mark **IN** their right hand and **IN** their foreheads. In, refers to our actions and our way of thinking. It is well known that the number six is man's number and seven is God's number.

- The number 1 refers to light (1'st day – “*Let there be light*”)
- The number 10 refers to Law (10 Commandments)
- The number 100 refers to plans (Noah spend 100 years to build ark)

Therefore, the number 666 refers to man's **plans**, according to man's **laws** in man's **light!**

**Man without GOD is the BEAST!**

*“I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the son of men that God might manifest them and that they might see that **they themselves are beasts to one another**”*

*Ecclesiastes 3:18 KJV*

It is the way of acting and thinking accordingly to the ways of the natural man who a beast is really! Therefore, the prerequisite to be born again, this time out of water and out of the Spirit (John 3:3-6), not from corruptible, but from a incorruptible seed (1 Corinthians 15:53).



It is the new spiritual man, sealed by the Holy Spirit who now has the image and the likeness and the mind of Christ. We have the marked of Christ, fully transformed from 666 to 777;

**“God’s plans, according to God’s laws in God’s light”**

We are a new creature (2 Corinthians 5:17), with the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16b) and have the same measure of faith of Christ (Romans 12:3). Our new born spirit is as perfect as Christ, vacuum packed and sealed with the Holy Spirit and will never change again (Ephesians 1:13).

**“As He is, so are we in this world” 1 John 4:17**

Let down the old man which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22, 24)

**CONDITION OF THE HEART**

Unfortunately, when man still walks in pride (*pride is the first sin that enters man – we are born with pride*) there is no place for surrender. As pride is the opposite of surrender and the prideful man cannot love, he can only love himself and cannot surrender.

Jesus always spoke in parables and the whole Chapter 13 of the Book of Matthew gives us more information on the condition of the heart of the believer.



First Jesus says I speak in parables, because the people are seeing but see not, they are hearing, but they hear not, neither do they understand (Matthews 13:13).

### **The Purpose of the Parables**

*10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.** 14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, **By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive:** 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be **converted**, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them.*

Matthew 13:10-17



***The reason for this is the condition of their hearts – it is your heart that is waxed gross and your ears are dull of hearing. It means over time, like wax in your ears, the people living in the world, hearts become so dull that there is just no room anymore for the Word of God!***

And then He said; “you should be converted” – Matthews 13:15b and He explained the parable to them. Giving even more information how the “seed” the “Word of God” has been taken away by the persecutor (devil), the tribulation and the care of this world.

### **The Parable of the Sower Explained**

*18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.*

*Matthew 13:18-23*



It is only a good, well-prepared and fertile soil that the seed can germinate and bear good fruit. Interestingly that immediately after this, Jesus went on telling them about the harvest. Unfortunately, the enemy came and also saw his seeds. But Jesus said not to do anything with it, leave it alone, until harvest time.

### **The Parable of the Weeds**

*24 Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field:  
25 But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. 26 But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, **An enemy hath done this.** The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 **Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn.***

*Matthew 13:24-30*





## **What then is the trigger for harvest time?**

### **Maturity – Wow!**

*29 But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.*

Mark 4:29

When both the sons of the Evil One (the tares) and the sons of God (wheat) come to maturity, immediately the sickle is put in because the harvest is come. Unfortunately, the tares are gathered to be burned, while the wheat is gathered into my barn, our new heavenly Jerusalem where we will rule and reign with the Lord. And how will we know the difference between the tares and the wheat – only by its **fruits!**

### **Fruits of the old man with the mark of the beast**

*19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Galatians 5:19-21



### **Fruits of the new spiritual man with the mark of Christ**

*Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*

*Galatians 5:22*

***And those that belong to Christ with his mark, his image and his likeness, all the affections and lusts of the flesh were crucified and now walking in the Spirit.***

*24 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.*

*Galatians 5:24-25*

### **Waiting**

Last, but not the least;

***“we have to learn to wait on God: **only to God is my soul in silence; from Him comes my salvation**” Psalm 62:2***

Oh, do we know, that we have all been chosen by God, even before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him – ***We are predestinated unto children of adoption!***

*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*



*5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.  
Ephesians 1:4 KJV*

Do you know, that it is not even we alone that have to wait, but God's creation is eagerly waiting; yes ***His entire universe is standing on tiptoe yearning to see the unveiling*** of the sons and daughters of God!

*18 I am convinced that any suffering we endure is less than nothing compared to the magnitude of glory that is about to be unveiled within us. 19 **The entire universe is standing on tiptoe yearning to see the unveiling of God's glorious sons and daughters!** 20 For against its will the universe itself has had to endure the empty futility resulting from the consequences of human sin. But now, with eager expectation, 21 all creation longs for freedom from its slavery to decay and to experience with us the wonderful freedom coming to God's children. 22 To this day we are aware of the universal agony and groaning of creation, as if it were in the **contractions of labor for childbirth.***

*Romans 8:18-22 TPT*



It is as if creation is in contractions of labor for childbirth. And not nature alone, we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption (Romans 8:23 KJV)

*23 And it's not just creation. We who have already experienced the firstfruits of the Spirit also inwardly groan as we passionately long to experience our full status as God's sons and daughters—including our physical bodies being transformed. 24 For this is the hope of our salvation.*

*Romans 8:23-24 TPT*

*And not only they, but ourselves also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we **ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption**, that is to say, the redemption of our body.*

*Romans 8:23 KJV*

***“God is unceasingly giving and working  
And His children are unceasingly waiting and receiving”***

*Andrew Murray: Waiting on God*

***Oh, dear reader, let us learn this lesson well; you are not going to wait by yourself. You are going to wait on God to know first what HE IS and then after that, what HE WILL DO!***



Have courage and believe that God will hear and help! We are waiting on a God who could never disappoint his people. For God is love (1 John 4:8) and love seeks not its own.

***“This is our own sufficient warrant of your expectation”***

Patience is an important element in the Christian life and character. Nowhere is there a better place for cultivating or displaying it than in waiting on God. Soon we find out that it is with Him that we are impatient because He does not at once, or as soon as we would wish - do our bidding. Everything of us, our will, desires and efforts - all depends on God's mercy!

*Rest in the LORD, and **wait patiently for him**: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. 9 For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that **wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.***

*Psalm 37:7, 9*

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***“LET PATIENCE HAVE ITS PERFECT WORK, THAT YOU MAY BE PERFECT AND COMPLETE***

James 1:4

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The Passion Translation says it;

*“And then as your **endurance grows even stronger** it will release perfection into every part of your being until there is nothing missing and nothing lacking.”*

James 1:4



The waiting is to teach us our absolute dependence upon God's mighty working, and to make us, in perfect patience, place ourselves at His disposal.

*Those who wait on the Lord will inherit the land - Ps 37:34*

### **FEATURES OF THE CHRISTIAN MATURE LIFE**

The first epistle of Peter gives us three very important results from our rebirth, namely;

- A new Life in Christ
- A perfect inheritance and
- A full salvation is ready to be revealed

*<sup>3</sup> Celebrate with praises the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has shown us his extravagant mercy. For his fountain of mercy has given **us a new life**—we are reborn to experience a living, energetic hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. <sup>4</sup> We are reborn **into a perfect inheritance** that can never perish, never be defiled, and never diminish. It is promised and preserved forever in the heavenly realm for you! <sup>5</sup> Through our **faith**, the mighty **power** of God constantly guards us until our **full salvation is ready to be revealed** in the last time.*

*1 Peter 1:3-5*



Paul picked it up and says;

*To live like this is all the more urgent, for time is running out and you know it is a strategic hour in human history. It is time for us to wake up! **For our full salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.***

Romans 13:11

And goes on;

*14 The **mature children of God** are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. 15 And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” 16 For the Holy Spirit makes God’s fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, “**You are God’s beloved child!**” 17 And since **we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself.** And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has. We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own.*

Romans 8:14-17 TPT



Paul picks this up again in Chapter 12 and writes;

### ***Transformed Relationships***

9 *Let the inner movement of your heart always **be to love one another**, and never play the role of an actor wearing a mask. Despise evil and embrace everything that is good and virtuous.*

10 *Be devoted to tenderly loving your fellow believers as members of one family. Try to outdo yourselves in respect and **honor of one another**.*

11 *Be enthusiastic to serve the Lord, keeping your passion toward him boiling hot! **Radiate with the glow of the Holy Spirit** and let him fill you with excitement as you serve him.*

12 *Let this hope burst forth within you, releasing a continual joy. **Don't give up in a time of trouble**, but **commune** with God at all times.*

13 *Take a constant **interest in the needs of God's beloved people** and respond by **helping them**. And eagerly welcome people as guests into your home.*

14 ***Speak blessing, not cursing**, over those who reject and persecute you.*

15 *Celebrate with those who celebrate, and weep with those who grieve. 16 Live happily together in a **spirit of harmony**, and be as mindful of another's worth as you are your own. Don't live with a lofty mind-set, thinking **you are too important to serve others**, but*





*be willing to do menial tasks and identify with those who are humble minded. Don't be smug or even think for a moment that you know it all.*

*17 Never hold a **grudge** or try to get even, but plan your life around the noblest way to benefit others. 18 Do your best to live as everybody's friend.*

*19 Beloved, **don't be obsessed with taking revenge**, but leave that to God's righteous justice. For the Scriptures say:*

*"If you don't take justice in your own hands, I will release justice for you," says the Lord.*

*20 And: If your **enemy is hungry**, buy him lunch!*

*Win him over with kindness.*

*For your surprising generosity will awaken his conscience, and **God will reward you with favor.***

*21 Never let **evil defeat you, but defeat evil with good.***

Romans 12:9-21 TPT

**WHAT MORE CAN ONE SAY:**

**"I REST MY CASE"**

The deeper we bow before His holiness in holy fear and adoring awe, in deep reverence and humble self-abasement, even as the angels veil their faces before the throne the more His holiness will rest upon us. The lower



we bow, the deeper we feel we have nothing to hope in but His mercy the lower we bow, the nearer God will come and make our hearts bold to trust Him.

Oh, how Peter had learned this lesson well;

### **Humility and Faith**

***6 If you bow low in God's awesome presence, he will eventually exalt you as you leave the timing in his hands. 7 Pour out all your worries and stress upon him and leave them there, for he always tenderly cares for you. 8 Be well balanced and always alert, because your enemy, the devil, roams around incessantly, like a roaring lion looking for its prey to devour. 9 Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith. For you know that your believing brothers and sisters around the world are experiencing the same kinds of troubles you endure. 10 And then, after your brief suffering, the God of all loving grace, who has called you to share in his eternal glory in Christ, will personally and powerfully restore you and make you stronger than ever. Yes, he will set you firmly in place and build you up. 11 And he has all the power needed to do this—forever! Amen.***

*1 Peter 5:6-11 TPT*

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***And then or maturity will be recognized by;***

- A change in speech
- Singing and making melody
- Always giving thanks
- Submitting to one another!

***Where and how you are living is evidence of your maturity in Christ!***

*“but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.*

*Ephesians 5:18b-21 NKJV*

***And herein the world shall know that you are my disciples; “when you love one another”***

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

***John 13:34-35 KJV***

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*"I am the Bright Morning Star -  
Surely I come quickly"  
Rev 22:16, 20*